

Happy Easter

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JAMES HARVEY SPIRE AUXILIARY UNIT 787 NEWSLETTER

“President’s Comments”

APRIL 2025

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Happy Easter!

Well, March sure was a crazy month for the weather, but spring is on the way!
Always remember that if the Auxiliary needs volunteers for an event, the sign-up sheets will be posted on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board unless otherwise advised.

APRIL

Friday, April 4th, marks our monthly bake sale, which will take place from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please bake something for us to sell! Unless otherwise stated, the sign-up sheets are on the AUXILIARY BULLETIN BOARD.

Our monthly meeting is Thursday, April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the banquet room. Please have your 2025 membership card ready to produce.

Saturday, April 12th—New York State Bowling Tournament Dinner! The Auxiliary will serve a homemade chicken and biscuit dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetables from 5:00/8:00 pm, open to the public, \$10.00 p/p

Sunday, April 13th—**The Children’s Easter Party will be held in the Banquet Room from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**
A complimentary lunch will be served, consisting of chicken tenders, French fries, a fruit cup, and juice.

Saturday, April 19th - The County Meeting will be held at 11:00 am sharp at the Valley Post.

Elections - Letters of Intent – The deadline to submit a Letter of Intent for an Elected position or an Appointed position is Wednesday, April 30th. The letter should state which office you are interested in, explain why you’d like to serve in that position, and outline the qualifications you believe are essential. The chairman of the Election Committee is Jen Pitre. Please place your letters in the Auxiliary Box, addressed to the “Election Committee”.

MAY

Elections: Our Unit Elections will be held on Thursday, May 8th, at 6:00 p.m. sharp. No one will be admitted to the polls after 6:00 p.m. Please ensure you arrive on time and have your 2025 membership card ready for production.

Spring Planting: It is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, at 11:00 a.m. The rain date is Saturday, May 24th. Please sign up to help plant our beautiful flowers for summer.

National Poppy Kick-off Day is Friday, May 23rd. Please contact Kim Hildreth if you’d like to help collect donations for our Poppy Program.

Memorial Day Open House: Monday, May 26th. Lunch will be served from noon until it's gone. Open to the public. We will need volunteers from all four families to help with setting up, cooking, restocking the food, breaking down, and cleaning up.

For God and Country and in the Spirit of Service, Not Self

**Tracey Engle
President Unit 787**



ANN MARIE CERONE, LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Hi everyone! We are entering the most sacred time of the year, Easter Sunday.
Donna Walker Brown from the American Legion Auxiliary of Chaplains posted this sonnet.
We all reach this point at least once in our lives.
It moved me so much that I had to share it with you.

Happy Easter!

ONE DAY, IT WILL MAKE SENSE

There are moments in life when nothing seems fair;
When the people you love leave too soon,
When the dream you chase slips through your fingers,
When the road ahead looks too long, too uncertain, too impossible.

And in those moments, it's easy to believe
That life is nothing but a series of losses,
A collection of alms and what-ifs.

But what if every wrong turn
Was it just leading you to the right place?
What if every closed-door
Was protecting you from something not meant for you?
What if, one day, you look back
And realize that every struggle, every heartbreak,
Did every tear you shed have a purpose?

Maybe not today.
Maybe not tomorrow.
But one day, when the weight is lifted,
When the pain has faded into memory,
You'll understand why it had to happen this way.

Hold on for that day. 



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

First of all, I want to thank everyone who called me and sent cards while I was in the hospital. I am doing much better, and I genuinely appreciate all the care and concern shown to me. There's an old saying: "You find out who your friends are when the chips are down!" I am truly humbled by it.

Ann Marie

To All Members of 787!

Each month, before the meeting concludes, I kindly request that you send me something for the newsletter. Well, needless to say, I haven't received anything.

I'll list some suggestions for you, and perhaps something will catch your eye.

A joke (not political or offensive), A special recipe that you like

A prayer or a saying that got you through a tough time

A "thank you" for someone who has done something for you

Announcements, such as births, deaths, divorces, engagements, and moves

A book review on a book that you finished and enjoyed

Shopping tips on how to save a few bucks are your trade secret

If you're looking for something, a new hairdresser, nail place, pedicure place, doctor, house cleaning person, great restaurant off the beaten path, a charming little coffee house, the best cookie you've ever eaten, and where you can find it.

If you're moving and selling items, or if you've witnessed an act of kindness, please share your experience with us, especially if you took a great photo. During these challenging times, we all could use a little encouragement, a hug, laughter, and compassion.

"DON'T LET ME DOWN"

(Beatles song 1969)

Ann Marie Cerone

Editor of the Newsletter

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM PRESIDENT ENGLE!

Hi everyone! I want to let you all know that not much surprises me these days! But one member in our Unit has! Sharon May never sends or receives text messages! NEVER! But how shocked was I when I received no one but two texts from her!

Thank you, Sharon! I will be diligent in checking my text messages from now on!

You got me!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL!



EASTER BAKE SALE
FRIDAY,
APRIL 4th
12:00 PM/7:00 PM

All baked goods are fresh and priced to sell.

Stop and get a dessert before you go to order your delicious fish dinner!



AUXILIARY
MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY,
APRIL 10TH AT
6:00 PM SHARP IN
THE BANQUET ROOM

PLEASE HAVE YOUR
2025 MEMBERSHIP CARD
READY TO PRODUCE.



CHILDREN'S EASTER
PARTY
AGES 3 TO 10 YRS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
12:00/2:00 PM
FREE LUNCH,
GAMES, CRAFTS,
AND FUN!



MONTHLY BINGO
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 23RD

4:00 TO 8:00 PM

Sign-up sheets are on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board.
This is Ann Marie's month.

Proceeds from these fundraisers will enhance the various Cicero American Legion Auxiliary programs.



**The Cicero American Legion
Auxiliary is hosting the
NEW YORK STATE LEGION BOWLING
TOURNAMENT DINNER**

**ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 12TH, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
\$10.00 P/P**

DINNER INCLUDES:



**Homemade Chicken & Biscuits,
Mashed Potatoes
w/Gravy & Vegetable
Free coffee & tea
Delectable desserts available for \$1.00**

Eat In or Take Out

**NEW YORK STATE AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING
TOURNAMENT DINNERS TO BE HELD AT
THE CICERO AMERICAN LEGION
POST 787 / 315-699-0786**



SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

5:00 – 8:00 PM

**A DELICIOUS
SPAGHETTI &
MEATBALL DINNER
WILL BE HELD FOR
\$10.00 P/P**

**Open to the public/
Eat in or take out!**



SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

5:00 – 8:00 PM

**A DELICIOUS
CHICKEN & BISCUIT
DINNER WILL BE HELD
FOR
\$10.00 P/P**

**Open to the public/
Eat in or take out!**



SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

5:00 – 8:00 PM

**A DELICIOUS
PULLED PORK or PULLED
BEEF DINNER W/SIDE
\$10.00 P/P**

**Open to the public/
Eat in or take out!**

**SATURDAY NIGHT,
APRIL 26th**



FEATURING:

“LIVE WIRE”

7:00 pm-10:00 pm

**Refreshments available for
purchase**

Cover charge at the door

\$5.00



The Cicero American Legion Auxiliary Unit 787

2025-2026 Nominations

Nominations are now open for the following Offices:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Committee (3)

Finance Committee (3)

If you are interested in running for any of the above offices, please submit a Letter of Intent in a sealed envelope addressed to Jen Pitre or the “Election Committee” and put it in the Auxiliary Box in the Lounge area. Please submit your Letters of Intent by April 30, 2025.

Elections will be held on May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

April

2025

CICERO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 BAKE SALE	5
6	7	8	9	10 MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 PM	11	12 CHICKEN N' BISCUIT DINNER
13 CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY	14	15	16	17	18	19 COUNTY MEETING VALLEY
20	21	22	23 BINGO Ann Marie's Night	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

