

Tuesday, November 07, 2017

Hi Unit 376 Members!

President Jan has been very busy filing ALA reports, making plans for upcoming events, and doing lots of organizing. I thought I'd better send you a message so you can jot down some upcoming dates.

FYI- November 10th - Happy 98th Birthday American Legion Auxiliary! The American Legion designated the birth date of the (National) American Legion Auxiliary as Nov. 10, 1919, as per our National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.

Saturday, November 11th is Veterans Day and you're invited to the Post for a really nice event. The ceremony at Post 376 commences precisely at 11:00 a.m., when they will reflect on the service and sacrifice of members of the Nation's armed forces with an honorable service, speakers, ceremony, "Taps," and coffee/tea and light refreshments. (They will also have free hot dogs down in the bar.)

BTW- Nov. 11th is the deadline for paying your dues to be eligible for the Early Bird dinner on Nov. 18th. I will be there if you want to pay me in person, but please wait for the end of the ceremony.

Reminder: The 3rd regular Unit 376 monthly meeting of the (Auxiliary's fiscal) year will be on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at (new earlier time) 6:30 p.m. (2nd Tues of the month). NOTE: If you haven't been to a meeting in a long time or never, please come on down. Location: Fort Hill Post 376, 17 S. Washington Ave, Oxford, NY.

Sunday, Nov. 26, after the breakfast will be decorate the upstairs Christmas tree day. The tree will be in red, white and blue!!!

(We will be wrapping presents for our Christmas Community Basket families at our Dec. 12th meeting.)

The 4th/next Chenango County ALA meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 4th, at the Sherburne Legion Post #876, 15 S. Main St, Sherburne, NY. This is the Christmas Party meeting and usually involves everyone bringing finger foods. Angela Jones said she'd send us an email either way. Please bring a \$5 gift (wrapped in a bag) for a Christmas gift swap. The CC ALA president is Sophie Liberatore. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:30 p.m./ business meeting begins at 7 p.m.) '17-18 CC Meetings - will be on the First Monday of each month (not Jan, July, Aug). In 2018, the March meeting is to celebrate the Legion's 99th Birthday. That will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, with the Legionnaires and SAL at the Sherburne Post #876.

2017 NYS Veterans' Home at Oxford Activities Schedule, from Tami Zebrowski-Darrow, 6th District Field Service Rep.: Volunteers always wanted!

December 9th, from 8 a.m. till done: CHRISTMAS PARTY & GIFT GIVE AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS at the Vets' Home. This is for the residents but it's such an impressive production!

(Go [here](#) for complete schedule [PDF] of Vets' Home events including Bingo. You might want

to volunteer to help at one of these.) Also on Sat. Dec. 9th, our Unit 376 provides the Vets' Home volunteers with a luncheon (2 sittings) for the roughly 100 volunteers. We'll have a nice hot meal and a festive dessert. The fore mentioned Tami will be dressed as a very lovely Mrs. S. Claus.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for our Christmas Community Basket families. Please give generously!

Current family sponsors for the Christmas Community Baskets or anyone/club/organization who would like to sponsor a family, you must come to the meeting tomorrow/ Wednesday, November 8, betw 6 - 7 p.m., at Post 376 (in the upstairs dining hall).

October 27th, was the Chicken and Biscuit Benefit Dinner for Dan Krygier. Dan, son of Past Post 376 Cmdr Ray Krygier and 20 year Auxiliary member Audrey Krygier, suffered a paralyzing stroke. Expenses are mounting. Monies raised will be used to defer medical expenses. Thank you to everyone who came to show your support for Sons of the American Legion (SAL) member Dan and the Krygier family! Donations are still being accepted at the Post & at NBT bank, make check out to: S.A.L Squadron 376.

The Post 376 Early Bird Dinner - is a complimentary reward for Post members who have paid their 2018 dues before 11/11/17. It has been on the 2nd Saturday of November, however, because that's Veterans Day this year, it will be on the 3rd Saturday, November 18, 2017. It will be the same popular menu as last year (NY Strip Steak, potato, tossed salad, Italian bread, and cake.) Cocktails: 3:30 - 4:30. Dinner: 4:30 - 6 PM. RSVP - AmerLegion@stny.rr.com or call (607) 843-8166. You must be on the list to be served and show your 2018 membership card.

December 16th is the Post Christmas Party. (It was postponed from Dec. 9 -be sure to note this change.) Come for food, music, dancing, karaoke, more food, and lots of fun!

The American Red Cross is back at the Fort Hill Post 376 for another blood drive on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (It's usually on the 2nd Saturday.) They ordinarily take walk-ins, but making an appointment is a much better idea. You can even go online for the screening questions. Visit the website: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> FMI/to find a location near you.

All of this is enough to make your head spin! -but many hands make light work - so check us out once in awhile!!!

Thank you to everyone who has paid your dues. The rest of you, come on!!! They have us competing to see which Unit has the highest membership - please help me out.

Thanks again,

Jeanie

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