



American Legion Post 1645

March 2026 Newsletter



Commander's Message

March is here finally and that means Spring and warmer weather will be coming too!!!!
Daylight Savings Time is March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour.

Nominations for 2026-2027 Post Officers will take place at our meeting on March 17th.
Please attend, find out what's going on, and show your support. Run for an office if you are interested.

Be sure to check out our newsletters, lounge TVs and our billboard for upcoming entertainment, activities and food specials.

Legion baseball, Boy's State and other programs will be starting soon, they will all need our support to continue.

Thank you to everyone that supported our Superbowl party, there was a lot of food and fun.

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Valentine's Day dinner a success again!!!

Thank you again to all our staff and volunteers. Please continue to support our Post.

Sincerely,
Kurt Brown, Commander Post 1645

March Meetings

Riders – none
SAL – March 10th @ 6:30
Post & Board – March 17th @ 6:00
ALA – March 24th @ 6:30

President's Message

The Auxiliary has welcomed several new members this year – this is very exciting to me. Without our members we cannot accomplish all that we do. I look forward to making new friends.

I am also very pleased that the first day of spring is in a few weeks! This has been a long very cold winter. I hope that you all have managed to stay warm.

You will find a thank you from the Auxiliary inside this edition that highlights our accomplishments from the last year. I think it is important that all our members realize that we are doing important work supporting Veterans as often and as much as we can.

Do you have ideas for new fundraisers or activities? Please come to a meeting and make a proposal. You can email me anytime if you want to discuss an issue. I may not know all the answers but there are wonderful dynamic people who are always willing to help. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President. Thank you for your faith in me.

Deborah Larson - ALA Unit 1645 President
1645auxiliary@gmail.com

"Volunteers are Special People"



Auxiliary Family Breakfast

Sunday, March 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!

The Auxiliary Thanks Our Supporters!

We would like to thank everyone who comes out to support the Auxiliary's fundraisers:

- Monthly Breakfasts, Pitch Tournaments, Craft Fairs, Basket Raffles & 50/50s.

Our fundraisers are utilized for the following:

- Honor Flight – we provide Breakfast, Meet & Greet & Reunion Luncheons twice a year.
- Oxford Veterans Home year-round activities, Bath VA Gift Shop & Gifts for Yanks (Bath Veterans Home)
- Annual Children's Christmas Party, Christmas gifts for children whose parents are in the National Guard, and this year – gifts for a female veteran's daughter who is living in one of the tiny homes for recently homeless veterans.
- Thanksgiving basket for a recently homeless veteran.
- This year we will be sending a girl from Binghamton High School to Empire Girls State.
- We also give back to the community by donating to the American Cancer Society, Food Bank, Catholic Charities, and many more.
- We wouldn't be who we are without supporting our own Post by helping with many of the bills that they have.

So again, **THANK YOU** and we look forward to your continued support!

National Vietnam War Veterans Day – March 29

This day gained formal recognition in 2017 when the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law by President Donald Trump, establishing it as a national day of observance. Over 9 million Americans served during the Vietnam War. They deserve our respect and are remembered. This is a great opportunity to personally thank them for their service.

Another successful Mid-Winter Conference was held in Albany recently. National ALA President Pam Ray delighted us with her speeches. National Commander Dan Wiley of the AL and SAL National Commander Bill Clancy also attended. Members of the Auxiliary and Post also were present. Membership is very important! "Be the One" continues to be a priority. Check on your fellow Legionnaires. See if they need a little assistance. I have seen this in action at our post helping out others.

THANK YOU VIETNAM VETS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Dorolyn Perry Leadership Chairman, ALA Unit 1645



Pitch Tournaments Continue!



Sunday March 8th at NOON
\$10 per player / per tournament

Arrive by 11:30 AM to sign in!

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

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

**Join us for
some fun**



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

Card Bingo FUN

Tuesday, March 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.

REMEMBER

Set your clocks ahead
Sunday March 8th
@ 2:00 AM



IT'S TIME FOR A

KARAOKE

P-A-R-T-Y !!

Saturday
3/28/2026

7:pm
10:pm

Open to Public!

American Legion

Post # 1645

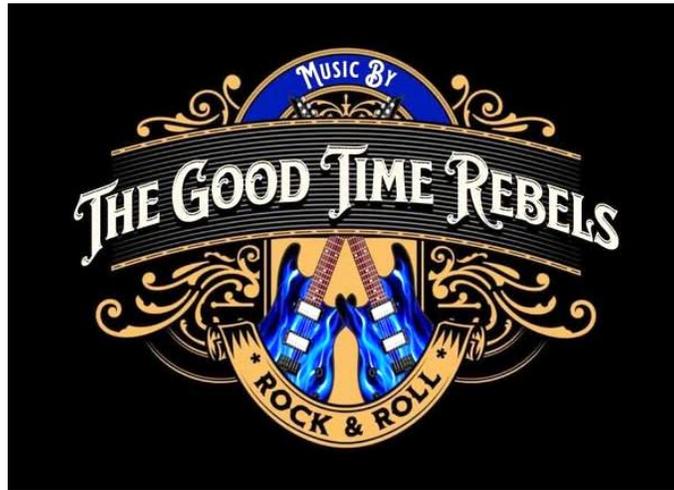
177 Robinson Street
Binghamton, N.Y.

KATHY'S FOOD AVAILABLE

*Another night for
dancing & Singing*
KARAOKE!

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Post 1645 Welcomes New Entertainment Live On Stage, In the Legion Hall



Friday, March 20th, 7:00-10:00

Food Specials Available. Doors Open at 6:00 PM.

\$5.00 Cover Charge, with proceeds going to local Veteran causes
and The American Legion Post 1645 Building Fund.



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 & Drink Specials Starting 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!!!



American Legion Post 1645, Welcomes Back...



**In the Lounge
Saturday, March 14th
6:00 – 9:00 PM**

NO COVER CHARGE!

Featuring Many New Dance Songs

Come and welcome Ed and Jodi back to our Lounge.

Food Specials Available - Public is always Welcome.

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. Each player needs three scratch-offs of the same value (\$2, \$5, \$10) – this will determine the table you will be playing at.
- ❖ If you are able - bring a second set of scratch-offs, as we will play 2 rounds or more, depending on the level of interest and participation.
- ❖ Please sign up in advance. 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, March 14th .

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.



DINNER IN THE LOUNGE



Wednesday and Friday Evenings

6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Come enjoy dinner featuring our regular Lounge menu along with:

Pizza, Wings (6 different sauces available) and other Specials.



Come support our delicious food offerings.



Phil's Thursday A.M. Senior Golf League

If you are interested in joining our Thursday A.M. Senior Golf League at Chenango Commons, we'd love to have you.

It's a casual and fun league, and we plan on starting on May 7th.

- We will continue weekly play up until September 3rd.
- Starting time is an 8:30 AM Shot Gun start, all golfers are done by 10:00 AM.
- Set up your team with a partner or let us match you up with one.

If you are interested, please contact: Phil Staub at 607-722-4442.



Join the Fun of a New Lounge Participation Game



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Post 1645 Lunch Menu for March



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.**

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to Pre-Order or Take-Out

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



**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

March 5th – Beef Stew over biscuits

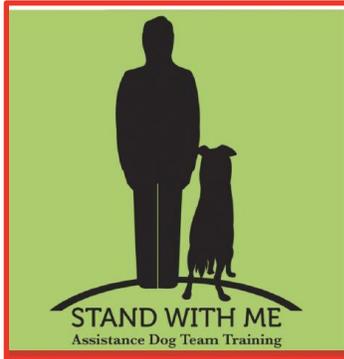
**March 12th – Country Fried Steak,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggie**

**March 19th – Meatloaf & Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable**

March 26th – Chicken & Biscuits

All meals come with Dessert!

**Note – Only the specials are
available on Thursdays!**



This spring, **FREE** dog training classes will be available to veterans and their family members at the Veterans Resource Center on Frederick St.

This will be one night a week for five weeks, provided at no cost to veterans.

Classes will be led by Myrph, Head Trainer at Stand With Me, bringing 50 years of experience across a wide variety of dog-training specialties.

The course is designed for pet-owning veterans who would like their unruly pets to develop good manners.

Note – there are health & vaccination requirements.

Contact the instructor at: myrph@standwithmeorg.com

to be added to the announcement list as plans are finalized.

2nd Annual!

★ **CABIN FEVER RELIEVER** ★

FISHING & OUTDOOR SHOW

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14TH, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1645
177 Robinson Street, Binghamton, NY

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

\$5 (16 & older)
(age 15 & under FREE)

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:
GUIDED FLOAT TRIP ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

- **FLEA MARKET**
- FREE DOOR PRIZES
- RAFFLES AND OTHER PRIZES
- SILENT AUCTIONS
- EXHIBITOR & VENDOR DEMOS
- PRESENTERS
- GUEST FLY TYERS
- GUIDES
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

SPONSORED BY:

DETAILS: ALHAZZARDTU.ORG

OR SCAN

MORE INFO: Tom Miller (607) 343-7923
info@AlHazzardTU.org

23rd Annual Model Train Show
In the Legion Hall
Saturday March 21st
10 AM to 3 PM

General Admission \$5 (12 & Under Free)
Free door prizes
13 Vendors and growing!
Food Available

The Frieght Yard



Model Trains & More



March Events At Post 1645

- 7th ----- **Donal O'Shaughnessy – Irish Entertainer for Parade Day** in the Lounge (3 - 6 PM)
8th ----- **Pitch Card Tournament** in the Lounge @ Noon (Check-In by 11:30 AM)
10th ----- **“Take it Home Tuesday” Card Bingo** in the Lounge (5:30-7:30 PM) Drink specials available.
14th ----- **“Left, Center, Right”** in the Lounge @ 1:00 PM (Sign-up sheet in lounge)
14th ----- **Travis Cackett** in the Lounge (6 – 9 PM) Food Available – Ed & Jodi return!
14th ----- **Trout Unlimited** in the Hall (9 AM – 3 PM) Fishing & Outdoor Show – Raffles, Food, Vendors
15th ----- **Auxiliary Breakfast** in the Hall (8 -11 AM) All You Can Eat
20th ----- **Good Time Rebels** in the Hall (7-10 PM) Doors open at 6 - Food Available.
21st ----- **Model Train Show** in the Hall (10 AM – 3 PM) Food Available
28th ----- **Karaoke** in the Lounge (7-10 PM) Food Available



Other Important Dates

- 8th ----- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
15th ----- **American Legion Birthday (1919)** - On this day 107 years ago, the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.
17th ----- **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
20th ----- **1st Day of Spring**
21st ----- **Rosie the Riveter Day**
25th ----- **Congressional Medal of Honor Day**
29th ----- **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** – This is a time to pay special tribute to the 9 million Americans who served during the Vietnam War era and to the 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Broome County Legislature Veterans of Distinction 16th Annual Veterans of Distinction Ceremony Thursday May 21st at 4:30 PM

Nominations are open for this year's event and must be submitted by April 16th. Nomination forms are available in the Legion Lounge. Show a veteran you value their service!

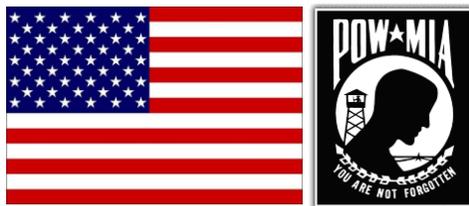


Hockey 4 Hope March 28th, 1 PM at Visions Veteran's Memorial Arena Free Admission

Post 1645 is a sponsor for Hockey 4 Hope, a charity game sponsored by the Constance Foundation, to ease monetary hardships for those fighting cancer. We encourage Legion Family members to attend the hockey game at the Visions Veteran's Memorial Arena.

Doors open at Noon. There will be Basket Raffles and Apparel Sales – all proceeds to be donated to the Constance Foundation.

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Are you a snow-bird or moving to a new address? Please let us know!

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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