



THE AMERICAN LEGION FIRST

UTICA POST 229 CALL!

ANTHONY PALLADINO, COMMANDER

APRIL 2011

JACK LAPAGLIA, MEMBERSHIP

POST MEETINGS ARE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. (OPTIONAL DINNER AT 6:15)

JOIN THE COLOR GUARD

The award-winning Color Guard is seeking a few good men to round out and add depth to the team. Training is provided. Call the post and leave name and contact info.

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APRIL

2	Dinner Dance, 5:30-12
4	Jr Auxiliary, 5:30 pm
5	Bingo, 6:30 pm
6	Bloodmobile, noon-5
7	Post Meeting, 7:30 pm Post Dinner, 6:15 pm
11	Vietnam Vets of Am., 1 Poppy Mailing, 6 pm
12	Bingo, 6:30 pm
14	Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7
16	DAV, noon
18	Diabetes Info, 1-2:30
19	Bingo, 6:30 pm
20	Bloodmobile, noon-5
21	Executive Board, 7 pm
26	Bingo, 6:30 pm

UTICA POST BOWLERS ROCK

Utica Post was leading the Oneida County American Legion Traveling Bowling League, with 33 wins and 15 losses, Adjutant Jim George reported at the March membership meeting. Behind

Utica Post were Clark Mills in 2nd place; Wicks Staley, 3rd; and Fort Schuyler, 4th.

Utica Post also led the Team Hi-10 category with a 906. Trailing in order were Clark Mills, Sherrill and Ft Schuyler.

SCHOLARSHIP PASTA DINNER IS APRIL 14

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner (eat in or take out) and help the scholarship fund, 4-7 p.m. Thursday, April 14. \$7.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

April 7

Nomination of officers.

May 5

Election of officers.

May 7

Installation of officers.

Social hour starts at 6, followed by dinner.

Cost is \$10 per person.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH MEETING



Dave Wilson
Members can help vets at VA Hospital by donating phone cards, personal care items, and money for refreshment fund.



Vincent Zaleski
Applications for 2011 scholarships are now available at the post (for post, county and Department scholarships).



Paul Wojcik
Post has brochure that helps plan for a veteran's end-of-life wishes: "When A Veteran Dies: A Guide for the American Legion Family."



Jim George
A few more volunteers, including callers, are needed to help out at Bingo on Tuesday evenings, especially early in the month.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS ON APRIL 2

Enjoy a roast pork dinner and an evening of dancing at Utica Post's Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 2. It all starts at 5:30 p.m., with open bar and hors d'oeuvres. A roast pork buffet starts at 7. Dancing is 8 to midnight, with music by Main Event.

The cost is \$18 per person. For reservations, call event chair Rose Coniglio at 735-9091.



Jim Haggerty
Utica Post has collected 414 pints for the Red Cross blood bank (1st & 3rd Wed., noon to 5).



COMMANDER'S CALL

ANTHONY PALLADINO

Spring is officially here, despite the crazy cycle of snow, ice and rain.

And tailgating spring's appraisal is the opening of trout season on April 1.

But the month wouldn't be complete without a celebration to remind us of our faith and dependence

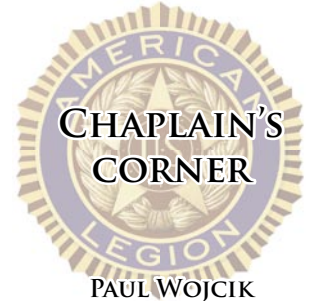
on God – so Happy Easter!

I want to thank Bob Stronach for the outstanding job on First Call. It has a lot of info and is very professional, and all I hear from our membership is, "wow!!!" Also, on his PR work, Bob is one of our top legionnaires. Thank you!

THE COLOR Guard is looking for a few good men. The team will train you. If interested, contact the post.

REMEMBER to keep our military in your prayers.

For God and Country...



SPRINGTIME PRAYER

Ever renewing and energizing Creator,
come, stir in my dormant spiritual limbs,

Wake up my tired prayer
Revive my weary efforts of care
Sing hope into my discouragement

Go deep to my roots and penetrate my faith with the vibrancy of your grace

Shake loose the leftover leaves
Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties

Warm the buds of my relationships so they bloom with healthy love

.Clear out the winter debris with the breeze of your presence

I give you my trust and my gratitude as you grace my slowly thawing spirit

Light-filled Being, my Joy, and my Hope
Let the spring in me begin.

SICK CALL
Mike Cavanaugh

REST IN PEACE
Jerry (T) Tryzinski
James (Gus) Engler

MEETING DATES

Executive Board
Apr. 21, May 19

General Meeting 1st Thurs
April 7, May 6



Well, here it is, April 2011. We are already in our fourth month of the new year!

Have you renewed your membership for 2011? If not, now is the time to do it.

There are just a few of you out there who haven't. If you are having trouble making ends meet, we can help. Do not let your membership lapse.

Your membership is very important to the American Legion, the community, state and nation. The Legion is our voice in Washington. Without you, the goal we try to attain would not be possible.

So please, send your dues in now.

For God and Country.

DINNER DANCE SCHEDULE

April 2

Roast Pork Buffet
Music by Main Event

September 10

Italian Buffet
Music by Sonny Farrar

October 1

Roast Beef Buffet
Music by Main Event

November 5

Italian Buffet
Music by Jeff Glatt

December 3

Christmas Buffet
Music by Main Event

December 31

New Year's Eve Special
Prime Rib Dinner
Music by Sonny Farrar
Dancing to 1, then
Continental Breakfast.
Price pending.

Dinner dance tickets are \$18 per person through April.

New ticket prices, to be announced, will start in September.

Dinner dances also feature hors d'oeuvres and a period of open bar.

Informational Meeting On Diabetic Footwear

The Post will host a free informational meeting about proper footwear for people with Diabetes on Monday, April 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

A representative from Dr. E's Foot Solutions will discuss the importance of wearing proper footwear, plus be available to answer questions and measure feet for the proper shoe. (Shoes may be covered by different insurances at no cost to the patient.)

If interested in attending, contact the post.



THERESA JENSEN, PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS MAY 1

The Auxiliary is offering several scholarships for offspring of post or Auxiliary members planning to attend college. Among them is the **Heather Ann Haggerty Memorial Scholarship**.

For more info or an application, contact Rosaria Haggerty at 315-866-5950. Deadline for applying is May 1.

BINGO KITCHEN SCHEDULE

Week 1

Eleanor King
Theresa Jensen

Week 2

Gail Greco
Peggy Kohler
Rosetta LaPaglia

Week 3

Rosaria Haggerty
Mary Ellen Raymond
JoAnn Powers
Rosetta LaPaglia

Week 4

Rosie Coniglio
Diane Capirci
Dorothy Bailey

Week 5

Celeste Aney
Evelyn McEvoy
Nancy Nudo
Missy Durant

Please call if you are unable to work your week, or interested in working any week. Call Rosaria at 866-5950 or Eleanor at 733-4750

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THERESA JENSEN



Dear Auxiliary Member,

April is upon us, winter has been very hard on everyone this year. Let's now think of spring and the green grass and buds popping up all around.

Poppy mailing will be Monday, April 11, at 6 p.m. Peggy Kohler is this year's chairman. Come and help.

E-Board meeting will be at 5:30 on Thursday April 7.

A very blessed and Happy Easter to our Auxiliary members and their families. Let's not forget our Veterans.

The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for office for the year 2011-2012. They are:

President: Theresa Jensen
1st V-Pres.: Eleanor King
2nd V-Pres.: Peggy Kohler
3rd V-Pres.: Pat Dodge
Secretary: Rosetta LaPaglia
Treasurer: Rosaria Haggerty

Nominated at the meeting from the floor was:
1st V-Pres: Mary Ann Ciccone

In accordance with Unit By-Laws, nominations are officially closed and voting will take place at the unit meeting on May 5, 2011.

Yours in service.

GIRLS! HELP BAKE COOKIES FOR TROOPS

Girls who would like to help bake and decorate cookies for soldiers in Afghanistan can do that at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Post.

The Junior Auxiliary will be baking chocolate chip and butter cookies, and decorating many of them with frosting and sprinkles, for the post's adopted troops. The Junior Auxiliary is for daughters, granddaughters and girl relatives of veterans. Girls, ages 5 to 17, are invited. For more information, contact Mary Stronach at 796-9284.



GAIL GRECO

PEARLS OF WISDOM

Look back to where you have been...
For a clue to where you are going.
Worry enough to anticipate trouble...
But not so much as to bring it about.
Melt the icy fingers of fear...
With the sunshine of hope.
Step by gentle step...
You can overcome the greatest sorrow.
The sweetest grapes...
Are picked from the vineyard of friendship.
Gossip is like a river...
It can always be traced back to its source.
An insecure person...
Will soak up flattery like a sponge.
Save the life of a helpless animal...
And you have done the work of God.
A mirror is only as good...
As the reflection in it.
Find something you truly believe in...
And everything else will have meaning as well.

May God Bless You

SYMPATHY

Patricia Mary Mallozzi
Constance Goodhines

GIVE BLOOD

The American Red Cross bloodmobile is at Utica Post 229 every first and third Wednesday from noon to 5.

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BINGO REPORT

Date	Income	Prizes	Expenses	3%	Profit
02/01/11	\$1575.00	\$1360.00	50.00	4.95	160.05
02/08/11	No Bingo				
02/15/11	3273.00	2141.00	0.00	33.96	1098.04
02/22/11	2680.00	2037.00	50.00	17.79	575.21

BINGO WORKERS

- Albert Alteri.
- Stu Bailey.
- Phil Capraro.
- Frank Cassella.
- Mike Cavanaugh.
- Chuck Dailey.
- Wayne Dapre.
- Pat Dodge.
- Jim George.
- Jim Haggerty.
- Frank Jakubowski.
- Al Kohler.
- Jack LaPaglia.
- Rich Maloon.
- Dave Manore.
- Jim McGuire.
- Evelyn Muench.
- Tom O'Toole.
- Tony Palladino.
- Dan/Virginia Pieloch.
- Scott Sebastian
- Chris Urban.
- Paul Wojcik.
- Vin Zaleski.

DONATIONS: St. Patrick's Day Parade \$100, Stevens Swan \$100, Utica Unit \$75.

EXPENSES: Garbage \$181.60, Water \$762.79, OD ad \$33.



Navy Jr. ROTC cadets from Notre Dame High School were greeted by applause after they posted the colors at the March membership meeting. Front to back are: Victoria Naw, James Millett, Ben Gelfuso and Gaetano Morreale.