



American Legion Post 1645

September 2026 Newsletter



Commander's Message

Summer is coming to an end. Labor Day is right around the corner. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the warmer months with family and friends.

The Board/Legion meetings will resume on September 15th at 6:00 PM. I hope to see you there!

Please remember on this 25th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our nation, all of the service men and women who have fought and are still fighting to protect our way of life and all the lives that have been lost. **WE MUST NEVER FORGET!!!!**

We will also honor and remember those Americans who were prisoners of war, and those who served this **GREAT** country, and never returned home, in a ceremony on National POW/MIA Recognition Day – Friday, September 18th, at 10:00 AM at Post 1645.

Thank you for everyone's continued support of our Legion family and Post 1645.

Sincerely,

Kurt Brown, Commander Post 1645

September Meetings

Riders – Sept. 1st @ 6:00

SAL – Sept. 8th @ 6:30

Post & Board – Sept. 15th @ 6:00

ALA – Sept. 22nd @ 6:30



President's Message

September is filled with days that we as a society recognize, and tend to get together with family, friends and colleagues. It includes a holiday, the 1st day of school, and past tragic events.

Labor Day is September 7th – a day when many families mark it as the end of summer, knowing that students will be returning to school. **PLEASE** – as you drive around town, remember that school will soon be in session. Be alert for kids crossing the streets, and be respectful of stopped school buses. Watch for those red flashing lights!

September 11th – it has been 25 years since the tragic attack on our country. Take a moment to remember and pray for all those lost souls. Think about how brave the firemen and policemen were to rush to save civilians. They paid the ultimate sacrifice.

September 18th – is POW/MIA Remembrance day – consider attending our very moving ceremony out at the Flag Monument at 10:00 AM. The servicemen who are still missing in action also paid the ultimate sacrifice.

I will continue to strive to be a good leader. I appreciate the support, encouragement and friendship from those around me. We truly are a Legion Family, and I for one am proud to be part of it.

With love & respect,

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

Remembering 9/11/2001



American flags stand on the September 11 Memorial in New York City

This September 11th marks the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack by 19 radical Islamic terrorists against our great country. On that day, at 8:46 AM, a suicide plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center; followed by another plane hitting the South Tower at 9:03 AM. Minutes later, at 9:37 AM a third suicide plane hit our Pentagon; with a final plane crashing into the ground in rural Pennsylvania at 10:03 AM. The last plane was targeting either the White House or the Capitol but was forced to crash early, through the heroic efforts of American patriots on board.

On that day, America lost 2,977 people killed, thousands more injured, and thousands still suffering from serious health issues as a result of exposure to toxic elements following the twin tower collapses. In addition, during our military response in Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel, America lost nearly 2,500 military personnel; with nearly 21,000 wounded. Private contractors, the CIA and other Government Agency workers accounted for another nearly 4,000 casualties.

While these tragic events remain vivid in the minds and hearts of all Americans alive that day, there are new generations numbering over 100 million Americans who were too young, or not yet born, to remember that day. It is incumbent upon all patriotic Americans, all Veterans, and everyone in our nation's leadership positions to ensure that this young population of Americans can learn and comprehend the unimaginable loss our nation suffered. Our thoughts and prayers must always be with all those lost and injured on that day, and during the 20 years of conflict in Afghanistan that followed. We must also remember and embrace the bravery and resilience of our first responders, the importance of compassion and understanding they showed, and the enduring principles of love, democracy, and freedom that drove them. Our American spirit will prevail and must be instilled in our new generation.

Lastly, in the memory of those who sacrificed so much that day and since, it is critical for our Nation's survival to unite and speak out against extremism in all forms, and to remember that the fight against radicalism and division is ongoing, and American complacency has no place as our Nation moves forward.

Jon Yeager - Post 1645 Chaplain



POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony

The annual POW/MIA Remembrance service will be held on September 18th at 10:00 AM at the 1645 Legion. The ceremony will take place outside by the flag monument, or inside in the event of foul weather. This is an important event to honor all those veterans who cannot speak for themselves.

It is my distinct honor to take over as presider from Dorolyn Perry, who is retiring after many years of dedicated and excellent work.

Hope to see everyone there!

Regards,

Thomas Keenan



American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

The cut-off date for applications and submissions is November 21, 2026. The Broome County Oratorical Contest will be held at Post 1645, 177 Robinson St, Binghamton, NY on Saturday December 12th, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

If you have questions or concerns, contact:

Gary E. Marsh, Broome County Chairman at 607-722-5832 or 607-727-2906.

Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23 observes the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. The American Legion supports this through its Oratorical Contest, a Constitutional speech contest for high school youth. Learn how to participate in the program at legion.org/oratorical.

The American Legion's National Oratorical Contest challenges high school students to explore and understand the U.S. Constitution while developing confidence, leadership, and communication skills. Locally, the Oratorical Contest begins at the Broome County Level, with the winner progressing to the 6th District competition, and so forth to National.

Since 1938, the program has prepared young people for citizenship through critical thinking and public speaking, while producing notable alumni such as former Vice President Mike Pence, commentator Lou Dobbs, and presidential candidate Alan Keyes. For more information visit www.legion.org Click on "Get Involved" then from the drop-down menu, click on "Youth Programs".

Thank you to Gary Marsh for his years as Broome County Chairman.





Auxiliary Family Breakfast RETURNS!



**Sunday, September 20th
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!**



**Pitch Tournaments are returning soon!
Sunday October 11th at NOON
\$10 per player / per tournament**



Teams will need to arrive by 11:30 AM to register & pay.

Sign-Up sheets will be in the lounge or:
contact Sherry at 607-222-1248, or via email: slw0404@aol.com

As always, it is appreciated if all teams could bring a dish to pass.



September 11, 2001

Sept. 11, 2001. My husband and I were in Roosevelt National Park, in North Dakota, when a broadcast came on the radio that the North tower had been struck at 8:46 AM and was on fire. My husband couldn't believe his ears! Then shortly after, the other tower was hit at 9:03 AM and was also on fire!

I went around the campground talking to people telling them about it, and they would not believe me. Another couple I met said their son was a pilot out of New York, and they thought he might be involved. At 9:37 AM, Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. Shortly before crashing, passengers ran up to the cockpit and tried to prevent the attack. At 10:02 AM, Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, PA.

We remember the heroism of passengers, Thomas Burnett Jr. and Todd Beamer who said "Are you guys ready? Let's roll!" The final total of deceased as a result of this horrible event was 2,996. God Bless their souls. We must never forget this tragedy. We visited New York to view the remains two months later and it was still smoldering.

Dorolyn Perry, Leadership Chairman, ALA 1645

SAL Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

2026 Schedule

September 19th



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



**Saturday
September 26th
2026**

**7:00pm
10:00pm**

Public Welcome

Kathy's Food Available

**AMERICAN LEGION
POST # 1645
177 ROBINSON STREET
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.**



**OCTOBER
CRAFT & COLLECTIBLES
SHOW**

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT 1645
is hosting a craft fair!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

★ 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM ★
177 Robinson St., Binghamton, NY 13904
★ ★ ★

REMOTE BROADCAST
by **BILL FLYNN**
(WNBf)

★ MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW! ★

CONTACT DEBBY LARSON AT
1645Auxiliary@gmail.com



Mark your calendars!

The hall will be filled with vendors of many different varieties.
Crochet, Original Art, Jewelry,
Quilting, Soy Wax Creations, Beadwork
Wind Chimes, 3D Printed Creations
Diamond Art, Collectibles from 3 vendors
And the list is growing!

Hand crafted gifts are the best.
Come down and support our local artisans.

Post 1645 Lunch Menu for August



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 (½ 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
¼ 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

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



THURSDAY SPECIALS

Have returned!

Sept. 3rd – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes
Peas, Stuffing

Sept. 10th – Pork Loin, Stuffing,
Mashed Potatoes

Sept. 17th – Lasagna, Salad,
Dinner Roll

Sept. 24th – Chicken & Biscuits,
Green Beans

All lunch specials come with Dessert!

Please order ahead on Thursdays!



Happy Labor Day – September 7th.

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday of September annually. The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker. Enjoy a day with your families & friends.

September Events At Post 1645

- 12th ----- Carol Krupitza Memorial Golf Tournament @ Golden Oak Golf Course (10:00 AM start)**
Food & Prizes at Post 1645 after
- 18th ----- POW/MIA Ceremony (10:00 AM)** outside at the flag monument (inside if cold)
- 19th ----- SAL Chicken BBQ – in parking lot (11:00 AM until it's gone) LAST ONE THIS YEAR!**
- 20th ----- Auxiliary Breakfast (8:00 AM – 11:00 AM) ALL YOU CAN EAT**
- 26th ----- Karaoke in the Lounge – (7:00 – 10:00 PM) Food available**
- 26th ----- Michael D. Pratt Memorial Golf Tournament @ Hidden Springs Players Club**
Food & Prizes at Post 1645 after

Other Important September Dates to Remember

LABOR DAY – September 7th

Patriot Day – Sept. 11th – National Day of Service and Remembrance to those who died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks in NYC, the Pentagon & United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

Star Spangled Banner lyrics written by Francis Scott Key (1814) – Sept. 14th

American Legion Day - Sept. 16th

Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23 - observes the adoption of the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

U.S. Air Force Established (1947) – Sept. 18th

POW-MIA Recognition Day – Sept. 19th

Gold Star Mother's Day – Sept. 29th – Recognizes & honors mothers whose sons or daughters paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the U.S. Military.

Mark your calendars for these events coming in October

Saturday October 10th – Auxiliary Craft & Collectibles Show – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday October 11th – Pitch Card Game in Lounge

Tuesday October 13th – Take It Home Tuesday Card Game in Lounge



CAROL KRUPITZA Memorial GOLF TOURNAMENT
HONORING A BEAUTIFUL LIFE. REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
10:00 AM START

GOLDEN OAK GOLF COURSE
WINDSOR, NY

\$280 PER TEAM

DUE BY AUGUST 24, 2026

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER
All included!

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CARTS

FUN CHALLENGE HOLES

GREAT PRIZES

Capt'n Crew 4 PERSON TEAM

SIGN UP AND PAY AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1645 or CONTACT LESA AT 607-221-0157

MEAL AND PRIZES BACK AT THE LEGION AFTER PLAY

WE WILL BE REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST IN 2024-2026 AT THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE MENTIONED, PLEASE ADD THEIR NAME TO THE LIST PROVIDED.



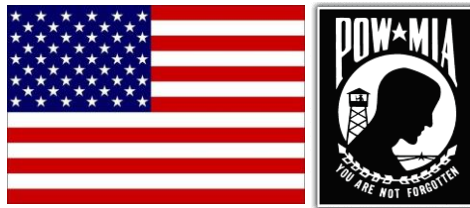
Michael D Pratt Memorial Golf Tournament
September 26, 2026
\$340/Team Hidden Springs Players Club

Price includes: Golf, Hamburg or Hotdog @ turn, 6 pack per cart, Barbecue Chicken Dinner at Legion after golf, prizes, skins included

All proceeds go to American Legion Post 1645 Building Fund.

Last chance to sign up!
Talk to the bartenders about signing up – slots are still available.

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177 Robinson St.
Binghamton, NY 13904



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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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