



The Legion-Air

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Commander's Message:

First, I would like to thank Past Junior Commander Suzanne Quirk on a job well done and for showing me some things during her term just in case I was elected as your next County Commander.

Thank you to all who attended the Erie Convention at Iroquois Post #1587 on Saturday, June 2. It was a smoothly run convention by all the volunteers at their post, from the regular members to the Auxiliary. Great job!

As for some activities I partook in as County Commander thus far, we had the swearing in of the County Auxiliary officers with Rosemary O'Connell getting sworn in as the new Auxiliary President. Congratulations Roe. A few days later, Concord Post 431 had a swearing in of their American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons' officers followed by a dinner. It was great to see the American Legion family all together. There was also the Flag Retirement ceremony at Forest Lawn with about 500 elementary students who marched in. The speakers, (myself included), were able to hopefully get through just how precious that flag is and all she represents.

I eagerly look forward to representing all members of the American Legion throughout Erie County and it is my sincerest hope that I do all of you proud. I am also looking forward to working with the newly elected officers of Erie County.

If anyone has any suggestions, comments, or questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 949-3341 or e-mail: eccomander@eriecountyal.org.

Thank you.

Membership – VC Gary Wald

Any Posts who do not presently have their 2019 membership packages will find them available for your pick up at our July County meeting. Any Posts who like to receive them earlier, please contact Gary Wald via "E" mail or phone at the following numbers in order to make the necessary arrangements:

"E" mail - gwald10@aol.com

Cell Phone: 716-863-1919

East Aurora Legion Post phone 716-652-9862

If I don't answer the phone please leave a short message and I will return your call shortly.

Regards to all.

2018 Erie County Newly Elected Officers

Commander Anthony Solina
Thomas E. Tehan Post #1449

Vice Commander Thomas O'Connell
Niagara Frontier Post #1041

Vice Commander George Barton
David McKeever Post #64

Vice Commander Gerald Wald
East Aurora Post #362

Finance Officer Joseph Porempski
Kensington Post #708

Sergeant at Arms Joseph Cash
Orchard Park Post #567

8th District Newly Elected Officers

Commander John Miga
Chautauqua County

Vice Commander William Miskell
Hamburg Post #527

Congratulations to 8th District Legionnaire of the Year Pat Nealon from Hamburg Post #527

Erie County Veterans Museum – Peter Hurd

Just a word of thanks to all that wished me a speedy recovery. In May, I required bypass surgery on my right leg. After six weeks, I am starting the road to recovery. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. We have been invited to participate again this year at the Erie County Fair. The theme is World War I and II. We need your assistance to help set up the booth and man it for the duration of the Fair. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL ME AT 716-481-7215. YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Thanks

I want to thank everyone for their well wishes and cards during the time I was in the hospital and at home recuperating. It was great hearing from everyone and I hope to be back in the swing of things very soon.

Ron Diebold

Cruise Night each third Monday of the month through September. Starts at 4:30 PM until ? at East Aurora Post 362. Come on down and enjoy a bit of nostalgia and bring your family to this great event. If you're coming directly from work and would like a bite to eat, Hot dogs are available at a reasonable price. There is no charge for admission, and if you bring a car, you will get a chance to win one of many prizes. We are located at 1 Legion Drive, East Aurora, NY about a mile south of Main St.

Member Recognition Dinner

Newell - Faulkner American Legion Post 880 recently honored their World War II members and those with 50 years of membership. Seated; Ronald Schmitt, David Knoll, Robert Ortel, Ferris Randall & William Putney. Standing; George Guenther, Laurie Dezutter, Francis Renaud, Leonard Sobilo & Donald Geringer.



Congratulations to Erie County 2018 Legionnaire of the Year Gemma Lanthier from Erieco Women's Post #1586.

Community Awards County Convention

Officer of the Year Mark Muscoreil of Tonawanda, Firefighter's of the Year to Nick Kasprzak and Brian Murphy of Lackawanna, JROTC Cadet of the County to Katherine Terryberry of WNY Maritime Charter School, Eagle Scouts of the Year to Chandler Edbauer of Springville, and Nathan Henry of Hamburg, Education Awards went to Drew Bartelo, Emily Van Pryz, Anna Cryan, Julio Khoury, Emily Augustyniak, and Sarah Morey. Essay Awards went to Matthew Zakrzewski St. Amelia, Savannah Brzezinski Global Concepts Charter, Kate Damstedt Mill Middle, Abigail Wesoloski East Middle, Emily McMahan St. Amelia, and Delia McDermott St. John The Baptist.

Special Olympics Picnic - Wayne Sorrentino

Will be held Sunday September 16 at the George F. Lamm Post Grove starting at noon. Volunteers from The American Legion Family will be needed to participate and sign in by 1130 hours. We are planning for a much better and bigger turnout than last year. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this very worthwhile annual event. If you are so inclined, you can also support us financially by sending your check, payable to "Erie County Committee of The American Legion" to the City Hall Office: 609 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202, earmarked "Special Olympics Picnic 2018". Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue this great tradition. Thank you.

Paperwork OVERDUE – Jim Bojanowski

Some Posts have not submitted this yet.

- Officer Certification Form
- Executive Delegate & Alternate

PDC Timothy Van Patten installs the newly Elected Erie County Staff. L to R, Joseph Porempski, Gary Wald, Suzanne Quirk, Anthony Solina, Thomas O'Connell, George Barton, and Joe Cash.



County Commander Anthony Solina hangs the plaque of past County Commanders after adding Jr PCC Suzanne Quirk's name.



Past County Commanders gather at the office to thank Suzanne Quirk for her year, and welcome Anthony Solina.



Thursday County Meeting Dates

Executive Dinner Meeting: 6:30 PM

Regular meeting starts approximately at 8 PM

July 26, George F. Lamm Post #622

Legion Casual Dress

962 Wehrle Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, cole slaw, mac salad, cookies for dessert.

August 16, Alfred J. Jurek Post #1672

September 27, Concord Post #431

Department Convention – Rochester, NY

Sessions 7/19, 20, & 21

Erie County Fair Veteran's Day – 8/12

National Convention – Minneapolis, MN

New York Reception 8/25 Saturday evening.

Parade 8/26 Sunday afternoon. New York

Breakfast 8/27 Monday morning. Sessions

are 8/28, 29, & 30.

SAL Election for National Commander to be

held on Sunday 8/26 at 8:30 am. Leading

candidate is Greg "Doc" Gibbs from

Hamburg Squadron #527. Installation is

scheduled 8/26 for 12:30 pm after the joint

Memorial Service.

Erie County Office Hours

Staffed by Jim Bojanowski every Mon., Wed., &

Fri. 7:30 am to 12:30 pm, excluding holidays.

Erie County Website – eriecountyal.org



SUBMISSIONS
For the August
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Due July 27
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Saturday July 28

Flea Market from 9 am-3 pm at Matthew Glab Post 1477, 1965 Abbott Rd. Lackawanna. Find a new treasure or sell some of your own treasures! Kitchen will be open with lunch and desert choices. For Table Rental contact Denice 821-9773. Table rentals are \$15 each.

Sunday July 29

A.J.Jurek Post 1672 Chicken BBQ
Noon to 6 pm, 655 New Rd, East Amherst, NY
Dine in or take out. \$10

August 2, 3, 4, & 5

Eden Corn Festival at Newell Faulkner Post 880, 2912 Legion Dr. Eden, NY. August 5th, Veterans Day 11 AM Service, Parade at Noon.

Sunday, August 5

1 to 6 PM, East Aurora Post 362 will be hosting its 10th annual Bills Tailgate Party. Ticket \$15, includes Food, Refreshments, live music featuring the Boneshakers. Two grand prizes, two sets of Bills Season Tickets. Eight cash prizes also awarded. Call the Post at 652-9862 for ticket availability.

Sunday September 23

ERIECO Annual Corn Roast at the Lamm Post Grove from 1-5 PM. \$12, corn on the cob, hot dogs, salads, desserts, coffee, tea, and beer.

Newell-Faulkner Post 880, 2912 Legion Dr., Eden, 14057 has Wednesday 75 cent wings, dine in only. Thursday nights is steak night. Friday night fish fries and specials. Saturday pizza, wing's and sandwiches available. Regular menu also Wed.-Sat. Go to kitchen link, www.post880.com.

FJ Donovan Post #1626 Dave's Kitchen now serving a full menu, Fish Fries and weekly specials. Fridays 4-8 PM.

Send in your articles for the Legion-Air to thelegionair@gmail.com by 7/27 for the August edition. PCC Jim Bojanowski Editor

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