



COTTREALL-WARNER, POST 942

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Officers:

Commander:
Dan MacDonald

1st Vice:
Jeff Jolley

2nd Vice:
Gordon Clarke

3rd Vice:
Staci Sukhenko

Adjutant and
Compliance:
Don Linborg

Treasurer:
Bob Dominik

Sgt. At Arms:
Al Milkolajko

Historian:
Herb Gauch

Chaplain and
Service Officer:
Gordon Clarke

Bar Manger:
Ted Sykes

Membership:
Gordon Nenno



Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

It's officer nomination and election time of year again. As Veterans, we all have a specialty and passion for something. This is the annual opportunity to bring that to the table.

Gordon Clarke is the current Nomination Committee Chairman. The committee is looking for anyone who has a desire to be in an elected position or serve on the Home Corporation.

As you continue to read through the remainder of the newsletter; you will come to appreciate the passion and commitment the families of our organization have for you. Thank you, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders

For God and Country Dan MacDonald, Post Commander

Upcoming Events 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar 04	4:30 pm	Auxiliary	Corn Beef & Cabage Dinner	American Legion
Mar 09	6:00 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
Mar 09	7:00 pm	Legionaries	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
Mar 12	12:00 pm	Delegates/Mbrs	7 th District Meeting	Dansville Post#87
Mar 16	6:00 pm	Aux Mbrs Only	Pizza Party	American Legion
Mar 16	7:00 pm	Auxiliary	Auxiliary Meeting	American Legion
Mar 21	8:15 pm	Legion Riders	Legion Riders Meeting	Brimont Bristo
Mar 30	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion
Apr 11	8:15 pm	Legion Riders	Legion Riders Meeting	Brimont Bistro
Apr 13	6:00 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
Apr 13	7:00 pm	Legionaries	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
Apr 19	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
Apr 20	5:30 pm	Auxiliary	Auxiliary Meeting (98 th Birthday)	Proietti's Restaurant
Apr 21	11:30 am	Atria Veterans	Atria Veterans Luncheon	American Legion
Apr 27	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion
Apr 28	11:30 am	Atria Widows	Widows of Veterans Luncheon	American Legion
May 02	8:15 pm	Legion Riders	Legion Riders Meeting	Brimont Bistro
May 06	TBD	Legion Riders	Overnight Run	O'Brien's Inn
May 07	5:00 pm	All	Past Commanders Dinner	American Legion
May 11	6:00 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
May 11	7:00 pm	Legionaries	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
May 14	TBD	Legion Riders	Overnight Run	Wellsboro, PA
May 17	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
May 18	7:00 pm	Auxiliary	Auxiliary Meeting	American Legion
May 20	1:00 pm	Legion Riders	Sportsman Raffle	American Legion
May 25	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion
May 29	9:00 am	All	Memorial Day Parade	Spry High School

WEBSTER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

ATTENTION ALL LEGIONAIRES, AUXILLARY and SONS OF THE LEGION
Save the date, Monday May 29th, We need volunteers to march in this year's Memorial Day Parade.

- 9:00 a.m.: Assemble at Spry Middle School on Sanford Street. *Any participants who are not able to march, but would like to participate, there is a truck available for you to ride in.* Parade moves out from Spry, down South Avenue, turning west on Main Street and proceeding to Webster Rural Cemetery.
- 9:50 a.m. (approx.): Parade arrives at Webster Rural Cemetery. The Remembrance Ceremony will begin at approx. 10:15, or whenever everyone arrives and gets settled.

We highly recommend bringing children to see both the parade and the ceremony, so they might begin to understand the huge debt we owe our servicemen and women.

SAL RAFFLE

Are you ready for summer like I am?
The Sons are raffling off a Charbroil Gas Grill. If you are interested in participating, see bartenders for details. **It is only \$20 Per Spot.** Drawing will commence once all 50 tickets are sold.



MEMBERSHIP

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. If you are seeking information, please contact the below individuals:

- **Legion** - Don Linborg (585) 377-2086
- **Auxiliary** - Anne Leckenby (585) 943-0746
- **SAL** - Ned Stromfeld (585) 872-9190

If you haven't paid your 2023 dues, please do so as soon as possible. As of the New Year you will lose your membership; **You can pay on-line now at: <https://www.legion.org/renew>**

The portion of the dues that are due to the Post will be credited to our Post by the Department of New York. **Remember, if you paid your 2023 dues and have your 2023 card, you are paid; disregard any renewal notices from National.**

Chaplain's Corner

“Look at good, longtime friends, and wish the world could be like that.”

If you know of a Legionnaire that is currently sick or recently deceased, call Chaplain Gordon Clarke at 585 978-0429



AUXILIARY UNIT 942

The Auxiliary hosted their first meeting of 2023 on Thursday, February 16th. We hosted Tracy Holley and Gordon Clarke, from the Heroes on the Water Program. The Auxiliary agreed to provide a generous donation to help fund their program. Kelly Mohrman, Auxiliary Member and representative from VA, announced that their Ride Against Suicide is on September 16th. The Auxiliary selected their organization as one of the recipients of the proceeds from the ride. The Auxiliary will also donate desserts and volunteer to assist at one of their events, at Casey Park, on 9/17. Lou and Patty announced the selection of our Girl's State representative - Killian Laird from Webster Thomas and alternate, Alexis Mitchell from Webster Schroeder.

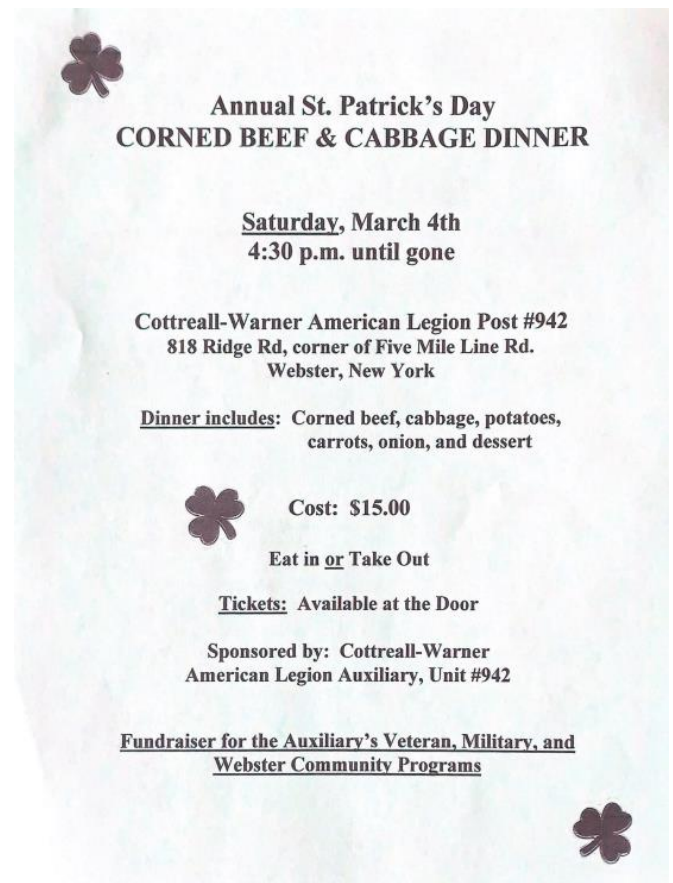
The Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday March 4th from 4:30-7pm, with some assistance from the Sons. Dinner Price is \$15.

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 16th at 7pm. And the Auxiliary will be hosting all Member ONLY, for a Pizza Party at 6pm.

The Auxiliary will celebrate their 98th Birthday in April at Proietti's Restaurant.

For God and Country,

Kathy LeClair, Auxiliary Unit President



SONS OF THE LEGION



Our annual gun raffle will be on Saturday, Sept 9th this year. Tickets will be available around May 1st for sale.

Please ensure you have renewed your membership for 2023. You can mail in a check or simply stop by the post. SAL dues remain the same for this year. \$15 for SAL members. \$10 for Jr. (under 16). \$8 for dual members. You are always welcome to pay for years ahead and automatically receive your membership card in the mail the following fall season.

Our monthly meetings have changed to the FINAL Thursday of the month. Our meetings are held from September - May. All meetings begin at 7:00pm in the upstairs meeting hall. Please try to join in and stay informed.

Thank you for your time, Nate Burdick, Commander Squadron 942



**Spread the word—
the Veterans Crisis Line has
a new number.**

Dial 988 then Press 1



ELECTION COMMITTEE

Legion Elections are coming up in April of this year. Officers and other positions are elected. We have openings for all positions. It is important to attend the next few meetings and volunteer for positions as well as vote.

- All candidates for elective office and appointed officers must be confirmed by the Election Committee that they hold valid Post 942 membership and are eligible to serve.
- The Election Committee is the sole authority for reviewing election materials and campaign materials for suitability and acceptability. The Executive Board shall have no role in this review process.

If you are interested in obtaining a position to help our post move forward, please contact **Gordon Clarke**, our Elections Committee Chair, at **585.978.0429** or reach out to Chris Jolliff or Phil Rosini.

Be Involved.

HOME CORPORATION

The Cottreal-Warner Post #942 Home Corporation is looking for Legionnaires to serve as committee members on this special committee.

Home Corporation serves as the body that manages the property and building that our Legion calls home. Things like mowing and snowplowing, to the simple plumbing repairs, or bigger projects like the recent window replacement.

The committee consists of 5 members, the committee chair, secretary, and 3 members. These 5 people make up the minimum requirement for a quorum for a special committee.

Home Corporation meets one Wednesday of every month at 6pm, with most meetings lasting about 30-45 minutes. We currently have a secretary, but are looking to fill the other 4 spots, the committee chair, and the 3 board members. So, whether you're a total "Bob Vila" or just an average home owner, your legion post could use your help.

Contact **Chris Jolliff** at **585.233.9163** if you're interested.

2023 Mid-Winter Conference

The Annual Department Mid-Winter Conference was held at the Desmond Crowne Plaza in Albany, NY. Individuals from all posts within NYS came to the conference from January 20 - 23rd to attend various committees, workshops, and classes.

Friday evening there was a welcome reception in the Orange Street courtyard compliments of the Desmond and the American Legion - DNY. A live band played music, light refreshments were served and everyone was able to network and share with each other.

Individuals were able to attend the different standing committees Friday Evening and all-day Saturday to learn about the direction of Veterans Services, Legislation, Programs, SAL Workshop, Counseling, Compliance, Membership, Scouting and more.

Don Linborg and Staci Sukhenko on behalf of Post #942 also used this time to present a check to Timothy Collmer for his run for Department of NY Commander.

The conference concluded Sunday morning with services and a few individuals gathered for breakfast before heading back home.

Submitted by: Staci Sukhenko



AMERICAN LEGION BOY SCOUT SQUARE KNOT AWARD

At the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference Phillip Rosini a member of the Post was awarded the Square Knot Award by the Department Chairperson, Steve Mataraza.

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program and assist in furthering the Scouting program in the American Legion.

The determination if an individual meets all the requirements for this award is done at the Department level and then at the National level. Our congratulations go out to Phil.

Submitted By: Staci Sukhenko



STARS AND STRIPES FLAG STORE

The physical Stars and Stripes Flag Store is no longer open; shop online at any time! All proceeds support critically needed service for Veterans at the Veterans Outreach Center. For questions or concerns, please contact an E-Flag Store Associate at Flag.Store@vocroc.org

Go to <https://www.eflagstore.com/> to see a complete catalog of all available items. For more information about the Veterans Outreach Center go to www.veteransoutreachcenter.org



SHOOTERS SPORTS CLUB

Junior shooting program is for ages 12 to 18 anyone who is interested please contact **Tony Gross** at **585 281-7815**.

We will be meeting Mondays October - February at 7 PM at Post 942 818 Ridge Road, Webster.



DEPARTMENT OF NYS JUNIOR SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On February 18 and 19th Head Coaches Tony Gross and Gordon Clarke took our shooting team to Cicero NY for the American Legion Junior Olympics Air Rifle State Competition. All of our shooters did a great Job and shot their personal best. Thank you to assistant coaches Cameron Clarke, Andre' Gross, and Abby Benson. Collectively, we took 8th place out of 13 teams statewide.

Submitted by: Gordon Clarke

2023 BOYS STATE

I am proud to report that Post 942 will be sending a total of 6 delegates representing both Webster High Schools to Boys State. The program takes place at Morrisville SUNY college this year and runs from June 25th through June 30th. The Post will be sponsoring 5 of the delegates and the Sons will again sponsor one.

The young men who were interviewed must be in their junior year in high school, carry at least a "B" average, be approved by the school counselor, and finally approved by the Post. The interview panel from the Post who conducted the interviews were overwhelmed by the delegates' character, their performance in their studies, their moral understanding of today's issues and their need to attend Boys State to further their understanding of our state government.

The interview panel agreed that this year's class had a great understanding that service and hard work are the ingredients that make responsible Americans and a good choice for Boys State.

I want to extend a big THANK YOU to **Patrick Claire**, guidance counselor at Schroeder HS and **Richard Kieffer** the guidance counselor at Thomas HS. Without their help I would not be writing this article. **Submitted by: Phillip Rosini**

LEGION RIDERS

Hello, Riders **Meetings** are on March 21st, April 11th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 18th, September 12th, and October 17th. All meetings are at 8:15pm at Brimont Bistro.

Events: May 6th overnight run to O'Brien's Inn, May 14th overnight run to Stony Fork Creek Campground Wellsboro PA, May 20th Armed Forces Day Raffle (any volunteers please contact Greg 750-1490, we could always use some help),

September 15th,16th, home 17th, ride to Catskill Mountain Thunder East Durham New York. That's it any questions please call me 585.750.1490.

Greg Cody

POST HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Every war has its "bridge" - Old North Bridge at Concord; Burnside's Bridge, Antieham; the RR Bridge over the River Kwai; the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine into Germany; the Bridges at Toko Ri in Korea.

In Vietnam it was the bridge at Thanh Hoa called "**Dragon's Jaw**". From 1965 to 1972, hundreds of Navy and Air Force airmen flew sortie after sortie against North Vietnam's formidable and strategically important bridge, dodging heavy concentrations of anti-aircraft fire, surface to air missiles, and enemy fighters. Many American fliers were shot down, killed or captured and taken to the infamous POW prisons in Hanoi. But after each air attack, when the smoke cleared and the debris settled, the bridge still stood. For the North Vietnamese, it became a symbol of their invincibility; for the US war planners, an obsession; for US Airmen, a testament to American mettle and Valor.

At last, on October 6, 1972 Navy planes from the aircraft carrier USS America lead by Lieutenant Commander Leighton "Snuffy" Smith successfully destroyed "**Dragon's Jaw**." In seven years, the US lost 20 Airmen KIA/MIA, 11 who ended up POWs and 7 who were recovered after being shot down.

Excerpt from the novel Dragon's Jaw by S. Coonts & B. Tillman

Herb T Gauch, Post Historian

STATE VETERANS SERVICE AGENCIES

New York Veterans Service Agencies provide many vital services to veterans. The Monroe County (NY) VSA website at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/vsa> provides information on special New York Veterans benefits. **All counties in NY have a VSA.** Check your county official website to find your local VSA. Residents of other states should check their state web sites to find available services.

BOYS SCOUTS

This past January 27th and 28th the Water's Edge Boy Scout District (Webster, Penfield, and the west side of Wayne County) held its Klondike Derby. This is the first time in the last 2 years that the Klondike was held due to Covid. The event hosted 60 scouts, 25 leaders, 8 troops and 3 Cub Packs.

The Klondike is a winter activity that involves winter camping, and a day of competing in over 20 events. These events include fire building, knot tying, flag retirement, hatchet throwing, sling shots, lashing, first aid, and the great sled race to name a few. Each patrol earns points at each of these events according to the rules of the event. The scouts are also scored on teamwork, scout spirit and leadership. At the end of the day the patrol with the most points will be awarded the plaque where their Troop number, the name of the patrol and the year won will be engraved on a tag attached to the plaque. The troop will keep the plaque until next year's Klondike where it will be awarded to the next winner.

I was a member of the Klondike committee and found out that there was a need for a new plaque. I made a request to the Post if there was any interest in supporting the purchase of a plaque. The response was yes, the plaque was purchased.

The winner of this years' Klondike was Troop 115, The Flaming Eagles patrol.

The Klondike committee, the scouts who attended and I would like to THANK Post 942 for their continued support of scouting.

The picture of the perpetual plaque reveals that it will be around for many years.

Thank You, Phillip Rosini





American Legion Riders Post 942

ARMED FORCES DAY

Fourth Annual

SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

Saturday, May 20, 2023

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Cottreall-Warner American Legion
818 Ridge Road, Webster

Raffle Prizes Include (need not be present to win):

- (11) \$100 Cash Prizes
- Charbroil Gas Smoker
- 77 Qt. Eight-Day Ice Cooler (Made in USA)
- Camping Package (6 Person Coleman Tent, Sleeping Bag, Air Mattress)
- Inflatable Paddleboard
- BOSE Soundlink Outdoor Speaker
- Sportsman Duel-Fuel Portable Generator
- Set 'N' Ready Charters Half Day Of Fishing
- Cuisinart Stainless Steel Grill
- \$300 Gift Certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse
- Lifetime Kayak With Paddle
- 36" Outdoor Fire Pit With Footrail

50/50 Raffle

TICKETS \$10 ea

****FOOD AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLY LASTS****

The American Legion is 100% Volunteer!
All proceeds benefit: The Veterans Outreach Center, Camp Good Days, The Comfort Warrior Fund