

# UNIT 376 E-NEWS



# American Legion Auxiliary

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Hi ALA-ers,

Wow, time flies, but we have had quite a good year! My last newsletter was about the Easter Bunny breakfast and the Cinco de Mayo buffet dinner. Since then we had the big Memorial Day ceremonies and the parade too! (If you didn't march this year, consider doing it next year. We dressed in navy blue pants and chose to wear either red, white or blue (mostly) polo-style shirts. [We provide hats to wear for the day in the parade so we all look uniform.] See the picture at the right. It was a beautiful day for a parade!



Cinco de Mayo buffet Sat. 5-04-19



● **EVENT TONIGHT:** **Wed., June 05, 7:00 p.m.** - **Oxford Academy's Spring Awards Ceremony** . Our own Terrill Sutton, co-chair with Julie Blanford of the Poppy Program, will be there to present the nine (9) art students who won the 2019 ALA Poppy Poster Contest with their awards and prizes. All are welcome to attend. Their artwork was really outstanding and hard to judge from so many entries!

● **MEETING:** **Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** Our (fiscal) year is practically done. (The year runs like a school year... Sept. – June.) This is our last 2019 meeting. This one's an important one because we install the 2019-2020 officers in a swearing-in ceremony. All of the elected officers are signing up again. I'm happy about that because we all know our jobs and we know what to do and when, and usually what to expect. We run like a well oiled machine, however, the machine won't work without you! *Come to a meeting and share your thoughts and ideas!*

Oh, we selected our 2019 ALA Unit 376 \$500 Scholarship winner, but I can't tell you who it is yet. You'll have to wait until H.S. graduation.

● **UPCOMING EVENT:** At the meeting, we will be discussing the Legion's big fundraiser, everybody's favorite, the **Alumni Ice Breaker!** This is always held on the last Friday of July (*of the last full weekend in July*). Did you see the half page (Oxford happenings) ad in the Pennysaver's **Great Getaways Guide?** This year it's on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and gets going around 5 p.m. DJ Dennis will be spinning the

tunes, there will be food, drink, and fun. Oxford Academy classes have reunions, but anyone can come. It's a regular "Party on the Patio!" (Held in the parking lot.) If you simply want to help out, please let us know. Many hands make light work.

Not mentioned anywhere over the past year are the meals we've prepared – and we were busy. The Auxiliary has prepared 'after funeral' luncheons or later on "Celebration of Life" meals for past members of the Post. We also have been hired to cater a few parties which is done as a fundraiser for the Auxiliary.

President Jan created a work calendar and we've all pitched in to help keep the kitchen and dining room clean. Just this past Monday, three of us cleaned all the tables and chairs – and it only took one hour. The more people that can help, the less time each of us has to spend. There is a lot of maintenance that goes on behind the scenes!

BTW- If you haven't paid your dues, please do so! I would like to have this job finished for 2019. (In the overall membership dues counts, we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County with 81.13%.) Thank you to those who paid their dues.) If you don't remember if you paid your dues, contact me and I'll check. Thanks! (Dues are \$28 seniors and \$6.25 Juniors.) For those who believe they have missed back years and would like them to get caught up, yes, you can pay back years. To help you, we don't ask for our Unit portion of the dues (\$8) on back years so you only have to pay \$20.



On the left are Ellie Ryan and Sarah Camiel, our sponsored EGS delegates. We are most fortunate to be allowed and able to send two girls this year (as last year. There is a limit determined by the state and many units are unable to afford the sponsorship.) Ellie and Sarah will enjoy a hands-on, week-long educational workshop held June 30 - July 6, 2019 at The College of Brockport in Brockport, NY, focusing on Americanism and the political process. The experience the girls will take away from this will be life changing. In addition to leadership skills, lifelong friendships may be made as well.

On the right are Poppy Princesses: Taylor Simpson, Allis Montgomery, and Peggy Braman presenting paper poppies to Oxford's Mayor Stark and Supervisor Wilcox on Memorial Day. The 3 Miss Poppys are 3 generations of our Auxiliary Unit 376! You can see the article online here at CNY News: <https://cnynews.com/three-poppy-princesses-represent-remembrance-and-hope/>

The 2019-2020 Chenango County ALA officers are - Pres: Joy Lawrence; 1st Vice: Angela Jones; 2nd Vice: Barb Pierce; Membership: Mary Lou McAvoy; Treasurer: Resi Fuller; and Sect'y-Colleen Melella. They just had their installation in New Berlin (where Pres. Joy is a member).

**ODDS AND ENDS** - Other things that you might like to know—

Mary El and David Emerson have "passed the baton"... PON (Promote Oxford Now) has new leadership [ [rhondawd@aol.com](mailto:rhondawd@aol.com) ] and their next meeting will be JUNE 23, at 9:00 a.m. - at the Oxford High School Guidance Office. Topics to discuss include: **Trash to Treasures Community Yard Sale** on August 17 and an **OXtober Festival, Fall Festival** on October 5th. These are community events.

The Oxford Community Band schedule is out. Contact me and I'll email it if you want or write Tom Rice: [tomrice\\_ncs@yahoo.com](mailto:tomrice_ncs@yahoo.com)

The Commander of our Legion Post 376, Darlene Ardron, is recuperating from surgery. Send Get Well cards to: PO Box 269, Oxford, NY 13830.

The revised ALA Unit Guide Book is available here (after you login): <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Members/Guides/> . This is FREE. You can copy it to your computer. Physical copies will be available for purchase soon from American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales.

There's a Social Security Phone Scam! ABC News 7 wrote: If you have gotten this call and gave your social security number out, you can go here to file a report or call: 1-800-772-1213. See the article - <https://abc7.com/crooks-are-running-a-new-social-security-scam-to-get-your-money/5325796/>

Did you know you could get a special Service Emblem leather collar for your dog? They're pretty sharp (and a bit \$). See the military emblems as well as Police and FD - <https://www.inthecompanyofdogs.com/itemdy00.aspx?ID=201,4532&T1=D191040+AIRF+18>

See <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/archaeology-and-history/magazine/2019/05-06/invasion-of-normandy-d-day/> for WWII documents never released before!

Explore the American Museum of Natural History with the Chenango Arts Council and Friends of Rogers on August 3, 2019. The bus leaves from 27 West Main Street, Norwich NY at 7 am and will return from Manhattan around 10 pm. \$100 covers round-trip bus fare and museum admission. A fast food stop will be made on the return trip. Reservations must be made by July 19, 2019. Call 607-336-ARTS or go to [ChenangoArts.org](http://ChenangoArts.org) to register. JOIN THE HERD!

Best wishes,

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