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**OCT – DEC**  
**2019 Edition**



In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day, but the day did not become a national holiday until 1938. Its name was changed to “Veterans Day” by Congress in 1954. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill into law for this day “to honor all Veterans... a day dedicated to world peace.”

**“ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL”**

Please join us on  
**Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 For our

**Annual Veterans Day March in Troy**  
 (Details inside this issue)

To our men and women in uniform,  
 past, present and future –  
 God Bless You and Thank You!



This newsletter is dedicated to the men and women who are serving in or who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Our military is the backbone of this great country. Without it, we would not have our freedom; and without our freedom, where would we be today? Our soldiers are heroes during peacetime, war and conflict. So remember our soldiers, honor them, and thank them. They often risk their lives for our freedom and the least we could do is to show our gratitude.



**VETERAN OFFICERS:**

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**“IF YOU LOVE YOUR FREEDOM, THANK A VET!”**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

September 11th was the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our great nation. That day will always remain in our hearts and minds. The events of that day pushed us into a full-blown Global War on Terrorism that we continue to fight today. Please continue to keep the brave men and women who fought, those who died, and those that are deployed throughout the world fighting this war and keeping us safe back here in the U.S. in your thoughts and prayers. If the deaths our country endured that day aren't enough, we continue to lose World Trade Center first responders who have succumbed to illnesses directly attributed to their service at Ground Zero.

2019 is flying by. We had our Veterans Appreciation Steam recently. A special thanks to the Son and Auxiliary members who helped with the event. In addition, The Veterans of Lansingburgh hosted the Uncle Sam graveside ceremony for the 61st consecutive year this past week. Thank you all for your hard work. We also completed the first phase of the grant we received from New York State. It consisted of security cameras inside and outside the building. Once we are sure the paperwork process works, and we are reimbursed for the camera project, we will move forward with the second phase. That phase will consist of a new heat and air-conditioning systems on the roof, with upgrades inside and rerouting the sewer system so it connects to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This may cause us to close for a few days as we will have no water. Our plan is to do both the roof system and sewer at the same time. When we know when the club will be closed, it will be posted at the club and on the website.

Fall is here, but things won't slow down. Saturday October 12th will be our annual Club GI Party. This party is free, and everyone is invited. The more help we get the more we can accomplish. We start at 8 a.m. This is our opportunity to button up the pavilion and club for the winter months and give her a thorough cleaning. If you are not busy stop by and pitch in. The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Comedy Night to support the Building fund on November 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will support these functions and join us for a great time. We will also conduct our annual Club Drawing on Nov 2nd. We will participate in the Veterans March on Monday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (8 a.m.) in downtown Troy. December includes the Kids Christmas Party, Auxiliary & Sons' Christmas party, and we top it off with our annual Army-Navy Football Game Tailgate Party! Hopefully the Army Golden Knights can continue their win streak. It's cold outside by then, but we are having so much fun, we don't pay attention to the weather.

The events that I talked about don't happen by themselves. They happen because the members pull together and make them successful. I want to take this opportunity to thank those members who do get involved and do the work to make the events enjoyable for the rest of the members and their guests. If you haven't worked, try it once. You will find out it's not hard, you will meet new people, and you will play a role in making an enjoyable event for other members. Many hands make less work. School is back in session. Be careful and watch out for the children when you're driving. Enjoy the fall and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**PJ Higgitt, PRESIDENT**



## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS:

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Hello Ladies!

WOW! Summer certainly flew by! The Halloween Party has been cancelled. See the attached calendars for Trivia Nights.

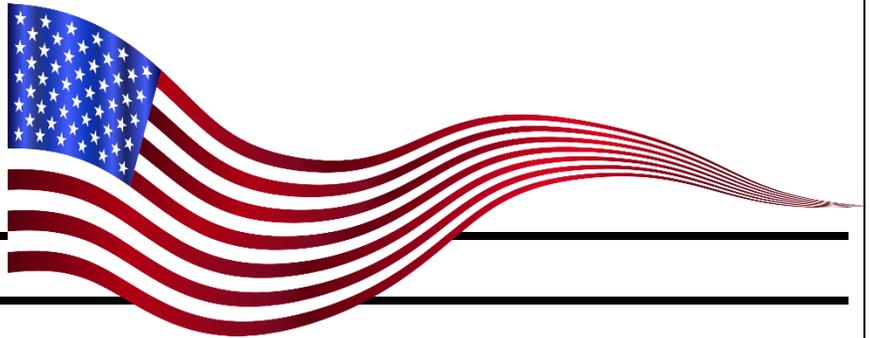
The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a "Comedy Night" on Saturday, NOV 9<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Club's BUILDING FUND. Tickets are \$30 and limited to 100. Help is needed for this event. Ladies will be needed to set up, bring out the snacks, and clean up afterwards. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer.

**2020 membership dues** are due by DEC 31<sup>st</sup>. You must pay your dues to the Auxiliary Treasurer, *Sharon Stevens*. The best time to do this is after our monthly meeting. Bartenders CANNOT accept Auxiliary renewal dues. If you are out of town, you can mail in your payment. Please contact me for details.

If you have not had a chance to volunteer, there are still plenty of opportunities: GI Cleanup (10/12), Comedy Night (11/9), Kids Christmas Party (12/15) to name a few.

Let's remember, we all became Auxiliary members to honor American veterans and to support the **VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH** and we all need to pitch in whenever we can, **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHTER WORK FOR ALL!!**

**Pamela J. Benoit, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**  
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## SONS' OF VETERANS NEWS:

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Greeting Fellow Sons'!

As we come to another close of summer I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. We are working on new ideas for the upcoming year. There are still a lot of upcoming events, and many hands are needed. Please help to continue to support our veterans and our club.

**2020 membership dues:** As a reminder Sons' dues are due and must be paid at 1 of our scheduled meetings (OCT – DEC). No dues will be accepted at the bar. Sons' must come to a meeting. If you are not able to attend you must write a letter (ATTN: Stephen Maier, Sons' President) with your explanation of why you cannot attend a regular scheduled Sons' meeting.

The Sons' meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. Hope to see you there!

Remember to keep all our veterans in your thoughts and prayers.  
I look forward to seeing you at the Club for some laughs and drinks.

**Stephen Maier, SONS' PRESIDENT**  
**(518) 328-2012**



# **VETERAN, SONS' of VETERANS and LADIES AUXILIARY**

## **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

In accordance with the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH Bylaws, Article IX:

1. All members of the **SONS' OF VETERANS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY** are required and expected to actively participate on at least (1) committee/team.
2. Failure to participate on a committee and support the Veterans of Lansingburgh shall be grounds for that member's membership not being renewed at the end of the year.
3. Any member unable to participate on a committee shall submit in writing to the President of the Sons' (Sons' of Veteran members) or to the President of the Auxiliary (Ladies Auxiliary members) their reasons for being unable to participate. Non-participation shall only be granted for good and sufficient reason, i.e., health issues, work schedule, etc. Reason must be satisfactory to the President of the Sons' (Sons' of Veteran) or to the President of the Auxiliary (Ladies Auxiliary).
4. Non-renewal of membership for not actively participating on a committee/team shall be the sole decision of the Executive OFFICERS and the members of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH, and is not open to appeal.

The **VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH** was founded in 1946 by Veterans for Veterans and their families and friends. Because of the status of "Veteran" those members were not required to work to retain their membership. Non-Veterans (Sons' & Ladies Auxiliary) are required to work for the betterment of the VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH, or risk having their renewed membership denied. We strongly urge you to participate on a team/committee so you can retain your membership and better the organization. There are always tasks to be done and it doesn't necessarily mean working parties or working in the kitchen. Contact your team captain to find out what other options may be available. Veterans although not required to work, are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to help out around the club. Many Veterans do help out, but if more pitched in, it would lighten the workload on everyone who does help. Lastly, a reminder that the Sons' of Veteran members and Ladies Auxiliary members' dues **MUST BE PAID** no later than December 31st or you must reapply for membership and be voted back into the organization. To avoid that happening, make sure you renew your dues early. **We are accepting DUES now!**

Respectfully,

**PJ Higgitt, PRESIDENT VETERANS OF LANSINGBURGH**

**Pam Benoit, PRESIDENT LADIES AUXILIARY**

**Steve Maier, PRESIDENT SONS' OF VETERANS**

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**DUES RENEWAL – 2020 Dues Memberships are Due!** On **JANUARY 1, 2020** the code for the club door changes. If you haven't paid your **2020** dues, you will not get the new code.

**VETERAN MEMBERS (only)** – See a bartender to renew your dues. Make sure you show your current membership card so we have the correct information. Please let us know of **changes to address/phone number**. If you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope we will mail your membership to you, otherwise you need to pick it up at the bar from any bartender. Please allow time for processing, we are all volunteers.

**AUXILIARY & SONS' OF VETERAN MEMBERS** See your respective President's message above for more information, or get with your President. Auxiliary & Sons' members **MAY NOT** renew their dues at the bar.

**ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERSHIP** \$ 5 initial fee (for processing/the Club pays the rest)

**VETERAN MEMBERSHIP** \$20 initial fee; thereafter \$15 per year

**SONS' OF VETERANS MEMBERSHIP** \$22 initial fee; thereafter \$17 per year – **PAY AT YOUR MEETING!**

**AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP** \$22 initial fee; thereafter \$17 per year – **PAY AT YOUR MEETING!**

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

With the fall season fast approaching, it is that time of year for lots of club activities to take place. We recently held our raffle for yard equipment. Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> - CHET MATTHEWS; 2<sup>nd</sup> - CHRIS VAN DEUSEN; 3<sup>rd</sup> - PEG KOWNACK. I would like to thank the AUXILIARY and SONS' for hosting the VETERANS APPRECIATION CLAM STEAM early this month. The fall G.I. CLEANUP is OCT 12<sup>th</sup> (8am-noon). PEG KOWNACK is chairing this event. All members are asked to help. See Peg with questions. NOV 2<sup>nd</sup> (noon-4pm) is the Club \$100 Drawing. LISA HIGGITT is chairing this event. See any bartender to pick up your ticket and contact Lisa if you can assist with the drawing or in the kitchen. The BOD is hosting a Veterans Day march in Troy on NOV 11<sup>th</sup> followed by an Open House at the Club. See me if you can help! The ARMY/NAVY game is DEC 14<sup>th</sup> (2 pm-end of game). We will have a chili cook off between the services this year. KEN MIROCKI will represent the ARMY while JOHN REITANO will do so for the NAVY. Come out to support your branch & vote! I'm chairing this event. See me if you can help. *Go Army beat Navy!* A week later, we host our annual AUXILIARY/ SONS' Christmas party on DEC 21<sup>st</sup> (6 pm). This event helps to show our appreciation to those who help our club throughout the year. Any veteran may join us to serve dinner or help in the kitchen. See me if you want to help! The Board of Directors will again host the annual Christmas Eve (DEC 24<sup>th</sup>) and New Year's Eve (DEC 31<sup>st</sup>) parties at the bar. Both starting at 6 pm. I hope you enjoyed the summertime, and I look forward to seeing you during these events.

We have 2 positions becoming available on the Board of Directors (BOD). Paid veteran members who would like to help our club, please see me or another BOD to make your request known. We'd like to have your ideas/help in the coming year. Thank you!

Sincerely, JIM THEAKOS

## KITCHEN REPORT

To book a party call the Kitchen phone: 238-0105

## BARTENDERS

**OPEN TO: VETERAN, SONS OF VETERANS, & LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS!**

We are looking for Bartenders for the main bar and to bartend at parties/events. If you are interested in bartending, stop by the club and pick up an application. Completed applications should be left at the bar addressed to PJ Higgitt.



Talk to Ned Dougherty or P.J. Higgitt for more information!



**MONTHLY 50/50** - Winner is drawn at 8 pm on the last day of each month.

Sell the winning ticket and receive \$25 of the winnings!

The more we sell the more **YOU CAN WIN!**

SEE TOM DOUGHERTY OR BILL ATCHINSON to buy or sell 50/50 tickets.

**OCTOBER MEETINGS  
DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY:**

<b>SONS OF VETERANS:</b>	Wednesday, OCT 2, 2019 (6 pm)
<b>BOARD of DIRECTORS:</b>	Monday, OCT 7, 2019 (6 pm)
<b>LADIES AUXILIARY:</b>	Tuesday, OCT 15, 2019 (6 pm)
<b>VETERANS:</b>	Tuesday, OCT 15, 2019 (7 pm)

## HONOR A DECEASED VETERAN:

The HONOR A DECEASED VETERAN is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Legislative Chambers of the Rensselaer County Office Building in Troy. Each month a deceased VETERAN from RENSSELAER COUNTY is honored for his/her military service and community contributions. All you need to do is complete a simple form. See P.J. HIGGITT for more information.

## 👉 **UPCOMING EVENTS** 👈

\* FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE ATTACHED CALENDARS, FLYERS POSTED AT THE CLUB, & ATTEND MEETINGS!

### **CLUB G.I. CLEANUP PARTY – Sponsored by the B.O.D.**

**Saturday, OCT 12<sup>th</sup> (8 a.m. – noon)**

**ALL MEMBERS are invited and encouraged to come!** No matter how much time you have, we could use your help to clean the inside/outside of the Club! Club will be **CLOSED** to anyone not cleaning during this time.



### **COMEDY NIGHT – Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sponsored by the Auxiliary / (Doors open at 6 / Show starts at 7)

**Featuring Steve Van Zandt & Dan Geurin - 2 COMEDIANS 1 FUNNY NIGHT!**

\$30 each/ Limited to 100 tickets – Get your tickets now!

Ticket includes show & snacks / Free parking / Bar available

\*Contact Pam Benoit with questions (518) 256-0794

Proceeds to benefit the Building Fund.

### **HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED**



**NOV 3<sup>rd</sup> - VETS BREAKFAST - Melvin Roads Am. Legion / E. Greenbush**

Contact Vets Service Agency with questions. (270-2760)

**NOV 11<sup>th</sup> (8 a.m.) - ANNUAL VETERANS DAY MARCH** in downtown Troy

Start point is **Monument Square** in Troy

Join us to march, pray & lay wreaths at the Troy War Memorials.

**ALL MEMBERS /GUESTS ARE INVITED! ALL GAVE SOME... SOME GAVE ALL.**



### **AUXILIARY SPONSORED TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE MAIN BAR**

**NOVEMBER 16 AND DECEMBER 7 (6-9)**

Test your knowledge! Bring a Team or join one!

**CASH Bar – FREE ENTERTAINMENT!**

### **AUXILIARY SPONSORED PAINT -n- SIP!**

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (7 pm)**

\$10 per person. Tickets will be available soon!

**We'll be painting wine glasses (snowman theme)!**

Bring your own snacks. Cash bar available.

\*Contact Pam Benoit with questions (518) 256-0794



### **ARMY/NAVY PARTY and a Chili Cookoff!**

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (2-6 p.m.) \$15 per person**

Includes: Hot/cold buffet, draft beer, soda & fun camaraderie!

(See **JIM THEAKOS, KEN MIROCKI, or JOHN REITANO** to help)

**Get your ARMY/NAVY t-shirts out!**



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (1-3 pm) at the PURPLE HEART CLUB**

**Children must be 10 years or younger & signed up!**

Sign-up sheets available at the Club.

**See an AUXILIARY OFFICER with any questions.**

### **UPCOMING PARTIES**

**Auxiliary / Sons X-Mas Party – 12/21 – 6 pm**

(Contact Pam/Steve – with questions)

**CLUB X-MAS PARTY – 12/24 – 6 pm (main bar)**

**CLUB NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY – 12/31 (main bar)**