



James Harvey Spire Post 787



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COMMANDERS NOTES *By Hilary Harned*

As most of you can tell, spring is really going to make it to central New York. With the flowers blooming all over the place, the sound of Peepers in the open fields and the renewal of blooms on the trees, this is a very special time of the year for all of us and time for all of us to renew our commitment to our NEW Post. This is the time to celebrate our new building and make a commitment to help our more this year, even if it seems like a small task, there will be plenty of help needed.

The elections are coming up next month, so if you would like to run for office, please contact one of the election committee members. You can not apply after the next general meeting.

I hope to see more faces at the Post when it opens in mid April and yes it will be fun to see some of the older ones too. We all have a lot of catching up to do.

Progress On Our New Building

Looks like we are moving very quickly toward our target date of April 14th as the first opening day at our new Cicero American Legion. Thank God we all survived and no one was hurt this catastrophic event of last December 2005.

In order to supplement our insurance funds, we are providing a building fundraiser on May 13, 2006 from 12 PM to 9 PM. This all day gala event will provide an all day buffet as well as day long music, auctions and 50/50 drawings. We are calling the event "**Building Bucks for Building Blocks**". Our anticipated revenue will consist of a very small entrance fee for the all day affair (\$5 - \$9 Per Person), the auctions, 50/50 drawings, possible chance games as well as advertising dollars to help defray our startup operating cost. We ask that all Legionaries attend and most of all, please tell all your friends about our building disaster and the upcoming fund raising event. We need people in the building to help generate the funds.

Additionally, we need volunteers for many positions and I ask you to contact our very able Volunteer Coordinator - Dave Plato. He will assign duties as necessary.

If you have business friends, please ask them for donated items that could be auctioned during this event. We are also selling advertising spots on our new "**dinner place-mats**" for \$100.00. Please coordinate all activities through myself by calling me at 247-3846.

Bob Lyons

Historian / Events Coordinator

Construction Update

Well the time has come where we can tell you that the **Certificate of Occupancy** will be given to us from the town on Good Friday 4/14/06. We plan on having the bar open at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday 4/15/06. We hope to see all organizational members there.

We are very proud of our **Post** and it has been a long time getting back up and running. I will say that Charlie Jackson and I have had our moments, but we are both still alive.

We really want to get everyone out to our next meeting which will be held at the **Post**. Don't forget it is election time and the people your voting for will be running your **Post** for the next year.

If you haven't paid your due's because the Post wasn't open, it now will be so help us by paying your dues.

Charlie and I want to thank you for trusting us on such a large project and we hope to see you at the **Post**.

Dick VanBrocklin / Charles Jackson

SONS

My name is Bill Bell and I have recently taken over the membership chairman position. Currently we have 61 paid members, we are still 20 members who have not renewed their membership. Anyone who has not received their new membership card please contact me at 699-1954 or send e-mail to hunter8532@msn.com and I will resolve the matter. Our meetings are the 4th Monday of every month at the Legion at 7:30 PM. All current paid members need to come in to get their new key cards.

RAFFLE NOTICE The Sons are holding our annual \$1000 raffle. Tickets cost \$5 each with a maximum of 300 being sold. Drawing will be during Clam Fest on June 24. Contact Gary Bramer or Jeff Sotherden for tickets to sell. Remember the Jeep Raffle the Post is raffling, contact Debbie Herpel at 699-5244 to buy or sell tickets.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership this last month. We are still about 50 away from reaching 100%. Be advised that you may remit your \$26.00 to my attention at 5454 O'Mara Drive.

We would very much like to reach our goal ASAP so lets get those memberships in. If you have any questions, please call me at 676-3753.

Doug Hermann
Post Adjutant

Color Guard by Dave Plato

I would like to thank all who supported our TV raffle. The winner was **John Keating** from Clay.

We have several parades and reviews in the very near future. Our first function will be the **Good Will Days** at Kingston, May 19, 20 and 21. Then, of course, don't forget the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 29th.

I would like to welcome **Mark and Bob Turnbull** to the Color Guard. They will be working and marching with us this year. **Welcome Aboard!!!** Don't forget that if any of you out there would like to be a Color Guard member give us a call at 676-3753 or stop in and visit with us at our next meeting.

We are looking forward to our next meeting which will be at the Post. It will be on Sunday, May 7th ant 1 PM.

JEEP LIBERTY CAR RAFFLE

We are continuing to have measured success with the distribution of raffle tickets for the **Jeep Liberty** that will be raffled at our June 24th Clam Fest this year. Thank you to all that have stepped up to the plate and taken tickets to sell. I encourage more of you to do so as this has the potential to be a very huge successful fund-raiser for our **Post**. This will only happen if each one of us pitches in and does our share of selling these tickets, getting these tickets out to our members to sell has been challenging at the best while our **Post** has been under construction.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and available in packets of ten to sell and if each member sold only ten tickets each, we would be golden. Please think about it. Interested parties can contact me at 699-5244 or Gina Scaia @ 455-8550. If you are interested in purchasing INDIVIDUAL tickets the following establishments have stepped up to the plate to help us out: **Uncle Chubby's Pizza** on Caughdenoy Road in Clay, **Ship and Shore Restaurant** in Brewerton and **South Shore Association** in Cicero. A great big **Thank You** to these folks for helping out.

And it goes without saying once our **Post** is open tickets will be available to purchase there. Let's make this happen

Adjutant's Agitation

Just a reminder that this month's meeting is the last time that nominations for office can be made. The slate for this years election, at this time, consists of the following:

Commander - Hilary Harned or Dave Palto

1st Vice Commander - Richard VanBrocklin or Kenneth Herpel

2nd Vice Commander - Butch Bradshaw

3rd Vice Commander - Erwin Broton or Brian Sanford

Adjutant - Doug Herrmann

Finance Officer - Dave Keegan

Sgt @ Arms - Les Smith

Service Officer - John Hiedenriech

Historian - Robert Lyons

Chaplain - Glenn Sotherden

Trustees - Roy Potucek / Pat Kearney / Lee Hunter

Remember, you must be a member in good standing to run for office. We also need some of the members to pay their dues for this year, so if your renewal is still lying around the kitchen table or somewhere, please mail it in. Thank You.

Douglas Herrmann

Post Adjutant

JACKETS

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

I have also had a few calls regarding ordering more, I will be doing that soon. Call if you are interested.

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By Lee Carlisle

Dear Members,

Spring has sprung so the calendar says, not sure about the weather person through, and our year is winding down.

National Commander's visit to the 5th District is April 19th in Little Falls.

Spring Conference will be held at General Pulaski Post #1650 on May 6th, registration is at 9 AM and the session starts at 10 AM. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes registration and luncheon.

If you are interested in running for an office, you must submit a letter to the nominating committee chairperson Lauren Goettel

If you know of any auxiliary member that is ill, in the hospital or homebound, please let our Chaplain, Johanna Bocyck @ 668 - 9987.

Our membership is not at one hundred percent and you are aware that your dues were to be paid by January 31st.

Our Unit members are folding and packaging "pocket flags" again, not sure if there is a weekly time set for such or not.

Till next time: When every other element is out of control, remember you can still manage your reaction.