



American Legion

Utica Post 229

409 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13502

Telephone (315) 793-9377

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm

Anthony Palladino Commander	First Call February 2010	John Driscoll Membership
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We would like to wish Rebecca DePerno the best of luck in the District wide oratorical competition on January 30, 2010 at South Jefferson High School in Adams, NY. She is representing our post and Oneida County.

Junior shooting range expansion is completed. Proctor NJROTC will be hosting a competition on February 6, 2010. The range is being used by Notre Dame and Proctor NJROTC and the post junior program.

Check out our new website at uticapost229.org.

Our post is having a food drive the entire month of February for Veterans. The food will be given to the VETERAN'S OUTREACH CENTER. Please bring any kind of food (no glass). A collection bin will be in the vestibule for donations.

A new heating system was installed downstairs. It is completed now so downstairs will now have heat .

Easter Egg Hunt.

Saturday, March 27, 2010 Noon to 3:00PM

Sign-up sheet will be in the bar.

Cut-off date is March 20, 22010

Bingo workers are still needed. If interested, please contact Jim George at 724-0705 .The Auxiliary still needs some help in the kitchen for Bingo. Contact Rosaria Haggerty at 866-5950

Don't forget the Blood Bank

Donate blood and possibly save a life.



CHAPLIN'S REPORT
Paul Wojcik

At times we are bewildered and confused. We hurt. We hurt others. We don't know what to do or where to go. We see no path for us. We see so many paths we can not decide which one to take. Help us to open to you and to be discerning. And on journey do not allow us to merely pretend to care for others. Lord, help us to be genuine and sincere we all we meet.

Rest in Peace
John W. Ferguson

Membership

The membership committee reports their quota is 701 and as of now have 565 members. We need 136 for quota. We are about 80%.

Your dues must be paid by January 1, 2010 or you are considered delinquent and not a member of the post. Please stop by and pay your dues.

Thank you

County Meeting Dates
All Meetings Start @ 7: 30PM

09/21/09.....Lee Legion
 10/19/09..... Sylvan Beach
 11/16/09.....New Hartford
 12/21/09.....Utica Post
 01/18/10.....Smith Post
 02/15/10.....Clark Mills
 03/15/10..... Sherrill
 04/19/10.....Wicks-Staley
 05/17/10.....Fulmer
 06/11 & 12/10.....Parkhurst

Dates for February

2 - Bingo @ 6:30PM
 3 - Blood Bank - Noon to 5:00pm
 4 - Meeting Night: Dinner @ 6:15PM
 Joint meeting @ 7:30PM
 5 - Fish Fry from 4:00 to 7:00PM - Utica Post B'ball
 9 - Bingo @ 6:30PM
 12 - Fish Fry from 4:00 to 7:00PM - Color Guard
 16 - Bingo @ 6:30PM
 17 - Blood Bank from Noon until 5:00PM
 18 - Admin. Meeting @ 6:00PM
 E-Board Meeting @ 6:30PM
 19 - Fish Fry from 4:00 until 7:00PM - ND NJROTC
 23 - Bingo @ 6:30PM
 26 - Fish Fry from 4:00 to 7:00PM - Legion

At our February meeting, we will elect a nominating committee to select Post Officers for 2010 - 2011

Dinner Dance
 February 13, 2010

Hors d'oeuvres: 5:30PM
 Dinner 7:00pm: Turkey Buffet
 Dancing: 8:00 to Midnight
 Music By: Sonny Farrar

\$18.00 Per Person

Thank You!

I would like to take this time to say Thank You to all that helped at our annual Children's Christmas Party. Because of the many that helped it was a huge success. We had 90 children and they all were very pleased with the gifts they received.

I owe a special thank you to the auxiliary especially Mrs. King and Mrs. Rosaria Haggerty for the time they spent shopping for all the gifts, and to Mrs. Evelyn Muench for getting the baked goods.

A special thank you goes to Burger King and Byrne Dairy for their continued support of our parties.

There were about 15 gifts left and they were donated to the Thea Bowman House and the extra hot dogs were donated to The Utica Rescue Mission.

Again thank you,
 Jim Haggerty, Chairman

SAVE THIS DATE !!!

Utica Post will host a Spaghetti Dinner for Scholarships

Date: April 22, 2010
 Time: 4:00 to 7:00PM

Kenneth E. Ward
 is a patient at the Presbyterian Nursing Home for Rehab
 I'm sure he would probably like to receive a card.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
FROM THE
LEGION, SAL AND AUXILIARY



Auxiliary News

February 2010



President's Message

Dear Auxiliary Members:

Valentines Day will be here soon. Lets remember a veteran with a card, candy or a kiss!

Our January meeting was held jointly with our legionnaires. We enjoyed being together and hearing their reports. Thanks to Commander Anthony Palladino.

The children's Christmas Party was great this year. The Shriner Clowns were here along with Santa. The Auxiliary helped buy and wrap the gifts. The gift-wrapping went real well and those that came to help had a fun time. **THANK YOU**. Lets not forget the cupcakes that our ladies of the auxiliary made.

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Burger King for food coupons and juice. Byrne Dairy also gave us Ice Cream.

Our February meeting is an important one. A nominating committee will be elected to select a slate of officers for 2010-2011. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or running for office, please come to this meeting.

In closing, please remember a veteran on Valentines Day. A card to a veteran in a hospital or nursing home or to those overseas will truly brighten his or her day.

Theresa Jensen
Auxiliary President

National Security, Pat Dodge Chairman

Pat Dodge sent out boxes to our troops we adopted and to two other troops suggested that are in Iraq. One of the boys is the grandson of member Chris Grande and the other is Andrew Carnegie. Both boys are serving in Iraq - Chris is with the 82nd ABN and Andy is in Navy. Our adopted platoon is in the Army 10th MTN Div. that brings the total of 33 troops we are now sending support to. Pat would appreciate home made cookies to be brought to the February meeting, so that she can send a Valentine Box to the guys. If everyone would bake it would make the job a lot easier.

Also omitted from the Thank You list last month were Celeste Aney and Joyce Astafan. Their Donation of cookies helped to make the troops know they are not forgotten. Please wrap cookies individually in saran wrap so that they stay fresh. The folks over there really enjoy rive Crispy treats. If you can't attend the meeting but want to bake, call Pat at 732-0302, and she will pick up the cookies.

Thanks, Pat

Chaplain Message

Gail Greco

New Years Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.

Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend.

Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things.

Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace.

That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that's filled with love.

A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessing from above.

Sympathy

Rosemary Nassar

Thinking of You

Jane Michel

Lorraine Derella

Louise Pavese

Get Well

Membership

Rose Coniglio, Chrm

Our quota for this year is 241. As of now we have 180 paid members. Our percentage is 78.93%. We need 61 members to make 100%. I'm sure with everyones help we will be able to make 100%. . Your dues cannot be accepted unless 2009 are paid.

Please mail your dues to:

Rose Coniglio
607 Jay St. Apt#C2
Utica, NY 13501

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BINGO REPORT

Date	Income	Prizes	Expenses	3%	Profit
12/01/09	3153.00	2658.00	74.95	12.60	407.45
12/08/09	2311.00	1926.00	0	11.55	373.45
12/15/09	2746.00	2030.00	262.50	13.61	439.89
12/22/09	2932.00	2048.00	90.00	23.82	770.18
12/29/09	2678.00	2381.00	50.00	7.41	239.59

Bingo Workers: Tom O'Toole, Anthony Palladino, Daniel Pieloch, Chris Urban, Vin Zaleski, Wayne Dapre, Paul Wojcik, Rich Maloon, Jack LaPaglia, Scott Sebastian, Evelyn Muench, Ben Price, Len LaScala, Chuck Dailey, Mark Gray, Dick Lawler, Jim McGuire, Virginia Pieloch and Frank Jakubowski

Donations: Top Fireman Plague \$45.00, Turkeys \$295.00, Top EMT \$100.00, Top Fireman \$100.00, Scholarship \$100.00, Christmas Party \$1060.00

Expenses: First Call \$313.44, Garbage \$175.43

Message from the Editor

If anyone has something for the 1st Call, please call me at 736-0426 and I will be happy to put it in.

Gail Greco