



COTTREALL-WARNER, POST 942

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Ted Sykes

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Legion Family,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the winter season already. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Post Family for such a good year and we look forward to 2024 being even better. The Post has been busy with events, gaming, and other activities.

There are a lot of events coming up at the Post so please check the bar, newsletter, and Post website to stay up-to-date. We hope to make this holiday season as well as 2024 the best ever so let's continue to support each other and our great Post!!

For God and Country Dan MacDonald, Interim Commander

Upcoming Events 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov 1	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
Nov 4	4:30 PM	Aux Hosts	Harvest Pork Dinner	American Legion
Nov 9	6:00 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
Nov 9	7:00 pm	Legionaries	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
Nov 11	9:30 am	All	Ecumenical Service	Blue Cross Arena
Nov 11	11:00 am	All	Veterans Day Celebration	Web Vet Mem Park
Nov 11	11:00 am	All	Wreath Laying Ceremony	Blue Cross Arena
Nov 16	7:00 pm	Auxiliary	Auxiliary Meeting	American Legion
Nov 30	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion
Dec 6	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
Dec 7	7:55 am	All	Pearl Harbor Ceremony	Roch. Yacht Club
Dec 9	1:00 pm	Auxiliary	Children's Christmas Party	American Legion
Dec 10	12:00pm	Delegates/Mbrs	7 th District Meeting	Port Byron Legion
Dec 14	6:00 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
Dec 14	7:00 pm	Legionaries	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
Dec 16	12:00 pm	All	Wreaths Across America	Union Cemetery
Dec 28	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion
Jan 3	6:00 pm	Home Corp	Home Corporation Meeting	American Legion
Jan 11	6:00 pm	Ex Committee	Executive Committee Meeting	American Legion
Jan 11	7:00 pm	Legionaries	Legion Post Meeting	American Legion
Jan 19- Jan 21	All Day	Conference Attendees	Mid-Winter Conference	Albany, NY
Jan 25	7:00 pm	SAL	SAL Meeting	American Legion

WEBSTER VILLAGE VETERAN's DAY CEREMONY

On the Eleventh Day.....Of the Eleventh Month.....In the Eleventh Hour...

The Webster VFW and the American Legion will conduct a brief ceremony to pay tribute to all Veterans. Please join us at the **Village of Webster Veterans Memorial Park** on North Avenue, on **Saturday, November 11th, 2023 at 11:00 AM** to honor all those who have given so much to serve our Country and for those who continue to fight for our freedom. A sit-down lunch will follow at the Village Hall next to the Webster Fire Dept directly after the ceremony.

If participating in the ceremony, be there no later than 10:30 a.m.; dress is short sleeves white shirt with collar, black pants and shoes, and your American Legion blue service cap and a jacket if cold; if you're in the color guard, wear your uniform.

COUNTY VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

The Monroe County American Legion will conduct ceremonies honoring Monroe County Veterans. This will take place at the **ROCHESTER COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIAL** with in the Blue Cross Arena at **1000 Exchange Blvd Rochester NY**.

At **9:30 AM** an **Ecumenical service** will be conducted by 7th District Chaplain Connie Corwin and Monroe County Chaplain Jeff Mason.

At **11:00 AM** a **Wreath laying ceremony** will be conducted, by the American Legion, with numerous Veterans and Patriotic Organizations participating. The Monroe County American Legion Honor Guard will render a proper rifle salute. Between the Ecumenical service and wreath ceremonies refreshments will be served by the Monroe County American Legion Auxiliary. This is a great way for us to educate our Youth about the sacrifices our Veterans made to protect our Country.

Please join us in our celebration of our fellow veterans.



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 2024 dues, please do so as soon as possible. We have approximately 271 members paid. That's 63% of our goal of 428. **You can pay on-line now at:** <https://www.legion.org/renew>

We already have 59 that paid on-line for 2024. 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 2024 dues and have your 2024 card, you are paid; disregard any renewal notices from National.**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together.

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

Veterans Crisis Line



1-800-273-8255
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AUXILIARY UNIT 942



The Legion Auxiliary is off to an **EXCELLENT** start! The board members were inducted in the September monthly meeting.

ALA monthly meetings will be held on the **Third Thursday** of each **month** for the months of August, September, October, November, February, March, April (traditionally -- an Auxiliary "Birthday" dinner at Proietti's) and May. No meetings in the months of January, June, July and December. Meeting times to start, promptly, at 7pm.

The Auxiliary participated in **Girls State** this year where we sent 2 local Webster girls to this event. The purpose of Girls State is to provide to high school Juniors across the State the opportunity to create and govern a 51st mythical state. The girls are chosen by our Unit Committee after interviewing the candidates. Consideration was given to scholastic achievements, leadership, character, honesty and physical fitness.

Some of our ALA members participated in **wrapping gifts at Full Circle Home** on Oct 14th. ALA members built, stuffed, and wrapped 233 gifts.

These will be part of the 12 Days of Christmas boxes that are sent to the family members of deployed troops. Full Circle Home is in their 17th year of operation and after this holiday season will have served 34k troops and their families.

The annual **Harvest Pork Dinner** will be held on **Saturday Nov 4th** starting at 4:30PM. Enjoy roast pork loin, parmesan potatoes, green beans, squash, red cabbage from local farms, plus homemade applesauce, rolls, & choice of dessert.



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The Auxiliary will also be hosting the **Children's Christmas Party** on **Saturday, December 9th**. There will be a Santa and Children's Entertainment. Light refreshments to be served. Santa's Auxiliary Elves are very much looking forward to helping Santa choose gifts for all little children/grandchildren of our Legion members. There is a signup sheet in the lounge/bar area of the Legion. **Please sign up by Tuesday, December 3th**.

Happy Holidays to All!

For God and Country,

Amy VanDerwerken, Auxiliary Unit President

SONS OF THE LEGION



MEMBERSHIP cards are in for 2024. Please renew your membership. Rates are increasing. **2024 - \$20** and **2025 - \$25** going forward. Due to detachment and National increases, we have absorbed over the past 5 years. Please consider prepayment for future years to offset this increase next year.

Our monthly meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the final Thursday of each month. Please try to attend and stay informed.

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

MONROE COUNTY VETERAN'S SERVICE AGENCY

Nick Stefanovic was a guest speaker at our Post Meeting on 10/12/2023. He works for the Veterans Service Agency in Monroe County. He explained what benefits veterans may qualify for, gave information on service-connected disabilities, discussed the capability to look at past claims and even offered help with survivor benefits. If you are interested in information, go to <https://www.monroecounty.gov/vsa>

Veteran Service Agency's Mission

To educate veterans and their families about the benefits they have earned; To represent and guide them in obtaining benefits and services both through the VA and the community; To make veterans an economic force in education, employment and business development.

Veteran Service Agency's Vision

Our agency is dedicated to providing the highest quality service to veterans and their families in Monroe County.

Service Officer Representatives

The Director and staff are accredited, caring, and knowledgeable veteran service officers; as such, they are able to guide veterans and their families in submitting claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Monroe County Veteran Service Officers will help you navigate the bureaucracy of the VA, and our **services are free**. We will help with gathering the information necessary to support a claim, file the claim, and track the claim through the VA system. We can also assist with filing appeals for denied claims.

We strongly recommend that you make use of the services provided by County Veterans Service Officers. Our expertise can help you avoid the pitfalls and delays that missing paperwork or improperly filled out claim forms can cause.



*Nicholas Stefanovic
Director*

LEGION RIDERS

There will not be any meetings in November and December. Meetings will resume in January.



The **Sportsman Raffle** will be held on **Saturday, May 18th**. Tickets will be available at the bar soon.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Riders, contact **Greg Cody** at **585-750-1490**.

Picture to the Right: On 9/14/2023, the Cottreall-Warner Post 942 American Legion Riders stopped by and presented Camp Good Days and Special Times with a \$3,000 Generous Donation!



HONOR FLIGHT 81ST MISSION

The sixth and final 2023 Honor Flight Rochester Mission 81, landed on 10/22/2023, and the community was ready to welcome the veterans home!

Our own Bob Dominik participated on that flight along with his guardian Dan MacDonald.

62 veterans flew on Mission 81, this included veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War. With branches of service being the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Marines.

Honor Flight Rochester has flown more than 4,000 veterans since its launch in 2008.



SUNNY MIKE SCRAMBLE

The 2023 Sunny Mike Scramble took place on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at Victor Hills Golf Club. Webster American Legion Post 942, sponsored a hole and participated in the scramble.

Sunny Mike elevates the minds, bodies, and spirits of veterans by connecting them to the services, resources, and people they need. They support projects and experiences for veterans to bring light into their lives. Sunny Mike Foundation is devoted to creating a community of veterans that uses their strengths to pay-it-forward, welcomes their knowledge and experience, and creates initiatives that serve our heroes.

Pictured Below: Steve Morris, Ted Sykes, Todd Hillen, and Loren Balsis represented our post that day!



SHOOTERS SPORTS CLUB

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition.

Who Can Participate?

In shooting sports, you don't have to sit on the sidelines: Anyone 12 - 18 years old can participate. Physical ability and size are no match for mental toughness and discipline in this co-ed skill sport. **Note:** You **DO NOT** need to be a member of the American Legion to join this club. **Please let anyone who is interested know of this opportunity.**

What Will We Do?

You'll practice and study with Legion Post 942, but get to compete as an individual. All participants start with rifle safety and fundamentals. The Legion prides itself on safety. You'll learn the right way to handle, load, aim and fire a pellet sporter rifle. Then you will develop your skills, set personal goals and work to achieve established performance standards. Lastly, you will compete in the NYS American Legion Sporter Rifle and Precision Rifle Competition, from there it moves onto National.

How Much Does It Cost?

Post 942 will lend participants gear, including rifles, and equipment. There is no registration fee and costs are covered by the Post.

When Can I Start?

Meetings will be held **Monday Nights, October - February at 7pm at Post 942** on 818 Ridge Road Webster, NY.

If you have questions, contact **Tony Gross** at **585-281-7815**.



THE THIRTEEN FOLDS OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

Most Americans have at some point in their lives have witness the traditional folding of old glory. This experience may have taken place at a veteran's gathering, but most likely at a veteran's burial ceremony. What might not be known to many Americans is that the flag has thirteen folds, and each fold has a principle associated with each one. Below you can read and learn what each fold represents. They speak volumes on the values that make this nation great.

- **The First Fold** - symbolizes life.
- **The Second Fold** - represents a belief in eternal life.
- **The Third Fold** - is made in honor and Tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
- **The Fourth Fold** - Exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
- **The Fifth Fold** - is an acknowledgement to our country.
- **The Sixth Fold** - symbolizes where our hearts lie. It is in our heart that we pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
- **The Seventh Fold** - pays tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
- **The Eighth Fold** - is a tribute to the one who entered the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see light of day and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- **The Ninth Fold** - An honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.



THE THIRTEEN FOLDS OF THE AMERICAN FLAG *Continued ...*

- **The Tenth Fold** - is a tribute to fathers, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born,
- **The Eleventh Fold** - is in the eyes of Hebrew citizens represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- **The Twelve-Fold** - in the eyes of Christian citizens, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
- **The Thirteen-Fold** - when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After reading the thirteen principles I hope that it leaves you with a sense of pride, hope and a better understanding of all that our flag represents. They are a good reminder why we as a nation need to remember the importance of living a life that appreciates, respects, and includes all Americans in our daily lives.

If you visit the Webster Rural cemetery you will find these principles located on a pedestal sign at the base of the flagpole. The pedestal sign was an Eagle project by a young man from Webster. A perfect home for these principles to be placed.

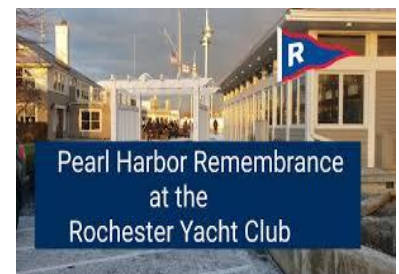
Submitted By: Phil Rossini

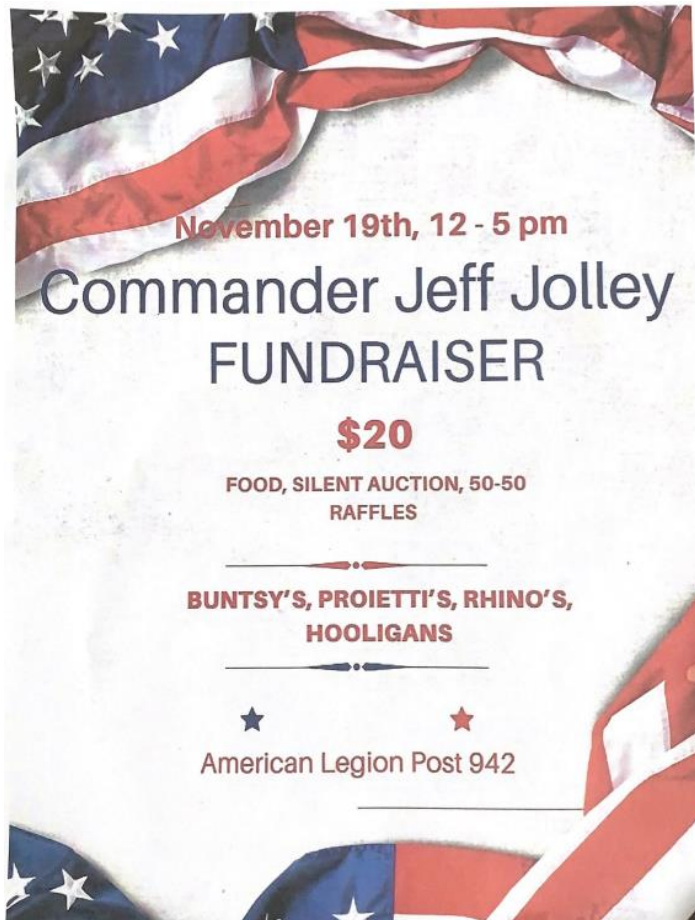
PEARL HARBOR CEREMONY

Save the Date, December 7th.

Ceremony will start 7:55 am sharp. Be there NLT 7:15 am.
Breakfast to follow at the Parkside Dinner for post attendees.

Must RSVP to Don Linborg by 11/30.





November 19th, 12 - 5 pm
Commander Jeff Jolley
FUNDRAISER

\$20
 FOOD, SILENT AUCTION, 50-50
 RAFFLES

**BUNTSY'S, PROIETTI'S, RHINO'S,
 HOOLIGANS**

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 American Legion Post 942



Harvest/Pork Roast Dinner
Saturday, November 4th
From 4:30 until sold out

Cottreall-Warner American Legion Post #942
818 Ridge Road, /Corner of Five Mile Line, Webster

Enjoy a delicious pork roast dinner served with parmesan potatoes, red cabbage, homemade applesauce, squash, green beans, rolls and a choice of dessert for **ONLY \$15.00**

Dinner is hosted by members of Cottreall-Warner Auxiliary
 Purchase tickets the night of dinner. Take-outs also available
 100% of Proceeds will aid veterans, military, their families and the Webster Community

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

WORLD WAR I Memorial, Washington DC As we approach Veterans Day on November 11, I was surprised to learn that the WWI Memorial was not dedicated until April 16, 2021 and it is still a work in progress with final completion slated for 2024. That is 105 years since the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918 at 11:00. Hence the 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour.

The Memorial will provide the opportunity to give long overdue recognition to 4.7 million Americans who served. These Men and Women served with the same valor and courage as the Veterans of later wars. The Nation's WWI sacrifice was great 204,000 Americans were wounded and 116,516 perished. "**Least We Forget**"

Herb Gauch, Post Historian

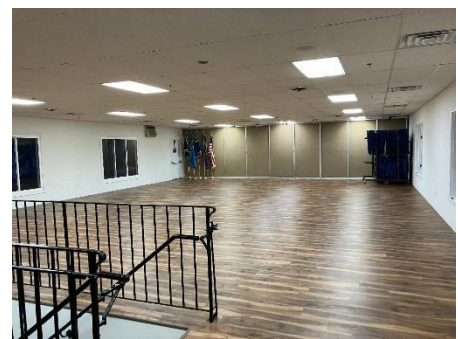
HOME CORPORATION

Hello All, from those of us on Post 942 Home Corporation. A lot has happened in the last few weeks at our post, besides the final landscaping and lawn mowing, and securing an outfit to plow and salt the parking lot, the hall got an overdue renovation.

We had a very short window in the first two weeks of October for the contractor, **Allyn Painting**, to perform demolition on the bottom half of the walls, hang new drywall, patch and mud seems and holes, and finally put on the primer and paint.

The following week the flooring contractor put down new flooring throughout the Hall and the bathrooms. The exterior siding was hung and fixed by our own SAL member **Justin Gordon**, he did a great job, and the siding looks seamless. Finally, our own maintenance guy **Paul Malkowski** installed brand new ADA compliant toilets in the bathrooms.

A huge thanks to all for the time and hard work that went into this project, it looks great. Stop by the post and have a look for yourself! **Consider renting the hall for your own party or event.**



Pictured Above: Beginning of the demolition, Chris Jolliff and Patrick Sukhenko cleaning the ceiling, the brand-new floor

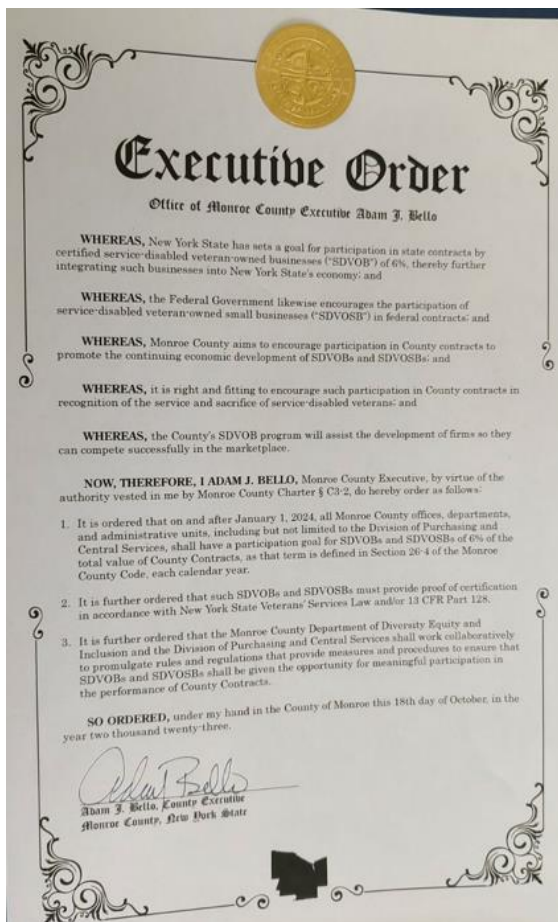
Submitted By: Chris Jolliff

NEW POLICY TO HELP SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS

An Executive Order was signed on October 18th, 2023, to ensure that service-disabled veteran-owned businesses have equal opportunity to receive and participate in County contracts. The policy has a number of objectives, including expanding opportunities for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, promoting and encouraging the continuing economic development of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, and encouraging and supporting eligible businesses to play a greater role in the economy of the county by increasing participation in Monroe County's contracting opportunities. The policy also removes barriers to the participation of SDVOBs in Monroe County contracts by adding a 6% goal for spend with New York State Certified SDVOBs on all eligible contracts.

Pictured Below Left: Signed Executive Order

From Press Release dtd: 10/18/2023



Veterans/Active Duty Service members

and your family are cordially invited to a free spaghetti dinner at Spry Middle School as a way of showing our appreciation.

Sponsors for the event include:

Spry Middle School Builders Club
Webster-Fairport B.P.O. Elks #2396
Spry Middle School Student Council
Wegmans and Walmart

Thursday, November 9, 2023
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
SPRY MIDDLE SCHOOL
119 South Avenue, Webster

Come in off of Route 250 by the back of the cafetorium.

Reservations required.

Please call

Spry Middle School at 216-0093.

If you would rather pick up a meal and not eat it at Spry, please call for a take out order.

Free spaghetti dinner, salad, bread, and desserts.

Grave Marking Day!

Dec 2nd – 10:00am

**Webster Union Cemetery
345 Webster Road.
Webster 14580.**

- We will mark about 700 Veteran Wreaths at Webster Union,
- Next, we will head to Webster Rural about 2 miles away where we will mark 400-500 Veteran Wreaths in the oldest sections.
- ***Please dress warm!***



Wreath Day!

Dec 16th – Noon.

**Webster Union Cemetery.
345 Webster Road. Webster
14580.**

- Ceremony starts at noon and is outside. **Please arrive by 11:45 am.**
- After the short ceremony, we will place about 700 Veteran Wreaths at Webster Union,
- Next, we will head to Webster Rural about 2 miles away where we will place 400-500 Veteran Wreaths in the oldest sections.
- Please dress warm, and wear ceremonial hats and/or uniforms.

LIGHTS OF HONOR

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Honoring our Military Service Members and Veterans



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF ROCHESTER NEW YORK CHAPTER 8

We invite everyone in the community to share this time to honor our military personnel, past and present. Remember to include parents, grandparents, siblings, spouses and friends. During the ceremony, one person representing each service branch will place an ornament on the tree - Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Then an ornament will be placed to represent each of the major combat eras in our country's history - *et. al.* and finally an ornament will be placed for National recognition of military awards.

When: Sunday, December 3, 2023

Where: One War Memorial Square
Rochester, NY 14614

Time: 2:00 pm

What: Each service branch and combat era will be honored by an ornament placed on the tree by a military person. At the end of the ceremony you may collect your keepsake ornament if you have ordered one.

How: Use this form to submit your pictures for the ornament to be prepared ahead of time. Additional copies of this form are available on our website:

www.BlueStarMomsROC.com

LIGHTS OF HONOR Tree Lighting Ceremony Sunday, December 3, 2023

The Blue Star Mothers of Rochester will provide, at no cost to you, the original photo ornament to be hung on the trees at the War Memorial. These ornaments may be displayed annually on the Lights of Honor trees at the War Memorial during the month of December. You are invited back each year to hang those ornaments.

You may also order keepsake duplicate ornaments for \$15 each to bring home and hang on your tree or hand out as gifts. To order keepsake duplicate ornaments please contact us at BlueStarMothersRoc@gmail.com Or Call (585) 210-9779.

Please e-mail or mail the following information:

Your name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____

e-mail _____

Phone # _____

To Honor (name) _____

Branch of Service _____

Era/Dates of Service _____
(WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, War on Terror, etc.)

Circle the appropriate status for this person:

SILVER: wounded in the line of duty

GOLD: died in the line of duty

BLACK: Missing in Action or Prisoner of War

BLUE: all other service members

Please circle medals awarded:

Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Navy Cross, etc.

Number of keepsake ornaments requested _____

Information must be received by Nov 12th.

E-mail digital (jpeg format) photos to:

BlueStarMothersRoc@gmail.com

Or Call (585) 210-9779 and leave a message and we will get back to you to discuss arrangements to get the picture.