



THE AMERICAN LEGION

UTICA POST 229

FIRST CALL!

LARRY WEIBEL, COMMANDER

OCTOBER 2024

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY IS OCT. 26

The children's Halloween party is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. Party will run from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Chicken tenders, fries, chips and drinks will be provided for the children. Cut off age: 12 years old.

There will be "trick or treat" stations, and a costume parade. First meeting for planning and volunteering was set for Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. Thank you for your support and participation. Sign-up sheets will be posted.



COMMANDER'S CALL

LARRY WEIBEL



Zeke Zaleski

Taps for Zeke

A long-time officer and beloved life member of Utica Post 229 has gone to Post Everlasting. Vincent S. Zaleski, 85, known as Zeke to family and friends, passed away Sept. 13 at Wynn Hospital with his family by his side.

Zeke was both a member of the Executive Board and chairman of the Scholarship Committee for many years. He handled the awarding of scholarships to college-bound students as well as coordinating pasta dinners to raise funds for the scholarship fund. For a number of years he also was the face behind the bugle that sounded taps

during Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies.

Tech. Sgt. Zaleski honorably served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Zeke leaves behind his wife, Patricia, four sons, 11 grandchildren including Utica Post member Connery Zaleski, and two great grandchildren, among others.

His funeral was held Sept. 19 at St. Mark's Church, with a Mass and military honors. Zeke will be laid to rest later in the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. His family asks that people consider donating to a charity Zeke's name.

LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

1st Thursday (10/3 & 11/7)
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

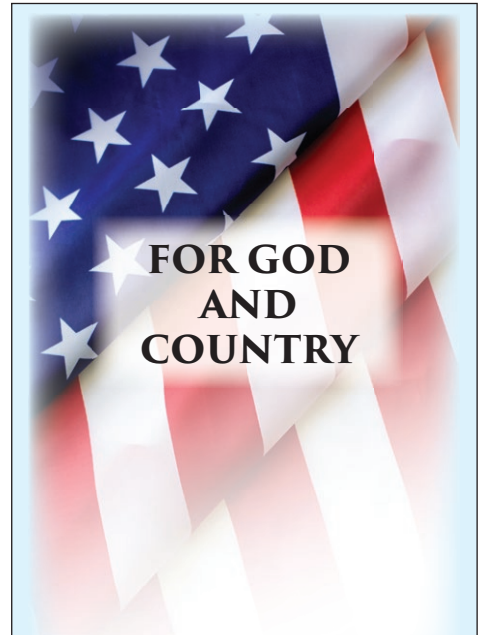
Fish fry and other specials on Friday evenings.
See weekly menu at facebook.com/UticaPost229



MENU
for Oct. 3rd
membership meeting

**Chicken &
Biscuits**

Please call to sign up.
\$10 to eat in &
\$12 for takeout.



**FOR GOD
AND
COUNTRY**

CHAPLAIN PAUL WOJCIK

Oh God of creation
You have blessed us with the
changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months
May the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.
May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of Your
creation. May the steam of our
breath in the cool air
remind us that it is You
who gave us the breath of life.

Life isn't meant to be easy,
it's meant to be lived.
Sometimes happy,
other times rough.
But with every up and down,
you learn lessons
that make you strong.

I hate it when I see
an old person, then
realize we went to
high school together.



COME AND ENJOY

Utica Post 229 is hosting a
Craft and Vendor Show
Saturday, Oct. 5,
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



DOROTHY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOROTHY BAILEY

Personal Care Items Needed

When I last visited Feed Our Vets located on Broad Street, personal items were scarce.

Utica Unit 229 is requesting your help of donations for hygiene products and toiletries for our veterans and their families.

- hand soap
- body wash
- razors
- shaving cream

- deodorant
- toothpaste
- tooth brushes
- lip balm
- shampoo & conditioner
- facial tissues
- toilet paper
- feminine hygiene products

Donations may be placed in the donation box located at the Post.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 315-724-4691.

Honoring Past Presidents

In October we honor past presidents for their dedication and loyalty.

Unit past presidents include:

- Rosaria Haggerty,
- Rosetta LaPaglia,
- Theresa Jensen, and
- Pam Vogel.

You are appreciated and valued.

Yours in service



**Utica Post #229
The American Legion
409 Herkimer Rd.
Utica, NY 13502**

First Call is a publication of
Utica Post 229 American Legion,
409 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13502,
whose mission is to serve veterans,
members and local communities.
Yearly membership includes First Call,
published 10 times a year.

**Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
-PAID-
Utica, NY
Permit
No. 566**

Since its founding in Paris in 1919, The American Legion has been an advocate for America's veterans, a friend of the U.S. military, a sponsor of community-based programs for young people and a spokesman for patriotic values.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the American Legion website. It includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn on the left, and utility links for 'FIND A POST', 'FIND A SERVICE OFFICER', 'MYLEGION.ORG', 'SHOP ONLINE', and 'SIGN IN' on the right. The main header features the American Legion logo and three red buttons labeled 'Join', 'Renew', and 'Donate'. Below the header is a dark blue navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT', 'PROGRAMS', 'SERVICES', 'MEMBERS', 'MEDIA', and 'CONTACT', along with a search bar. The main content area displays a large blue banner with the text 'RENEW YOUR AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP' and a prominent 'RENEW TODAY' button. Below this, the word 'AT' is centered, followed by a large blue box containing the URL 'https://www.legion.org/renew' in white text.

EDITOR: ROBERT STRONACH. SEND NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PHOTOS TO FIRSTCALL@UTICAPOST229.ORG.