



# POST 1026



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## Newsletter

2011



### Upcoming events/activities:

1. Next Month's meeting will be held on Tuesday,  
**July 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30pm.



## SAL/Auxiliary News:

**SAL NEWS:** The next Sons of the American Legion (SAL) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

SAL information provided by Kurt Hansen.

**AUXILIARY NEWS:** Dorry Hagedorn is hosting a meeting June 29, 2011 at 5:30pm at her residence (161 California Quarry Rd.). There will be light refreshments served and if we meet a quorum, we will hold the annual election of officers.

The Ladies Auxiliary "Scratch off Palooza" raffle drawing will be held on July 4th, 5pm at the Legion Post. It is a scratch-off raffle with the prizes as follows:

- 1st prize - \$150.00 in scratch off tickets
- 2nd prize - \$100.00 in scratch off tickets
- 3rd prize - \$50.00 in scratch off tickets

You may have a chance to win a Million Dollars!!! Get your tickets NOW!!! On the 4th, there will also be a light barbeque at the Post (hamburgers and hot dogs) and you can bring a salad, appetizer or dessert. Call the Legion Post at 679-8401 for times.

The Auxiliary also wants to give special thanks to Kevin Verpent and all the volunteers who set up the Memorial Day parade (the best one in years!!!). Also, thanks to all who assisted at the Post setting up the tables and chairs, cooking and serving the food and cleaning up afterward. We served over 300 hot dogs and salads and in the end, ran out of almost everything. Chris Kelly and Kim Chase did an excellent job of taking care of the thirsty celebrants! Next year around February, we will set up a committee to handle the 2012 Memorial Day activities. Be ready to participate!!!!!!!

*Jackie*

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

If anyone is interested in helping out or joining the Auxiliary please contact President Jackie Earley at [jeearley2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jeearley2001@yahoo.com)

Auxiliary information provided by Jackie Earley.



## Communications Corner:



I want to personally thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony 2011. It was a great day with a terrific turnout. A special thanks goes out to our Chaplain Kevin Verpent who coordinated the Parade; our Honor Guard Legionnaires and SONS (under the direction of Sgt. at Arms Lanny Steitz) who performed at the Veterans Memorial in West Hurley, marched in the Parade and then performed at the Woodstock Cemetery; Trustee Don Haberski Sr. who sang the National Anthem at both locations; Mr. Mike Lavin for his sound expertise; Legionnaire Tony LaJoie who found Mr. Lavin and assisted him with the setup; Master of Ceremonies Terry Breitenstein; our Ladies Auxiliary for preparing a great lunch following the parade, and our community for coming out and joining us in thanking and saluting our fallen comrades. For anyone who performed behind the scenes to make Memorial Day special for all of us. Thank you!

Welcome aboard Legionnaire Steve Massee, newest member of our Post 1026 family.

An executive board meeting was held on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Items discussed included:

1. The Commander will be looking into replacing our rifles with new lighter rifles which will be donated by Springfield.
2. All liquor and beer prices will be raised .25 effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. A donation of \$100.00 will be made to Woodstock Volunteers Day.

*Donny Haberski*

VICE COMMANDER/  
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



## *In Memoriam*

*It is with deep regret to announce the passing of Legionnaire Claude L.*

*Gossoo, 79 died Tuesday May 10, 2011 at the Kingston Hospital.*

*He was born at home on Sept. 17, 1931 son of the late Mason Caleb Gossoo and Anna Pope MacDonald Gossoo. He went to grade school in Shandaken, and graduated from Richfield Springs Central Schools. Claude was a 20 year Air Force veteran, with all of his years of service in the aircraft maintenance field as a member of the Strategic Air Command working on KC97 tankers and cargo aircrafts. Claude was crew chief and flight mechanic for Maj. Gen. Allison C. Brooks Commander of Air-Sea Rescue Aircrafts. He was Air Force Crew Chief of the year 1967 and Pacific Air Force maintenance man of the quarter. His Air Force service took him north over the North Pole, South to Uruguay, East to Spain, and West to Japan and Viet Nam. After his service, Claude worked for 20 years as a custodian at Onteora Central School. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spent several weeks each year in British Columbia fishing with his older brother Don. He was a past member of the Schuyler Lake and Shandaken Fire Departments. Life member, past Adjutant, and Commander of Shandaken VFW Post No. 2837, American Legion Post No. 1026 of Woodstock member, Life member of A.F.Sergeants Assn., Air Force Assn., D.A.V., and Friends of the Air Force Museum.*

*Surviving are his sister-in-laws Midge and Lena Gosso both of Shandaken, several nephews and nieces, and special friend and caregiver Patti Jeffreys. He was predeceased by his brothers Mason, Findley, Donald, sister Eleanor LeBeau, and nephew David Gossoo.*



## *In Memoriam*

*It is with deep regret to announce the passing of Legionnaire John-Eric*

*Schuman, 40 currently of Saugerties and a longtime Rhinebeck resident, died suddenly on Friday, May 20th, 2011 at his home. Born on Oct. 15, 1970, in Huntington, he was the son of the late Edward R. Schuman and Arlene (Olson) Schuman of Rhinebeck. John-Eric spent the first 15 years of his life in Centerport. John-Eric was the owner and operator of Cinematic Stunts. He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild. As a stunt coordinator he specialized in fight choreography, weapons/ firearms, precision driving and military consultation. John-Eric was a seasoned boxer, martial artist, firearms specialist, stunt driver and motocross racer. John's over 25 years of training, military service, and education in filmmaking has cast himself as a leader in the field of stunts. He was the only stunt coordinator to hold National Championship titles as a fighter and to be a United States Special Operations Soldier. John-Eric is trained as a parachutist as well as in Helicopter Operations - including rappelling, stabo, helocasting and safety procedures. John-Eric began his boxing career in 1979, his martial arts career in 1982 and he has been choreographing fight sequences for over 15 years. He has also studied acrobatics and high falls. He served in the United States Army Ranger with Special Operations and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. In addition to his loving mother, he is survived by a sister; Kathryn Schuman of Clermont, two nephews; Peter and Padraic Orsulich of Clermont, and many friends.*

## F.Y.I:

On behalf of Woodstock's American Legion Post 1026, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of community residents, families, and friends who came out to be part of our annual Memorial Day Parade, and Remembrance Service. As the American Legion Honor Guard, and legion members marched up Mill Hill Road, we were warmly recognized by a truly enthusiastic crowd of parade watchers. This left no doubt in anyone's mind that, at that moment, we were all united as Americans, honoring our departed veterans.

While it takes many to organize and execute an event such as this, there are those individuals who must be recognized for their dedicated efforts of labor, love, and participation. First and foremost, we recognize and commend our post chaplain, Kevin Verpent, for once again organizing this event. We also commend our master of ceremonies, Terry Breitenstein for another superb job. We also thank members of our auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion for their role in this parade.

Thanks also to our town supervisor, Jeff Moran, town councilperson Terrie Rosenblum, and county legislator, Don Gregorius and Brian Shapiro for their eloquent and inspiring words.

A special recognition goes to a very adorable three year old, Abby Hopf, for her debut performance at our memorial service singing, without any mistakes, "God Bless America." And a special thanks once again to the "voice of Woodstock's Little League," Abbe Graber. I would also like to thank and recognize our bag pipers, with special praise to Peggy Mulligan, who played a solo of "amazing grace." Of course we thank our very own Onteora Marching Band for its participation and another banner performance.

I would also like to recognize and thank Kevin Christofora, president of the Woodstock Little League, as well as the many little leaguers, their families, and friends for participating in our parade, and for all those individuals behind the scenes who made this parade one of Woodstock's most memorable events, I thank you.



Written by Trustee Don Haberski Sr.

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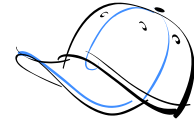
**(FIND & ASSIST VETS OF RECORD)**

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.



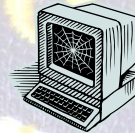
## American Legion Post 1026



Tee Shirts, Golf Shirts, Hats, and Sweatshirts are now on sale. Clothing is on sale and display at the Post **and is also available for purchase on the website. Check it out!!!**



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