



The Legion - Air

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Commander's Message:

As we get prepared for Veterans Day Ceremonies and Events, let us not forget our fellow veterans in need. The news media has been filling our day with stories of Wall Street and politics. Yes these are very important stories, but somehow the victims of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav are no longer news worthy. Many American Legion members have been victimized by these Hurricanes. Financial grants are being sought out and are available through our organization's National Emergency Fund. National Commander David K. Rehbein has made it known that The American Legion stands ready to assist. The grants provided from the NEF are intended to address their immediate needs. The American Legion needs monetary donations to the NEF so we can assist these veterans and their families who have already lost so very much. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: **The American Legion, National Emergency Fund, Room 609 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202.**

The American Legion created The National Emergency Fund in 1989, shortly after the devastation of Hurricane Hugo and a San Francisco earthquake. More than \$6.5 million in grants have been awarded during the life of the fund. We need to help our fellow Legionnaires and SAL members in their time of need. Hurricane season still is not over and the resources are not limitless. If you can give, please make a donation.



Membership – VC Bill Miskell GREAT JOB, GREAT JOB, GREAT JOB

The first target date has passed with flying colors with over 50% of goal made for the County, **GREAT JOB!** Next target date of 55% is on October 08, 2008. We now have 29 Post with over 50% of goal. Please keep up the great work. On the other end, we have four Posts that were just under 50% of goal. A little extra effort and you can make goal. We have six Posts that have not sent any transmittals in at all. Please do not hold back your paper work. It is your duty to keep the paper work flowing to Department. You are in violation of ARTICLE X of the Department of New York Constitution.

Members that have not paid yet. A **FRIENDLY** reminder call sometime is all that is needed. Need help? Start a small team in making phone calls, and make your job easier.

NEW MEMBERS! The number of new members in the County must improve for us to survive. We now only have 65 new members recruited in the County. Start recruiting new members they are your future. Open your Post to new members as your future looks dim without them.

The County is holding a Membership workshop on Saturday October 11th at South Buffalo Post 721, 136 Cazenovia St. Buffalo NY at 1:00P.M. This will be the time to pass information and ideas in how to Retain and Recruit members. This is open to everyone who is interested in improving their membership. Questions on paper work? Let us help you.

Work on the 3Rs, **R**etaining, keep on **R**ecruiting, and start **R**ethinking THE FIRST TWO.

Special Activities – VC Pauline Fletcher

At last month's meeting I gave out 361 Lottery Calendars to sell for 2009. Thank You to everyone who took calendars to sell. Last year we sold 893 Lottery Calendars. This year my goal is to sell all the calendars by January 2009!!! **We can do it!!!**

The Gas Sale is doing well. I sold several tickets at the Erie County Fair. I have more tickets to sell if you need them.

Keep November 7th open for a night of food and wine taste at the Orchard Park **Mr. Food – No Fuss Meals Store**. It is located at 3457 Amelia Drive in Orchard Park, off Milestrip, Rte 179, (between the I-90 and Route 219), in the Quaker Crossing Plaza near Pet Smart and Famous Foot Wear. The fun will start at 7 pm along with door prizes, wine and food sampling. The cost is just \$5.00 per person!!! I have the tickets and need your reservation by October 24th, 2008, so that they will know how much food to prepare. Mr. Food – No Fuss is also in the North Town Plaza, off Bailey and Sheridan Drive. Stop in at either location to order a delicious meal. Call 834-6325 or 825-6325 to preorder a delicious meal.

Remember to use the promotional code: **C-N15AL** when you make a purchase, the store will donate 10% from your purchase to Erie County Special Activities.



Americanism – VC Ray Caso

Veterans Day is fast approaching and I will be going to a few schools during the week before and during the week of Veterans Day. Please let me know if your post will be doing anything special for Veterans Day. Congrats to Jurek Post #1672 Baseball team for finishing 4th in the Department. There will be a banquet in their honor on Nov.28th at the Jurek Post #1672; at 6:30pm Tickets are available through me or Bob Mendola, or Tim Van Patten or Kevin Craig. It would be nice if there was at least 1 rep. from each team in the league.

Children and Youth

- Dennis McCarthy

The Children and Youth Committee would like to thank the following Posts for their kind donations.



Amherst
Northtown Plaza
3061 Sheridan Drive
716.834.6325

Orchard Park
Quaker Crossing
East
3457 Amelia Drive
716.825.6325

Home cooking without the hassle



Matthew Glab #1477

Concord #431

East Aurora #362

Frank Brink #607

F. A. Lombardo #1031

A. J. Jurek #1672

West Seneca #735

ERIECO Men's Auxiliary

Sardinia #1131

Coast Guard #1529

Hamburg #527

If your Post has not as of yet made a donation to this very important program, **it is not too late!!** We are requesting \$10 from each Post, or more if you can afford it. Please make checks payable to **The Erie County American Legion**.

Thank you for your help.

American Legion Riders

– President John Post

Greetings to all Legion Riders. We had a great turn out for the Vet's picnic at East Aurora Absolute Care Nursing Home. The Ladies Auxiliary assisted in providing this picnic. Thanks to Beth Walsh and Marian Post for leading in providing picnic food, etc. We had a choir from Immanuel Lutheran Church sing many great songs, they did a great job. The Vets were wheeled outside to see the cycles and we took pictures. They had a great time and then ate well, too. Our August meeting was very well attended due to a big agenda. The last plans were made for marching in the Vet's Day parade, Aug. 16th Fun Run to Vet's Home in Batavia, and the group Riding Rules. Much was completed and then many members attended the Leatherneck's MC Party. We are looking forward to finishing our group Riding Rules and plans for membership picnic in September at Post Farms. We will start planning our events for 2009 in our Sept. 14 meeting. So, bring your ideas and join in the ride after the meeting. May God bless our troops with protection and victory? May your rides be dry and bug free.



**City Hall CLOSED
Columbus Day**

**The Erie County Office
Will Be OPEN Tuesday
October 14th, 2008
9am to 2 pm
The Office number is 852-6500**

Sears Member Purchase Program



Remodeling? Relocating? Sears makes it easy to choose and purchase the latest appliances for your home through the Sears Member Purchase Program, The American Legion's newest affinity partner. Available exclusively through Sears Commercial Sales. For your American Legion discount price contact your Sears Commercial representative at 214-392-5088 or email via email at americanlegion@searshc.com.

Locate an Appliance Select Center:

http://www.contractsales.sears.com/contactus/scs_contact_as_locations.html

When making your purchases use

Member Purchase Account Number CU-067849



**SUBMISSIONS
FOR
"The Legion-Air"
DUE
Oct. 21st, 2008**

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The Erie County
American Legion
GREAT GAS GIVE – AWAY
Thursday November 20th, 2008

1 st - \$300 Gas Card	4 th - \$50 Gas Card
2 nd - \$200 Gas Card	5 th - \$25 Gas Card
3 rd - \$100 Gas Card	6 th - \$25 Gas Card

**SUNOCO
GAS CARDS**

Donation:
\$1 each
or
6 for \$5.00

For Tickets Call VC Pauline Fletcher
636-4636

County Meeting Dates

October 30, 2008
Matthew Glab Post #1477
November 20, 2008
Alfred J. Jurek Post #1672
December 18, 2008
Milton J. Brounshidle Post # 205



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Oct. 4th 2pm to 8pm, Buck and Doe Party George F. Lamm Post #622 Grove. Grill your own steak. Side dishes, beer and wine and music included; \$20 per person. For tickets call 632-0312.

Oct. 11th 1 pm County Membership Workshop South Buffalo Post 721

Oct. 13th Columbus Day Holiday; City Hall Closed; Office will be open Tuesday Oct 14th.

Oct. 18th 3:30pm University at Buffalo vs. Army Football Game \$17 per person. For more information and reservations call Don Siuda at 825-4400

Oct. 18th 9am to 2pm South Buffalo Unit #721 Annual Craft Show; Tables Available for \$15ea. Call Roseanne @ 715-7339 for more information

Oct. 19th 8am to 1pm "All you can eat" pancake breakfast at A. J. Jurek Post #1672. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. \$6 adults, \$3 children 12 and under, 5 and under free.

Oct. 24th National Commander's Visitation, LaSalle Post #1142, 8643 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY. Luncheon & Dinner, more information to follow.

Oct. 25th 11am to 3pm East Aurora Legion Post #362 will be dedicating a Korean era F84 jet. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Military and Guests Invited. For more info contact Jerzy 655-1656.

Oct. 25th 2 pm Open Bar; 3 pm Dinner Honoring Past Chef Jim Burns, \$24 per person; 40 & 8 Clubhouse, 810 Rein Rd, Chktg. For more Information and tickets call Lou Santercole at 759-6588.

Oct. 25th 7pm South Buffalo Post #721 Meat Raffle \$3 per person, includes beer, pop, & snacks. Doors open at 6pm

Oct. 26th 12 pm to 6 pm Oktoberfest @ A. J. Jurek Post #1672. Cocktails, dinner & "Auslanders" music. \$20 per person. For more information call Dick Schlierf at 634-9940.

Nov. 2nd 1pm to 6pm. Spaghetti dinner at George F. Lamm Post #622. Full dinner, coffee,tea, or pop included. Cash bar available. Take outs available. \$6 adults; \$4 children 6-12 years old; children 5&under free. For tickets and information call 632-0312.

Nov. 7th 7pm, Erie County "Night Out " at the Orchard Park **Mr. Food – No Fuss Meals Store**. For more information and reservations call VC Pauline Fletcher at 636-4636.