



American Legion Post 1645

February 2026 Newsletter



Commander's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Let your special someone know how important they are to you.

Please join us on February 8th at 6 PM for our Super Bowl 2026 Party. Please bring a dish to pass. We look forward to seeing you, it's a great time!!!

Legion baseball fundraisers will be coming soon, more information to follow. Please help support them, they need all of our help to continue playing.

Come to a meeting to see what's going on at our Post, and continue to show your support. It all counts, and it's greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kurt Brown, Commander Post 1645



President's Message

February Meetings

Riders – none

SAL – Feb 10th @ 6:30

Post & Board – Feb 17th @ 6:00

ALA – Feb 24th @ 6:30

Our ALA sponsored a Blood Drive in January. With only 3 weeks to plan and advertise, we did fairly well – the Red Cross collected 11 units. A huge Thank You to all who took the time to donate. There were some who were turned away, but your support is so appreciated. I look forward to hosting another drive later in the year.

Please remember to pay your dues for 2026 – they are currently due. Remember that your 2025 dues expired on December 31st, and we are already coming up on February! If dues are not made for the current year, you cannot take advantage of ALA member benefits (page 9). This includes receiving the Post 1645 newsletter and being included in the sign-in at the bar. We value you being part of our organization, whatever your reason for joining is, or how involved you choose to be.

Our February meeting is on the 24th at 6:30. We will have nomination of officers for the new fiscal year, but also will have a Welcome Ceremony (Initiation) for any new members. Formal invitations have been sent, but if you didn't get one, and want to participate in the ceremony, please contact myself to reserve a spot. We want to meet all our members.

Deborah Larson - ALA Unit 1645 President

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“Volunteers are Special People”

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**



Auxiliary Family Breakfast

Sunday, February 15th, from 8 to 11 AM

Still all you can eat!



All you can eat menu:
Scrambled eggs, bacon,
sausage, potatoes, pancakes,
biscuits w/sausage gravy,
French toast, coffee, juice.



Adults - \$12
Veterans - \$10
Children (age 6-10) \$7
5 & Under are free!



Legion - \$50
Sons - \$25
Auxiliary - \$30
You Can:
Pay on Line
Leave at The Bar
Mail them in

Have You Paid your
2026 Dues Yet?

ALERT!

Members who don't pay their dues will no longer
receive the newsletter in the mail!
We don't want to lose you!

Check it out!
How do you dispose of old meds?



Expired or unused medication should be safely discarded using a box like this one at the Walgreen Pharmacy on Robinson St. There is a large metal box to deposit your pills, liquids, inhaler, etc. It will prevent drugs from getting into the water supply or being ingested by animals.



Pitch Tournaments Continue!



**Sunday February 1st at NOON
\$10 per player / per tournament**

Arrive by 11:30 AM to sign in!



*Join us for
some fun*

Call Sherry at 607-222-1248 to inquire about openings.

It would be appreciated if all teams could bring a dish to pass.

→ ***There are openings for February's Tournament!*** ←

Next Tournament will be on Sunday March 8th.



Register here:

<https://pursebingofor12upride.rsvpify.com>



**TAKE IT HOME
TUE\$DAY!!!**

Card Bingo FUN

Tuesday February 10th

In the Lounge 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Drink Specials Available!

Enjoy a fun evening of Playing-Card BINGO with your host:

Jacki Quain Barton.

Game Rules:

- Each card set (set of 4) is \$1.00 per game.
- You are allowed to buy more than one set.
- There will be 10 rounds.
- The 10th round is \$2.00 but you must play the 8th & 9th rounds to qualify.
- If there is a tie, the pot will be split.



Super Bowl Party



In the Legion Lounge: Sunday Feb. 8th

- Enjoy Free Food and Great Drink Specials All Day Long!
 - Join the fun from noon to closing time.



Super Bowl LX

KICK OFF AT 6:30 PM



The American Legion Family strives to improve the lives of our Veterans, those currently serving, their families, and our communities. We are proud to provide a place for camaraderie & fun.

GREAT PARADE DAY ENTERTAINMENT in the LOUNGE



DONAL O'SHAUGHNESSY

Irish Entertainer, Singer and Storyteller Extraordinaire

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th , 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Lunch Specials Available & Drink Specials start at 2:00 PM

- Guinness 16-oz Cans: \$2.75
- Smithwicks Bottles: \$2.50
- Draft Beer (Green, if you prefer!): \$2.00
 - Jameson: \$3.50



Let's Make it a Party!!!

HI-WAY FRUIT MARKET

**On Stage, In the Legion Hall:
Friday February 20th from 7:00 – 10:00 PM**



**Food and Drink Specials Available. Doors Open at 6:00 PM.
\$5.00 Cover Charge: Proceeds will support local Veteran causes and
The American Legion Post 1645 Building Fund.**



Introducing a New Lounge Participation Game, Called...



"Left, Center, Right".

A fun, action-packed dice gambling game that everyone will really enjoy.

Instead of money, we will play with scratch-offs. There will be \$2, \$5, & \$10 tables. Please bring at least three scratch offs (\$2, \$5, or \$10) for whichever table play you want to participate at. If you are able - bring more than three scratch-offs, as we will play 2 rounds or more, depending on the level of interest and participation. We are asking that you sign up in advance so we have a good idea of how many to expect. Sign-up sheets are available in the Legion Lounge.

Play will be hosted by Jacki Quain Barton, and will commence at:

1:00 PM on Saturday, Feb. 7th.

We will have drink specials available. Come to the Legion Lounge, and enjoy a new, really fun game. Super easy to learn...hard to master.

American Legion Post 1645, Presents...

DINNER IN THE LOUNGE



Wednesday and Friday Evenings:
6:00 - 9:00 PM.

In addition to our lunches, come enjoy dinner; featuring our regular Lounge menu, plus Wings, and Specials.

Come support our delicious food offerings.

Starts Friday January 28th!



Thank you to Joe Platner for all the excellent food he prepares every week. Even after having surgery on his hand, Joe is in the kitchen nearly every day! His hard work is greatly appreciated!

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

(Prepared by our Chef, Joe Platner)



Saturday, Feb. 14th
5:00 - 7:00 PM



\$20 per person: Tickets must be purchased in advance; and are available in the Legion Lounge.

Meal includes: 8-oz Skirt Steak, Baked Potato, Veggie, Small Salad, Roll & Dessert

Complementary glass of wine for the Women!

Post 1645 Lunch Menu for February



Please call 607-724-9706 to Pre-Order Take-Out



**Served from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday**

Sandwiches (Include Chips)

All Burgers are 8-oz patties, made with fresh ground beef; served with choice of lettuce, tomato, and onion.

The Sausage meals are made with the famous local Pasquale's Sausage, with your choice of Hot or Sweet Sausage, and choice of peppers & onions.

Hamburger (1/2 lb.)

Cheeseburger (w/Cooper Cheese)

'Grampwich' Sausage Patty w/cheese

Spiedie Sub

Cheese Steak, w/Peppers & Onions

Marinated Chicken Breast

Fried Chicken Breast

8-oz Fish Fillet

B.L.T. Sandwich

Tuna Sandwich

1/4 lb. Hot Dog, w/Cheese



Baskets (Include Fries)

Chicken Tenders (4)

2-oz Haddock "Fingers" (4)

Fried Shrimp (7.5 oz)

Extra Sauces Available

Ranch / Cocktail / BBQ / Tartar

Italian / Blue Cheese / Sweet & Sour

Honey Mustard / Marinara / Onion

**Note: Menu choices are always
subject to change.**

Call 607-724-9706
to Pre-Order or Take-Out

Starters & Sides

Side of Fries or Onion Rings

Basket of Fires or Onion Rings

Mozzarella Sticks (6)

Macaroni Salad (when available)

Potato Salad (when available)

Salads

Tossed Garden Salad

Large Spiedie Salad



Large Chicken Tender Salad

**Check out Post 1645's
Awesome Thursday Meals**

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Call 607-724-9706

THURSDAY SPECIALS

\$11.00 Eat-In \$12.00 Take-Out

Feb. 5th – Beef Stew & Biscuits

Feb. 12th – Chicken Parmesan & Spaghetti

Feb. 19th – Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

Feb. 26th – Chicken & Biscuits

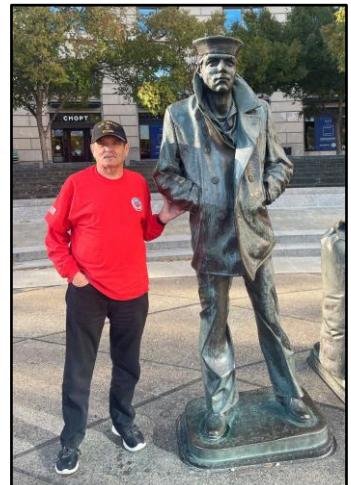
Note – Only the specials are available on Thursdays!



Father & Son visiting Washington D.C. memorials

Honor Flight Experience

November 1-2, 2025



David next to the Lone Sailor Statue at the US Navy Memorial

David Paul Kucera, SR. (EM3, USN)

Service from 1960-1967. Career Field: Electrician

USS Aucilla, USS Atka

Shellback (crossed equator), Blue Nose (crossed Arctic Circle), Royal Domain of the Penguin (crossed Antarctic Circle)

Patrick Thomas Kucera (Major, USAF, RET)

Service from 2004-2024

Career Field: Civil Engineer, Explosive Ordnance Disposal

David & Patrick traveled together on the latest Southern Tier Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. Patrick's story illustrates how deeply meaningful Honor Flights are to the Veterans.

From Patrick:

I had an amazing time being my father's Guardian during the Honor Flight trip to D.C. I grew up hearing stories of his time in the Navy, from the Mediterranean Sea, New Zealand, Antarctica, and even during the Cuban Missile Crisis! These stories led me to join the military as well and that is a big connection in my family, as we have had someone serving in the military since WWI. Taking this trip with him and being surrounded by so many others who served was truly an Honor!

We had a police escort to and from the Legion to the PA border, which I thought was an awesome show of support. On the way back the team handed out letters from local school children to the Vets and played a number of patriotic songs. I was surprised to learn that Johnny Cash's song "Ragged Old Flag" was written on the Binghamton Court House steps, (1974) after having a discussion with a Veteran. We arrived back to Post 1645 to find a huge crowd of family, friends, and supporters. It was a great "Welcome Home!"

Thank you so much for all those who put this trip together and who helped make lasting memories for us all!



February Events At Post 1645



1st ----- **Pitch Card Tournament** in the Lounge @ Noon (Check-In by 11:30 AM)
7th ----- **“Left, Center, Right”** in the Lounge @ 1:00 PM (Sign-up sheet in lounge)
7th ----- **Designer Purse Bingo** in the Hall (11 AM to 2 PM) Doors open at 10:00
8th ----- **Super Bowl Sunday Party** in the Lounge (Noon to closing) Kick-Off at 6:30 PM
10th ----- **“Take it Home Tuesday” Card Bingo** in the Lounge (5:30-7:30 PM) Drink specials available.
14th ----- **Valentine’s Day Steak Dinner** (5 – 7 PM) Purchase tickets in advance in the Lounge.
14th ----- **Karaoke** in the Lounge (7-10 PM)
15th ----- **Auxiliary Breakfast** in the Hall (8 -11 AM)
20th ----- **Hi-Way Fruit Market** in the Hall (7-10 PM) Doors open at 6- Food Available.

Looking Ahead

March 1st ----- **Donal O’Shaughnessy – Irish Entertainer for Parade Day** in the Lounge (3 - 6 PM)
March 8th ----- **Pitch Tournament** in the Lounge

Other Important Dates

February is: Americanism Month
Black History Month

2nd ----- **Groundhog Day**
3rd ----- **Four Chaplains Day**
4th ----- **USO Founded (1941)**
12th ----- **Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday**
14th ----- **HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY**
17th ----- **President’s Day observed**
23rd ----- **American Flag raised on Iwo Jima (1945)**



Raising the flag on Iwo Jima
Photograph by Joe Rosenthal

Auxiliary Member Benefits

Go to the National ALA website and create an account (using your membership number). From there you can look at member benefits that have been arranged at the National Level. Benefits range from retail discounts to insurance savings, and the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Use this link to take a look! <https://member.legion-aux.org/member-benefits>

Legion Member Discounts

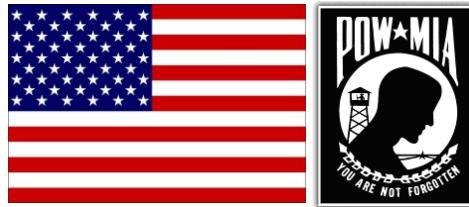
Visit the National Website & create an account to discover member discounts.
www.legion.org

Check out the Post Website
www.ALPost1645.com

Veterans Resources Websites

www.legion.org
www.military.com/benefits/veteran
www.broomecountyny.gov
https://www.va.gov/binghamton-vet-center/
https://www.clearpath4vets.com/programs
www.va.gov

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Name _____

New or Temporary Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Month Leave _____ Month Back _____ Circle one - Legion Auxiliary S.A.L.

Mail to : American Legion Post 1645, 177 Robinson St, Binghamton, NY 13904

or

Visit www.alpost1645.com and select "Contact Us" on the home page to send us your address change.

Lounge Hours 607-724-9706

Monday – Thursday – (11:30 AM -11:00 PM)
Friday – (11:30 AM -Midnight)
Saturday – (Noon - Midnight)
Sunday – (Noon – 11:00 PM)

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