



POST 1026



July

Newsletter

2011



Upcoming events/activities:

1. Next Month's meeting will be held on Tuesday **August 2nd**, at 7:30pm.



SAL/Auxiliary News:

SAL NEWS: Adopt a highway cleanup will be held on the Sunday, the 24th of July at 10 AM, meet at the Gypsy Wolf Cafe.

The next Sons of the American Legion (SAL) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 9th, 2011.

SAL information provided by Kurt Hansen.

AUXILIARY NEWS: The Ladies Auxiliary had an ad hoc meeting (shortage of Officers) at the Hagedorn residence in June where we were treated to wonderful snacks and a fabulous view from California Quarry. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time!

Too bad all the meetings could not be held there!!! We are forgoing the July meeting and are scheduling an August meeting. The meeting will be on August 3rd at 6pm at the Post. We will be electing new Officers at that meeting. Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer!!!

Jackie

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

If anyone is interested in helping out or joining the Auxiliary please contact President Jackie Earley at jeearley2001@yahoo.com

Auxiliary information provided by Jackie Earley



Communications Corner:



Welcome aboard Legionnaires Edward Allyn, Edward Moran, and Dale Hughes; newest members of our Post 1026 family.

President Jackie Earley from our Auxiliary received a letter from Albany VA Medical Center stating:
Every day is Veteran's Day at the Albany VA Hospital and they are presently in need of the following:

1. *Electric Shavers*
2. *Back Packs*
3. *Postage Stamps*
4. *Denture Cups with hinges*
5. *Eye Glasses (magnification from the dollar store)*
6. *Coffee - cans of regular and decaf*
7. *Sweat Pants - size large*

Any other items you may deem necessary.

The Auxiliary has set up a collection box at the Post and hope to be able to send a box up at the end of August! Please drop by support the Vets.

Thanking everyone in advance for their consideration and support!!!

Donny Haberski

**VICE COMMANDER/
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

F.Y.I:

Legionnaire Tony LaJoie ([Woodstock Little League Liaison](#)) is pictured here with members of the Woodstock Little League after presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their



work, commitment and participation at the Memorial Day Parade.

Thank you WLL and Legionnaire LaJoie!!

Christmas came early for driver Jerick Johnson and The American Legion/David Law Firm **76 FREEDOM CAR TEAM.**

Johnson charged through an early heat to capture a win and later finished eighth in the 35-lap Late Model feature at the one-third-mile Columbus Ohio Speedway.



The victory is the second checkered flag Johnson has collected this season as he won an earlier race in May at Newport Speedway in Tennessee. Overall, the Team Johnson Motorsports driver has 10 top-10 finishes, eight top-five races and two victories in 14 starts.

"I would say we had a pretty good night considering this is the first time we have raced at Columbus Speedway," Johnson said following the Late Model feature. "But it was touch and go a couple of times."

Johnson had the eighth fastest qualifying lap, but as a first-time driver at the track, he was relegated to start the feature race in the fifth row. A couple of times during the race it looked as though the 76 Freedom Car would not finish because it was involved in two spins in turn three. However, Johnson still managed to climb back to another top-ten finish.

"The night was billed as 'Christmas in July' at the track," Johnson said. "And Santa was very generous to us tonight."

The weekend began with a rainout at a scheduled Motordrome race Friday night at Smithton, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Not happy that the team had traveled from Mooresville, N.C., for the Pennsylvania race, Johnson turned to the Internet. He learned that Late Models were racing Saturday at the Columbus Speedway and decided to head that way with the team.

"We were all pretty much disappointed Friday, but a win wherever we race sure picks up our spirits," Johnson said. "Clouds and rain ruined our Friday in Smithton, but we found a silver lining Saturday in Columbus."

The next race for the 76 Freedom Car is August 13 at Concord Speedway near Charlotte, N.C.

FACTS ABOUT THE 4TH

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, the Fifth President of the United States, died on July 4, 1831. Calvin Coolidge, the Thirtieth President, was born on July 4, 1872, and thus was the only President to be born on Independence Day

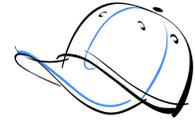


Ulster County is joining the ranks of Rockland, Orange, Putnam and others in offering veterans a discount purchasing program. The return the F.A.V.O.R. (Find & Assist Veterans of Record) discount program will give honorably discharged veterans the opportunity to apply for a County-issued I.D. card which will allow them to obtain discounts on goods and services at local participating businesses. Veterans who wish to apply for this program should visit the Veterans' Service Agency located at 308 Flatbush Avenue in Kingston. They will need to present their DD-214 discharge papers in order to qualify. Once the proper documentation has been verified, veterans will go to the County Clerk's Office at 244 Fair Street, Kingston to have their picture taken and receive their discount card.

For further information about this program please contact Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein or County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845)340-3040 or the Veterans' Service Agency Director at (845)340-3190. Also visit: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/pressreleases/FAVOR%2010.19.10.pdf> for more information.



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