



American Legion

Utica Post 229

409 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13502

(315) 793-9377 * www.uticapost229.org

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

Anthony Palladino
Commander

First Call
May 2010

John Driscoll
Membership

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legionnaires:

I hope everyone had a very Happy Easter. May 9th we celebrate Mother's Day. Don't forget to do something special for your mother or the mother of your children.

Our Post will have Wreath Laying on Memorial Day and after that the post will have a luncheon. Our Color Guard will march in the Memorial Day Parade in Whitesboro and Utica. The Color guard has some openings and we will train you to become part of an outstanding color guard. They have been New York State Champions two years in a row. If interested, leave your name and phone number at the post.

I am asking all our members to help keep the post clean from cigarette butts. As a member, if you bring a guest to our post you are responsible to sign the Guest Book and be present with your guest. This is your post to use and enjoy. If there are any problems please let me know.

Please pray to keep our military safe in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For God and Country
Anthony Palladino



CHAPLIN'S REPORT Paul Wojcik

Our deeds are bright as flowers
and our prayers help clear the way
every kindness that is rendered
will help make a brighter day.

So tend your garden daily
remove all the useless weeds
then look for god's assistance
to bless and meet your needs.

REST IN PEACE
Allen Vidler
Frank Sportelli

Utica Post #229 Attention: All Cooks

Anyone interested in applying for the cooks position for Fish Fries, please submit a brief resume to Jim Haggerty no later than May 28th. Your job will be to cook and prepare food for our fish fry. Also to over see the operation of the kitchen during the fish fries. Rate of pay is \$.90 per meal prepared. You can leave your resume with any bartender or give it directly to Jim.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is a year round program. Please send in your membership as soon as possible. It would be nice to make 100%.

Yours in Service,
John Driscoll

Utica Post #229 will host the installation of officers on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 6:00PM
Reservations are due no later than May 9, 2010.

Thought for the Day!

The victories of the past,
give courage for the
future...

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 MAY

05/02 * Color Guard 10AM – 12PM
 05/04 * Bingo @ 6:30PM
 05/05 * Blood Bank 12PM – 5PM
 05/06 * Meeting Night * Dinner @ 6:15PM
 Meeting @ 7:30PM
 05/11 * Bingo @ 6:30PM
 05/14 * Installation Dinner @ 6PM
 05/18 * Bingo @ 6:30PM
 05/19 * Blood Bank 12PM – 5PM
 05/20 * E-Board Meeting @ 7PM
 05/23 * Color Guard 10AM – 12PM
 05/31 * Memorial Day Luncheon

**Nominations for 2010-2011
 Post Officers**

Commander: Anthony Palladino
 V-Commanders: John Driscoll
 Chris Urban
 Lenny LaScala
 Dave Manore
 Adjutant: Jim George
 Treasurer: James Haggerty
 Chaplin: Paul Wojcik
 Historian: Bob Stronach
 Service Officer : David H. Wilson
 Sgt-At-Arms: John Stenson
 Rich Maloon
 Judge Advocate: Albert Alteri

Executive Board for 2010 – 2011

Frank Cassella Bennie Price
 Thomas O’Toole Vincent Zaleski
 Jack LaPaglia

UTICA POST 229
2010 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

JUNE

06/03/10 Thu @ Ilion * 9 Inn * 5PM * @HCCC
 06/05/10 Sat @ Oneida * 12PM @ Oneida HS
 06/06/10 Sun Sacketts Harbor * DH * 1PM @ Murnan
 06/08/10 Tue @ Sherrill * 6PM @ Noyes Park
 06/10/10 Thu Ilion * 6PM @ Murnane
 06/12/10 Sat @ Anaconda * DH * 1PM @ Schenectady
 06/13/10 Sun Rayson Miller * DH * 12PM @ Murnane
 06/15/10 Tue Clonan * 6PM @ Murnane
 06/16/10 Wed Love * 6PM @ Murnane
 06/17/10 Thu New Hartford * 6PM @ Murnane
 06/19/10 Sat vs. Bath * 3:15PM @ Erie CCNorth, Buffalo, NY
 06/19/10 Sat vs. Lamm * 8:30PM @ Pepsi Center, Buffalo, NY
 06/20/10 Sun vs. Ottawa * 12:15PM @ Pepsi Center, Buffalo, NY
 06/20/10 Sun Play-offs (if qualify) 3PM Buffalo, NY
 06/22/10 Tue Roberts * 3PM @ Murnane
 06/23/10 Wed Whitestown * 6PM @ Murnane
 06/24/10 Thu Adrean * 7PM @ Murnane
 06/28/10 Mon Oneonta * 6PM @ Murnane
 06/29/10 Tue @ Helmuth Ingalls 6PM @ Clinton HS

Utica Post 229 Honors Top Cops

UTICA – Two Utica police officers dashed into a burning James Street building last September and evacuated as many occupants as they could. For that courageous action, The American Legion’s Utica Post 229 is honoring them as Police Officers of the Year, Post Commander Anthony Palladino announced .

The honorees, who received the awards at the post’s monthly meeting on Thursday, April 1, are:

- **Scott Berger**, a six-year veteran of the Police Department.
- **Michael Petrie**, a rookie who has been with the department for about a year.

The officers were nominated by their immediate supervisor, Sgt. John Martello, who said the pair found heavy smoke and flames coming out of the apartment house when they arrived at about 1:37 a.m. They saw a few people huddled by the front door, and got them away from the building. Then, “without regard to their safety,” Sergeant Martello said in the nomination, the officers ran into the structure and pounded on doors on the first, second and third floors, yelling to residents to get out. After that, they went around to the rear of the structure, where they found a few more people and got them away from the building. Then they tried to enter the back door, but heavy smoke and flames kept them out; and a short time later, an explosion blew out the rear door and sent the officers scrambling for safety.

Four people died in that blaze. Eighteen people lived in the building.

“If it weren’t for these two officers running into the building, full of smoke and flames, and getting people out, the death toll would have been much greater,” Police Chief Mark Williams said at the awards presentation.

Paul Wojcik, the post’s law-and-order chair, handed the awards to Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Mike Bailey, so they could personally present them to Berger and Petrie.

The awards ceremony followed a dinner attended by Legionnaires, auxiliary members, the families of both honorees, and, in addition to the chief and deputy chief, a number of people from the department, including fellow officers and Public Safety Commissioner Daniel LaBella.

Scholarship Committee for 2010 – 2011

Vincent Zaleski * Thomas O’Toole * Jim McQuire
 David Wilson * Paul Wojcik



Auxiliary News

May 2010



President's Message

Dear Auxiliary Members:

On Thursday, May 6, 2010 there will be an election of new officers and executive board members. Please come and vote.

Poppy mailing night was held on April 26, 2010 and it was a great success. I would like to sincerely thank everyone that helped.

At the April meeting our Junior Miss Poppy, Laurel Riordan, was crowned. She made a wonderful appearance.

As my year winds down as your President, let me take this time to thank each and everyone of you for your support, encouragement and most of all your help. Our veterans, our children and our community have benefited because of your great dedication and service to this great organization. My sincere gratitude to our Commander, Anthony Palladino, and all the legionnaires at Utica Post #229 for all their help they have given us. I wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

On this Memorial Day and every day remember our veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so we may live free.

Yours in service
Theresa Jensen, President

Chaplain Message

Gail Greco

Pathway to the Lord

If you feel a strong need
For the Lord to be there
But have never partaken
In the practice of prayer.
You don't need a talent
For well-chosen words
For the needs of your heart
By the Lord to be heard
So with trust, cast aside
Shortcomings and fears
The Lord's always ready
To dry bitter tears
Sweet peace will unfold
As you follow the path
To total elation
And joys that can last
By: Catherine Janssen Irwin

Thinking of You

Jane Michel
Lorraine Derella
Louise Pavese
Josephine LaPaglia

Nominating Committee report:

At the April 1st unit meeting, the Nominating Committee presented an amended slate of Vice Presidents for the year 2010-2011. They are:

- 1st Vice President - Eleanor King
- 2nd Vice President - Pat Dodge
- 3rd Vice President - Peggy Kohler

Elections for all offices will be held at the unit meeting on May 6.

Membership Rose Coniglio, Chrm

Our quota this year is 241. As of now we have 203 paid members. That amount includes (5) new members. We are at 84.24%. We need 38 more to make 100%. I'm sure if everyone who hasn't paid their dues will do so we can make 100%\$ by May.

Thought For the Day

*Lord, help me watch the words I say
And keep them few and sweet,
For I don't know from day to day
Which ones I'll have to eat.*

PLEASE MAIL YOUR DUES TO:
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BINGO REPORT March 2010

Date	Income	Prizes	Expenses	3%	Profit
03/02/10	2911.00	2097.00	0	24.42	789.58
03/09/10	2773.00	2438.00	0	10.05	324.95
03/16/10	2577.00	2016.00	0	16.83	544.17
03/23/10	2582.00	2003.00	0	17.37	561.63
3/30/10	2590.00	2023.00	50.00	15.51	501.49

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: Scholarship \$75.00, Easter Paraty \$367.41, Mohawk Fire Dept \$300.00, Humane Society \$100.00, Pine Hills Vets \$62.00, Veterans Outreach Center \$200.00, St. Patricks Day parade \$100.00 Ray Sinnott Memorial \$100.00, Baseball \$3,000.00, Salvation Army \$150.00, Armory \$100.00, NY Council \$100.00 and Wolber Golf Tourn \$100.00

Expenses: 1st Call \$317.26, Garbage \$277.77 and Bingo Paper \$647.55