



VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH, INC.

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2019 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors were held at the March meetings. There are no elections for the Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary. There are two individuals running for President of the Sons' of the Veterans of Lansingburgh. Sons' Elections will be held on Wednesday April 3rd from 5-6pm. Results will be announced during the Son's meeting. You must be a paid-up Son's member to vote. Elected Officers and Board members will be sworn in at their May meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS! / THANK YOU!

Congratulations to NED DOUGHERTY and DAVID KISSICK for being named VETERAN award winners at the Friends of 112th Street awards dinner.

Thank you to the Sunday Dart League for their donation to the Building Fund from the weekly dart 50/50.

VETERAN OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: PAUL HIGGITT, JR.

TREASURER:

VICE PRESIDENT: BILL ATCHINSON

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: RICH LAYTON

SECRETARY: LISA SAUNDERS

ASST. FINANCIAL SECRETARY: TOM DOUGHERTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

DON GILBERT

JIM LANTEIGNE

JIM THEAKOS

LISA HIGGITT

ELDEN MILLER

RON LAFOUNTAIN

TOM ROONEY

SONS' OF VETERANS OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: MARK SITTS

SECRETARY: MARK BAIRD

VICE PRESIDENT: BRIAN MCCARTHY

TREASURER:

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: PAM BENOIT

SECRETARY:

VICE PRESIDENT: CARRIE BALDWIN

TREASURER: SHARON STEVENS





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here, and life is slowly coming back to the club after a long winter. Soon we will be cleaning up and getting ready for a busy spring and summer. Our **23rd Annual MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be here before we know it. This is our largest event of the year. We do the parade for the local community to help them remember the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice serving this great nation. Sacrifices like theirs and those who have served and still continue to serve today are the reason why we live in the most free and democratic country in the world. This year, **GRAND MARSHAL for the 2019 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE is CAPTAIN WILLIAM ALLENDORPH**. William is a highly decorated Vietnam Army Veteran and is known for having led the only successful rescue of an American POW during the Vietnam War. **HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL is BILL ATCHINSON**. Bill was a Sergeant with the United States Marines and a Vietnam Veteran. He is currently Vice President of the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH as well as many other Organizations. Both men have served their country and communities with pride.

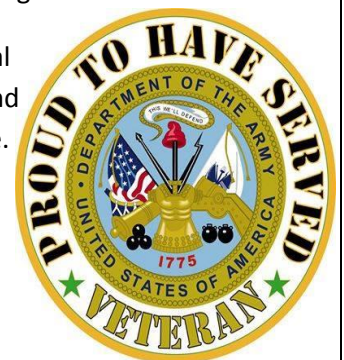
We do the parade so that the memories of our fallen servicemen are not forgotten. I ask that all members help us honor their memory. If you cannot march, I encourage you to ride on one of our floats. Help us show the local community what the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH members are made of. In addition to the parade, we always look for help in preparing for and participating in the MEMORIAL DAY weekend activities. We need help prepping for the parade, getting the grounds ready, flag placement on graves, etc. If you are interested, please let us know. We are also doing our semi-annual GI Party in May to give both the inside and outside of our Club and grounds a good cleaning prior to the upcoming events. If you can assist for a few hours, we would appreciate it.

I am happy to announce that the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH is the recipient of a NYS competitive grant thru the NYS Dormitory Authority. I put almost 2 years of work into this application with rounds of paperwork and audits by the state. I would like to thank our Accounting firm D'Alle Accounting, Governor Cuomo's Office, Senator Marchione's Office and Assemblyman McDonald's Office. We received \$140,000.00 earmarked for infrastructure improvements. Work will begin soon. The Building Committee and Board of Directors will be extremely busy and will be looking for your support. Major projects include a new state of the art heating and AC rooftop unit, rerouting of our current sewer lines from 122nd to 1st Avenue, state of the art security camera system inside and outside the facility, repaving of our parking lot here outside the club and paving and completion of the parking lot on the corner of 122nd Street. Some of the projects may cause the club to be closed a few days. We will try to give the membership as much prior notice as we can.

With that said, I informed the membership at the March meeting that this upcoming year will be my last year. I have no plans to run again for 2020. I intend to stick around this year and ensure that the grant is completed. When I leave the Club should be totally updated and able to move forward. Now is the time for others to step up. I'm around and anyone interested should get involved now, don't wait for me and others to leave. We have a lot of members and there are a lot of good ideas that are continually brought up at the bar. Now is the time for those people to get involved.

Lastly, keep the men and women who are deployed throughout the world fighting the Global War on Terrorism in your thoughts and prayers. They are doing their part to keep us safe and out of harm's way. When you see a service member or Veteran, thank them for their service. It doesn't cost anything, and it lets the individual know that someone cares and appreciates what they are doing, or what they have done to help preserve our freedoms.

**Respectfully Submitted,
PJ Higgitt, President**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS:

Spring is finally here! Tickets for our semi-annual raffle in early May are available. Please stop by to pick up your ticket(s) at the bar if you haven't already. We've got a lot to accomplish in the next few months to get ready for the **23rd Annual Memorial Day Parade**. Please get involved to help OUR club! We look forward to Kevin Dougherty joining the Board of Directors. We still have 1 Board position available. If interested, contact me or another Board member. Remember this is YOUR club!

Jim Theakos

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS:

Happy Spring Ladies! Hopefully Mother Nature realizes that Spring is here. We are approaching one of the busiest times at the Veterans of Lansingburgh. All help is greatly appreciated. The following are Auxiliary sponsored events for the upcoming months: **TRIVIA NIGHTS:** 4/5, 5/10, 6/14. **CHILI COOK OFF** on April 27 at 3:00 PM. Please contact DEB WEST with any questions or if you wish to you enter the contest. She can be reached at 518-339-6824. We are also in the process of scheduling a **COMEDY NIGHT** for the fall. Stay tuned for details. **ALL HANDS-ON DECK!! GI PARTY** is on May 11th at 8 am. All members are expected to help. The more hands working, the less work for all. Help get the club in shape for the **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**. **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND** 5/25-5/27, there is lots to do to prepare. Food prep, decorating club and floats, selling merchandise to name a few. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the club. Come on down, help, and remember and honor all those who have lost their lives to make our lives better. Let's remember why we all became Auxiliary members. To honor American Veterans and to help the Veterans of Lansingburgh. We all need to pitch in whenever we can, **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHTER WORK FOR ALL!**

AUXILIARY OFFICERS are running unopposed. Therefore, an election is not needed. The Secretary position is open. If you are interested in the position, please let me know.

Thank you for all that you do!

Pamela J. Benoit, Auxiliary President (518) 256-0794 / pbenoit3@nycap.rr.com

SONS OF VETERANS NEWS:

Hello fellow Sons and members. Another winter is behind us. Mother Nature was pretty good to us this year. I hope she keeps it up through the spring.

As many of you know, I did not run for Sons' President this year, wanting to stay under the radar for a while and concentrate on other endeavor, both personal and professional. I will continue to support this club and look forward to working with the new officers. I will be co-chairing the outside functions through the summer. Co-chairing the **STEAK ROAST, PIG ROAST, LOBSTER BAKE, and CLAM STEAM**. It has been a great pleasure working with all of you as your president and I'm looking forward to working with all of you and supporting our new officers. There's a lot of work to be done this year and I urge all of you to contribute in supporting our veterans and their Club. As always, I look forward to seeing you in the club for laughs and cocktails, and at functions for camaraderie and times to be remembered! **Thank you all!**

Mark Sitts

VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



GRAND MARSHAL, HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL, VETERAN, ASSOCIATE, and AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR WINNERS

	GRAND MARSHAL	HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL	VETERAN OF THE YEAR	ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR	AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR
1997	Peter D'Allesandro		Paul Higgitt Jr.		
1998	Zannie Smith	Michael Van Patten	Donald Skaarup		
1999	Steven Olmstead		Marty Mahar		
2000	Terry McNamara	George Garrett Donald Skaarup	Edward Patrick Jr.		
2001	Clarence Dart	Thomas Sharpe	Thomas Sharpe		
2002	Paul Gregware	Robert VanPelt Joseph Manupella	Joseph Manupella		
2003	Bruce Jensen	Donald Skaarup	Lisa Higgitt		
2004	Christopher Douglas	Robert Webb	Earl LaBounty	William Bowles	Kathleen Fiffe
2005	Roy McDonald	Thomas Doin	Humbert Grande	William Heffern	Alice Patrick
2006	Joseph Taluto	Austin Wilcox Patricia Walker	Bob Patrick	Jack Hallett	Dorothy Higgitt-Horton
2007	Marissa Strock	John Mennillo	William Gordon	Harry Gully	Mary Gavitt
2008	Michael McNulty	Myers Smith John Boyko	Thomas Rooney	Todd Konifka	Elaine O'Grady
2009	Robert Reiter	Edward Malone Crawford Lattimore	George Patrick Sr.	Mark Sitts	Stephanie Kosko
2010	Cornelius Gray	Edgar Davey John Taylor	Robert Gallagher	Robert Jubie Robert McAllister	Alice Collum
2011	Charlie Johnson	Robert Gallagher	Hank Miller	Jason Peyser	Lois Kewley
2012	Frank Wicks	Patrick Abrams	Kenny Sunkes	Steve Williams	Patricia Smith
2013	Peter Guenette (posthumously)	Thomas Yaiser	Thomas Doin	Jack Cooper	Mary Ellen McCarthy
2014	Timothy Forbes	Thomas Dougherty	Edward Jackson	Edward Goodwill	Lori Winne
2015	Daniel Travers	Chris Cincio	Richard Layton		Virginia Kellogg
2016	The O'Grady Brothers	Gord Romard	Bill Nedoroscik	Mark Baird	Stella Mirocki
2017	J. Thomas Burtnick	Bob Patrick, Sr.	Ned Dougherty	Joe Krajchik, Jr	Ruthie Cooper
2018	John Willsey	Dave Clum	John Reitano	Mike Fiffe	Sharon Stevens
2019	William Allendorph	Bill Atchinson	- TO BE ANNOUNCED AFTER THE PARADE -		

TRIVIA NIGHT(s):

Get your friends together & join us!
6-9 PM at the Main Bar
April 5th / May 10th / June 14th
Sponsored by the LADIES AUXILIARY!

TRIVIA

JACK HUNT BUFFET – APRIL 20 (12-4 pm)

Sponsored by the BOD
See Co-Chairs Tom Rooney & Ron LaFountain

HAPPY EASTER! - April 21st - CLUB IS CLOSED

Enjoy this day with your family and friends!



The BOD is sponsoring the May 4th
\$100 Club Drawing (12-4 pm).
to benefit the Memorial Day Parade!

See JIM THEAKOS or JIM LANTEIGNE
to purchase a ticket or if you want to help
with this event.

***WE ARE ALSO DOING A RAFFLE AND
WE NEED YOUR DONATED ITEMS!**

The BOD BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Tom Rooney, Don Gilbert & Jim Lanteigne)
are sponsoring the

SEMI-ANNUAL CLUB G.I. PARTY!

MAY 11th from 8 am- Noon.

ALL MEMBERS are asked to participate.

Club is closed to those not cleaning until Noon

VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are available at the local schools, the Club and our website. Completed applications are due by **May 3, 2019** (No Exceptions!) The monetary award will be presented to the winner immediately after the MEMORIAL DAY PARADE during the award ceremony at the Vets Club. Donation checks should be made out to the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH and sent to: **The Veterans of Lansingburgh, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 777 1st Ave., Troy, NY 12182.**

See Jim Theakos or Ned Dougherty with questions.



MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY!

Join us for Brunch from 8:30–11:30 am

ON MOTHER'S DAY (May 12th) and
FATHER'S DAY (June 17th)

Come out and join us! We'd love to
serve you & your loved ones.

***PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER HELPING PAUL IN THE
KITCHEN TO PREP, COOK, SERVE, OR CLEAN.**



WALL OF HONOR:

We will again be offering Memory Cards to honor Veterans. They will be posted at the Club during our Memorial Day weekend. The cost is **\$10** and can be **purchased from the Bartenders or see Jim Theakos.**

23RD ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

See the sign-up sheets on the cooler door or see a BOARD OF DIRECTOR member to see how you can assist with the parade festivities. **YOUR help is needed** to make this event a success. Make a commitment to help YOUR Club! If you need to order shirts, do this NOW, don't wait! Veterans - see PJ Higgitt or Bill Atchinson if you need a shirt (Earl resigned do to health reasons). Most important is getting a good turnout to walk or ride in our parade. **Plan to attend!**

GRAVESIDE CEREMONY /SATURDAY, 25 MAY (9 A.M.)

We depart our club at 9 a.m. (rain or shine) for Oakwood Cemetery where we lay a wreath at the monument near the flagpole at the crematorium. The Oakwood Cemetery staff hold a brief service. Thereafter the procession will move to the Veterans plot in Oakwood Cemetery and flags will be placed on the graves of the deceased veterans by our club members and volunteers from the Boy Scouts. After Oakwood Cemetery, we proceed to other monuments within Lansingburgh to place wreathes. The ceremony concludes with a wreath laying ceremony on the Hudson River at the Vets Club, whereby flowers are tossed into the Hudson River in honor of each of the Armed Services.

PARADE ROUTE - MONDAY, 27 MAY (11 A.M.)

The parade starts at **11:00 a.m.**, rain or shine. The parade route is from 123rd St. and 5th Ave., South to 115th St. and 5th Ave. Turn down 115th St. to 2nd Ave. North on 2nd Ave. to 121st St. and 2nd Ave. The Reviewing Stand will be located on the East Side of 2nd Ave. in front of Standard Manufacturing Co.

STEAK ROAST - Saturday, June 15th (1 pm - 5 pm)

SPONSORED BY: The SONS of the Veterans!

Limited Tickets will be on sale - Tickets include entertainment, hamburgers, hotdogs, draft beer, soda, steak, potato, corn and more! See a member of the SONS for more information.

Must be 21 to attend/ No coolers!

KITCHEN REPORT: Thanks to all who have helped out during the last few months! I am ALWAYS looking for help in the kitchen. No need to wait for a phone call! Stop by or call me if you want to book a party, help in the kitchen, or have any questions. Please use the **KITCHEN PHONE (518-238-0105).**

Paul Hayes, Head Chef

APR 05 – STUFFED CHICKEN

APR 07 – BRUNCH

APR 12– FISH

APR 19 – LASAGNA

APR 26 – STEAK

MAY 03 – PORK CHOPS

MAY 10 – ROAST BEEF

MAY 12 – MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

MOST FRIDAY NIGHTS: Chicken wings, chicken tenders, subs, wraps, soup, burgers, fries



MAY 17 – MEAT LOAF

MAY 24 – STUFFED CHICKEN

MAY 31 – ROAST PORK

JUN 07 – STEAK

JUN 14 – TURKEY

JUN 16 – FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

JUN 21 – FISH

JUN 28 – ROAST BEEF