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UTICA POST 229



FIRST CALL!

LARRY WEIBEL, COMMANDER

NOVEMBER 2024

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP



JOIN US ON VETERANS DAY!

Veterans, family members and elected officials will honor the sacrifices of war veterans at seven memorials and monuments in Utica on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11. Coordinated by Post 229, with help from the Military Order of the

Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, and other veterans groups, ceremonies get under way at 11 a.m. at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Oneida Square. (Prior to that, Utica Post Auxiliary will place a wreath in front of the Post.)

The group will then proceed to various memorials around the city. The day will begin and end at Utica Post, with coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 a.m. and lunch after the ceremonies. Centro buses will be at the Post by 10:30.



COMMANDER'S CALL

LARRY WEIBEL

Donation to 'Feed Our Vets'

I'm pleased to announce that Utica Post 229 donated \$300 to "Feed Our Vets".

Membership Chair Jack LaPaglia and his wife Rosetta represented the Post as they presented a check last month to Joe Ancona, director of the food pantry, which is located at 502 Broad Street, Utica.

During the summer the Auxiliary Unit presented \$500 to the program, which provides groceries to hungry veterans. The food pantry is open every Wednesday afternoon as well as the third Saturday of the month.



LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

1st Thursday (11/7 & 12/5)
Dinner, 6:30; meetings, 7
Call the Post to make dinner reservation.

TUESDAY BINGO STARTS AT 6:15

Volunteers are needed.
If interested, please call the Post and leave your name and number.

FRIDAY SPECIALS

Fish fry and other specials on Friday evenings.
See weekly menu at facebook.com/UticaPost229

EARLY BIRD DINNER AT 6 P.M. ON DEC. 7

Free to all who renew their membership before Thanksgiving. \$10 for guests.
Sign-up sheet in lounge.



UTICA POST AT SCHOOL'S 'WELCOME BACK' EVENT

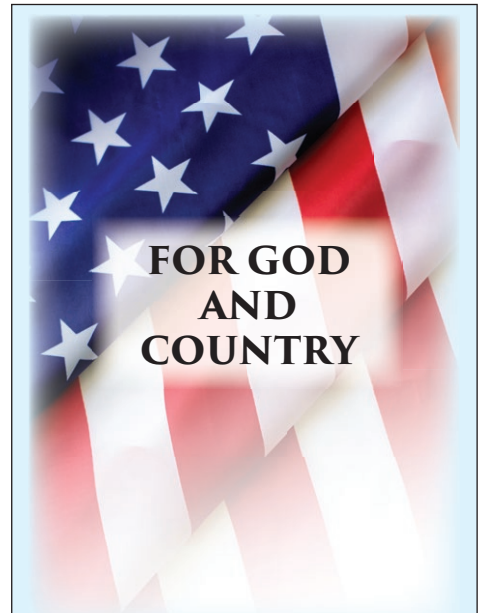
Utica Post 229 participated in a "Welcome Back to School" event for students and families at Jefferson Elementary School on Friday, Sept. 20.

Coordinated by Ed Jackson, the Post's participation included a table with hand-outs. In addition to Ed, volunteers included Len LaScala and Jack LaPaglia, plus Rosetta LaPaglia from the Auxiliary.

Other organizations involved "included the Utica Fire Dept., Oneida County Sherriff's Office, ICAN, Ride for Missing Children, Utica Zoo, Stop DWI, Children's Museum Mobile Unit, and several others," Rosetta reported. "Children and adults enjoyed a cotton candy station, snow cones, popcorn, etc. They had a cornhole game and other activities."



Ed Jackson and Jack LaPaglia at the Utica Post booth. Photo by Len LaScala. Top photo by Rosetta LaPaglia.



CHAPLAIN PAUL WOJCIK

As we enter the month of November we find ourselves on the edge of the holiday season. A time when the air becomes crisp and the days grow shorter. A bridge between the vibrant colors of autumn and the stillness of winter. It is a month that calls us to reflect on the blessings of the past and to prepare our hearts for the season of Thanksgiving.

Do all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time"? No, many begin with "If elected I promise".

REMEMBER

Laziness kills ambition

Anger kills wisdom

Jealousy kills peace

Fear kills dreams

Now reread it from right to left

Basket Raffle for DAV Auxiliary

A Basket Raffle to benefit the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will be held at Utica Post 229 on Dec. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. (Tickets available noon to 4, with the drawings between 4 and 5.) Donations & basket donations are welcome. Basket Donations would be appreciated by the second week in November but will be accepted up to the day of the raffle. Contact Serena Nellenbach at (315) 269-7521 or Utica Post 229.



DOROTHY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOROTHY BAILEY

A HUGE THANK YOU

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, there is no better time to express my gratitude to Ruth & Sam Falvo, Rosetta & Jack LaPaglia, Stew Bailey, Jimbo, Theresa Jensen, Rosaria & Josephine Haggerty for their time and efforts making the county meeting/luncheon a success.

This was a special meeting because we were hosting; and three Girl Staters gave an outstanding presentation of their experiences attending the Empire Girls State. (See picture)

VETERAN'S DAY

Let us be thankful for our Veterans for their unselfish dedication and service. God bless you!

Warmest wishes for you and your families. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



Auxiliary Unit 229 hosted the Oneida County Auxiliary meeting and heard from three students who attended Empire Girls State. FROM LEFT: Diane Butler, Girls State Committee chair, Rachel Shalna, Clara Kelly and Lillian Boris.

Auxiliary member Rosetta LaPaglia helped staff the Utica Post 229 booth at Jefferson School's 'Welcome Back' carnival. (See page 2.)



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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S VISIT TO COUNTY



Utica Post 229 Commander Larry Weibel presented Department Commander Keith Koster with a donation in support of the department commander's project. Koster visited Oneida County on Sept. 29 and got to tour Camp Sitrin's military rehab program as well as take part in the dedication of the renovated New Hartford Veterans Memorial, where he was interviewed by WKTV News Channel 2. Photos by Dave Lockhart.



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