



American Legion

Utica Post 229

409 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13502

Telephone (315) 793-9377

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

Anthony Palladino
Commander

First Call
March 2010

John Driscoll
Membership

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Rebecca DePerno on her placing as runner up in the Oratorical Competition. Good Job...

If your 2010 membership is past due, PLEASE send dues in.

February 6th a JROTC shooting competition was held at our post. Proctor and Notre Dame did well.

There was a Food Drive for the entire month of February for the Veterans Outreach Center and the Food Pantry.

Dave Wilson, Evelyn McVoy, Frank Cassella, Vincent Zaleski and I visited our adopted nursing home, The Pines, on February 11, 2010 to bring some cheer to the Veterans. A good time was had by all.

Military ID cards are now being processed at Griffiss. You must call for an appointment, 315-709-5297.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU PARK IN THE HANDICAP AREA AT THE POST, MAKE SURE YOUR HANDICAP STICKER IS VISABLE. THANK YOU.....

For God and Country
Anthony Palladino
Commander



CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Paul Wojcik

Oh give us pleasure in the flowers today
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night
And make us happy in the happy bees

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill

For this is love and nothing else is love
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will
But which it only needs that we fulfill
Robert Frost

SICK LIST
Jim Dundon
Virgil Taverne

REST IN PEACE
Alois Vogel

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, 2010

Amelia Earhart and Post 229

Did you know that Post 229 successfully lobbied for the creation of the Utica Municipal Airport and sponsored a meeting that featured aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart in 1928?

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications for the Oneida County Legion Scholarship and the Auxiliary Heather Haggerty Memorial Scholarship are available on the post website, uticapost229.org. The county Legion Scholarship is for college-bound students and the auxiliary scholarship is for students planning to attend or already enrolled in college. The Deadlines for submitting the applications are April 15th and May 1st, respectively.

MEMBERSHIP

**As of February 15, 2010
We only need 82 members for 100%**

**John Driscoll
Chairman**

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

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 following were elected to serve as the nominating committee for post officers for the 2010-2011 legion year: Mike Cavanugh, Robert Stronach, Calvin Anacker, Bennie Price and John Stenton. Anyone wishing to become a post officer should contact some one from the committee. They will report back at the April Meeting. Also anyone can be nominated from the floor at this meeting.



Dinner Dance

March 6, 2010

Hors d'oeuvres: 5:30PM
 Dinner 7:00pm: Italian Buffet
 Dancing: 8:00 to Midnight
 Music By: Jeff Glatt
 \$18.00 Per Person

SAVE THIS DATE !!!

Utica Post will host a Spaghetti Dinner
 for Scholarships

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

Don't Forget the Blood Bank

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

Dates for March

- 2 – Bingo @ 6:30PM
- 3 - Blood Bank – Noon to 5:00pm
- 4 - Meeting Night: Dinner @ 6:15PM
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 – D.A.V.
- 16 - Bingo @ 6:30PM
- 17 - Blood Bank from Noon until 5:00PM
- 18 - Admin. Meeting @ 7:00PM
E-Board Meeting @ 7:30PM
- 19 - Fish Fry from 4:00 until 7:00PM - Legion
- 23 - Bingo @ 6:30PM
- 26 - Fish Fry from 4:00 to 7:00PM - Auxliary
- 27 - Easter Egg Hunt – Noon to 3:00PM
- 30 - Bingo @ 6:30

CHECK OUT POST'S WEBSITE

Members can checkout the latest news and information from Utica Post 229 on the post's new website – www.UticaPost229.org

“You can enjoy news stories, check out upcoming events, and find out basic information about the Post, the auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion,” said Post Commander Anthony Palladino.

“You can also find a scholarship application on the website as well as a new member application for the Legion.”

Among the news and features:

- Orator competes at District competition
- Post boasts a family of Legionnaires
- Auxiliary adopts troops
- Post participates at NY's Mid-Winter Conference
- Post's expanded range leads to JROTC shooting competition
- Post holds February food drive
- Post donates to Haiti relief
- Post honors top firefighters
- Post hosts county meeting
- Member inducted unto Historical Hall of Fame
- Post adopts nursing home
- Post remembers Veteran's Day
- A year-in-review in pictures
- A Rescue Mission report on homeless vets.
- Salvation Army helps homeless Iraq vet.

In the “about us” section, visitors will find a brief history of the post, information on the color guard and bowling team, photos of the post and auxiliary officers, and a list of SAL officers.

Webmaster is Bob Stronach. He may be contacted at bob.stronach@uticapost229.org



Auxiliary News

March 2010



President's Message

Dear Auxiliary Members:

At the February Unit Meeting, a nominating committee was elected to nominate a slate of officers for the coming year, 2010-2011. Elected to the committee were Donna Wojcik, Rosetta LaPaglia and Dorothy Bailey. In March at the unit meeting the committee will present their slate of officers, and at that time, anyone wishing to seek office may be nominated from the floor as long as she is a member in good standing in the auxiliary.

March 26th is the next Auxiliary Fish Fry. Ladies, you will be getting a phone call and will be asked to bake for this Fish Fry. Our customers have come to enjoy dessert after dinner.

March 27th, the post will host an Easter Party for all the children. As usual there will be food, candy and entertainment. Our lovely auxiliary members will be helping out, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and also a very Happy Easter.

Theresa Jensen
Auxiliary 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

National Security Pat Dodge Chairman

Pat Dodge would like to thank those who baked cookies for the troops to be sent overseas. We are now also sending treats to several of our own post members' children and grandchildren. It brings great joy to them to know that we are thinking of them and support what they are sacrificing for; The boys really enjoyed getting the notes from everyone in their Christmas stocking sent to them for Christmas. Also Pat is cooking lunches for the "229 Family" only on the second Tuesday of the month due to a lack of interest.

We hope to see you there.

Thanks, Pat

Membership Rose Coniglio, Chrm

Our quota for this year is 241. As of now we have 195 paid members. Our percentage is 80.91%. We need 46 members to make 100%. I'm sure with every one's help we will be able to make 100%. By April 2010.. Your dues cannot be accepted unless 2009 are paid.

Welcome to these new members:

Patricia R. Suita
Rochelle M. Walkowicz

Please mail your dues to:

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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

There are many scholarships awarded each year to a member, daughter/son, grandchild or great grandchild of veterans living and deceased. Please call me and I will get to you any scholarship applications that you may qualify for. There are dead lines so please call ASAP.

You can also get scholarships on the Utica Post Website.

Rosaria Haggerty
Chairman, 866-5950

THOUGHT:

The victories of the past
give courage for the future.

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BINGO REPORT January 2010

Date	Income	Prizes	Expenses	3%	Profit
01/01/10	3788.00	2217.00	0	47.13	1523.87
01/05/10	2386.00	1934.00	311.65	4.21	136.14
01/12/10	2984.00	2042.00	0	28.26	913.74
01/19/10	2265.00	1958.00	91.80	6.46	208.74
01/26/10	2695.00	2038.00	50.00	18.21	588.79

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 and Frank Jakubowski

Donations: Oratorical Contest \$100.00, YMCA \$100.00, Scholarship \$75.00, NDNJROTC \$5000.00, Proctor NJROTC

Expenses: First Call \$342.21, Garbage \$175.03

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