



American Legion Post 1645

May 2026 Newsletter



Commander's Message

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. I hope you all can enjoy the day and relax for a change. Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers for 2026. good luck to you and thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Legion Baseball will be starting soon. Please continue to show your support by attending games and supporting our AMAZING TV raffle and spaghetti dinner. These fundraisers are crucial to being able to finance our Post 1645 teams.

Dates to remember in May:

- Legion and SAL officer installation May 9 at 1:00 PM in the Legacy Hall.
- Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for AL Post 1645 Legion Baseball – May 16th, 5-7 pm. Tickets are \$15.00.
- Memorial Day Ceremony – May 25 at 10 AM, followed by an open house 3-5 pm.

The Legion Family will also be sponsoring a membership drive on Memorial Day, following our ceremony. We will set up a table in the lounge to welcome anyone wishing to join our family.

See you at the Post,
Kurt Brown, Commander Post 1645

May Meetings

- Riders – May 5th @ 6:00
- SAL – May 12th @ 6:30
- Post & Board – May 19th @ 6:00
- ALA – May 26th @ 6:00



President's Message

I just finished a month of serving on a Grand Jury – I was proud to serve in this way. While I was certainly ready for it to end today, it was quite the interesting process, and I would be happy to do it again. It was a small price to pay as a citizen.

Thank you to Sherry Wilson (Constitution & By Laws Chairman) who found a way to change our Standing Rules to ensure that all applications for new members are approved without needing to vote. This became necessary after National made voting a requirement. So now our membership procedure is back to the way it has always been.

We had a good turnout for Breakfast in April – please continue to support this fundraiser for the ALA. Let's make May our biggest turnout ever! There will be basket raffles and a bake sale at breakfast in May. The 50/50 Raffle will continue to benefit my President's Project which is "Stand with Me" – a local organization that helps train service dogs for Veterans with PTSD. This is such a worthy cause, and I hope you will support it by purchasing a ticket!

I will see you at the Memorial Day ceremony, and throughout the day at the Post.

Let's all enjoy the warmer weather that is coming – hurray!

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



Auxiliary

Family Breakfast

Sunday, May 17th
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!

American Legion

Post # 1645

177 Robinson Street

Binghamton, N.Y.



KARAOKE

Saturday
May 23rd
2026



7:00pm
10:00pm

**Public
Welcome!**

**Kathy's Food
Available**



Pm

Join us for 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:

Saturday, May 2nd @ 1:00 PM

We will have drink specials available. Come enjoy a new, really fun game.



American Legion Post 1645 Presents:

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner in support of Legion Baseball



**Saturday May 16th
5:00-7:00 PM In the Legion Hall**

***Advance tickets are only \$15 - available in the Lounge.
PUBLIC IS WELCOME – get your tickets soon to reserve a spot.***

Dinner will be served by the American Legion Post 1645 Legion Baseball Team members!



AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY DAY
 SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
 FIRST PITCH 1:05 PM | GATES OPEN 12 PM

CHESAPEAKE BAYSOX
VS. RUMBLE PONIES

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH PREGAME CEREMONY

 KIDS EAT FREE (HOT DOG & REGULAR SODA) 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

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.

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**



Card Bingo FUN

Tuesday, May 12th

In the Lounge 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Drink Specials Available!

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

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.



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TOYS FOR TOTS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 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.

- 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



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Memorial Day Event Monday, May 25th

Join us at the memorial for a
moving ceremony at
10:00 AM.

This is followed by an
Open House in the Hall
from **3:00 to 5:00 PM.**

Enjoy free food and drinks
with our Legion Family.

All are welcome!

National Poppy Day May 22, 2026

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I, to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.



Look for the donation can for the ALA Poppy Fund in the lounge. Donations are used only for Veteran's programs. Please support this good cause!

Memorial Day

Do you know the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? Memorial Day honors deceased veterans. It is a day of remembrance for the fallen. Veterans Day is a day to thank living veterans. On Memorial Day at 3:00 PM, local time, a National Moment of Remembrance will be held. When conversing with others, please refrain from saying "Happy Memorial Day". This is not a happy day for some veterans who remember their fellow soldiers who were killed or captured. Rather shake their hand and thank them for their service.

Dorolyn Perry, Leadership Chairman, Auxiliary Unit 1645

Post 1645 Lunch Menu for May



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

Menu choices are always
subject to change.

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

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

May 7th – Country Fried Steak,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

May 14th – Smoked BBQ Chicken,
Salt Potatoes, Vegetable

May 21st – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable

May 28th – Chicken & Biscuits,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable



All meals come with Dessert!



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.

SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION

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

May 23rd

June 27th

July 25th

August 22nd

September 19th

American Legion Post 1645, Welcomes...

Justin Holmes Music

U.S. Air Force Veteran, and Singer-Songwriter



On Stage, in the Legion Hall

Friday May 22nd

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Food & Drink Specials Available.

Doors open at 6:00 PM.

NO COVER CHARGE!



May Events At Post 1645

- 2nd ----- “Left, Center, Right” in the Lounge @ NOON (Sign-up sheet in lounge)
- 12th ----- “Take it Home Tuesday” **Card Bingo** in the Lounge (5:30-7:00 PM) Drink specials available.
- 16th ----- **Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner** in Hall (5:00–7:00 PM) Support our Legion Baseball Teams
- 17th ----- **Auxiliary Breakfast** in the Hall (8:00-11:00 AM) All You Can Eat
- 22nd----- **Justin Holmes** in the Hall (7:00–10:00 PM) Doors open at 6 – Food available
- 23rd ----- **SAL Chicken BBQ** – in parking lot (11:00 AM until it’s gone)
- 23rd ----- **Karaoke** in the Lounge (7:00-10:00 PM) Food available
- 25th ----- **MEMORIAL DAY** – ceremony at 10:00 AM – Open House from 3:00-5:00 PM



Other Important May Dates

Fallen Firefighters Day – May 4th

V-E Day (1945) – May 8th - Victory in Europe Day - Germany surrendered to the Allies in World War II.

Mother’s Day – May 10th

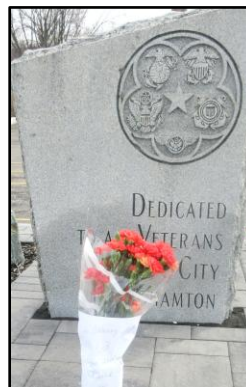
Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15th

Armed Forces Day – May 17th - American Legion Family members celebrate Armed Forces Day to honor the men and women who serve in the United States military.

National ALA Poppy Day – May 22nd

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

Get your registration form for this year’s tournament in the lounge!



RIP
Flowers placed at our memorial in memory of the 13 lost Veterans of the Iranian war.
Placed by:
Dorolyn Perry & Gary Marsh.

Binghamton City School District Budget Vote & School Board Election

May 19TH from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**American Legion Post 1645 , is the polling place for these districts:
 (General Election Districts 11,15,16,30)**

Go to <https://www.binghamtonschools.org>
 Click on School Board to find information about the School Board Candidates & 2026-2027 BCSD Budget proposal, and to find the requirements for voting.

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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.

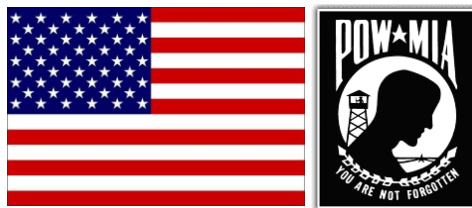
Drawing Date: June 6th, 2026

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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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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