



THE AMERICAN LEGION

UTICA POST 229

# FIRST CALL!

LARRY WEIBEL, COMMANDER

MAY/JUNE 2024

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP



## JOIN US FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

Utica Post 229 will hold Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 27, laying wreaths at the Post and at monuments around Utica. Other veteran organizations will join Utica Post; among them, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Post is arranging bus transportation. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 9:45 a.m. A ceremony outside the Post will precede boarding buses at 10:30.

After leaving the Post, wreath-laying ceremonies will be at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Oneida Square, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Memorial Parkway, the POW-MIA Monument on the Parkway, the World War I/World War II/Korean War Monument on the Parkway, the Utica Memorial Auditorium, the Purple Heart Park in West Utica, and the All Veterans Memorial at Utica's Main Post Office on Pitcher Street.

After returning to the Post, participants will enjoy a buffet lunch.

### LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (June 6)  
Dinner, 6:30; meetings, 7.  
*No meetings July & August*

### TUESDAY BINGO STARTS AT 6:15

Volunteers are needed.

### FRIDAY FISH FRY

Fish fry and other specials  
on Friday evenings.  
See weekly menu at  
[facebook.com/UticaPost229](https://facebook.com/UticaPost229)

### ENJOY FOOD, MUSIC

Parking Lot Party, 2-6 pm,  
Aug. 17, with Scot Raymond.



## COMMANDER'S CALL

LARRY WEIBEL

### Proud to support NJROTC

The NJROTC program at Notre Dame High School has a significant impact on our future leaders and workers. It builds character, fosters leadership skills and encourages good citizenship. When requested, the cadets serve as volunteers at activities and as color guard at Post ceremonies. We are proud to support the program (*see Page 4*).

### Parking Lot Party on Aug. 17

Be sure to join us for our third annual Parking Lot Party from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, with free food, cash bar and entertainment by Scott Raymond.



**The May membership meeting featured the installation of officers for the Post and for the Sons of the American Legion squadron. BELOW: Notre Dame NJROTC cadets present the colors.**



## POST SPONSORS BOYS STATE STUDENT

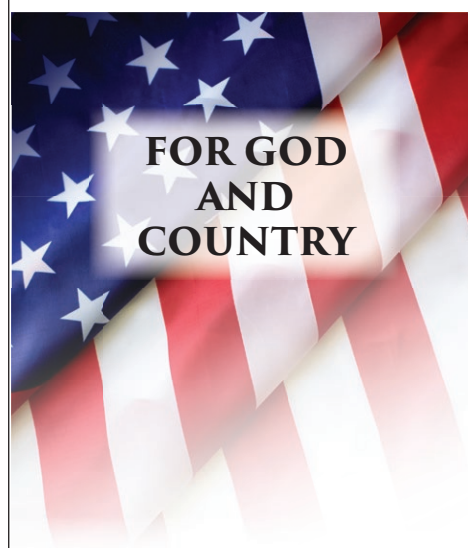
Utica Post 229 is sponsoring Notre Dame student Robert Neary for Boys State, Vice Commander Ed Jackson reported. The Post also presented the American Legion School Award to Notre Dame students Timothy Carville and Amanie Jadwick, plus two students at Martin Luther King and Proctor.

## PURSE BINGO IS COMING IN JUNE

On June 1, the Post is hosting a Purse Bingo. Doors open 3 p.m. and bingo starts at 5. Tickets are \$25.00 per person with assigned seating. Tickets can be purchased in advance.

Kitchen will be open and bar will be available.

"We will have a 50/50 raffle to benefit our veterans," noted Post Manager Joan Hand. "Also, we will have a basket raffle. If anyone is interested in donating a basket, we would appreciate it. Please come out and support our Post 229."



**CHAPLAIN PAUL WOJCIK**

Father's Day special

One night a father heard his son's prayer, "Dear God make me the kind of man my Daddy is."

Later that night the father prayed, "Heavenly Father please make me into the man my son thinks I am. May I be a reflection of you." Amen.

DAD - tiny little word, great big difference.

Being a dad.  
30% patience  
20% heart  
50% making stuff up





DOROTHY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

# AUXILIARY



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOROTHY BAILEY

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make our County Meeting pleasurable and successful.

Ginger made the table decorations and baskets.

Desserts by Theresa, Rosetta, Barbara, Ruth Wilcox, and Stewart.

Set up - Ruth Falvo was the first to arrive and the last to leave. What a gem!

Clean up - Ruth F., Rosetta, Barb, and Ellie

Luncheon - Michelle did a great job; many ladies expressed that they especially liked the tuna sandwiches and potato salad.

To all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other men in our lives that care for us unconditionally: Happy Father's Day!

*Yours in service*



**Past District President Marrick MacDonald pins Auxiliary officers at the installation ceremonies.**

## MEMBERSHIP STATUS FOR POST & AUXILIARY

Post membership stands at 279 paid to date, or 88% of quota. Renew online and take advantage of the money savings for renewing multiple years.

*-- Jack LaPaglia, membership chair*

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Auxiliary membership is at 88% of quota. The Department report shows 161 paid members, and we are still working everyday to reach our goal of 184 members. There's still time to renew and not lose your years. There

also have been several new members who've joined, helping at various functions and getting involved with helping our veterans.

I'm sure some of you have children who would like to bring your grandchildren to parties given by our Children and Youth volunteers, who go the distance to make children's parties a success! So, pay their dues and get them join, and enjoy the benefits of belonging to our American Legion Family.

*-- Rosetta LaPaglia, membership chair*

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## UTICA POST DONATES TO NOTRE DAME NJROTC



Utica Post 229 donated \$4,000 to support the Naval Junior ROTC program at Notre Dame High School. Post Commander Larry Weibel presented

the check to naval science instructors Capt. Robert Schug (ret) (at left) and Chief Petty Officer Brian Jaynes (ret).

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