



THE AMERICAN LEGION

UTICA POST 229

FIRST CALL!

BILL SEQUIN, COMMANDER

APRIL 2022

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP

293 SO FAR TOWARD 333 GOAL

Our updated quota is 333. We have 293 members paid to date, which puts us at 87% of goal.

Please renew now, and invite a veteran friend or family member to join.

The new Department of New York roster gets printed in April. Do not lose all the accumulated years.

Welcome all new members, and transfers!

For God and Country
-- Jack LaPaglia

POST MEETING

1st Thursday (Apr 7)
Dinner, 6; meeting, 7

COMMANDER

Bill Sequin

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Larry Weibel

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Robert Stronach

ADJUTANT

Len Lascala

TREASURER

Robert Stronach

CHAPLAIN

Paul Wojcik

HISTORIAN

Connery Zaleski

EXECUTIVE BOARD

John Stenson

Stewart Bailey

Ed Jackson

Jack LaPaglia

Vin Zaleski

Doug Rocker

ZITI DINNER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



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A ziti dinner to benefit the Utica Post 229 Scholarship Fund takes place April 28 from 4 p.m. until sold out, Scholarship Chair Zeke Zaleski announced.

The cost is \$10 per person. Dinner will be in the Post hall, with take-outs available.

The annual fundraiser helps make it possible to award two \$1,000 scholarships each year to high school seniors headed to college in the fall.

Said Zeke: "Thank you for your continued support."



COMMANDER'S CALL

BILL SEQUIN

NEW FACES AT MEETING

A few more members turned out for the March general membership meeting. It was good to see new and new-old faces. We recounted how we made improvements to the Post building, just prior to and during the COVID-19 pandemic, even when activities were suspended. For example, we have new kitchen equipment, new bingo machine, new big flat TV screens mounted, a new roof, and a new floor. We're ready to accept hall rentals.

BOYS STATE, LEGION COLLEGE

We also discussed how the Post planned to

send four high school students from Notre Dame and Proctor to Boys State and three members to American Legion Family College. Both of those summer activities take place at Morrisville State College.

ED FOR COUNTY COMMANDER

The membership passed resolutions to formally nominate three members to positions on the Oneida County Legion level. They are: Ed Jackson to become county commander; myself to serve on the county executive board, and Paul Wojcik to serve as county chaplain.

NOMINATIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At the April membership meeting the Nominating Committee will present its selection for Post Officers for the 2022-2023 year, Committee Chair Jack LaPaglia said.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

“Once nominations are closed you can only be nominated by submitting a petition to the Post Adjutant at least 10 days prior to the election (no later than April 25),” he explained. “The petition must contain the name of the person and the office he or she is being nominated for. It must be signed by 25 Post members in good standing.”

The election and installation of officers will take place at the May meeting.

ONEIDA INDIAN NATION OFFERS FREE GOLF LESSONS FOR VETERANS

Upstate New York veterans can register for free golf instruction from Turning Stone’s certified PGA Professionals this spring as part of the Oneida Nation’s partnership with PGA HOPE, the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. Weekly classes are available from April 25 to June 18 at a variety of days and times at the Turning Stone Golf Dome and Sportsplex.

“I am excited for the 2022 PGA HOPE season,” noted Turning Stone Assistant Golf Professional Ryan McGinnis. “This year will be a little different in how PGA HOPE will be offered. We will be doing three sessions. Similar to the past years, anyone who has served our great nation can participate and you can participate as many times as you want!”

He described what’s new to 2022:

- Smaller Classes – Each class will be limited to 8 participants. This will allow for a one-on-one environment.
- More Classes – We will have more offerings during the week, with intro classes being available to those people who are new to the program.
- Longer Sessions – Each session will now be 6 weeks.
- “Help us grow this program to over 100 vets per session.”

CLASS DATES & TIMES: TO REGISTER EMAIL:

Ryan.McGinnis@turningstonecasino.net. Include full name, phone number and email address

Session 1: April 25 – June 4 (6 Weeks) – Participants will pick one class and stick with that for the 6 weeks.

Tuesday: 9 – 10 a.m.

Tuesday: 4 – 5 p.m. (Beginning Class)

Wednesday: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Wednesday: 2 – 3 p.m. (Beginning Class)

Thursday: 3 – 4 p.m.

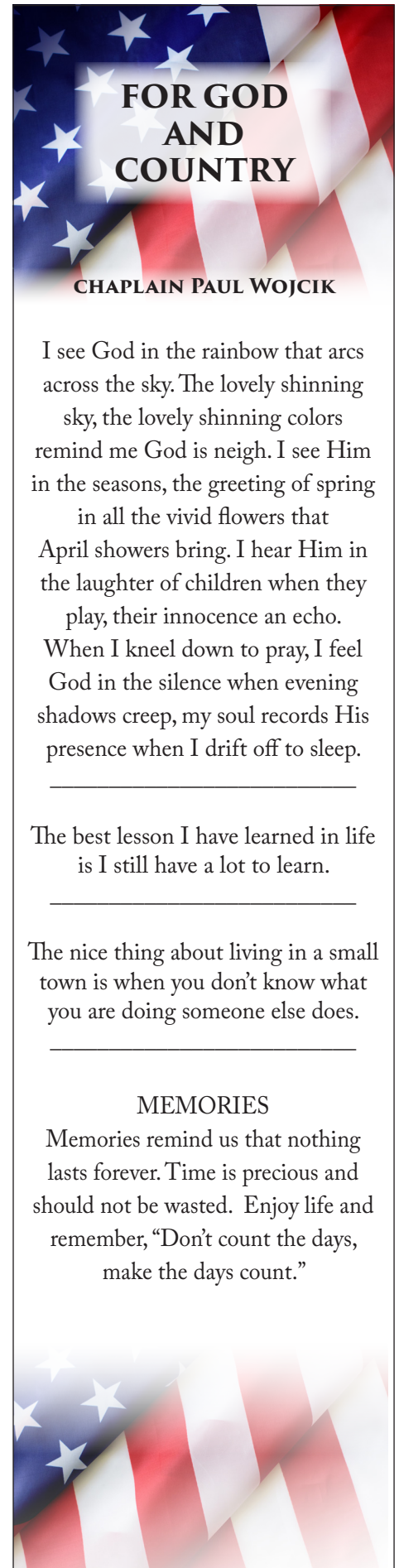
Thursday: 4 – 5 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Beginning Class)

Friday: 12 – 1 p.m.

Saturday: 1 – 2 p.m.

Saturday: 2 – 3 p.m. (Beginning Class)



**FOR GOD
AND
COUNTRY**

CHAPLAIN PAUL WOJCIK

I see God in the rainbow that arcs
across the sky. The lovely shinning
sky, the lovely shinning colors
remind me God is neigh. I see Him
in the seasons, the greeting of spring
in all the vivid flowers that
April showers bring. I hear Him in
the laughter of children when they
play, their innocence an echo.
When I kneel down to pray, I feel
God in the silence when evening
shadows creep, my soul records His
presence when I drift off to sleep.

The best lesson I have learned in life
is I still have a lot to learn.

The nice thing about living in a small
town is when you don't know what
you are doing someone else does.

MEMORIES

Memories remind us that nothing
lasts forever. Time is precious and
should not be wasted. Enjoy life and
remember, “Don’t count the days,
make the days count.”



DOROTHY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOROTHY BAILEY

Dear Members,

Spring has arrived and it brings many activities to our Unit. We hope to see many of you at our monthly meetings, 6:30 p.m.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Rose Coniglio and Sue Sessa for their generous donations added to our bingo fund.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations of officers for 2022-2023 were taken at our March general meeting. Nominated were:

President - Dorothy Bailey
1st Vice President- Kathy Perritano
2nd Vice President- Barbara Chudy
Secretary - Rosetta LaPaglia
Treasurer- Ruth Wilcox

Additional nominations can be taken from the floor at our April meeting.

Executive Committee nominations were: Theresa Jensen, Ginger Pieloch, Rosaria Haggerty, and Pam Vogel.

COUNTY MEETING

Anyone wanting to attend the county meeting on Saturday, April 23 should call Rosetta LaPaglia for reservations @ 315-797-8653.

Thank you for your support and have a Happy Easter!

Yours in service.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THERESA JENSEN

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. Happy Easter!

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Our deepest sympathy to Barbara Chudy for the lost of her brother, Ray Romanick.

153 MEMBERS SO FAR

We are now at 89% of quota and climbing! Our quota is 171, and we now have 153 paid members for 2022!

Continue to send in your dues, either by mailing them to the post, or going online to www.deptny.org and renew.

One thing I have to stress is that when paying dues, **it is highly advisable not to leave cash at the bar.** The post has many bartenders and it is not their job to see that your dues reach me or Dept. of NY. Earlier this year, cash dues left at the bar were lost and neither the member nor I knew about it until the member wondered why her dues weren't paid and called National. I then received a call from Dept. notifying me of this. Dept told me that people leaving cash at the post bars is a problem throughout Oneida County, and now our unit has to make up that lost money.

The safest ways to pay dues is to either mail them in with a check, preferably along with your renewal notice, or by paying online with a credit card. It is easy and safe. As always, thank you for your continued support!

*-- Yours in service,
Rosetta LaPaglia*

Bingo gets underway at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, with doors opening a couple of hours earlier. Volunteers are needed; please consider helping out once or twice a month.

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LOOK FOR POPPIES IN APRIL



By Ginger Pieloch, Poppy Committee Chairperson

The image of the poppy is connected with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans.

The Auxiliary Utica Unit 229 will be mailing poppies, handmade by handicapped veterans, to all members of the Post and Auxiliary in April.

Members will be asked to wear the poppy on Memorial

Day to show support for all veterans, those who are now serving and those who have given their "all" to protect the liberties we enjoy every day.

All proceeds from the Poppy Program will benefit the many Auxiliary projects that support the Post, veterans and service men and women and their families.

Thank you for supporting the 2022 Poppy Program!

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