

UNIT 376 E-NEWS



American Legion Auxiliary

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Hi ALA-ers,

As I mentioned last month, we're gearing up for a new year...2020!

RE: 2020 membership dues - you can pay them now! I have the new 2020 membership cards.

Incentive: If you pay before Veterans Day (11/11), you will be an "Early Bird." You are eligible to go to the free Early Bird dinner at the Legion.

I just got the PUFL (Paid Up For Life) and the HLM (Honorary Life Members -ALA Unit 376 members with 40 consecutive years paid) membership cards in the mail. Joining this distinguished group this year is Barbara J. Ingraham. Barbara signed up as a Unit 376 member back in 1980 under her (late) husband, Robert E. Ingraham Sr. Bob served in the US Army, during the Korean Conflict. Barbara served as president of Unit 376 and remembers organizing many events (dinners, craft shows, etc.) all

the while raising their 7 children; and she did a lot of baking too! So, the lesson here is: keep your dues up-to-date and maybe you will be an HLM some day! (You can pay back dues too. Also sign-up Jrs – all those years count.)



All 11 CC Posts were represented at the CC Fair booth, Aug. 6-11. Pictured here are Judi Baker, Dave Spencer, Lori Jeffrey, Ron Blanford, Angela Jones, Ann Carey, Kevin Grewe, Sophie Liberatore, and Ed Hooke.

It's the **25th anniversary of the Legion's Sunday Community Breakfast**- since 1994! (The actual anniversary date is 8-21-94.) Its longevity has/does depend upon help from volunteers like **you**. If anyone wants to help out or knows of an organization (adult or youth) that can volunteer, please contact Julie or Jan. Everyone loves the breakfast but no one has the time to help. (Dining

room servers are especially becoming a major issue on 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month.) What if no one helped? = No more Breakfasts. That would be sad.

Did you see the Chenango County American Legion's "Family" booth at the Chenango County Fair? Volunteers there took turns selling ice and lunch foods (including ice cream sandwiches from Gilligan's). The main purpose was to get the word out (and membership applications) that anyone can join the Legion now who has honorably served/ or is serving in the US Military. Congress passed a bill making this possible. No more ineligibility dates – yeah!!!

At the CC Fair booth, on Thurs. 8/08, was Joe Coe, the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) from Chenango County. If you or someone you know needs to ask Joe any questions (military benefits, etc.), he works out of the Office on Aging, County Office Bldg, Norwich. Call (607) 337-1770; or 337-1775.

● **MEETING: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** Our first meeting of the (fiscal) year.

All of the elected officers are signed up again. *Come to a meeting and share your thoughts and ideas!*

● **MEETING: Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** The first meeting of the year for the CC ALA. (Due to Labor Day, the date has been postponed 1 week) at the Frank H. Arnold Post 348, 8 Academy Street, New Berlin, NY. This will be a covered dish dinner. All 2019-20 CCALA future meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (but not in Jan, July, Aug). (Desserts/dinners at 6:30 p.m./ business meeting begins at 7 p.m.) 2019-20 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. Any member can go to this meeting if you want.

● **UPCOMING EVENT:** The Chenango County American Legion Auxiliary's 7th annual "Thank You Veterans" (complimentary) luncheon will be on Sat., **October 5th, 2019**, noon to 3 p.m.– Sherburne Post #876.

● **EVENT:** Save the Date- **Friday, Oct. 11th** is our big annual **Harvest Dinner**. More news to come later, but this is a benefit for our Finch Education Fund. We donate money for student's books at the Oxford Primary School.



● **EVENT:** The 6th District Fall Conference will be at the nearby Norwich Post. Saturday, **October 12, 2019**. Registration at 8 a.m. Contact me for more details.

● **EVENT:** Dept. of NY Commander's Visitation Dinner - Fri, **October 25**. (More later.) Mike McDermott-Cmdr.

● **EVENT:** The Early Bird dinner will (tentatively) be on Sat., **November 16**, 4:30 to 6 p.m. (cocktail hour: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.) Veterans Day (the dues deadline, 11/11) is the anniversary of the official end of World War I (in 1918). *The Early Bird dinner date is unconfirmed at this time. Please be sure to contact the Post 376 for confirmation and reservations. You must RSVP - call the Post at (607) 843-8166.

• It's a little early to confirm all these dates – so please confirm them before going. They are subject to change. It's the best I can do for now. Please visit our website for more news – oxford-ala.chenango.org

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Best wishes,

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