



## Lake George American Legion Post 374

August 2017 Newsletter

Greetings,

**I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that came out and worked hard to get the downstairs bar ready to be opened. Thanks to all their hard work the downstairs bar is open as of 13 July 2017. THANK YOU all for making it happen.**

This is just a friendly reminder that the 2017 American Legion Dues are past due, if you have not renewed for 2017 please do as soon as possible, also I have the 2018 Membership Cards now. You can send the payment of \$37.50 to the following address:

American Legion Post 374  
Attn: Gary Venum  
PO Box 267  
Lake George, NY 12845

The Legion Officers elections were held at the May 17 meeting and are as follows:

Commander: Gary Venum  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Ken Ellis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Ted Beudet  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: John Sheets  
Adjutant/Finance Officer: Randy Powell  
Chaplain: Dale Fordyce  
Judge Advocate:  
Service Officer: Denise DiResta  
Historian:  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Whalen

The Executive Committee consists of three elected Legion Officers and two members elected at large and are the following:

Chairman: Gary Venum  
Randy Powell  
Ted Beudet  
Chuck Wheeler  
Tom Newton  
Alternate: Ken Ellis

We are working on getting our tax exemption status back; the IRS had revoked it in Apr 2016 because the Board of Directors failed to file the IRS forms that were required for 3 years in a row.



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The Legion just received a bill from a debt collector for the years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 for New York State Dept of Taxation and Finance for \$2999.13. After calling NY State Taxation and Finance it was determined that the Post did not file the Sales Tax paperwork for those years and NY estimated what we owed for those years and then added penalties and interest. **On 27 Jun 2017 we paid \$3047.16 online to resolve these bills, we still have to file for 2016.**

The Legion with a contribution from the SAL sponsored two Lake George High students for the 2017 Boys State and hope that in the future we can sponsor more. We also gave a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Lake George Senior this year.

The Memorial Day Parade was a success with a beautiful day for the parade.

### Upcoming Events:

**No Legion meeting in August.**

**Breakfast on 13 Aug 8-11AM, the July breakfast we did 64 breakfasts which was great. Please come out and volunteer to help or have a good breakfast.**

**19 Aug 17 we are having a Chicken BBQ starting at noon. Ken Ellis is putting it on, please come out and either help, we never have enough help, or have a nice Chicken BBQ plate.**

**1 Sept we will be having our monthly Fish Fry.**

**The Sept Legion meeting is on 9 Sept at 1:30PM. The AMVETS meeting will be at 3:00PM and the SAL at 4:00PM also on 9 Sept 17.**

**Breakfast on 10 Sept 2017 from 8-11:00AM, volunteers to help are greatly welcomed.**

**18 Sep 17 is the American Legion Dept of New York Visitation. We will be hosting the dinner and we would like to have a nice representation of our Post at the Dinner, also we need volunteer help to put it on. Contact Angie Venum or myself for information. Lake Luzerne will host the luncheon at our Post at 12:00 PM. We will have Cocktail hour at 4:00 PM and dinner at 5:00 PM.**

We still need to get the word out that we are open and have great indoor and outdoor spaces available to hold events that people can rent out. Our outside pavilion is a perfect place for a group to hold an event. Bottom line we are open and under new management and need everyone's help to keep our doors open, especially people that are willing to help in the kitchen, bar and for events that we are trying to hold.

**We still need more volunteers to help bar tend and work the kitchen for events, we could host quite a few events where we rent out our space and cater the food but we don't have the help so we will have to turn the events down.**

Bar Hours: Thur, Fri, Sat 3:00pm until 8:00pm **(If we get more volunteer bartenders maybe we could open an extra day during the summer)**



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Fish Fry: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month @5:00-7:00PM

Breakfast: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month @8:00-11:00AM

Past Fire Chief's Meeting 5:00pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every other month (Next meeting Sep 2017)

Legion Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM

AMVETS Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 3:00 PM

SAL Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM

### Members who have recently passed away:

**2017:** Jim Corkland – Legion

Stephen Raymond - Legion

### Contact Information:

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AMVETS Commander: Charlie Luce Ph: 518-668-2970 email: [ireland07@yahoo.com](mailto:ireland07@yahoo.com)

If you would like to be kept up-to-date via email, please send us your email address.

Post 374 Web page: [lakegeorgelegion.org](http://lakegeorgelegion.org)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-George-American-Legion-Post-374-626434370814693/>

**I know I keep mentioning in the newsletters about how we need more people to help and a few more have stepped up, but unfortunately we still just have a core handful that are trying to do everything and we cannot keep it up. If we don't get some new members or current members to step up and help we will not be able to continue and the Post will close. You don't have to be a Legionnaire to help, we need the Auxiliary, SAL and AMVETS, anyone who belongs to any of the organizations that utilize our facilities needs to help, the Post belongs to all of us and we need to try our best to keep it going so that all our veterans have a place to meet, talk, reminisce, relax and have a cocktail if they so desire.**

Sincerely,

Gary F. Venum

Commander

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August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Private Party Upstairs - 3:00PM
13 Post 374 Breakfast 8-11:00AM	14	15	16	17	18	19 Chicken BBQ: 12:00 - ?
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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<b>September 2017</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Fish Fry 5-7PM	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Labor Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:30pm Legion Mtg 3:00pm AMVETS Mtg 4:00pm SAL Mtg Auxiliary Mtg 1:00pm
<b>10</b> Post 374 Breakfast 8-11:00AM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> POW/MIA Recognition Day	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> NY Dept Visitation, Post 374 is hosting dinner 5:00PM Cocktail Hour 4:00 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Henrietta Party