



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,

I wanted to start by saying it has been an honor to be the Post Commander for the last five years. I feel together we had a lot of successes through some trying times, and that has to do with every one of you. Your support was greatly appreciated.

I would like to congratulate Jeff Jolley on being elected the next Post Commander. I am sure he will do a great job, and I know you all will give him the same support.

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>
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	12:00 pm	Delegates/Mbrs	7 th District Meeting	Canandaigua Post
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 22	11:00 am	Atria Veterans	Atria Veterans Luncheon	American Legion
May 25	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion
May 29	9:00 am	All	Memorial Day Parade	Spry High School
Jun 03	9:30 am	Delegates/Mbrs	Monroe County Convention	Greece Post 468
Jun 07	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
Jun 10	10:00 am	Delegates/Mbrs	7 th District Convention	Geneva
Jun 14	6:00 pm	All	Flag Day Retiring Ceremony	American Legion
Jun 15	5:30 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
Jun 15	6:00 pm	All	Family Picnic	American Legion
Jun 15	7:00 pm	Legionnaires	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
Jul 17 - Jul 22	TBD	Select Mbrs	New York Annual Convention	Westchester, NY
Jul 19	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
Aug 02	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion

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.

ULTIMATE BRASSTACULAR BENEFIT CONCERT

FOR HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER

June 11, 2023 - Noon to 7 p.m.

Greece American Legion Post 468, 344 Dorsey Rd., Rochester, NY 14616

- Music for the whole family
- Food/drink available
- Lawn chairs welcome
- Raffles and baskets
- \$15 per ticket, \$50 for a family of 4 or more
- Free for HFR Veterans (wear your orange shirt!)



Go to <https://honorflightrochester.org/event/ultimate-brasstacular-benefit-concert/> details.

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>

We already have 100+ that paid on-line for 2023. 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

We are not so much invited to declare allegiance to a system of beliefs, but rather a way of living, a way of loving and take inclusion, nonviolence, loving kindness, and compassion seriously.

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

Livingston County Veterans Monument

The Livingston County Veterans Monument (5871 Groveland Station Rd, Mt Morris, NY) was an unprecedented collaboration between Livingston County and Genesee Valley BOCES. This major undertaking started on February 14th 2019 with the aim to make 100 metal poppies ending with 250.

"Each metal poppy was made by a veteran or family of a veteran to honor those who gave it all. Worth a visit."





AUXILIARY UNIT 942

The Auxiliary hosted their Annual Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday March 4th from 4:30 - 7pm, with some assistance from the Sons. The turnout was lighter than usual due to the weather but the food was amazing.

The Auxiliary celebrated their 98th Birthday in April at Proietti's Restaurant. There was record attendance and we welcomed our County President and First Vice.

Some of the Auxiliary attended the First Honor Flight of 2023 (Mission 76), on April 16th, to welcome home our Secretary's (Jackie Bates) husband and daughter who attended.

The Auxiliary draped the Charter for Faye Hermanet. The Auxiliary welcomed our new Chaplains, Jackie Bates and Sharyn Butwig.

The Auxiliary is planning to meet at the Legion, on Saturday, April 29th at 9am to travel to Highland Park to join County Legion Auxiliary members in a Walkathon.

The Auxiliary is planning to march in Webster's Memorial Day Parade ... details to be discussed at our next Meeting.

Our next meeting (and final meeting, for the summer recess) is Thursday, May 18th at 7pm. Our Membership is at an all-time high level and encourage all members to join in our Meetings.

**For God and Country,
Kathy LeClair, Auxiliary Unit President**



Pictured:
Ned Burdick and
Nate Burdick
helping out at the
Annual Corned
Beef Dinner.

SONS OF THE LEGION



Our annual gun raffle will be on Saturday, Sept 9th this year. **TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. PLEASE HELP US SELL SOME...** Tickets are prepacked in envelopes of ten at the post bar.

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.

DUES RATES ARE INCREASING!!

2024 = \$20 and **2025 = \$25** Due to national and detachment raising their dues assessments, along with postage increases we have been absorbing. 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

LEGION RIDERS



Hello, Riders **Meetings** are on 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 585-750-1490, 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

ELECTION RESULTS

At the last Legion meeting on April 13th members elected new officers to lead our post starting this June before the summer break. The Nomination committee, led by Gordon Clarke, worked during the previous 2 months to gather names of those who would be interested in stepping up and taking on officer roles on the Executive Committee. All positions except for one were unchallenged, having only one candidate for the body to vote for.

All the excitement on election night was centered around the treasure's position. There were two candidates that stepped up for that position, challenger Al Gubiotti ran against the current treasurer Bob Dominik. Each gentleman was given the opportunity to present their strengths for this role as treasurer of our post. After, ballots were handed out by the nomination committee, so that a fair, anonymous vote could be conducted. In the end, Bob Dominik had the votes and will remain as our post treasurer for the next year.

The Legionnaires that were elected to officer positions are:

Position	Name
Post Commander	Jeff Jolley
Post Adjutant	Staci Sukhenko
First Vice Commander	Dan MacDonald
Second Vice Commander	Gordon Clarke
Third Vice Commander	Don Linborg
Post Treasurer	Bob Dominik
Post Chaplain/Service Officer	Gordon Clarke
Post Historian	Herb Gauch

Submitted By: Chris Jolliff

POST 942 WEBSITE

In April, the post authorized an upgrade to our current web site. The current site was not maintainable anymore. I was tasked with designing and updating a new site. The new site www.legionpost942.com was designed keeping in mind the new marketing requirements from main legion headquarters.

The new site has the following:

- A complete redesign of the pages of the site and a more simplistic look and feel, taking advantage of new technology to be able to display on phones, PC and tablets.
- The design is based on increasing awareness of the Post 942 and encouraging veterans to become members and join us in our support of veterans.
- We will be encouraging communications to those who enter the site as the newsletters past and current will be available.
- A Sick call page will be added to inform those who read this section on the medical status of our members.
- You will be able to join the post via the site as well as joining the SAL, Auxiliary, and the Legion Riders.
- The executive board and contact information will be available, as well as their pictures so when you see them in the lounge and around the post you can introduce yourself.
- All new art work and logos have been updated in accordance with Legion guidelines.
- We have links to our Facebook page and other links useful to the veterans.
- Further the site helps us become closer to the community we serve, informing them what is our mission and how we execute that mission.
- Our new tag line, *Veterans still serving America*, is carried throughout the site.

We are developing content for the site so standby as we build the site to its full capabilities in the next few months. There are many new enhancements too numerous to mention so visit the new site at www.legionpost942.com. Send us any comments or suggestions to algubiotti@post942.com.

We are planning to go live with the new site on June 1st. If you wish to visit the old site, the address is www.post942.com.

Submitted By: Al Gubiotti, Site Administrator Post 942

POST 942 HOME CORPORATION

Hello Post 942! With the incoming spring and future plans on the hall, Home Corp has been busy the last month staying on top of keeping our home looking nice. With the arrival of spring and warm weather, comes spring clean-up, landscape mulching, and of course mowing grass. We are happy to have Wharram Lawn & Landscape back again this year to perform those tasks. His proposal for the 2023 season included weeding and mulching beds, spring and fall clean-ups, fertilizing, aeration, and lawn maintenance for 30 weeks. And to top it off, Wharram Lawn & Landscape is a veteran owned business. What better way for the American Legion to support a local veteran.

In preparation for upcoming events, the hall floor tile was stripped, waxed, and polished. Next, the old, stained ceiling tiles will be replaced. This will have our hall looking nice for the Commander's dinner in May.

Future steps with the hall, will be a phased renovation project in which the walls will be fixed, new flooring put down, and bathrooms redone. Home Corp is currently gathering and reviewing estimates for this large, and much needed improvement project. The basic plan of this project was presented to post in the last legion meeting on April 13th, and more updates will be given in the next 2 meetings before we recess for the summer. Try to make our next meeting on May 11th for further updates, and other legion happenings.

Submitted By: Chris Jolliff

ATRIA LUNCHEON

Volunteers are needed for the **Atria Luncheon on May 22nd**. Meet at the Legion at 10:30 am to help serve, talk with the veterans, and cleanup. If interested in volunteering reach out to **Jeff Jolley** at **585-303-3968**



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.



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

Dial 988 then Press 1



POST HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Coins on Military Tombstones. COL Dave Taylor a Vietnam veteran explains the tradition and reason behind it.

A coin left on a headstone lets the deceased Soldier's family know that somebody stopped to pay respects. If you leave a penny, it means you visited. A nickel means that you and the deceased Sailor trained at boot camp together. If you served with the deceased Marine, you leave a dime. A quarter is very significant because it means that you were there when the Airman was killed.

Taylor says the tradition became popular during the Vietnam War. It is believed it was a way to show respect without getting into an uncomfortable political discussion about a war the was very controversial.

So this Memorial Day take a coin or two when you visit an American Military Hero's grave site and say a prayer of thanks for the brave men and women who answered the call. God Bless America!

Herb T Gauch, Post Historian



PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

The Legion will be hosting the **Past Commanders Dinner** on **May 7th at 5 pm**. This event will honor and celebrate those who have gone before us serving as commander of their respective branch of this organization. **All are invited with their significant other.** **Dress is smart casual.**

COMPEER CORPS

At our April 13th meeting, we were visited by Elizabeth Medina, a Navy veteran, representing Compeer CORPS. The reason for her visit was to thank the post for supporting a local veteran who ran into some bad luck this past fall. Elizabeth went on to explain the support system that Compeer CORPS offers to veterans who need assistance. I have included a letter I received from Elizabeth to which she would be willing to return and explain in more detail what is available for veterans. There is a flyer that contains information about a gathering for veterans on June 3rd sponsored by Compeer CORPS at the Chili post. More information can be found on the Compeer website: compeerrochester.org. I find it very uplifting when organizations like Compeer CORPS reach out to those who served. **Pride Runs Deep.**



Submitted By: Phillip Rossini

Good Morning,

I would like to say thank you again for inviting me to your meeting last night. I felt so welcome! Please extend my gratitude to your Commander and members for me as well. I am very grateful I was able to show my thanks in person for the help your post gave us for our family in need.

If at any point you, or any of your members, would like more information about Compeer Rochester or Compeer CORPS, I am happy to come back out and do a presentation or have an open Q & A session to talk about what we offer. There is so much that we do that ten minutes just isn't enough to cover it, and I really wanted to focus on the family we were able to help. You can also see what we have going on by going to our website: compeerrochester.org.

Thanks Again! Elizabeth Medina

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Chapter # 15

Open to Veterans and their families
Saturday, June 3, 2023
11am - 3pm

Chili American Legion
450 Scottsville Chili Rd, Scottsville, 14546

**Food, ice cream, games, learn about new and existing
programs, and meet other Veteran organizations!**

RSVP to Liz @
emedina@compeerrochester.org

Early bird RSVPs before May 12 will get
entered into a surprise raffle!



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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 12TH "ANNUAL" GUN RAFFLE

SEPTEMBER 9TH 12:30-4:00 PM

818 RIDGE RD WEBSTER NY 14580



**DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN ANY MAIN
TICKET PRIZES**

- 1. \$100 CASH
- 2. Heritage Rancher .22
- 3. \$100 CASH
- 4. Henry H001L Lever .22
- 5. \$100 CASH
- 6. Savage Mark II .22 Bolt
- 7. \$100 CASH
- 8. Akkar Churchill Pump 20GA
- 9. \$100 CASH
- 10. SDS AR-T02 Semi 12GA
- 11. \$100 CASH
- 12. Savage Axis Bolt .308 camo w/ scope
- 13. \$100 CASH
- 14. Mossberg Patriot Bolt .243
- 15. \$100 CASH
- 16. Weatherby Element Semi 20GA
- 17. \$100 CASH
- 18. Mossberg Patriot Bolt 6.5 creedmore
- 19. \$100 CASH
- 20. Beretta Ultima 20 GA Semi

50/50'S PULL TABS SIDE RAFFLES

**\$10 DONATION
INCLUDES:**
FREE BEER/SODA
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DOOR PRIZES
(MUST BE PRESENT)



POUND THE GROUND 5K RUN/WALK
AUGUST 23, 2023
6 P.M.
MENDON PONDS PARK OR VIRTUAL
REGISTER AT VOCROC.ORG/PTG

VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER Inc.
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