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UTICA POST 229 CALL!

CHRIS URBAN, COMMANDER

APRIL 2012

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP

POST MEETINGS ARE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. (OPTIONAL DINNER AT 6:15)

MEMBERSHIP

Quota:	659
Paid to date:	534
Percentage:	81 %

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- 3 Bingo, 6:30 pm
- 4 Bloodmobile, noon-5
- 5 Monthly Dinner, 6:15
Post Meeting, 7:30 pm
Auxiliary, 7:30 pm
- 6 Fish Fry, 4-7 pm
- 9 Vietnam Vets of Am., 1
- 10 Bingo, 6:30 pm
- 14 Dinner Dance, 6:30
- 16 Poppy Night, 6 pm
- 17 Bingo, 6:30 pm
- 21 DAV, noon
- 24 Bingo, 6:30 pm

MAY

- 1 Bingo, 6:30 pm
- 2 Bloodmobile, noon-5
- 3 Monthly Dinner, 6:15
Post Meeting, 7:30 pm
Auxiliary, 7:30 pm
- 5 Installation Dinner

UTICA POST 229 TO HONOR TOP COPS

Utica Post 229 will announce and honor Police Officers of the Year from the Utica Police Department at the April 5th membership meeting, Law-and-Order Chair Paul Wojcik announced.

Officers who nabbed a homicide suspect will receive the top cop award and another officer heading up the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit will receive special recognition, Wojcik said.

The officers and their families will be guests at the dinner, which gets under way at 6:15 that first Thursday in April. The award presentations will immediately follow dinner, at about 7:30 p.m.



COST OF HALL RENTAL GOES DOWN FOR MEMBERS

Members now get a bigger discount for renting the Post banquet hall, Post Commander Chris Urban announced. The Executive Board approved lowering the banquet hall rental fee from \$200 to \$150. The rental fee for non-members remains at \$250.

For those who contract with the Post to provide catering for any event, the banquet hall rental fee is waived. "In other words, if the Post caters an event, then the hall rental is free, which is a great deal," Urban said. The minimum size of any party has been 50 people, but the Executive Board approved a policy allowing smaller parties with a surcharge (details to come). For some events (such as stag parties and weddings), the Post will allow use of the banquet hall as contracted catered events only.

Banquet hall rentals that are not catered by the Post allow patrons the use of ovens for heating food (not cooking) and the use of coffee and ice machines. The room will be set up the way the customer would like.

For more information, contact Joanne Powers at the post at 793-9277 or at joanne@uticapost229.org.

PANEL TO LIST CANDIDATES AT APRIL MEETING

The nominating committee will present a list of candidates for office for 2012-2013 at the April 5th membership meeting.

The committee is chaired by Past Commander Frank Cassella.

Elections will be held at the May 3rd meeting, with the installation of officers occurring on Saturday, May 5. Cost of attending the installation dinner is \$10 per person.

County Legion officers will be there to conduct the formal installation.



PAUL WOJCIK

Help us to remember
 That you are with us every time
 of perplexity to guide us and direct
 That you are with us every time
 of sorrow to comfort and console
 That you are with us every time
 of temptation to strengthen and inspire
 That you are with us every time
 of loneliness to cheer and befriend
 That you are with us even in death
 to bring us to the glory of your side
 Make us to be certain that there is
 nothing in time or in eternity which can
 separate us from you, so that in your
 presence we may meet life with
 galantry and death without fear
 You turn our darkness into light,
 in your light we shall see light.

REST IN PEACE

John Longo
 Mario Fontaine
 Abraham E. Kallasy

APRIL NOTABLES

April 1 Palm Sunday
 All Fools Day
 April 6 Good Friday
 April 7 Passover
 April 8 Easter
 April 15 INCOME TAXES DUE
 April 16 Patriots Day
 April 22 Earth Day
 April 27 Arbor day

POST MEETINGS

April 5 June 7
 May 3

EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 19 June 21
 May 17



COMMANDER'S CALL

CHRIS URBAN

A MONTH OF BRAVO ZULUS

Bravo Zulu to the Cadets from both Notre Dame and Proctor NJROTC Units. Each Friday during Lent these cadets volunteered to wait on tables, bus tables, reset tables, and clean at the Post 229 Lenten Fish Fries; without their help we probably would not be able to have Lenten Fish Fries.

BRAVO ZULU to Jim George and Jeff Badger for anchoring the kitchen for our Lenten Fish Fries; they have consistently produced excellent food each Friday during Lent.

BRAVO ZULU to Joanne Powers for organizing and supervising a group of volunteer Post 229 members who repainted the Post Bar.

BRAVO ZULU to the

Post 229 Color Guard for a great performance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

BRAVO ZULU to the Post 229 Auxiliary for a great job hosting the County Legion Auxiliary Meeting on March 17.

I hope that the great Spring weather has everyone feeling rejuvenated and re-energized.

For God and Country...

BINGO REPORT

Date	Income	Prizes	Expenses	3%	Profit
1/1/12	\$2618	\$1965	\$25	\$13.89	\$449.16
1/3/12	\$2570	\$1971		\$17.97	\$581.03
1/10/12	\$2651	\$1963		\$20.64	\$667.36
1/17/12	\$2434	\$1924		\$15.30	\$494.70
1/24/12	\$2883	\$2033		\$24.75	\$800.03
1/31/12	\$3009	\$1993		\$29.73	\$961.27
2/7/12	\$3624	\$2747	\$25	\$26.31	\$850.69
2/14/12	\$2324	\$1930		\$5.37	\$173.68
2/21/12	\$2971	\$2017		\$12.82	\$414.38
2/28/12	\$2651	\$2263		\$10.89	\$352.11

BINGO WORKERS

- Albert Alteri.
- Jim Haggerty.
- Tony Palladino.
- Stu Bailey.
- Frank Jakubowski.
- Dan and Virginia Pieloch.
- Steve Campese.
- Al and Peggy Kohler.
- Scott Sebastian.
- Phil Capraro.
- Jack LaPaglia.
- Bob Stratton.
- Frank Cassella.
- Rich Maloon.
- Chris Urban.
- Chuck Dailey.
- Dave Manore.
- Paul Wojcik.
- Wayne DaPre.
- Jim McGuire.
- Jerry/Grace Welpe.
- Pat Dodge.
- Tom O'Toole.
- Vin Zaleski.
- Jim George.

EXTRA VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

JANUARY

EXPENSES: First Call \$551.29, Garbage \$186.55.

JANUARY

DONATIONS: Post Bowling Team \$242.65, Post Christmas parties \$647.51, Utica Unit 229 \$100, Maintenance Fund \$1406.

FEBRUARY

EXPENSES: Tom Norton Bingo Supplies \$296, Clemente \$230.80, MVWA \$536.61.

FEBRUARY

DONATIONS: Humane Society \$150, Notre Dame NJROTC \$2000, Utica Post 229 Baseball \$3000.



THERESA JENSEN, PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP AT 87.21%

BY ROSE A. CONIGLIO

We are making progress -- we have gone from 173 paid members to 191 in the past month.

With our quota for 2012 at 219, we are at 87.21 percent of goal. We need 28 new members/renewals to make 100 percent.

If you haven't paid your \$15 dues for 2012, please do so and help us reach our goal. Make checks out to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 229 and send to:

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

Thank you !

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THERESA JENSEN



Dear Auxiliary Members,

April is upon us after our lovely winter. I wish each and every one of you a very blessed and "Happy Easter" and a wonderful "Spring."

Another year has "passed" and we will once again be having our "Poppy mailing on Monday", April 16 at 6 p.m. Come and help. Our chairman this year is Peggy Kohler.

The nominating committee presented the slate of candidates for office for 2012-2013.

Nominated were:

- Peggy Kohler, *President*
- Pat Dodge, *1st Vice President*
- Donna Wojcik, *2nd Vice President*
- Rosetta LaPaglia, *Secretary*
- Pam Vogel, *Treasurer*

In accordance with Unit By-laws, nominations are officially closed, and the election will take place at the unit meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Yours in service...



GAIL GRECO

Winter Angel

She brings with her such
beauty
Pristine and snowy white
Gentle flakes so softly falling
Glistening brightly in the
night.

A gentle flapping of her wings
Will bring the drifting flow
To cover all beneath her
With the lovely falling snow.
Interlaced with diamonds
And threads of silver lace
Each flake transforms the
earth
Into such a lovely place.

~ Charlotte Anselmo ~

SYMPATHY

Josephine LaPaglia

GET WELL SOON

Nancy Nudo

HELP POPPY NIGHT

The Auxiliary needs volunteers to help address and stuff envelopes on Monday, April 16 for the annual poppy fundraiser mailing. "Poppy Night" begins at 6 p.m. at the post.

Around Memorial Day, red crepe paper poppies -- handmade by veterans as part of therapeutic rehabilitation -- are distributed in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans.

APRIL DINNER DANCE BOASTS ROAST PORK BUFFET AND DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF SONNY FARRAR

The April Dinner Dance is on Saturday, April 14, at Post 229.

Social hour starts at 6 with open bar.

Dinner is at 7, featuring roast pork on the buffet.

Dancing is from 8 to midnight, with music by Sonny Farrar.

Tickets are \$22.

Contact Dinner Dance Chair Rose Coniglio at 735-9091, or stop in at the post.



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Since its founding in Paris in 1919, The American Legion has been an advocate for America's veterans, a friend of the U.S. military, a sponsor of community-based programs for young people and a spokesman for patriotic values.

EX-MARINE TELLS HOLLYWOOD HOW TO DO IT RIGHT

Dale A. Dye (right) received the 2012 American Legion National Commander's Public Relations Award at the Washington Conference in February for working to change the portrayal of military men and women in film and television. The retired captain and decorated combat veteran of Vietnam and Beirut has had a post-military career in Hollywood that is heralded by many in an industry not noted for its deeply held military values. Shortly after retiring from the service, Dye moved to California, where he became a military technical advisor and actor. One of his first films, 1986's "Platoon," won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Another film, "Saving Private Ryan," was selected by a survey conducted by The American Legion Magazine as the "Best War Film Ever."

Dye founded Warriors, Inc., a company dedicated to "changing the way



Hollywood conceives, produces and presents military films and TV programs." Author of numerous books and screenplays, he is a longtime member of Legion Post 30 in Lincoln, N.C.

"I just decided that I was tired of seeing the depiction of the American

military and the American veteran in movies and television that was just not what I knew from my own experience," he said in an interview. "... I said this was unfair. It upset my sense of decorum."

-- by John Raughter, American Legion