



# Cicero American Legion Post 787



**Steak Bake Was A Total Success !  
Cicero Legion Invades Seneca Lake Wine  
Country With Two Bus Loads !**

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## Commander's Corner

We sure have a lot of things going on at the Post in the next few weeks. Just to name a few, Monday night wings, Turkey raffle, Karaoke on the the third & fourth Saturday nights. We are striving to come up with as many new ideas as possible, if you have any new, or old, ideas get with Butch Bradshaw and we will run it up the flag pole.

I would like to be the first, at least in writing, to give a HUGE thank-you for all the work that Debbie Herpel put into the Wine tour we just had on the 16th. That was the most fun I have had in a long time. It was really nice to see so many people taking part in a Post function. Again, if see Debbie at the Post tell her thanks for all the hard work.

We will have Veterans Day services at the Post, as usual. Come down a say hello to some of your old friends and meet a few new ones.

We would like to know if any of you would be interested in getting your news letter by e-mail. If so, just leave your e-mail address and name on the Legion board e-mail list . Bob Lyons will get the list into the computer for this possible new process. This would greatly help the mailing costs because we send out 806 newsletters per month.

As veterans day quickly approaches, lets not forget about all the Men and Woman whom are standing in harms way to support our way of life in this great country. All members of our Legion made this same commitment for the same reason—we believe in serving this great nation and keeping it free.

Hope to see y'all down at the Post real soon. Hilary Harned

**Membership Dues Are Going Up  
To \$31.00 Per Year  
Send In Your Renewals Today !**

**Upcoming Events For 2006**

11/11/06	Saturday	2-6PM	Veterans' Day Open House
11/18/06	Saturday	12-4PM	Turkey Raffle
12/3/06	Sunday	6-8PM	Early Bird Dinner
12/10/06	Sunday	2-4PM	Children's Christmas Party
12/31/06	Sunday		New Year's Party

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# Steak Bake

*We Served Over 115 Steak Dinners To  
Our Legion Guests—Thank You For  
Your Support—It Was A Great Success !*

## Auxiliary Notes: By Debbie Herpel

**Dues R Due:** Ladies please remember if you are paid by 11/11/2006 you are invited to attend the "Early Bird Dinner" on 12/3/2006 free of charge. Remember, dues not received by 1/31/2007 are considered delinquent per our Constitution & Bylaws. I can't stress to you enough how important it is to have paid up members. Our Unit quota this year is 175 paid members. Please send your dues to: Donna Lyons 9427 Hawkeye Drive, Brewerton NY 13029 or you can drop them off at the Post Auxiliary box.

**Veterans Day At The Post:** We have chosen to prepare & serve "Stone Soup". We are asking Auxiliary members to donate a food item that will become an ingredient in this fine soup. It's your choice veggies, broth, meat, rice, macaroni or whatever is donated will become a part of the soup. Please drop off items at the Post on 11/4 and 11/5. We will prepare the soup on Thursday 11/9 at 5PM. Your participation is welcome and we ask you to call Linda Houmiel at 699-3571.

**A Tree Blooms In Cicero:** Many heartfelt thanks to all of you that have honored a living or deceased veteran by adding poppies to our tree. It continues to bloom each day so thank-you for honoring the men and women who have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice defending our freedom. Please join us on Veterans Day at the Post at 6:00PM for the memorial & tree lighting service.

**Boy Scout Popcorn Fundraiser:** We will be helping the Boy Scouts with their annual fundraiser by taking orders for them. Please stop by the Post to see the items on display. Linda Jackson is the chairman so please call her with any questions at 699-1793.

**The Cookbook:** Pages are adding up so please continue to submit your recipes by dropping them off at the Post or email to [member@ciceropost.com](mailto:member@ciceropost.com) to my attention. Also check out our Post WEB site at [www.ciceropost.com](http://www.ciceropost.com) for the latest updates on what's happening.

**Christmas Caroling At The VA Hospital:** If you did not attend last year you missed a truly great time. If you could have seen the smiles on our veterans' faces it would have warmed your hearts. Linda Houmiel is coordinating this event for us. The date will be 12/9/2006 at 1:30 PM. She is asking you to sign up at the Post. We are asking the carolers to bring in Christmas cookies to give to the veterans. Check the bulletin board for further details.

**Note:** The maintenance crew from the Syracuse 174th is being deployed overseas during the holidays. There was a celebration party recently held at our Post hosted by Christine Tucker for her husband Ian and 30 of his fellow guardsmen that are being deployed. Christine also invited their families to join in the celebration to thank them all for what they do especially since they are leaving during the holidays. Christine Tucker is one of our waitresses, tends bar and holds office within the Auxiliary as Secretary. Good Luck and return home safely to all the 174th.



### *Adjutant's Agitation* By Doug Herrmann

Another note on membership – We still have **174** members who have not renewed their membership for the year 2007. Remember, the dues have increased to \$31.00 for 2007, so if you send in your dues prior to 12/10/2006 you will only have to pay \$26.00 but if it is received after the above date it will cost you \$31.00 and it will be returned to you if it is the wrong amount. We have gained about 14 new members through transfers and new memberships. To the people who have already renewed A Large Salute.

Additionally, the officers of the Post would like to thank Suzanne Pisano for donating numerous license plates from other Posts. They have been added to the collection over the bar by Trustee Potucek and Adjutant Herrmann. We have about 10 left to hang and are looking forward to obtaining some more. Thanks Suzanne

Doug Herrmann, Post Adjutant/Membership Chair.



### News From The Son's Bill Bell—Adjutant

Just a reminder for those who have not yet renewed—it is once again that time of the year. Everyone should have received a renewal letter by now. If I have missed anyone you can send your payment of \$20.00 to PO Box 1425, Cicero, NY 13039 Attn: Bill Bell. Once January 2007 gets here dues will be going up due to an increase to us. If there are any questions about membership you can call me at 699-1954 or 921-9506. Upcoming meetings are:

October 23, 2006 - 7:30PM - Legion

November 27, 2006 - 7:30PM - Legion

December 18, 2006 - 7:30PM - Ship & Shore

The Dec 14th County meeting will be held at our legion. We would like as many as possible of the son's to attend this meeting. Food will be available prior to the meeting.

We will be having our restaurant raffle once again to be drawn on Superbowl Sunday. The tickets will be \$2.00 ea or 3 for \$5.00. They will be available at the bar when they arrive.

Bill

### The Fable Of Stone Soup — By Debbie Herpel

According to the story, some travelers come to a village carrying nothing more than an empty pot. Upon their arrival the villagers fill their pot with water, drop a large stone into it and place it over a fire in the village square. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. They answer we are making "stone soup" which tastes wonderful although it still needs a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor which is missing. The villager doesn't mind parting with just a little bit to help them out, so it gets added to the soup. Another villager walks by inquiring about the pot and the travelers again mention their stone soup which hasn't reached it's full potential yet. The villager hands them a little bit of seasoning to help them out. More & more villagers walk by, all adding another ingredient. Finally a delicious & nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by all.

This fable can be thought of as "The Emperor's New Clothes" in reverse where nothing is revealed to be something after all. The original stone was only a pretext to start the villagers sharing in a way that they would not have considered without the catalyst of the "stone soup" that they thought they were improving.

According to Portuguese tradition, the events described in the "stone soup" tale took place around Almeirim, Portugal. To this day there's hardly a restaurant in Almeirim which doesn't serve stone soup.

The story is also known as Nailsoup in Scandinavian and Northern European countries and is called Axe Soup in Eastern Europe.

So please join us on Veterans Day and enjoy the wonderful "stone soup" that the Auxiliary will be adding to the regular festivities we traditionally have on this day.

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## **Wine Tour—What a Wonderful Day At Seneca Lake !**



Gus was looking for a new bus driver to help with the wine trip. Our own Ken Herpel attempted to obtain the job—but the beer in one hand scared Gus ! Ken did not get the job ! →



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