

# UNIT 376 E-NEWS



# American Legion Auxiliary

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## Merry Christmas Greetings ALA Members!

Nearly half of you have paid your dues- KUDOS! Now the other half – please pay your (\$28) dues. Online works very well now so just drop me a message if you pay online.

Ok, now that that is out of the way,

here's [What's going on at your American Legion Post 376...](#)



The dining hall at the Fort Hill American Legion has been bedecked by the Auxiliary. Sunday mornings you're invited to come in to enjoy a tasty all-you-can-eat breakfast in this festive holiday décor.

Saturday, Dec. 8, we just entertained 60 of the NYS Veterans' Home [at Oxford] volunteers with a hot turkey plate lunch. They annually have a "Christmas Gift Give Away & Party" for the residents of the Home. This big, annual event is

planned all year. Posts from all over the 6th District (that's Schuyler, Chemung, Tompkins, Tioga, Cortland, Broome, Chenango, Otsego and Delaware) make donations for the gifts so the residents can "shop" (at no cost) for their families. Volunteers help residents pick out 3 items and then gift wrap and tag them. When they're done, they come to our Post to have a complimentary lunch. This luncheon was started by Sally Finch years ago as the Unit 376's donation toward the program. Special thanks to Tami Zebrowski-Darrow aka "Mrs. Santa" (6th D. representative from Unit 1645) who continues and coordinates this huge undertaking!!!

Right now, we're holding a raffle for a very pretty red, white and blue afghan throw, called "**Patriotic Pride**" - hand crocheted by Deb Murphy and donated as an ALA fundraiser. Good for the winter - perfect for a Christmas gift. \$1.00 per ticket or \$5 gets you 6. Why not take a chance! It is on display

 **"PATRIOTIC PRIDE," A HANDMADE AFGHAN RAFFLE**  
A benefit for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 376




**Raffle Tickets 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00**

Afghan details: 52" x 65" made of 100% worsted acrylic yarn; Machine washable. Designed by Katherine Eng. Patriotic Pride Throw, crocheted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 376 member, Debbie Murphy.

Tickets available at the Post 376 bar (open after 2:30 p.m.) and at the Sunday Community Breakfasts, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Friday, December 21st, 9:00 PM, during the LJ Gates and Shan Gage concert downstairs at the Legion.

Proceeds benefit the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 376, 17 S. Washington Ave., (PO Box 832) Oxford; (807) 843-8168. Web: Oxford-ALA.Chenango.org

in the glass display case across from the Legion bar. Tickets available during the breakfast or down in the bar.

Post 376 is collecting non-perishable food donations both upstairs and down at the bar. *'Tis the Season – please give!!!* The ALA has "adopted" 3 families (with 2 children each) for the Christmas Community Baskets.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our monthly meeting date for December, which had been slated for Tues. Dec. 11, has been changed. This is the meeting when we wrap the Christmas Basket family gifts. Also, our Girls' Staters, Genevieve Gorman and Kelsey Drewniak, are coming to tell us about their time at Empire Girls' State and help us wrap. We planned to skip the business meeting and have a little Christmas cheer (music and cookies) too. That Tuesday is the Chenango County American Legion meeting (with a dinner) that happens to be at our Post, so the date is not good for us. The next date we're just about confirming is (a week later) **Tues., Dec. 18th, at 6:30 p.m.** I'll send out a confirmation announcement.

Sadly, an ALA member has passed away... Carla Thurston McLaren. Carla was a member of the Norwich ALA Unit 189 but she had roots in Oxford. Her parents Carol and Cal Thurston are long time members of Post 376 including her grandmother Florence Milk, also an ALA member. A "Celebration of Life" will be held this Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 6 - 8 p.m. here at our Oxford American Legion. Friends of Carla's are welcome.

The third Sunday of the month, when the Oxford Community Youth Center (OCYC) volunteer "elves" are serving at the **Sunday Community Breakfast**, it will be extra special as there will be a very important guest visitor from the North Pole... Santa Claus. Santa will be at the Post



home on **Sunday, Dec. 16, from 8:30 - 11 a.m.** He'll be there for little ones to have an up-close moment with Santa to reveal their secret wishes for presents that they would like to see under the tree. Parents should be prepared with their cameras for this memorable photo opportunity.

This all-you-can-eat breakfast is served from 7:30 until 11:00 a.m. You can get: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, home fries, French toast, OJ and tea/coffee. In addition, the "Third Sunday Special" is *sausage gravy and biscuits*. Real maple syrup, made by Oxford Maple Producers, is available upon request. Breakfast cost is \$7.00 - Adults; Senior Citizens - \$6.00; Children 7-12 yrs. - \$5.00; under 6 - FREE! (\$7.50 for take-outs.)

While this is *not an ALA event*, ALA member Jacky Knoll-Carr is a Zumba and Yoga instructor. She is inviting anyone interested in trying her classes to come for **Yoga –free-** on Wed. 12/19, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. and **Zumba –free-** on Thurs. 12/20 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Healthy snacks and door prizes! You might start a Happy New Year of a healthy new you! Classes at St. Paul's Community Center, 32 Main St, Oxford. Questions: [jkollcarr@gmail.com](mailto:jkollcarr@gmail.com) .

Speaking of FREE, the Legion is having a (free admission) concert on Friday, Dec. 21, from

7-10 p.m. by **LJ Gates and Shari Gage**. Their music is classic Rock, Blues and contemporary. You'll be able to "*rock around the Christmas tree*" in the Legion bar. Lyndon or "LJ" has been a fixture on the local music scene for more than 34 years. Singer-song writer-guitarist LJ, is teaming up with singer Shari Gage for an evening of greatness! (For those of you who don't know, LJ's manager and wife is none other than our own ALA member, **Julie Gates!**)

The Patriotic Pride afghan raffle will be held on Dec. 21, during the Gates-Gage concert, at 9 p.m.

The Oxford American Legion, Post #376, is located at 17 S. Washington Avenue. For inquiries, contact Post 376 at 843-8166. Online: [OxfordLegion.com](http://OxfordLegion.com) and [Oxford-ALA.Chenango.org](http://Oxford-ALA.Chenango.org) Questions regarding ALA membership/dues, email me, Jeanie Petersen at [Events@OxfordNY.com](mailto:Events@OxfordNY.com) .

Have a very happy Holiday Season!  
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