



# James Harvey Spire Post 787



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MAY, 2006

## 2005 - 2006 POST 787 OFFICERS

Commander *Hilary Hamed*

1st Vice Commander *Dave Plato* 2nd Vice Commander *Edwin Bradshaw* 3rd Vice Commander *Richard VanBrocklin*

Adjutant *Doug Herrmann* Financial Officer *Dave Keegan* Chaplain *Glenn Sotherden*

Sgt-at-Arms *Les Smith* Service Officer *Sandy O'Connor* Historian *Mike Garry*

Trustee's *Roy Potucek / Pat Kearney / Ken Herpel*

## COMMANDERS NOTES *By Hilary Hamed*

As My first year as Commander draws to a close. I would like to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. The past year has been both challenging and rewarding. My team of officers and I have initiated new policies and hopefully improved on others already in place.

Everything was going along fine until the roof caved in (literally!). Attendance at events was up, fish dinners were doing well and hall rentals were booming. The collapse of the roof could have ended James Harvey Spire Post as we knew it. Thankfully no one was hurt; concrete and drywell can be replaced. If you were at the New Years Eve Party you would have heard me state that we would come out better and stronger than before.

Thanks to support and patience from the E-Board and membership, we are now re-opened after just four short months. It really feels good to sit and watch old, and new friends come in and see the improvements and enjoy the camaraderie. We hope everyone has a chance to come in and see your "new" post!

As far as where we are headed, we have planned a variety of events. The **Fund Raiser** on May 13, the **Annual Clam Bake** in June and the **Car Raffle**, all promise to revitalize the well-being of our **Post**. Hope to see y'all there soon, ya hear!

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## Reconstruction Update *by Dick VanBrocklin*

The Legion has been open for about 2 weeks and if you haven't seen it, please stop in. I think you will like your new Post.

The insurance company has accepted all the work that has been completed, including the upgrade on the trusses. We have a 6 month window to submit any future repairs or overlooked problems that may have been incurred.

We did max out on lost of contents as we only had \$52,860 on our policy. The down time, lost of use of facility and income has been accepted at \$51,800.

We are back in business and hope all goes well. It will be nice to see the faces we missed for 4 months.

All errors left within this newsletter are for your amusement.

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# JEEP LIBERTY CAR RAFFLE

**Debbie Herpel**

The ticket distribution is almost at the halfway mark and only 6 weeks remain until the drawing date. This is a terrific fundraiser for the **Post** and it would be great to have more members pick up ticket packets to sell and help us achieve our goal.

If you would like to sell some tickets please call me; **Debbie Herpel @ 699-5244**. If you can't reach me at home, please try my cell phone **885-8111**.

Tickets are available in packets of ten and the cost per ticket is only **\$5.00**. If we all pitch in to help we can make this one of the best fund-raisers our **Post** has ever seen. Individual tickets can be purchased at the Post and are still available at *South Shore, Uncle Chubby's Pizza* and *Ship n Shore*. Once again a great big thank you to these establishments for helping us out.

A special thank you to Sean & the Boy Scouts for helping us by selling 100 tickets.

## MEMBERSHIP

Just a short reminder that our 100% goal has still not been attained. Now that the Post has reopened you may stop in, look the place over and drop off your dues. You may also send them directly to me,

Dave Plato  
5454 O'Mara Drive  
Brewerton, NY 13029

Please make a sincere effort to get these dues in as soon as possible, **Thank You.**

## Color Guard by Dave Plato

The May Color Guard meeting will be held at the Post on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. There will be several topics to discuss so all members are requested to attend. If there is anyone interested in joining I would recommend that they attend one of our meetings. The June meeting will be on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>

### Legion Officers Slate 2006—2007

<b>For Commander</b>	<b>Adjutant</b>
Hilary Harned	Doug Herrmann
Dave Plato	<b>Finance Officer</b>
<b>First Vice</b>	David Keegan
Richard VanBrocklin	<b>Service Officer</b>
Kenneth Herpel	John Hiedenriech
<b>Second Vice</b>	<b>Sgt @ Arms</b>
Edwin (Butch) Bradshaw	Les Smith
Erwin (Irv) Broton	Chaplain
<b>Third Vice</b>	Glenn Sotherden
Brian Sanford	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>Historian</b>	Pat Kerarney
Robert Lyons	Roy Potucek
	Lee Hunter

Elections will be held on May 18 meeting.

**Don't forget**  
**FISH DINNERS** will be returning on May 5th  
**BINGO** will be returning on May 10th

# MAY 13th, FUND RAISER

## 'Building Bucks for Building Blocks'

The doors will open at 12:00 PM and there will be an entrance fee of \$6.00 per person. This fee includes an all day buffet as well as live music for your enjoyment. We will also provide an opportunity for you to try your luck at our games of chance, 50/50 raffles and auctions. Our financial goal is to obtain needed operating funds that the insurance company has not been able to provide.

Additional at 2 PM, in our parking lot, we will have a special flag raising ceremony supported by the Syracuse Brigadiers Alumni Color Guard along with some visiting dignitaries. We ask that our loyal legion members be present to help formally reopen our new rebuilt Post.

We need volunteers for some positions and I ask you to contact our very able Volunteer Coordinator—Dave Plato. He will assign duties as they arise.

If you have business friends, please ask them for donated items that could be auctioned during this event. Please coordinate all activities through myself by calling me at 247-3846.

We look forward to seeing all legion members on May 13, 2006 from 12 PM to 9 PM.

Bob Lyons  
Historian / Event Coordinator  
247-3846

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 PM ..... Event Opens

2:00 PM..... Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Flag Raising

3:00 PM..... Live Continuous Music Begins  
*Southern Comfort*  
Front Street  
Ron Spencer and The Night Crew  
Lorrie Royal  
Roosevelt Dean  
Mickey Vendetti and The Good Time Band

9:00 PM ..... Event Concludes

**Open Buffet**

**Games of Chance**

**Auctions**

**50 / 50 Raffles**

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# Auxiliary

President *Leota Carlisle*    1st Vice *Laureen Goettel*    2nd Vice *Linda Jackson*    Secretary *Karen Lipa*  
Treasurer *Lois Reyes*    Sgt-at-Arms *Linda Houmiel*    Historian *Cathy Shewall*    Chaplain *Johanna Bocyck*

*By Lee Carlisle*

Dear Members,

Our year is winding down and we have had a few stumbling hurdles along the way, but the Legion family has rallied around and we have definitely overcome the hurdles.

Members of the Auxiliary will be attending Spring Conference on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Post 1650.

There are still a few that have not paid their 2006 dues and within a couple months your 2007 dues will be due. Send your dues to:

Lois R Reyes  
123 Lena Terrace  
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Our Chaplain will be placing flowers on the graves of our deceased members for Memorial Day.

Elections were held on May 2nd and the following is the list of 2006—2007 Auxiliary Officers.

President:	Deborah Herpel	2nd Vice:	Linda Jackson
1st Vice:	Laureen Goettel	Treasurer:	Lois R Reyes
Secretary:	Christine Tucker	Historian:	Delores Smith
Chaplain:	Suzanne Pisano	Parliamentarian:	Le Carlisle
Sgt at Arms:	Linda Houmiel		

I would like to extend my best wishes to the new officers for a good and productive year.

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