

# CORNING AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion  
Commander:

Greg Jensen

Auxiliary President:

Diane Gridley

**SAL Commander:**

Tom Barto

**Board of Directors  
President**

Mary Ann Mineo

**Newsletter Editor:**  
Russ Miller

## MARCH 2021 HIGHLIGHTS AT THE POST

### MEETINGS

**BOD:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month 5:30 PM

**LEGION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of  
each month 5:30 PM

**SAL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each  
month 6:00 PM

**AUX:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of  
each month 6:30 PM

### ***Kitchen Hours***

#### **Food Available**

Fri, 3:00-7:00 PM  
Sun, 12:00-3:00 PM

#### **Fish Fry Fridays**

Dine in or Take Out  
3:00-7:00 PM

# THE EATON EDITORIAL

*The Newsletter of American Legion Post #746*



## FROM THE POST COMMANDER

2020 has been a challenging year for our Post with the Covid shutdown for many reasons. While we were closed for more than three months and not earning any revenue, the costs of keeping the Post going did not stop! Taxes, utilities, continuing payroll requirements, and costs involved in Covid compliance put a damper on the year's finances and our ability to support our community. Several slides are included from the annual review report out of 2020 that summarize how our year went and details the challenges we have going into 2021.



I'd like to thank the leadership of every organization of our Post who have helped guide us through a challenging year and have continued to support measures to keep us viable. For those who value our Post, please step up into an Officer position in your respective organization to help provide input into the direction of our operations. There are many verbal suggestions that come to the existing leadership that would have more of a chance of being successful if there were volunteers coming along to support implementing the suggestions. The Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Post all have openings to run for office for this coming May, with those elected to assume their positions in June. Each organization designates two individuals to serve on the Board of Directors (BoD) along with the Commander of the Post and an appointed Treasurer. The BoD is the group that runs the operations of the lounge, building, kitchen, finances, and sets the future direction of the operations of the Post. To have your say on what happens going forward with our Post, you should join your organization and be nominated to the BoD.

Due to Covid, the existing Officers in place were required to continue from the 2019-2020 voting year to the 2020-2021 year. All previous Officers stepped up and did so and it is now time for their replacements to be voted in. I encourage those who care about our Post staying open to run for an office to have your voice heard to help steer operations and support our community. To run for an office, please contact:

- American Legion:
- Ladies Auxiliary:
- Sons of the American Legion:

Nomination Committee Chairman Dick Naylor  
Aux President Diane Gridley  
Fill out nomination form and put in SAL inbox;  
questions should be referred to SAL Commander  
Tom Barto

# 2020 Community Service

## RITUAL TEAM ACTIVITY FOR 2020

FUNERAL LOCATIONS (21)		BRANCH		Total volunteer hours by team members was 1,982	
Addison Rural Cemetery	2	Army	42	Total of 116 events, including ceremonial, record keeping, etc.	
Avoca, Valley View Cemetery	1	Marine	12	Average of 3.2 times per week that team members provided a service.	
Bath National Cemetery	62	Navy	22	Weekly average by month varied from 0.0 per week to 4.9 per week.	
Bath, Fagan's Funeral Home	3	Air Force	17	Funeral duties averaged 1.8 per week, overall.	
Bath, Nondaga Cemetery	1	Coast Guard	0	Total duties, including funerals, averaged 2.2 per week, overall.	
Big Flats Rural Home Cemetery	2	Merchant Marine	0	Hours spent per year maintaining team records and statistics: 106	
Bradford, Bradford Cemetery	1	Auxiliary	0		
Canisteo, Woodlawn Cemetery	1	Total	93		
Coopers Plains Cemetery	2				
Coopers Plains, Chapel Knoll Cemetery	1				
Corning, Carpenter's Funeral Home	1	DUTIES		All Duties, not just funerals	
Corning, Hope Cemetery	2	Funeral	93	Duties	Days/ Month
Corning, St. Mary's Cemetery	5	Records	12	Weeks/ Month	Cum. Weeks
Elmira, Woodlawn National Cemetery	1	Ceremonial	8	Avg per Week	
Fremont Cemetery	1	Grave Flags	2	Jan	10
Hammondsport, Pleasant Valley Cemetery	1	Recruiting	1	Feb	5
Horseheads, Maple Grove Cemetery	1	Total	116	Mar	9
Horseheads, St. Mary Our Mother Cem.	1			Apr	0
Middlebury Center, PA	1			May	6
Painted Post, Fairview Cemetery	2			Jun	8
Wallace Wesleyan Church	1			Jul	18
Total: 93				Aug	11
				Sep	21
				Oct	13
				Nov	9
				Dec	6
				116	366
				52.3	2.2

# 2020 Community Service

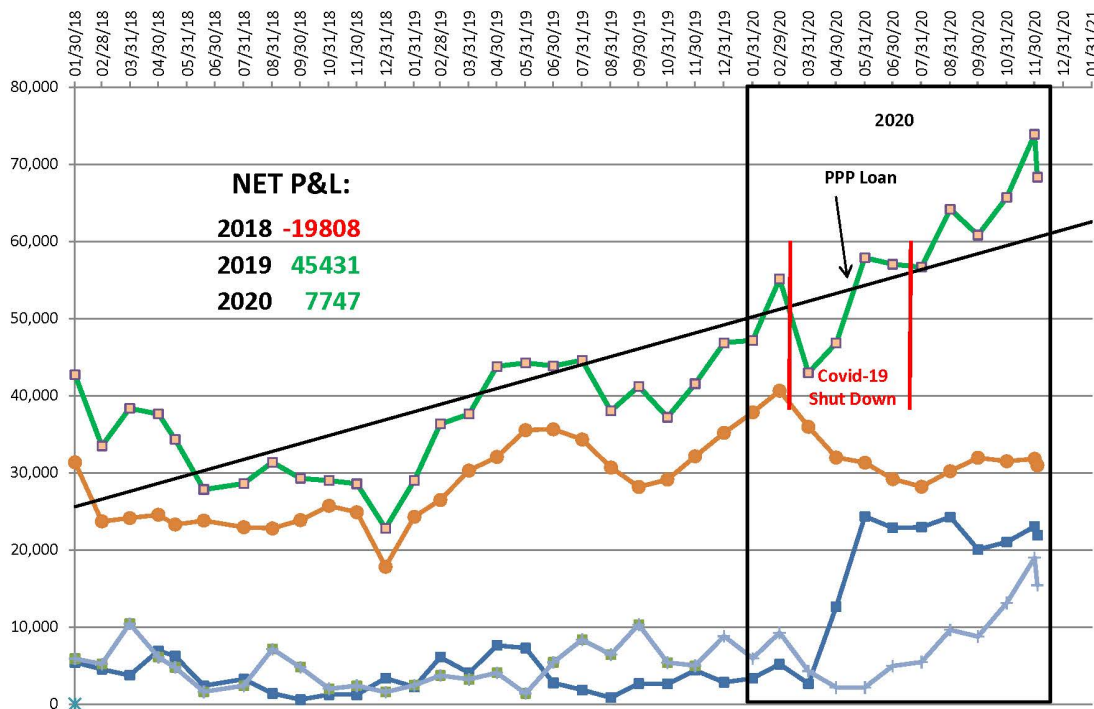
## Ritual Team Volunteer Hours 2020

George Betzer	Donny Allen	Jason Brown	John Brown	Carol Christian	Vicki Cunningham	Les Hampton	Tim Gallagher	Greg Jensen	Debi King	David Lambert	Gerry McDonald	Joe McKenna	Russ Miller	Steve Monroe	Richard Naylor	Bobby Rockwell	Josie Schelling	Blair Sibley	Mindy Tortolon	Dave Warunek	Frank Williams	Total Hours
75	3	39	132	119	3	15	21	17	81	84	264	3	39	15	538	270	18	3	3	9	231	1982

### Hours:

AUX 227  
SAL 567  
POST 1,188

# 2020 Financial Review



## 2020 Covid-19 Impact

### Negative impact:

- Shut Down for 3.25 months = NO REVENUE
- Covid Related expenses **\$30,776**
  - Continued PPP payroll
  - Utilities / Taxes / Mortgage
  - Social distancing requirement equipment
  - Reduced attendance upon reopening

### Positive impact:

- Paycheck Protection Program loan \$15,590
  - (Forgiven Dec 2020)
- Mortgage principle waived May, June, July
- Reduced utilities usage

# Status of Operations

- Financial performance is paramount!
  - Minimal safety cushion
- Re-amortized mortgage payments
  - (\$800) monthly reduction
- Part time kitchen lease C&J Eatery – Fri & Sun
  - Please support food purchases
- Gas line right of way
  - Separate kitchen/hall meter
- Overflow Parking lot purchase challenges
- Volunteers in Leadership needed.
- Covid restrictions compliance is necessary.

## 2021 Steps needed

### 501-C.19 Veteran Organization focus:

- Community outreach, support, involvement
- Veteran support focus increase
- Post Leadership volunteers

### Increase Revenue:

- Fundraisers supporting operating costs
- GOC operational support
- New Members needed

### Reduce Costs:

- Continued financial status evaluation
- BOAT Committee Inventory Control & Analysis

In closing, 2021 should have the focus of continued financial performance to maintain operational viability, as well as Veteran support in our community. The Covid restrictions in 2020 greatly hampered our ability to do our Veteran support activities, albeit our groups each managed to achieve the core objectives of each organization. Please help us continue into the future!



Greg Jensen, Commander  
Commander@CorningAmericanLegion.com

## BAR TALK



One of the current topics of discussion has been why we switched to cans and whether we will switch back to bottles. Due to supply and demand issues under Covid, we started receiving cans in addition to bottles and in the fourth quarter of 2020 fully switched to cans to review if there was a cost benefit to lower prices and keep cans only. While there was a cost savings to carry cans, the savings was not enough to cover the cost of lowering the sell price by 25 cents. The savings did allow for the extension of the "bucket of beer" specials during games to Monday and Thursday games in addition to Sunday as the cost of selling five beer cans at a discount was covered. In addition to extending bucket sales, it has been evaluated to bring a sports package in for the games that we currently cannot get with Empire Access, which would be covered with the continuance of purchasing cans versus bottles. While there are those who prefer to have bottles, there are just as many who desire the sports package and extra days of bucket sales, and the decision lies with the Board of Directors to continue with cans or switch back to bottles with no sports package or extra days of buckets.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary has been laying low with activities due to the COVID -19 Hope all is staying well and safe. Membership is important as we continue to try to support our Veterans. Please pay your dues because at this point it is your support for the auxiliary, which helps keep us stay together. DUES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020. Thank you to all that have paid their dues.. Eventually if everyone would follow the COVID regulations, we would hope to be able to get back to some normality. Be safe .

Diane Gridley, President.







**Proud Possessors of a priceless heritage we male  
descendants of veterans associate ourselves as  
" Sons of The American Legion"**

2020 Started out as normal as any other year with a new years eve party and a couple of band nights at the Post. A major fundraiser was under way with our gun raffle.

Then came COVID-19 and the Post was closed beginning on March 16 and would remain closed until June 15 when we reopened under the new normal .

SAL elections were canceled and all officers from 2019 continued in their posts ,Legion baseball and Boys State were cancelled as well as our annual golf tournament.

The SAL purchased three picnic tables for our outside seating area and joined with the Aux and the Post to purchase a double door freezer for the kitchen and most recently three new umbrellas for the patio.

We are pleased to announce that we reached 100% member renewal for 2019 for the third year in a row and continue to add new members each year.

Due to the National SAL dues increase of three dollars per member we have raised our 2021 dues to \$25.00.

Nominations for officers are now open. Nomination sheets are available at the Post fill out and turn in to the bartender if you are interested in running for office.

Elections will be held at the SAL May 3rd meeting at 6 PM.

The SAL meets on the first Monday of the month at 6 PM and any members are welcome to attend.

For God and Country  
Tom Barto SAL Commander

**Ritual Team Members Needed**

The Corning American Legion Ritual Team is recruiting new members [ male and female ] who are available for duty especially through the week days . Training and uniforms are provided and you do not have to be a veteran to serve just be devoted to your duty . If interested please contact Dick Naylor at 607-962-5592 or email [rnaylor5@stny.rr.com](mailto:rnaylor5@stny.rr.com)

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Richard G. Naylor , Past Post Cmdr.

**Ritual Team/Honor Guard-Full Military Honors  
were provided for the following individuals:**

DATE	NAME	DUTY	LOCATION	BRANCH
09/18/20	Edwin B. Ober	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Navy
09/22/20	Tyler Grinnell	Honor Guard	Corning, Carpenter's Funeral Home	Army
09/25/20	Edward F. Warner	Funeral	Coopers Plains Cemetery	Army
09/29/20	Francis J. Moran	Funeral	Corning, St. Mary's Cemetery	Army
09/30/20	Douglas Frost	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force
10/01/20	Paul Pavlick	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Navy
10/01/20	Honors Assistance	Funeral	Request by Army Honor Guard	Army
10/05/20	Richard L. Blankenship	Funeral	Bath, Fagan's Funeral Home	Army
10/06/20	Darell L. Johnson	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force
10/08/20	Adelbert Keefer	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Navy
10/09/20	Tyler Grinnell	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
10/13/02	Arden R. Santulli	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force
10/16/20	Christopher A. Smith	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force
10/19/20	Raymond Sissel	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force
10/21/20	Barbara Berto	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Marine
10/23/20	William O. Dick	Funeral	Big Flats Rural Home Cemetery	Army
10/29/20	Ronald J. Manliguis	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
11/06/20	Thomas H. Farr	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
11/08/20	Candlelight Remembrance	Colors	Corning, Phillips Funeral Home	—
11/09/20	Veterans Day Ceremony	Bugler only	Elmira, Woodlawn National Cemetery	—
11/11/20	Veterans Day Ceremony	Colors-Rifles	Post 746	—
11/17/20	Stephen A. Spink	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Navy
11/22/20	Remembrance Ceremony	Colors	Corning, Haughey Funeral Home	—
11/25/20	Donald Peterson	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
11/30/20	John Loza	Funeral	Bath, Fagan's Funeral Home	Army
12/03/20	Brian Adams	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force
12/04/20	John Stage Jr,	Funeral	Horseheads, Maple Grove Cemetery	Navy
12/05/20	Robert Jack	Funeral	Coopers Plains Cemetery	Army
12/07/20	Edwin Moon	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
12/16/20	Arthur Ames, Jr.	Funeral	Bath, Fagan's Funeral Home	Marine
01/08/21	Raymond Naylor	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
01/14/21	Stuart Hall	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Navy
01/20/21	Ritual Team	Training	Corning Legion Post 746	—
01/21/21	Daniel E. Gurnsey	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Navy
01/23/21	Annual State of the Post Mtg	Colors	Corning Legion Post 746	—
01/28/21	Willard D. Campbell	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
02/01/21	Boyd P. Hunt	Funeral	Addison, St. Catherine's Cemetery	Marine
02/08/21	William E. Wilkinson, Jr.	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
02/10/21	Eugene C. Conway	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Coast Guard
02/12/21	James Wiley	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
02/12/21	Loren Fleming	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Marine
02/18/21	Philip J. Ruger	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Army
03/05/21	Maynard Wellington	Funeral	Bath National Cemetery	Air Force

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:**

The application for this years Memorial Day observance at the Veterans memorial in the City of Corning has been submitted and every indication is it will be approved. Planning is currently underway for this event. The Post will also be placing flags on the graves of Veterans at the 12 cemeteries in southeastern Steuben County the Post takes care of. As always we are looking for volunteers for this event.

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:**

Membership is the key to supporting our Post and the four pillars supported by the American Legion. It is our foundation! I ask all of our membership to keep eyes and ears open for opportunities to invite new prospects and former members to the Post. We have a great facility and great members that support Veterans and the greater community and we have fun doing it. Any suggestions you may have about how we can increase membership numbers are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at [gasmanrsm644@gmail.com](mailto:gasmanrsm644@gmail.com) .

Respectfully,

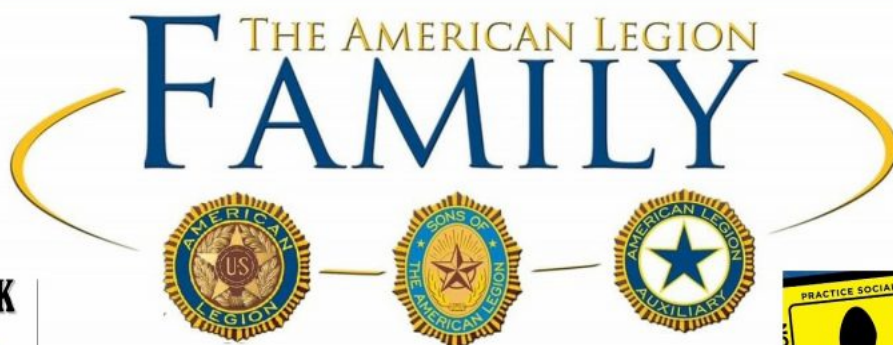


Russell S. Miller

1st Vice Commander







NO MASK



NO ENTRY

**Corning American Legion**  
**8 River Rd ,Corning ,NY 14830**



**We are open regular hours**  
**Members Only Club -- No Food Purchase Required**  
**All Covid - 19 Guidelines are being Followed**

**Join our Family Today Legion , Auxiliary or Sons**

### **Corning American Legion**

*Weekly members drawing is back  
 starting this Thursday July 2 at 6 PM.  
 Steak drawings begin next Saturday July 4th at 4 PM  
 Get your tickets today !!*

**Thursdays at 6 PM**

**100% Pay Out**  
**Based on Ticket Sales**  
**Tickets 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5**  
**Need Not Be Present To Win**

**Get Your Tickets Today !!**  
**See Your Bartender**



**Three for \$5**

DRAWINGS CONDUCTED BY THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)



**CORNING AMERICAN LEGION**

**QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING**

*SHE'S BACK*

**MONDAY'S AT SIX PM**

**GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY \$1.00**

**COME IN FOR HAPPY HOUR 4- 6**

**WILL YOU...**



**FIND HER?**

*C&J's Eatery*

**Friday Fish Fry**

Call: 607-329-8635



**Swai (like Catfish) - \$10+tax**

**Haddock - \$12+tax**

**Perch - \$10+tax**

**Seafood Platter - \$15+tax**

**Chicken Tenders - \$10+tax**

**Dinner – Fish, Cole Slaw, and Roll**

**\*\* Choice of two sides: Mac 'n' Cheese,  
French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Onion  
Rings or Seasoned Green Beans**

**\*\*\*\*Extra side - \$2.50 \*\*\*\***

**3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**American Legion - 8 River Road, Corning**



# Post Calendar

March 2021

April 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1 SAL 6:00PM	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 BOD 5:30PM	10 AUX 6:30PM	11 LEGION 5:30PM	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Springfield 5:30PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

● Federal Holidays ● Local Holidays ● Multiple Events

## CORNING AMERICAN LEGION

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www.corningamericanlegion.com

## CLUB HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
12 Noon to 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday  
12:00 Noon to 12:00 AM

Sunday  
12 Noon to 6:00 PM

Hours may vary  
with COVID-19  
restrictions

If you know people who are eligible to join  
The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary,  
or the Sons of the American Legion, Please invite them to join.

**REMEMBER:** It's not the price you pay to be a member;  
it's the price you paid to be eligible

