



The Legion-Air

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Commander's Message:

For our first July County Executive Meeting 25 Posts were represented, the second meeting just turned out to be an informational meeting, due to only 16 Posts present, for the third meeting we had 19 Posts. Fortunately, a quorum. Where are all the Post representatives?

Every Post Commander should be making sure their Post is properly represented at all County Meetings.

To run the County, we need all the Posts to help us. Let the entire County know what your Post is doing. I understand that due to the pandemic, there is limited activity. I have a feeling that every Post is doing something to raise funds. Some are doing drive by Chicken BBQ, or a Spaghetti dinner pick up only, or how about that Pancake breakfast. So please come to the County meeting on October 29, at 7:00 PM at the Brounshidle Post #205 on Delaware Avenue.

Niagara Frontier Auxiliary Unit 1041 will be sponsoring a collection of winter coats, sweat shirts and sweat pants during October and November. All sizes are needed. These are the only items currently being accepted by the VA due to COVID. All items must be brand new. No used articles please. Contact Rosemary at 716-867-5516 for more information.

Veterans Day 2020

Erie County American Legion is planning a limited attendance graves decoration and formal program on 11/11/2020 at Forest Lawn Cemetery dependent on current pandemic guidelines. More information will be available next month.

Membership – VC Paul Wackowski

Hello! Legionnaires

Here are the Department Target Dates Renewal Cutoff Dates and Post goals:

September 3, 2020	50%
October 8, 2020.....	55%
November 5, 2020.....	65%
December 2, 2020.....	75%
January 14, 2021.....	80%
February 3, 2021.....	85%
March 3, 2021.....	90%
April 7, 2021.....	95%
May 5, 2021.....	100%

With the current health pandemic, National, Department, District and County Administration personnel are working remotely and are not in their respective offices on a regular bases. Being mindful of this, it's imperative that, each Post process renewals as you receive them and not wait to send them in bunches.

Once again, I encourage, recommend and prefer using My Legion to process your membership renewals. Anyone that requires assistance with this can call me at 716 - 262 - 5245 or email at empirestate716@yahoo.com or contact Adjutant Jim Bojanowski.

Those using Traditional - Hard Copy Transmittals, please keep in mind to process your Membership Renewals in a timely manner as processing takes longer than digitally electronic processing, which affects your membership numbers and percentages for reports.

"Buddy Checks",

This provides an excellent opportunity to contact those who have not to check on their well-being, ask if there is anything they might need, do they need other assistance and ask if they have given any thought to renewing their 2021 membership.

Americanism – VC Gary Wald

As we continually try to advance our Organization and colors, let's just take a minute to make sure every one of our members can define what the American Legion is about. Sometimes I make up words or sayings to remember things and I found that the word 'ADVANCE' helped me to remember our four pillars. This word can be used as a verb, noun, or adjective and means to proceed, push on, further, step forward, progress, and more. I remember it as meaning that (Ad) stands for advertising (many times for free, by just wearing the Legion Logo); (V) stands for Veteran Benefits; (A) stands for Americanism, (N) stands for national defense; (C) stands for children and youth; and (E) stands for everywhere we are including the more than 12,000 Posts in communities throughout the United States, Canada, France, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Let's focus on 'advancing' what we were formed to do.

Erie County Assistant Chaplain Michael Johnson was ordained as a Transitional Deacon on Saturday 9/19/2020. Past Erie County Commander Anthony Solina and County Adjutant James Bojanowski presented him with an American Legion Catholic Bible after the ceremony held at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo, NY. Deacon Michael Johnson is working towards becoming a Catholic Priest in May 2021. He is a member of Depew Post #1528.



Special Activities – VC Fred Pask

The Legion Calendars for 2021 will be handed out at the monthly Erie County meetings. It's going to be more difficult selling the Calendars this year than in the past. With Posts not being open or opened in a limited capacity we will have to work harder and smarter selling the Calendars. I am asking each Post to take and sell at least ten Calendars.

The deadline for the Early Bird drawing is October 29, 2020. To be eligible all sold calendars and money must be turned in by that date so the winning stub can be drawn at that meeting.

Let's make this another great year for the Erie County American Legion and push to sell all the Calendars. If you need Calendars or have questions you may call me at (h) 716 542-2065 or (c) 716 512-4321.

Stay safe and healthy.

Hamburg Post #527

2 Memorial Dr. off Evans St. in the Village of Hamburg. TO GO ONLY
Spaghetti Dinners on Thursdays 4 to 7 PM.
Pasta, Sauce, Meatball(s), Salad, Bread, Butter. Phone in orders after 2 PM at 208-7852.
Open to All, Walk-in's Welcome, Curbside Service. Regular Order \$7.00. Large Order \$9.00.

Chicken & Ribs BBQ by Weidner. Drive thru only. Wednesday, October 14, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. \$11.00 Half Chicken, \$15.00 Quarter Chicken & Ribs. Must present ticket for dinner. Last day for ticket sales is Saturday, October 10. Our bartenders have tickets or contact PC Jim Koester (716) 570-1349 or Post # 649 - 4667.

Sunday October 4,

8th District Conference at 1 PM at Dunkirk Memorial Post #62, 211 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY. Membership meeting at Noon.

Wednesday October 14

PCC meeting at 7 PM at the Voiture 51 40 & 8. 810 Rein Rd. Cheektowaga. Membership cards available. \$5 renewal \$10 for new members.

Sunday October 18

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast at A. J. Jurek Post #1672, 655 New Rd., Swormville, 14051, 8 AM - 12:30 PM. Fresh, buttermilk pancakes, "Egglands Best" eggs, link & patty sausage, juice & coffee or tea. Adults \$8.

Sunday October 25

Frank L. Gierlach Post 1320, 50 Gates Ave. Sloan NY, Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Polish platter dinner (Take Out Only) starting at 11 AM, until sold out. Cost \$13, NO PRESALE.

Orchard Park Post #567, 3740 N. Buffalo St. Orchard Park, has a Chicken BBQ \$11, every Wednesday from 4 – 7 PM.

Newell Faulkner Post #880 2912 Legion Drive, Eden, NY 14057 **DINE IN & TAKE OUT**
Wednesday's, 75 Cent Wings,
Thursday's Steak Night
Friday Nights, Fish Fries and Specials
Saturday, Pizza & Wing's and Sandwiches
Regular menu also available, Wed.-Sat.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
www.post880.com go to kitchen link

Francis J. Donovan Post #1626, 3210 Genesee St. Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Dining Room open Friday 4-8pm. For Fish fry's with full menu and monthly Specials. Take-outs still available call 896-3346.

Matthew Glab Post #1477, 1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, NY. Fish Fries from 4 to 8 PM.



Thursday County Meeting Dates

The next Erie County American Legion Executive Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10/29 at 7 PM at Milton J. Brounshidle Post #205, 3354 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14217.

The meeting will follow current Covid virus guidelines for late October 2020. We will have a modified Executive Meeting only for this 10/29 date. Casual Legion dress.

Dinners will NOT be served.

Please contact the Commander or Adjutant if you have a report to be added to the agenda.

Future Meetings;

November 19, Matthew Glab Post #1477
December 17, Francis J. Donovan #1626

Thanks again to the 19 Posts who were able to make the 9/24 County meeting; 205, 362, 430, 527, 622, 721, 799, 838, 880, 900, 1041, 1131, 1320, 1477, 1586, 1587, 1626, 1672, and 1928. We did have a quorum.

Seven Posts have not turned in their updated Officer list. They are 63, 78, 665, 721, 1449, 1659, & 1672. Reminder notices have been emailed and US Postal mail.

FYI To receive email copy of the newsletter, please send a request email to the Erie County Office at veteran14202@verizon.net. By special exception, a newsletter can be mailed.

Erie County Website – eriecountyal.org
Office Hours, M,W,F – 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



SUBMISSIONS
For the November
"The Legion-Air"
Due October 30
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To all Erie County Contacts,

Hopefully you and your family remain safe and healthy. To comply with NYS Covid guidelines, the Erie County Meetings will continue to be Executive Only. We are cautious and conservative in following all government guidelines to stem the spread of the coronavirus. Your safety is our primary concern.

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All Post, County, District, Department, and National American Legion Officers are being asked to serve an additional year. If a person cannot continue their service, use your respective Constitution and By Laws to handle any vacancies. Please submit your 2020 - 2021 Post Officers to the Erie County Office using the updated form on the Department website resources page <https://nylegion.net/resources/> Send either email or US Postal mail. Please provide as many officer emails as possible. There are still 7 Posts that have not submitted their Officers; 63, 78, 665, 721, 1449, 1659, & 1672. We are welcoming Gabriel A. Rodriguez Post #1928 back to The American Legion. Unfortunately, we will be losing Francis A. Lombardo Post #1031. Their remaining members are being asked to transfer out.

The County's US Postal mail is now back to being delivered to City Hall. Since, City Hall has limited access, I have been going up to City Hall once per week. You can also continue to use my direct home address of; 5115 Abbott Rd. Orchard Park, NY 14127.

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Erie County Adjutant

Send in your articles for the Legion-Air to thelegionair@gmail.com by 10/30 for the November edition.

PCC Jim Bojanowski Editor

Editor's Note:

A wealth of information can be accessed online at the Department of New York website.

Overall website address - <https://nylegion.net>

From here you can access all general information by clicking on various topics presented.

Specific other direct webpage links:

Membership - <https://nylegion.net/membership>

All overall program information can be accessed here - <https://nylegion.net/programs-services>

Scroll down and click on the various programs on the right side of the screen.

National American Legion website - <https://www.legion.org>

Erie County American Legion website - <http://www.eriecountyal.org>

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