



Post 574 Newsletter

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May 2024

Commander's Corner

Greetings from the Commander

First, I would like to thank the Legion family for representing Post 574 at the National Commander's Dinner. We had 18 family members attend. We donated \$500 from our Post to the Commander's project.

Thank you to everyone that bought a 50/50 ticket for the Legion, and to Dana Warren for selling them.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary on the success of their basket raffle. They were able to raise \$3700 for Veteran Programs.

Big Shout out to everyone involved with the Walkathon. You all made it successful again this year.

Thank you to the Sons for sponsoring the 4th district dinner for incoming officers. A job well done!

May is the election of new Officers for all entities. When placing your vote, please elect the person who can do the job best for all officers. For anyone that wishes to run for office, please contact Larry Pratt or Joe Bernard. The election box for the Legion will be in the lounge for write in ballots for those who can not be at the election. Ballots will be by the box for you to fill out. When the new officers are elected for all entities, let's continue to work as a team as we do now.

Bingo is still looking for volunteers. Contact Mike Wheeler if you are interested. Schedule is flexible.

Reminder to anyone that has not paid their dues, please send that in ASAP. We are lacking 20 members to be at 100% membership. Contact Mike Wheeler to pay your dues. Let's make 100 percent by the Department Convention in August.

Upcoming events:

May 12: Mother's Day Breakfast

May 27: Memorial Day Parade – We are looking for people with ideas for a float. If anyone is interested in that, please contact me. The schedule has been released.

Please continue to Volunteer. Member involvement is so important for our events to be successful.

The Legion and myself thank all entities for their hard work and contributions to make our programs work.

Respectfully,

Your Commander

Larry Montello

Auxiliary Corner



Happy Spring!

Finally, I think the nice weather has arrived! April was a busy month. Our basket raffle had a great turnout, and we were able to raise \$3700 to help our Veteran Programs. Thank you to everyone who donated baskets and volunteered their time to make the event successful! We will be having another basket raffle in the fall.

April 11th, we attended the National Commanders visitation dinner at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga. There were nine auxiliary members in attendance at the dinner. Thank you to those who were able to attend. Our Auxiliary is becoming more involved, and I appreciate you all.

April 13th Our post had the honor of hosting the incoming officers of District 4. We had a great turnout at the dinner. Auxiliary District 4 current President, Sheila Holman, and incoming President, Kim Quick were able to visit with some auxiliary members. I must give a big shout out to our membership. You all are doing a fantastic job, and our Unit is becoming noticed throughout County, District and Department levels. Keep up the magnificent work!

Our Walkathon held on April 20 was highly successful. We do not have final numbers yet, but I can give a HUGE shout out to our own June Gaulin for another successful year of collecting donations. At last count, June had already collected over \$6000 herself. Congratulations June on a job well done! Our luncheon was received quite well. Thank You so much to Danielle Haxstun for your macaroni salad, Karen Johnson for your fabulous tray of cookies. Some people asked me if I had the recipes. Shout out also to Dawn Palmer and Michelle Duprey for your help serving and cleaning up!

Some of you may have already heard, The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, is coming to our Post next year. The dates are July 24-28 of 2025. Next year is also the 50 Year Remembrance of the Vietnam War. We will need a lot of volunteers to help make this event successful. If you would like to volunteer or donate to Bring the Wall Home, please email ala574hf@yahoo.com. We will be putting a committee together for this soon. Stay tuned for more information as it arises.

Our upstairs museum has been spruced up and ready for visitors. The museum is open to the public during Legion business hours. If you know of anyone that would be interested in seeing the museum, please reach out and invite them to visit.

Our Auxiliary has been putting their heads together to produce ideas that our homebound members could do from home. So many of them would still like to be involved in Auxiliary programs but are unable to attend meetings or functions due to health issues. If you have any ideas that would be helpful to get our homebound members involved, please reach out to one of us or email ala574hf@yahoo.com.

Pat Tebordo has been doing a fantastic job heading up our Poppy Committee. National Poppy Day is May 24th this year. Pat has been working tirelessly to find places where we will be able to display our poppies for donations. Thank You Pat!

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Sons Corner



Salutations to Squadron 574 and all Legion Family Members!

How is everyone? Hopefully all is well with you reading this. May is upon us already, time flies right? All of May is a month of remembrance, remembering those who fought in all wars to preserve our way of life and defending our Constitution. Those members of our military who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending the freedom we enjoy in our daily lives. Let us always remember, never forget.

The Memorial Day Parades are Monday, May 27th, kicking off in Kingsbury for the Moss Street Parade, starting at the Franklin Street side of the Hudson Falls High School going north on Rt 4 ending at the Moss Street Cemetery for Wreath Services. Afterwards we will continue to Juckett Park for next Memorial Wreath service. The Hudson Falls Parade will form at the Village Library heading south on Rt 4 ending at Union Cemetery for Memorial Wreath service and finally returning to Post 574 for final Wreath Service and lunch. We will be decorating a float for the parades at the Post on Sunday morning at 9:30, anyone who wants to help, please join us.

The Squadron meeting is on Tuesday the 21st, nominations for Officers will be closed and voting begins. Any member in good standing can take a nomination of a Squadron Officer. Please contact John Malvuccio if you may be interested. Installation of officers will be in June. Thank you to all current officers for a job well done this past year. Our Squadron is stronger than ever.

May 12th is Mothers' Day... and what could be better than bringing Mom out for breakfast? Bringing Mom to our Legion Family Breakfast! The Squadron 574 has always treated all Moms to a complimentary breakfast for their special day with a special gift from us. Serving 8 to 11 AM. This is the last breakfast until September 8th.

Back on April 20th, we held the 17th Annual "They Marched for Us, We Walk for Them" Don Keech and Donna Graham Memorial Walkathon (boy that's a mouth full). Thank you very much to all who helped raise donations, we are approximately \$11,000 collected, but still counting. Thirty-six people joined us and a few puppies for the walk that day, great turn out. Thank you to the Auxiliary for providing lunch for everyone.

I can't emphasize enough how important our volunteers are, they truly keep the Post open. I encourage everyone to try and volunteer at least once a month, it does make a difference. Don't know exactly where you may be needed? Just ask any of the leadership members.

Remember what Memorial Day is about, remember all those who served, shake that hand of a Veteran, active military, first responder and volunteers and say thank you. It does mean something to someone. God Bless to all, our communities and our Great Nation.

Sincerely – Dan Lancette – SAL Squadron 574 Commander.

Riders Corner



Happy Spring riding season has begun be aware of road conditions and your surroundings. Our Road Captain will be starting evening rides soon keep your eyes posted for those days.

During the month of April we attended Yellow Ribbon Day, did a welcome home and participated in 7 funerals. We also assisted in cooking a dinner fundraiser for incoming state leadership and the Sons Walkathon. A nice combined total of 224 volunteer hours. Thank You to everyone who is able to participate.

Looking ahead for May most importantly is the Memorial Day Parade. If you can participate we welcome you.

Crazy Train Riders Suicide Prevention Run starts and ends here at our post May 4th.



From the Desk of the Adjutant

Greetings all and happy Springtime. I have a few items to discuss in no particular order of importance.

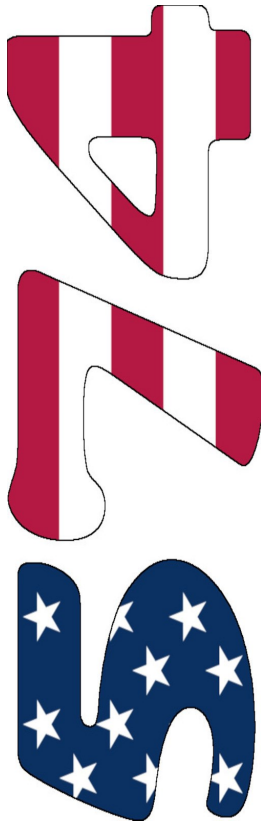
First, our Golf Tournament is coming up on June 15th. To date, we only have a few teams signed up. This is a great deal at \$90 for 18 holes of golf and a steak dinner. We are also offering a steak dinner for non-golfers for \$20 – sign-up in the Lounge before June 10th.

Next month's Legionnaire meeting is important. Elections for Post Officers will take place. This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard. The meeting will take place at 6pm on May 15th.

I am inviting all members of our family to march with Big Dan and me in the Memorial Day Parade. We will form up on Clark Street in Hudson Falls at 10:45am on May 27th and march in the final leg of the parade – 1.2 miles. A float and/or vans will be available to ride if the walk is too much.

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 6p Karaoke
5	6	7 7p Aux	8 5p CGuard 6p Eboard	9 7p Riders	10	11
12 Mother's Day Breakfast 8a	13	14 6:30p House	15 6p Legionnaires	16	17	18 6p Karaoke
19 12p Pig Roast 4:30p Dinner	20	21 7p Sons	22	23 7p County Meeting	24	25
26 10a Floats	27 Memorial Day Parade 9a	28	29	30	31	





PIX AROUND THE POST

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Place: American Legion Post 574

72 Pearl St., Hudson Falls, NY

DATE: SUN., MAY 12, 2024

TIME: 8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

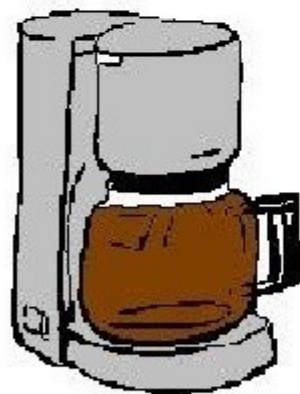
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Veteran Stories: PFC Karlwilhelm Olsen

US Army 35th Division

BORN: Frederikshavn, Denmark May 27, 1923

DIED: Bluffton, SC - March 1, 2024

Dad had a large family, many brothers and sisters. His father, Johann Christian Olsen, was born in Bergen, Norway. He relocated to Denmark, and worked in Frederikshavn (in Jylland, in the north of Denmark by the sea) as a harbor policeman. He had met my grandmother, Georgine, when she rode horses in a circus act. There are many family stories, but I will only tell one. One of my dad's brothers, when he was very young, was dying. My grandfather was not a religious man. He prayed to God that if his son lived, he would become religious. His son lived, but it was a year before my grandfather fulfilled his vow. He read the Bible and other religious books and always carried a Bible with him. I know that he actually read it because I have one of his Bibles and he took copious notes on every page (which I can't read). Each evening before the family dinner at the dinner table my grandfather would read and discuss the Bible for half an hour before the family would eat. Many people came to my grandfather as if he were a priest, seeking advice and comfort.

My dad would say that he came to America by chance because one day he took a shortcut on the way home from work. At the time he worked in a sardine factory. It was winter and the lake was frozen over. He crossed the frozen river as a shortcut and ran into a friend on the way. The friend offered my dad the proposition to sail as a cabin boy on a one time trip to America on a Danish Merchant Marine ship. Two of dad's brothers already had a career sailing with the Danish Merchant Marines. When dad got home he asked his mother (he was sixteen years old), and she told him to ask his father. His father gave his permission and also had to pay a fee in order for my father to be able to sail. He only gave my father one piece of advice: "Watch out for loose women." My father was surprised. He never heard his father speak that way before.

It was war time and the Nazis were attacking merchant ships. During the voyage all of the lights were put out and everyone was warned to be quiet because an unknown ship appeared nearby. It was nighttime. It turned out to be a British ship, so they were safe. Halfway into their voyage my father received news that his brother Arthur had been killed when the ship he was sailing on was torpedoed by a German U-Boat. My middle name is Arthur in memory of my uncle who perished at sea. Later my father lost another brother the same way, Samuel, when his ship was torpedoed near Newcastle, England. At the same time, my father received the news that the Nazis had invaded Denmark.

In America he was given the choice to stay or to return home. Besides the fact that the Nazis had taken over his country, my father fell in love with NY and America. He was a young man who had lived a sheltered and quiet life in a small village in Denmark and New York beckoned to him like some kind of Disneyland. My dad always loved sweets and chocolate. One of the first things he loved was banana splits and his favorite candy bar was Baby Ruth.

A Dane named Mr. Leonhart, who owned a resort in Kent Connecticut (the Flanders Arms), gave my father a job there as a busboy. Sometimes I said to dad that we should go back and visit, because the resort is still there today. We never made the trip. Because of his immigration status, dad was supposed to stay in a certain geographic area, but he broke the rule and in the summer he went to Florida and worked as a lifeguard. Dad was very athletic and was a great swimmer and skier. While in Florida there was a ferocious hurricane. When he tried to return to Kent, he was arrested and incarcerated in Hartford for breaking the immigration rule...

(Read the full story at <https://americanlegionpost574.org/posts/stories/olsen>)

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<p>THRU 2023</p> <p>Ron & Donna Graham</p> <p><u>IN MEMORY OF</u></p> <p><u>Frank Keys</u></p> <p><u>Foster Graham</u></p> <p>From his Family</p> <p><u>In Memory of</u></p> <p><u>William Fish</u></p> <p>From his Family</p> <p><u>In memory of</u></p> <p><u>Amos Wheeler</u></p> <p>Mike Herman</p> <p><u>In memory of</u></p> <p><u>Charles (Roach) Hicks</u></p> <p><u>Vietnam</u></p> <p>Ann & Walter Weirich</p> <p><u>In memory of Tim Pratt</u></p> <p>Post 574 Color Guard Unit</p> <p><u>In memory of</u></p> <p><u>Blayde Howard</u></p> <p><u>Former Post Commander</u></p> <p>Post 574 Color Guard Unit</p> <p><u>In memory of</u></p> <p><u>David Bailey</u></p> <p>From your son Larry Montello</p> <p><u>In memory of Tony and Alice</u></p> <p><u>Montello</u></p> <p>From Dad and Becky</p>	<p><u>In memory of Kristina Graham</u></p> <p>Thru 2024</p> <p>Lyssa Farr, Walter Howard,</p> <p>Meghan Howard</p> <p><u>In memory of</u></p> <p><u>Blayde Howard</u></p> <p><u>Beloved Poppa</u></p> <p>Edna Sexton and Rita Porteous</p> <p><u>In memory of</u></p> <p><u>Roy Porteous former Post Com-</u></p> <p><u>mander</u></p> <p>Ken papa Williams</p> <p><u>In memory of David Ball</u></p> <p>Noma Bump (Auxiliary)</p> <p><u>In memory of Bill Bump(Veteran)</u></p> <p>THRU 2025</p> <p>From Post 574 Color Guard</p> <p><u>In memory of our Commander</u></p> <p><u>and Chaplin William Fish</u></p> <p>Duane & Barb Vaughn</p> <p><u>In memory of brother</u></p> <p><u>John J Stewart</u></p> <p>Dawn Palmer</p> <p><u>In loving</u></p> <p><u>memory of my Dad</u></p> <p><u>Daniel B. Hayes US Army</u></p> <p>Reggie Prouty</p>	<p><u>In memory of loved ones</u></p> <p><u>Reginald Smith, US Army'</u></p> <p><u>Ed Barry, US Navy</u></p> <p>THRU 2027</p> <p>Jay & Sue Marchese</p> <p><u>In memory of Tim Pratt</u></p> <p>ADRK Art Sr.</p> <p><u>"ALWAYS"</u></p> <p><u>Art Gibbs</u></p> <p><u>Steve Gibbs-Korea</u></p> <p>THRU 2028</p> <p>From Rachel Quackenbush</p> <p><u>In Honor of Jim Quackenbush</u></p> <p><u>In memory of Jim Quackenbush</u></p> <p><u>First Director of American</u></p> <p><u>Legion Riders</u></p> <p>Gail & Ron Pliscofsky</p> <p><u>In memory of Tony Pliscofsky</u></p> <p>THRU 2029</p> <p><u>In Memory of Joel Barber</u></p> <p><u>Anonymous Donor</u></p> <p>Ronnie Graham</p> <p><u>In Memory of</u></p> <p><u>Foster Graham</u></p> <p><u>Frank Keys & Margaret Keys</u></p>	<p><u>Raymond (MUD) Graham</u></p> <p><u>Donna (Dolly) Graham</u></p> <p>THRU 2030</p> <p>From Don Amorosi</p> <p><u>In honor of Thomas Eastwood</u></p> <p>THRU 2030</p> <p>Margaret Folk</p> <p><u>In memory of John P. Folk</u></p> <p><u>Past Department Vice</u></p> <p><u>Commander</u></p> <p>THRU 2032</p> <p>From Catherine Eastwood</p> <p><u>In memory of Charles Hicks,</u></p> <p><u>82nd Abn and Viet Vets in the</u></p> <p><u>tank</u></p> <p>THRU 2040</p> <p>From Don Amorosi</p> <p><u>In memory of Catherine</u></p> <p><u>Eastwood</u></p> <p>From Donald Amorosi</p> <p><u>In Memory of Dick Bacon</u></p>
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We will be posting a date very soon to make new wreaths for our Memorial Day celebrations. All the supplies to do so are in. We will be reaching out via social media to see who would like to help put them together. Memorial Day is fast approaching already! We hope you can join us for our celebrations and parade on Monday, May 27th.

May is also election month for the Auxiliary. Nominations are in, but we will also be taking nominations from the floor prior to elections. If you would like to run for an office, please be at the May 7 meeting at 6pm.

Bingo Kitchen has been hard at work to keep up with the increase in attendance at bingo. I want to thank everyone that donated to our Fridays to help the Auxiliary raise money for our programs. I do have a request. If you are not working in the kitchen, please refrain from being in there during the Bingo hours. It gets quite busy at times and if you are not helping, you are just in the way as the ladies try to serve everyone. So, unless one of the Bingo Kitchen staff asks for your help, please stay outside of the kitchen. Thank you in advance!

Our last meeting before summer will be our June meeting. There are no meetings in July and August. We will resume in September and begin our extremely exciting 2025 season!

You are all appreciated!

Thank You

Julie Montello, President Unit 574



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Bob Beard officiating

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