



James Harvey Spire Post 787



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COMMANDERS NOTES *By Hilary Harned*

Well another month has come and gone, spring is just around the corner, and so is Our Post. If you haven't seen the new roof I suggest you drive by and take a look. We are still shooting for and grand opening of mid-April.

As some of you know we are holding joint meetings and will do so for the next two months. The intent is to give everyone the same information and not rumors. I am a little disappointed at the turn out we are having at these meetings. I really did thing more people would be concerned about the disposition of their Post, but at least we are seeing a few new faces.

Elections are coming up if you would like to run for an office you will need to contact one of the people on the steering committee, which is being headed by Doug Herrman.

We will need every members support on our Jeep Give Away. We had a 2002 Jeep Liberty donated to our Post by Tri-State Auto, thanks to Charlie Jackson's efforts and re-pore' with them. The tickets are on sale for only \$5.00 per chance. If you can help sell some tickets, or better yet, if you would like to BUY some tickets please contact one of the Post members, or contact Debbie Herpel @ 699-5244 or Gins Scaia @ 720-2298.

Thanks for your support and I'd like to see more of you at the monthly meetings.

MEETING RELOCATION SCHEDULE

Executive Board Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting
Cicero Fire House #1-Route 11

JACKETS

For those who ordered jackets, they are now in. Please contact me, Dave Plato @ 676-3753 to make arrangements to pick them up.

Construction Update

As you can see from the street, the roof has been repaired. We went with a metal roof, that will shed future snow, eliminating snow build up. We went with the blown in insulation.

The interior floor lay out will be done March 8th. The new sprinkler system has been completed with the sheet rock ceiling. The new heating system, with six furnaces, has been laid out along with heat runs. The electric is 85% done. The kitchen has been stripped and all equipment has been sent out to **Gerharts** to be cleaned.

The material for the curtains, rugs and tile has been ordered.

Bob Finsel who built the bar is helping to clean it up and has stripped the arm rest as it will be refinished. The cupboards over the bar have been removed and will not be replaced, as they won't be used, thus opening up the appearance of the bar.

So far we have received from the insurance company checks amounting to over \$320,00. We have incurred building cost of over \$400,000. The total bill when completed with loss of use time and inside furnishing will exceed \$900,000. The Insurance company will cover all rebuilding cost, plus lost use time of the building.

The contractor is stating we will be back into the Legion before Easter.

Dick VanBrocklin

Charles Jackson

MEMBERSHIP

I would first like to thank all who have renewed their membership as of this date. We are now up to 475 paid members for 2006. Our quota for this year being 537 means that we have about 62 more renewals to get us to 100%.

Those who have not renewed may do so by sending the \$26.00 to me at the following address 5454 O'Mara Dr. Brewerton, NY 13027.

Thank You so much and I hope to hear from you soon.

Dave Plato

Membership Chairman

Color Guard by Dave Plato

Our busy season is about to be upon us. We will be planning for our parade and review schedule very soon.

This year the Good Will Days will be in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. The date is May 19, 20 and 21. We will be discussing this and many other things at the next meeting.

We will be meeting on April 2nd at 1P.M. at the Ship & Shore Restaurant, Kellar Road off County Route 37 in Brewerton.

JEEP LIBERTY CAR RAFFLE

As you may have already heard, **Tri State Auto** has donated a Navy blue 2002 Jeep Liberty to the Legion to raffle off. The vehicle has 42,000 miles and looks like it just stepped out of the showroom. The winner is responsible for tax, title and licensing and there are no warranties expressed or implied.

The tickets are now available to purchase and to sell, each ticket is \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the **June 24, 2006 Clam Fest** and the winner does not have to be present. There will be two (2) 2nd place prizes of Complimentary Hall Rentals and Ten (10) Third place prizes of our Legion Fish Dinners. Flamingo Car Wash has also donated Four Books of Car Washes, that will be raffled for those that attend the Clam Fest.

Tickets will be available at the Thursday, March 16 Legion Meeting that is also open to the Auxiliary and to the Sons. Tickets will also be available to pick up at the Auxiliary meeting on March 7.

Once again, **Tom and Val Wilkins**, proprietors of **Uncle Chubby's Pizza** located on Caughdenoy Road in Clay have offered to sell tickets for us, as well as place fliers on their Pizza boxes, phone #699-6966. Tom & Val have been a tremendous help to the Legion in providing a place to continue business as usual when our roof collapsed. **Tri State Auto** will also allow us to sell tickets at their weekly auctions.

We need everyone's help to ensure that this will be a successful fund raiser and can be if we all pitch in and each sell a few tickets. Please think about it. Tickets to sell are available in lots of ten and can either be picked up at the meeting or be contacting Debbie Herpel at 699-5244 or Gina Scaia 455-8550

Adjutant's Agitation

Just a reminder, that if you have not yet paid your dues, please take care of this important and vital matter for your Post. I have also been appointed the head of the Officers Election Enrollment Committee for 2006—2007 year, being assisted by Ken Herpel and Wendell Stewart. If you would like to run for an office in this year's slate, please contact one of the members of the committee and let us know. I can be reached at 463-7232, and if there is no answer, please leave a message. Remember, your must be a member in good standing in order to run for office.

Doug Herrmann
Adjutant Post 787

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By Lee Carlisle

Dear Members,

The year is certainly going fast, I seem to be having problems keeping up with it. Our February meeting was held at the Cicero Firehouse and we will also meet on March 7th there. The hospitality is greatly appreciated.

Tentative date for Spring Conference is Saturday, May 13th.

National Commander's visitation / dinner will be held in Little Falls, April 19th. Tickets are available through the County American Legion.

The next Auxiliary County meeting will be held at Dunbar Post #162 on Saturday, March 18th at 1:30 P.M.

There are still about 40 members that have not paid their 2006 dues. Please send them (\$16.00) to Lois R. Reyes, 123 Lena Terrace, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

If you know of any member who is home bound or in the hospital please give Chaplain, Johanna Bocyck a call 668-9987.

Have you changed your name, address or phone number please let us know so we can keep our records updated.
