



American Legion

Utica Post 229

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

Anthony Palladino
Commander

First Call
April 2010

John Driscoll
Membership

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Spring is just around the corner . It will officially be here on March 20, 2010 and on April 1, 2010 trout season opens. I hope everyone had a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to send your census for 2010 in. Very Important.... Utica Post Baseball season will start in June. The schedule will be in May's First Call. Our Bowling Team is doing great. Good Luck guys in the roll off at Vista Lanes in Yorkville on March 21, 2010. We have a junior shooting team. Details will be in next months first call. Myself, Dave Wilson, Frank Cassella, Vince Zalewski and Evelyn McVoy visited The Pines Nursing Home on March 11, 2010. It was very enjoyable. Attn Contractors: We are updating our list, please submit in writing what you can do and insurance coverage, also attach a Business Card.

For God and Country
Anthony Palladino



CHAPLIN'S REPORT
Paul Wojcik

THE MIRACLE OF SPRING

THIS IS A GLORIOUS SPRINGTIME
THE SEASON OF REBIRTH
GOD'S PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE
EVERYWHERE ON EARTH
THE TIME OF RESURRECTION
THE MIRACLE OF SPRING
BEAUTY ALL AROUND US
TO MAKE OUR HEARTS JUST SING

By: Ruth Moyer Gilmour

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEGIONNAIRES

The American Legion celebrated its founding in March. Nearly 1,000 officers and enlisted personnel met in Paris from March 15 to 17, 1919, and adopted a temporary constitution. Following a second caucus in St. Louis in May, Congress granted the Legion a charter as a patriotic veterans organization. Utica Post 229 is nearly as old as the Legion itself. On July 15, 1919, returning World War I veterans met in Utica to form the post. After approval of the application on August 20, 1919, Utica Post 229 became a reality. Ninety-one years later, Utica Post 229 and posts across the country remain the voice of our nation's veterans.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is at 619 paid members. We still need 82 members for 100%, so please send your dues to me soon.

Yours in Service,
John Driscoll, Chairman

HAPPY EASTER
FROM
The Legionnaires, Auxiliary & SAL

Top Cop Award
Will be at the
April Meeting

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

The nominating committee will report back with their nominations at the April meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor for Post Offices for 2010-2011

Thank you... to all the help we had for the Easter Egg Hunt. The auxiliary made cupcakes and helped with serving the food. The Shriner Clowns were there making all sort of things for the children, and then came the Easter Bunny. Everyone was happy to see him. A special THANK YOU to Byrne Dairy and Burger King for their donations.

Jim Haggerty



Dinner Dance

April 10, 2010

H ors d'oeuvres: 5:30PM
 Dinner 7:00pm:
 (Roast Beef Buffet)
 Dancing: 8:00 to Midnight
 Music By: Sonny Farrar
 \$18.00 Per Person

Don't Forget the Blood Bank

There are people in need of blood.
REMEMBER
 You could save a life...

Dates for April

- 1 * Meeting Night: Dinner @ 6:15PM Meeting: 7:30PM
- 2 * Fish Fry 4 to 7:00PM * Legion
- 6 * Bingo @ 6:30PM
- 7 * Blood Bank Noon – 5:00PM
- 9 * Fish Fry 4 – 7:00PM * Memorial Day
- 10 * Dinner Dance
- 11 * 5th District Meeting
- 13 * Bingo @ 6:30PM
- 15 * E-Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- 16 * Fish Fry 4:00 to 7:00PM * Auxiliary
- 17 * Volunteer Dinner
- 18 * Color Guard 10:00AM – 12:00PM
- 20 * Bingo @ 6:30PM
- 21 * Blood Bank 12:00PM until 5:00PM
- 22 * Spaghetti Dinner (Scholarship) 4 until 7:00PM
- 23 * Last Fish Fry 4:00 – 7:00PM * ND NJROTC
- 26 * Poppy Mailing @ 6:00PM
- 27 * Bingo @ 6:30PM

Auxiliary Member, Color Guard Receive Honors

Auxiliary member, Pat Dodge and the post Color guard team were in the spotlight at Post 229's monthly membership meeting Thursday, March 4.

Dodge, the auxiliary's homeland security officer, was surprised when Post commander, Tony Palladino asked Sgt-at-Arms, Dave Manore to escort her to the front of the room – where the commander presented her with a Legion Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication to supporting American Troops in Iran and Afghanistan with shipments of food, snacks, reading material and sports equipment.

Palladino called on the Color Guard team, who marched single-file to the front of the room – where the commander presented them with a New York Department plaque for their first-place showing at the 2009 Department convention.

Legionnaires gave both Pat Dodge and the Color Guard rousing applause.

Drive Nets 1,000 Pounds of Food

The February food drive for "Feed Our Veterans" food pantry resulted in 840 pounds of food being delivered to the pantry at the Veteran's Outreach Center in Utica, Commander Tony Palladino and 1st Vice Commander John Driscoll reported at the monthly membership meeting March 4, 2010. That's enough food to feed 25 struggling vets for a week, Palladino noted. Driscoll added that the post still had additional foodstuff to deliver to the pantry, which would bring the food donations to a total of about 1,000 pounds. "Feed Our Veterans" provides food for hungry veterans who are struggling financially or who are homeless. The food pantry is located at the Utica Center for Development (formerly the YMCA) at 726 Washington St. Utica. (The building also houses the Central NY Veterans Outreach Center, a coffee shop, and "internet café" called The Bunker)



Auxiliary News

March 2010



President's Message

Dear Auxiliary Members:

April is upon us after our long, cold, icy and snowy days. I wish each and everyone of you a very blessed and Happy Easter and "THINK SPRING".

This month will be a busy month for all of us. Friday, April 16, 2010 our auxiliary is having their fish fry. Come and help. Saturday, April 17, 2010 we are having our Volunteer Dinner. We will honor some of our members.

Another year has past and we will once again be having our Poppy mailing. Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:00PM. Help is always needed. Our chairman Eleanor King will show us what to do. It will be fun for all....

The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates for office for the year 2010-2011. They are:

- President – Theresa Jensen
- 1st V-Pres – Celeste Aney
- 2nd V-Pres – Eleanor King
- 3rd V-Pres – Pat Dodge
- Secretary – Rosetta LaPaglia
- Treasurer – Rosaria Haggerty

Nominated at the meeting from the floor were:

- Pres. – Mary Ann Ciccone
- 3rd V Pres – Peggy Kohler

In accordance with Unit By-Laws, nominations are officially closed and voting will take place at the unit meeting on May 6, 2010

Yours in service
Theresa Jensen, President

Chaplain Message

Gail Greco

Our Father Knows What's Best

Each night and day I thank dear God
above

For His sweet grace and boundless love,

I thank Him for each precious day

Allotted me, and as I pray,

I know that though I've far to go,

He'll stand by me and help me grow.

More thoughtful of my fellowman,

Sharing His love as best I can.

And as I drift off into sleep,

He whispers that my soul He'll keep.

Thinking of You

Jane Michel

Lorraine Derella

Louise Pavese

Josephine LaPaglia

Membership Rose Coniglio, Chrm

Our quota for this year is 241. As of now we have 200 paid members. Our percentage is 82.99%. We need 41 members to make 100%. I'm sure with every ones help we will be able to make 100% by April 2010. If everyone paid their dues we would make 100%

Welcome to this new member:

Diana L. Ruggerio

Please mail your dues to:

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

*Miss Poppy For this year will be crowned at
the April 2010 meeting*

Laurel Riordan

Age: 14

She is a Junior Member

*The daughter of
Thomas and Capt. Robyn Riordan
And the Granddaughter of
Roy & Theresa Jensen (Aux Pres)*

Scholarships

Unit Scholarship Applications are due
May 1, 2010

County and Department Applications
are due April 15, 2010

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BINGO REPORT February 2010

Date	Income	Prizes	Expenses	3%	Profit
02/02/10	2951.00	2069.00	21.95	25.80	834.25
02/09/10	2638.50	2613.00	0	.77	24.73
02/16/10	2481.00	1955.00	0	15.78	510.22
02/23/10	1999.00	1866.00	50.00	2.49	80.50

Bingo Workers: Tom Albert Alteri, Stu Bailey, Philip Capraro, Frank Cassella, Mike Cavanaugh, Pat Dodge, Walt Fisher, Jim Haggerty, Al Kohler, Dave Manore, 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, Jim George and Frank Jakubowski

Donations: Theo Bowman \$100.00, Heart Run \$50.00, Salsbury Scholarship \$100.00, Utica Unit Scholarship \$75.00

Expenses: Christmas Party \$26.00, Garbage \$176.08, Legion College \$400.00, Water Bill \$485.37

Message from the Editor

If anyone has something for the 1st Call, please call 736-0426 and I will be happy to put it in. My E-mail is gailgreco@roadrunner.com

Gail Greco