

## History Corner: Battered Bomber

On the morning of October 15, 1944, the B-17G “Lovely Julie” of the 398th Bomb Group took part in a raid targeting Cologne, Germany. Immediately after releasing its bombs, the aircraft sustained a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire; an 88mm shell exploded in the nose section, killing Staff Sergeant George Abbott, the toggler, instantly and seriously wounding the navigator, 2nd Lieutenant Raymond LeDoux.

The force of the blast shredded the entire nose of the bomber, tore loose the instrument panel such that only the compass and altimeter were somewhat functional, and left the pilots, 1st Lieutenant Lawrence M. DeLancey and 1st Lieutenant Phillip Stahlman, battling sub-zero temperatures at altitude with their boots partly exposed to the elements. Communication systems were knocked out and oxygen lines were severed, forcing the crew to rapidly descend to lower altitudes just to breathe.



With the navigator’s equipment and maps destroyed, LeDoux, after recovering somewhat from his initial injury, stood between the pilots on the flight deck giving them headings from memory using visual landmarks to steer the battered aircraft home. As they limped over Belgium, a pair of friendly P-51s provided escort for the final leg across the Channel.

Approaching Nuthampstead, the pilots managed to lower the landing gear, only for hydraulic fluid to spray across the cockpit, confirming their suspicion that they would land without brakes or instruments. DeLancey, peering around wreckage blocking his view, executed a “by guess and feel” landing, bringing “Lovely Julie” safely to a stop just beyond the runway’s end in the mud.

Every crew member, except Abbott, survived the ordeal: LeDoux’s navigation and DeLancey’s flying earned official commendations both for heroism and skill under extreme pressure. The aircraft’s battered nose became the subject of iconic wartime photographs, a testament not just to the ruggedness of the B-17 but also to the extraordinary resolve and teamwork of its crew.

Adapted from <https://www.facebook.com/cafairbasearizona>. h/t to Sharon Underwood for link.

# Auxiliary Corner



Happy Fall Everyone!

Fall is off to a busy start within our Legion Family! The Halloween event was a huge success! It was fun to be part of such an important event! Thank you to our members and everyone that volunteered your time! Another successful event from Legion Family Post 574!

We ended October with 70% membership paid. Please get your memberships in. We are heading into a busy time and there will be plenty of things to do. We could use all the volunteers we can.

We still need volunteers for Friday nights in the Bingo Kitchen. A HUGE thank you to all of you who have volunteered to work the kitchen. I appreciate your dedication to our Auxiliary more than you know!

Now on to November. This month is quite busy for the Auxiliary. Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th due to election day being on Tuesday.

November 1st is our Annual Pub Crawl. Sign up is in the lounge!

November 11th will be our Veterans Day dinner hosted by the Auxiliary. Please sign up no later than November 6th. Roast Pork Tenderloin, Baked Potato, Green Beans and Apple Crisp for dessert!

November 13th, Thursday is our annual Dine-to Donate. This year will be at O'Toole's. Dine at O'Toole's on Quaker Rd, Queensbury between 4pm and 9pm. O'Toole's will donate 15% of their total sales between those times, back to our Auxiliary to benefit our Poppy Fund. Come out and see us! You do not need a flyer for this event.

November 15 is Mission Training in Albany for those of you who are attending.

November 16th is our Annual Basket Raffle - Contact Danielle Haxstun 518-791-2466 or Cynthia Nevins 518-744-0590 if you would like to donate a basket.

November 23rd, Sunday is the South Glens Falls Holiday parade. We will be decorating a float for this year's parade. Step off for the parade is 5pm. This year's theme is "The Light before Christmas".

November 30th we will be kicking off our Breakfast with Santa schedule starting with wrapping books! This year's story book from Santa is "Frosty the Snowman". We will also be stuffing the stockings for our little visitors.

PHEW!

Thank you to ALL of our members for everything you do! It makes me proud of all of you who have stepped up to volunteer, initiate ideas, create unit level programs and just supporting our veterans. It is because of all of you that we have such a wonderful Auxiliary that we can be proud of and I thank each of you!

Sincerely,

Julie Montello, President Unit 574

## Sons Corner



Greeting Squadron and Legion Post 574 family!

First want to say thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween Family Fun Day! It was a great day, great weather and great turnout. Each year we keep on growing and coming up with new ideas to help make this event fun and better. If you have any pictures, please send them to any of the officers of the Legion Post 574 family.

Also don't forget your raffle tickets for our Sons Annual Christmas Tree raffle. It's a pre-lit Christmas tree with \$1,000 worth of New York State Lottery ticket on it. Tickets are \$10 each and only 500 tickets are available. Get them quick as they are selling fast.

Our November Breakfast is November 9<sup>th</sup> 8-11am. It's our Veterans Day Breakfast, where all Veterans eat for free. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Sons Membership – As of October 10<sup>th</sup> our Sons Squadron membership is at 83% paid for 2026. Getting closer to that 100%. My goal is to reach 100% by the end of this year. Can we do it? I believe we can. As long as we work as a team to reach out to those to have not paid their dues yet, and get them paid, we can achieve this goal together.

Please check out our Facebook page for more information on events and information about our squadron. You can find the page by searching "Sons of American Legion #574".

As always, thank you for your continued support of Post 574 and our mission to serve our veterans, their families and friends and our community. God bless you all!

I like to end with a quote,

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope" - Winston Churchill

Sincerely – Austin Montello – Squadron 574 Commander



PLEASE JOIN US

# VETERANS DAY DINNER

HOSTED BY AUXILIARY UNIT 574

Hudson Falls American Legion Post 574

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11 2025

Social Hour 5pm - Dinner 6pm

**FREE FOR VETERANS**

**\$5 FOR LEGION FAMILY POST 574 MEMBERS**

**\$10 ALL OTHER GUESTS**

**SIGN UP IN LOUNGE NO LATER THAN 11/6/25**

Garden Salad

choice of dressings

Roasted Pork Tenderloin

with gravy

Baked Potatoes

with sour cream and butter

Fresh Greenbeans

sauteed with shallots

Rolls - Applesauce - Cranberry Sauce

Apple Crisp Dessert





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## SERVING UP BREAKFAST

Place: American Legion Post 574

72 Pearl St., Hudson Falls, NY

**DATE: SUN., NOV. 09, 2025**

**TIME: 8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**

**PRICE = \$11.00 per person**

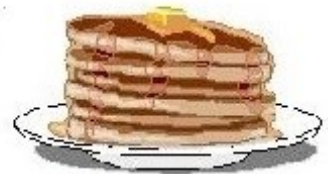
**ALL VETERANS = \$8.00**

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# November 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						<b>1</b> 6p Karaoke
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Election Day	<b>5</b> 6p Aux Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7p Bingo	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8a Breakfast	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 5p CGuard 6p EBoard	<b>13</b> 7p Riders	<b>14</b> 7p Bingo	<b>15</b> 6p Karaoke
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7p Sons	<b>19</b> 6p Legionnaires	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7p Bingo	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 5p Holiday Parade	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving	<b>28</b> 7p Bingo	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

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# **PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

We honor the lives lost and the bravery  
shown on December 7, 1941. May their  
memory inspire peace and unity.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 2025 - 10AM**  
**Hudson Falls American Legion**  
**72 Pearl St - Hudson Falls NY**

**COMMUNITY IS WELCOME**  
**Coffee and donuts will be served after the ceremony**







## **OPERATION FULL PLATE**

### **A VETERANS FOOD PROGRAM**

A Program sponsored by  
The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 574 Hudson Falls

Statistics show that 11.1% of our Veterans suffer food insecurities. If we can help even a small fraction then we have begun to accomplish our mission. No Veteran should go hungry and our Auxiliary Unit strives to help those Veterans in need.

Operation Full Plate is a program designed to support our Veterans in need. For those Veterans who are homebound, delivery is available. The program includes healthy supplemental meals (6 per month) and various non-perishable groceries.

Meals will be prepared the second and fourth week of the month with three meals each of those weeks. Operation Full Plate will be on a sign-up basis for our Veterans so we know how many we need to prepare for.

If you know of any Veterans that can benefit from our program, please reach out to us with contact information. We have an informational form for them to fill out.

If you would like to assist with our program through food donations or volunteering, please email the address below.

Or leave a message by directly calling me at: 518-338-7708



Sincerely,  
Julie Montello, President Unit 574

scan code to email: [ofpunit574@yahoo.com](mailto:ofpunit574@yahoo.com)

# BOOSTERS

If you would like to become a booster or renew, the cost is \$3.00 a year. This is to help pay for printing. Please place request in the NEWSLETTER mail box in the Lounge or send it to the Post, attention Booster. Thank You for your continued Support.

## THRU 2025

From Post 574 Color Guard  
In Memory Of  
**Our Commander and Chaplin William Fish**

Dawn Palmer  
In Loving Memory Of  
**My Dad Daniel B. Hayes US Army (Silver Star)**

Reggie Prouty  
In Memory Of  
**Loved ones Reginald Smith, US Army and Ed Barry, US Navy**

## THRU 2027

Jay & Sue Marchese  
In Memory Of  
**Tim Pratt**

ADRK Art Jr.  
ALWAYS  
**Art Gibbs Sr. WWII (Silver Star) and Steve Gibbs, Korea**

## THRU 2028

From Rachel Quackenbush  
In Memory Of  
**Jim Quackenbush 1st Director of 574 Riders**

## THRU 2028 (cont'd)

Gail & Ron Pliscofsky  
In Memory Of  
**Tony Pliscofsky**

## THRU 2029

Anonymous Donor  
In Memory Of  
**Joel Barber**

Ronnie Graham  
In Memory Of  
**Foster Graham Frank Keys & Margaret Keys Raymond (MUD) Graham Donna (Dolly) Graham**

## THRU 2030

From Don Amorosi  
In Honor Of  
**Thomas Eastwood**

Margaret Folk  
In Memory Of  
**John P. Folk Past Department Vice Commander**

From Post 574 Color Guard  
In Memory Of Our Dedicated Departed Brothers  
**Bob Cheeney, US Marines (Vietnam) and US Army Bob Beverage, US Navy**

## THRU 2032

From Catherine Eastwood  
In Memory Of  
**Charles Hicks, 82nd Abn and Viet Vets in the Tank**

## THRU 2035

Duane & Barb Vaughn  
In Memory Of  
**Our Brother John J Stewart USAF**

## THRU 2040

From Donald Amorosi  
In Memory Of  
**Catherine Eastwood**

From Donald Amorosi  
In Memory Of  
**Dick Bacon**

From Jay Marchese  
In Memory Of  
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