



# American Legion Post 1645

June 2026 Newsletter

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## Commander's Message

BE THE ONE

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the American Legion, thank you to our office staff, our kitchen staff, our hall rental staff, our maintenance staff, our bartenders, our patrons, and especially all who continue to volunteer their time in support of our Veterans, their families and our Post. Thank you to Dan O'Neil and all of our Legion officers for the great job they have done and continue to do to keep our Legion running smoothly.

Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers for 2026-2027. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Memorial Day Ceremony and thank you to all who helped make it a success once again.

Check our newsletter for everything going on this summer at our Post and try volunteering or coming to a meeting. There is always great food offered daily for lunches and also on special occasions for dinner. Please continue to support our Post, it is always needed.

Enjoy the warmer weather with family and friends and have a great summer.

See you soon,  
Kurt Brown, Commander Post 1645

### June Meetings

Riders – June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00

SAL – None

Post & Board – June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00

ALA – June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30

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## President's Message

Hello all. We had a wonderful Memorial Day at the Post. There was an emotional ceremony in the morning, followed by a delicious buffet prepared by our very own special chef – Joe Platner and hall manager Bambi Platner. We met many new people – hopefully will have new members! Welcome to all.

Activities at the Post slow down during the summer – it gives members a chance to recharge and enjoy time with their families. But that means there are more opportunities to rent the hall for weddings or parties. Don't forget the outside pavilion is also available for rent!

The Auxiliary is in the beginning stages of planning another craft fair in October. If you know of a craftsman or artist who would like to participate, have them contact me.

Treat the FATHERS in your life to our wonderful breakfast buffet in June – it happens to fall on Father's Day! We had a very large crowd in May – let's keep it up!

I really look forward to serving as President again for another year and hope to see new faces at our meetings. Come one – Come all!

Deborah Larson - ALA Unit 1645 President [1645auxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:1645auxiliary@gmail.com)



# Auxiliary Family Breakfast FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION!



**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:00 to 11:00 AM**



**An All You Can Eat Feast!**

### Our Delicious Menu

**REAL Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, biscuits w/homemade sausage gravy, French toast, coffee, juice.**

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

## Have You Paid Your 2026 Membership Dues?

Members who have not paid their 2026 dues (due on January 1<sup>st</sup>) by the end of June, will be removed from the newsletter mailing list.

## **Our Three Popular Lounge Games will return in the fall.**



★ Pitch Tournaments ★ "Left, Center, Right" ★  
★ TAKE IT HOME TUESDAY!!! ★



The Legion and Auxiliary thank you for your support.

## **Local Boy Scouts of America Looking for a Leader**



Post 1645 is looking for a member to become the Charter Organization Representative for our Post. This leader will serve as the link between the Post and a local Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts of America Chapter and the local BSA council/district. Anyone who might be interested, please contact Commander Kurt Brown to discover what would happen next.

## **Flag Day – June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Be a patriotic American and fly your flag on Flag Day. If you don't have one, this is the year to celebrate America. You can purchase one very economically locally. Be proud to be an American. But remember how we earned those freedoms! Many lives were lost achieving that goal. Thank you to our veterans for this great country we have!



Dorolyn Perry, Auxiliary 1645 Leadership Chairman

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**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**FAMILY DAY**  
 SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026  
 FIRST PITCH 1:05 PM | GATES OPEN 12 PM  
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**CHESAPEAKE BAYSOX** VS. **RUMBLE PONIES**

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**HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH PREGAME CEREMONY**

 KIDS EAT FREE (HOT DOG & BEVERAGE SOAK) CHILDREN AGES 3-12	 PREGAME CATCH IN THE OUTFIELD BRING YOUR OWN GLOVE	 GROUP TICKETS 20+ INDIVIDUALS \$9 PER TICKET
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
**CHRISTIAN REINO**  
 CHRISTIAN@BINGRP.COM | 607-722-3866



**GET YOUR TICKETS**  
 Contact Dan O'Neil at (607) 743-2972  
 Tickets: \$9.00 each (save \$4.95)

For a large group, (20+) tickets are available at the Rumble Ponies Box Office at Mirabito Stadium.

Contact Christian Reino at (607) -722-3866 for pricing information.

**After-Game Gathering**  
**at American Legion Post 1645.**  
**(4:30 – 6:30 PM)**

Free hot dogs, macaroni salad, potato salad  
 \$2.00 Draft Beer Special.

**Please support this special day of American Baseball & American Pride with your Legion Friends & Family**



## 2026 District 6 Legion Baseball Schedule

Games are played at Conlon Field, McArthur Park, 1081 Vestal Ave, Binghamton, NY. 13903

*Save this schedule & come cheer on our two teams!*

### 1645 Varsity Team Home Games

Sunday June 7 @ 2 PM vs Norwich  
 Wednesday June 10 @ 8 PM vs Hillcrest  
 Sunday June 14 @ NOON vs Oneonta  
 Friday June 19 @ 8 PM vs Endicott  
 Wednesday July 8 @ 8 PM vs Otselic

**Commissioner Cup Tournament to be held at Mirabito Stadium on July 7, starting at 9 AM.**

### 1645 Junior Team Home Games

Sunday June 7 @ NOON vs Norwich  
 Wednesday June 10 @ 6 PM vs Hillcrest  
 Tuesday June 30 @ 6 PM vs Whitney Pt.  
 Sunday July 5 @ NOON vs Oneonta  
 Wednesday July 8 @ 6 PM vs Otselic  
 Monday July 13 @ 6 PM vs Endicott



## ***Mabel Gorman Memorial Incentive Award***



**Applications available in the lounge on June 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Mabel Gorman Memorial Incentive Award will be awarded to a Junior Auxiliary member who will be pursuing further education. The amount of the award is \$500 and can be granted for *any form* of post high school education which must be entered within one year of graduation. Please encourage any eligible candidates to apply!

The Junior Auxiliary candidate must be an active member in good standing, with paid-up dues, for at least 3 years prior to graduation. This being an incentive award, the girl who gives her best interest and time to Junior Auxiliary or Auxiliary activities will be considered over a girl who just pays her dues.

Candidates must submit an application and provide a letter of acceptance from the school she is planning to attend. Application **MUST** be returned by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Call the Scholarship Chairman - Pat Wilson at 607-775-4464 to arrange delivery of a completed application by end of day, June 30<sup>th</sup>.



**TOYS FOR TOTS  
ANNUAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

American Legion  
Post 1645

**SATURDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**BELDEN HILL GOLF COURSE**  
**Captain & Crew**



- > \$300.00 per 4-person team: Fee includes: Golf, Cart, Prizes, Dinner; and...Closest to Pin and Longest Drive Awards
- > \$100.00 'Tee Box Sponsor'
- > \$100.00 'Green Sponsor'
- > Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM

Sponsored by the American Legion Post 1645 Family.  
All proceeds will benefit local children and families.

Left: Get your registration form for this year's tournament in the lounge!

Below: AL Board President Dan O'Neil posing with the Toys for Tots Golf Tournament sign.



Tee Box Sponsor: (\$100.00)

Green Sponsor: (\$100.00)

Team Registration: (\$300 per 4-person team). Team Members:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Make checks payable to: Post 1645 – Toys for Tots Tournament  
Registration form deadline: 7-18-26 / Questions?: Contact Dan O'Neil (607)743-2972

## Sporting Events

A Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner Fundraiser to support our Legion Baseball teams, was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Post. Thank you to all who bought meals, and to those who volunteered their time to make this event special.

The Legion Baseball Raffle is on-going in our Legion Bar. All proceeds support Legion Baseball. **The raffle will be drawn on June 6<sup>th</sup>.** There will be three winners – all include a big screen TV! Get your tickets soon.

American Legion Family Day at Mirabito Stadium will be on Sunday July 5, 2026. First pitch will be at 1:05 PM. Tickets are only \$9.00 a person – See page 3 for complete details. Contact Dan O'Neil for more information at 607-743-2972.

There will be several Golf Tournaments upcoming – see above for information regarding our annual Toys for Tots fundraiser tournament. Check in July for information regarding the following:

- Carol Krupitza Memorial Golf Tournament – 9/12/26 at Golden Oaks
- Mike Pratt Memorial Golf Tournament – 9/26/26 at Ely Park.

Sports Coordinator

Dan O'Neil – Vice Commander Call 607-743-2972 with questions.



# DINNER IN THE LOUNGE

**Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**6:00 - 9:00 PM.**



**Customized Personal Pizza, Delicious Wings served by the dozen:  
(6 different sauces available)**

**& light fare from our regular lunch menu.**



**Bring the FAMILY for a great meal at very reasonable prices.**



## SAL Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**Half Side of Chicken**

Includes Salt Potatoes,  
and your choice of:  
Baked Beans OR Cole Slaw

**\$13**

**(Just Chicken - \$10)**



**11:00 AM until gone**

### **2026 Schedule**

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**

July 25<sup>th</sup>

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Thomas Keenan Honored As a Veteran of Distinction**

On May 1, Thomas Keenan was honored by the Broome County Legislature. He was nominated by Dan O'Neil & AL Post 1645.

Thomas was drafted in 1965 and retired in 1997 as Chief Warrant Officer. He served in Vietnam and Iraq conflicts as Artillery Forward Observer, Combat Engineer, Maintenance Officer, and Station Hospital Maintenance Officer.

He is a member of of the Military Officers Assoc. of America and American Legion Post 1645: having served as Post Commander for 2 terms, Post Corporation President & Director of Legion Riders.

Tom served for 32 Years in the United States Army & Army Reserves.

## **Veterans of Distinction**





# **SAL Chicken BBQ**



## **Rain or Shine!**

The chicken is here. The first BBQ of the summer was a big success in spite of the rain.

Left: SAL members Mark Cornwell, Marty Drum, & Dan Brown.

Below: Mark Cornwell & AL Commander Kurt Brown

Below: SAL Commander – Tom O’Neil, ALA Members Jackie O’Neil & Sherry Brown



Right: AL Commander Kurt Brown, SAL Members: Dave Kucera Jr. & Dan Brown

**NEXT BBQ is June 27<sup>th</sup>**



# Post 1645 Lunch Menu for June



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



Served from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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



Primary Day  
Tuesday June 23rd

Polls are open from 6 AM to 9 PM



## Starters & Sides

- Side of Fries or Onion Rings
- Basket of Fries 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



## ATTENTION!

## THURSDAY SPECIALS

Have been discontinued for the summer. Our regular menu will be available every weekday. Please continue to come in and enjoy our daily specials and more than generous portions!



DAILY SPECIALS AVAILABLE



**Newly Elected Officers for the Legion Family - 2026-2027.**  
 Some positions are still open. Hopefully all offices will be filled soon.  
 Please continue to support our leaders!



**American Legion Officers**

Commander ----- Kurt Brown  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander ----- Dan O'Neil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander ----- Joe Platner  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander ----- Gary Marsh  
 Adjutant ----- Jim Mariani  
 Treasurer ----- Open  
 Chaplain ----- Jonathan Yeager  
 Historian ----- Bob Waldorf  
 Judge Advocate ----- Jonathan Yeager  
 Sergeant-At-Arms ----- Tom Eldridge  
 Service Officer ----- Jeffery Largue

**Board of Directors**

President ----- Dan O'Neil  
 Vice-President ----- Tom Keenan  
 Secretary ----- Open  
 Bar Manager ----- Jon Yeager  
 Bell Jar Manager ----- Jim Mariani  
 Kitchen Manager ----- Joe Platner  
 Hall Manager ----- Bambi Platner  
 Commander ----- Kurt Brown

Directors

Bill Baumlin Rudy Krupitza Bob Waldorf

**Board Executive Committee**

Tom Keenan ----- Past Commander  
 Dan O'Neil ----- Past Commander  
 Jon Yeager ----- Past Commander

**Auxiliary Officers**

President ----- Deborah Larson  
 1st Vice ----- Karen Wheeler  
 2nd Vice ----- Joanie Ford  
 Secretary ----- Claudine Allen  
 Treasurer ----- Tami Zebrowski-Darrow  
 Sgt-at-arms ----- Sharon McCarrol  
 Chaplain ----- Lelia Kochis  
 Historian ----- Tami Zebrowski-Darrow



**S.A.L. Squadron Officers**

Commander ----- Thomas O'Neil  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander ---- Thomas Brown  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander ---- Dan Brown  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Commander ---- Gerald Kaminsky  
 Adjutant ----- Kurt Brown  
 Treasurer ----- Fred Towner  
 Chaplain ----- Robert Kochis II  
 Sgt-at-Arms ----- Dave Kucera  
 Historian ----- Martin Drum  
 Advisor ----- Kurt Brown



**Legion Riders Officers**

President ----- Tom Keenan  
 Vice President ----- Joe Platner  
 Treasurer ----- Tom Hohn  
 Secretary ----- Jim Mariani



## June Events At Post 1645

21<sup>st</sup> ----- **Auxiliary Breakfast** in the Hall (8:00-11:00 AM) All You Can Eat – **FATHER'S DAY!**  
27<sup>th</sup> ----- **SAL Chicken BBQ** – in parking lot (11:00 AM until it's gone)



## Other Important June Dates

### June is National PTSD Awareness Month

**D-Day – June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944** – The largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. By the end of the day, 150,000 Allied soldiers and the accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded. RIP

**U.S. Army Birthday – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1775**

**Flag Day – June 14<sup>th</sup>** - United States approved the design for the 1<sup>st</sup> National flag in 1777.

**Juneteenth – June 19<sup>th</sup>** – A federal holiday commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.

**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer – June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Primary Election Day – June 23<sup>rd</sup>** - from 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM at your polling place.

**National PTSD Awareness Day – June 27<sup>th</sup>**



## Veterans Ticket Program

Thank you for your service!

The Binghamton Rumble Ponies want to thank you for your service each and every game. All active and retired military may claim up to (2) complimentary tickets to any 2026 Rumble Ponies' regular season home game by showing their identification at the Mirabito Stadium Box Office, on the day of the game.

Some forms of ID to display include but are not limited to: New York State License with Veterans Designation Symbol, Veterans Health ID Card (VHIC), Veterans ID Card (VIC), and DoD Uniform Services ID Card.

## American Legion Post 1645



# RAFFLE...



To Support Legion Baseball (2026 Season); and the American Legion Building Maintenance Fund.

**Donation: (3) Tickets: \$10.00**

Tickets available at the Legion Bar.

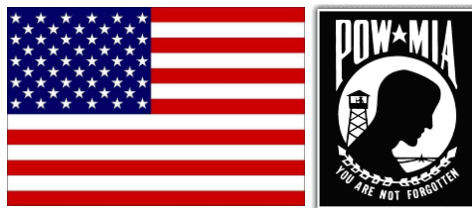
**Drawing Date: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Need not be present to win!**

(3) Winners...with prizes made available through our generous sponsors: Rumble Ponies Baseball, The American Legion Post 1645, The Sons of the American Legion Post 1645, Jumbo's, Rocco J. Testani, and A.L. George Distributing.

1. **65" Samsung TV** + a Rumble Ponies / Scratch-off, etc. Prize Basket.
2. **55" Samsung TV** + a Rumble Ponies / Scratch-off, etc. Prize Basket.
3. **55" Samsung TV** + a Rumble Ponies / Scratch-off, etc. Prize Basket.

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

or

Visit [www.alpost1645.com](http://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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