



THE AMERICAN LEGION

UTICA POST 229

FIRST CALL!

LARRY WEIBEL, COMMANDER

APRIL 2024

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP



POST, SQUADRON PRESENT PROPOSED SLATES

The general membership meeting on Thursday, May 2, will feature the election of Post officers for 2024-2025. The following slate is being offered:

Commander: Larry Weibel
1st Vice Commander: Bob Stronach
2nd Vice Commander: Ed Jackson
3rd Vice Commander: Sam Falvo
Adjutant: Len Lascala
Treasurer: Dan Bowens
Chaplain: Paul Wojcik

Appointed Offices:
Historian: Pauline Bright
Sgt. @ Arms: (to be determined)

Executive Board:
Bill Sequin
Jack LaPaglia
Stewart Bailey
Vin Zaleski
John Stenson

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron is proposing the following slate of officers for 2024-2025.

Commander: Dave Valentine
1st Vice Commander: Jim Baker
2nd Vice Commander: Ryan O'Dell
3rd Vice Commander: Mike Bielec
Adjutant: Mike Crigger
Chaplain: Rick Furner
Treasurer: Joe Gagnon
Sgt-at-Arms: Dick Ambrose

LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

1st Thursday
(April 4 & May 2)
Dinner, 6:30; meetings, 7.

TUESDAY BINGO STARTS AT 6:15

Volunteers are needed.
Please consider helping out once or twice a month.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

The Post offers fish fries and other specials every Friday evening.
See weekly menu at facebook.com/UticaPost229



COMMANDER'S CALL

LARRY WEIBEL

Renew membership now, take advantage of multi-year option

Membership Chair Jack LaPaglia reports that our membership is currently at 273, or 85% of our goal. Renewals can be made online or here at the Post.

An increase in membership dues takes effect July 1, but The American Legion is offering the option of renewing your membership for up to three years at the current rate.

The same multi-year option is available to new members, too.

Check out the details on Page 2.

MULTI-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

Over 10,100 American Legion members have selected the new three-year membership option and you can too, American Legion national headquarters reports.

Need to renew for 2025 before the July 1, 2024, national per-capita dues increase? You can easily renew or join now with a multiyear for 2025, 2026 and 2027. Here's how:

- For renewals, visit legion.org/renew and select the three-year membership option.
- For new joins, visit legion.org/join and select the three-year membership option.

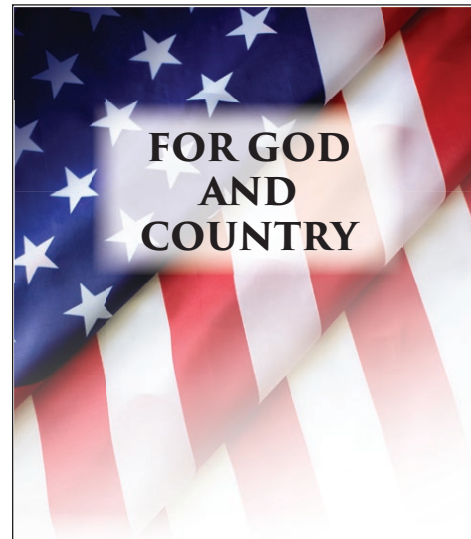
Reminders about multiyear membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website (legion.org/renew and legion.org/join). Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.
- Payment for the three-year membership is upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership; just the current rate before the dues increase.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal

LOCK IN
MULTI-YEAR
MEMBERSHIP
RENEW TODAY

and select the
three-year
membership
option.

VISIT LEGION.ORG/RENEW



FOR GOD
AND
COUNTRY

CHAPLAIN PAUL WOJCIK

I see God in the rainbow
that arcs across the sky.
The lovely shining colors
remind me God is neigh.
I see Him in the seasons,
the greeting of spring in
all the vivid flowers that
April brings. I hear Him in
the laughter of children
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.

WORDS OF ADVICE

Take it day by day,
be grateful for the little
things. Don't stress over
what you can't control.

NOTICE

If you notice this notice, you
will notice that this notice is
not worth noticing.





DOROTHY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOROTHY BAILEY

Hello....Can you believe it's already SPRING!

It gives me great pleasure I will be working with the Unit officers, commiitte chairs, and the executive team. They are loyal, and sincere in their efforts to keep our Unit strong and a sincere feeling of family.

Our Unit donated \$100, and baby clothes were bought for Lucy's House, a YWCA shelter for abused women. Members also contributed extra items.

Members donated warm clothing to assist the Morrow Warming Center at Cornerstone Plymouth Bethesda

Church. Thank you to everyone that donated.

Reminder - if you are planning to attend a monthly meeting and want to have dinner, please call in your reservations 315-793-9377. This information helps Michelle plan the menu.

Also, if you are planning to attend our County meeting on April 20 at the Post, call Rosetta at 315-797-8653. Thank you!

Yours in service.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2024-2025

Nominations of officers for the year 2024-2025 were taken at our March meeting. Nominated were:

- President: Dorothy Bailey
- 1st Vice President: Ginger Pieloch
- Secretary: Rosetta LaPaglia
- Treasurer: Pam Vogel

If any member in good standing would like to hold office, please inform the secretary at least 10 days before elections at our May regular monthly meeting.

*Yours in service,
Rosetta LaPaglia*

Craft Show

Saturday, April 27

10 to 4

*Crafts, vendors
and food.*

**Please come out
to support our
Legion Post.**



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