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## **JAMES HARVEY SPIRE AUXILIARY UNIT 787 NEWSLETTER**

### **“President’s Comments”**

### **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024**

Fall is around the corner, greetings to all our members;

I hope everyone enjoyed the last long weekend of the year, Labor Day weekend! We held our monthly bake sales in August and September, and our monthly bingo is on Wednesday, September 25th. This is Paula’s bingo. Please check the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary bulletin board to sign up to help with any of our upcoming bingos.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Our next monthly meeting is on **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the banquet room. Please note that this meeting is one week early as there was a conflict with the Legion, and we needed to switch with them. Sharon May will be at this meeting, collecting 2025 dues. Senior member dues are \$30.00, and Junior member dues are \$10.00. Cash or check only. We do not take credit cards. Our next bake sale is **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, and the next bingo is Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is Ann Marie’s bingo night. Please check the sign-up sheets on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board, as we have had some members step down from working bingo. The next Apple Fest meeting is scheduled for Monday, **September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00** pm in the side room. Please take note: the Apple Fest meetings are open to all members! We’d like for you to come and share your thoughts. The sign-up sheets for volunteers for Apples Fest will be up after the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need help. Please volunteer wherever you can. Also, I have a request from Paula Lawton, chairman, for the basket raffle for Apple Fest. She would like members to bring in scratch-off lottery tickets or a cash donation to purchase some tickets for our upcoming raffle for Apple Fest at the October meeting.

We will host a dinner on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for the County American Legion meeting in the banquet room. Sign-up sheets are up on the Auxiliary bulletin board. Check and see if you can help. Also, the Children’s Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Chairman Linda Coon has asked that each member attending the meeting in October donate one bag of candy for this event. No nuts or peanut butter, please.

On September 30, 2024, we will welcome the Department Commander, Department President, and Department Squadron Commander to our Post for the Department Dinner. We will need volunteers for this event. The sign-up sheets are up. I would like a nice showing from the Auxiliary for this dinner, which costs \$25.00.

FYI – In November, we will be holding an Election Day Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will need many volunteers as this is a long day. Dinners will be available to eat in or take out. Sign-up sheets will be on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board. Please try to attend the meeting in October as this will be discussed in detail. The chairman for this event is Ann Marie Cerone. We will also set up dates to make the meatballs on various days and evenings before the dinner. Sign-up sheets will also be on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board for this.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we attended the District Fall Conference. We were well-represented, and we all had a good time. We have a lot coming up, and thank you in advance for all your help and support with our endeavors. We are who we are because of our members. Thank you.

**For God and Country and in the Spirit of Service, Not Self,  
 Tracey Engle  
 President, Unit 787**

# Meet Your Newly Elected Officer

## LORANA ZIRBLE

### 3<sup>RD</sup> Vice President Unit 787



My name is Lorana Zirbel. I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1975. I joined under my brother, Robert Bumpas, who served in the Navy. Two of my great-uncles and two uncles also served in the Military in WWII.

I am retired from the Fabius Pompey CSD as a bus driver for over 35 years! I have raised three daughters as a single mom. One of my daughters, Denise Franz, is an Auxiliary member of our Unit! I have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, with one more on the way in September.

I served as the Onondaga County President from 2016 to 2018. Three years ago, after my Unit folded, I joined 787. I have been the third Vice President for two terms and am very proud. This year, I also became the 5th District Chaplain. I am also proud of this.

I look forward to another great year helping our President, Tracey Engle, serve our veterans and accomplish many more unique events, along with our Committee Chairs and Unit members.

Thank you for re-electing me; I promise to fulfill my duties with integrity and commitment.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,  
Lorna Zirble  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

# Meet Your Unit Committee Chair

Paula Lawton

## VA&R COMMITTEE

**(Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation)**

This Committee supports the initiation, sponsorship, and development of programs and services that enhance the lives of our veterans, military members, and their families.

Under the VA&R umbrella are the VAVS (VA Voluntary Services) volunteers who serve in VA Medical Centers, hospitals, clinics, etc. Lorana Zirbel and I have completed the necessary steps and can volunteer at the VAMC. Along with several other members, we had an Ice Cream Social, Donuts, and Cider for Halloween, helped the County Committee with the VA Carnival, and played bingo for Canteen Coupon Books.

Our Unit has coordinated many events for our Veterans and Military. We have collected items for “Care Packages” for our Military. Linda O’Shea chaired two collections for the VAMC, which enabled us to provide clothing, shoes, puzzles, personal care items, playing cards ..., and items too numerous to mention.

We have had long-term care Veterans come to our Post for Friday Fish Dinners, a meatloaf lunch, and, recently, a Picnic in the Pavilion. We have also had veterans from Iroquois Nursing Home join in the fun!

For the last five years or more, Unit 787 has sponsored a Veteran and their family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This includes gift cards for the meals and gifts galore for the whole family!

We have also participated in the VAMC Baby Shower for four years. This Baby Shower is for the female Vets who use the VAMC for their OB/GYN care.

Several of our members helped last year with the Veterans Creative Arts Festival. We assisted with registering the Art to be judged. Lorana and I were privileged to be asked to judge the artwork, which included a “Judge’s Choice” Pick. We were very honored.

I want to thank the Legion Family for helping to make many of these events successful. The Auxiliary has been amazing with their support. It may seem like we ask for a lot, but not when you consider how much they have given us.

Paula Lawton - VA&R Chairperson

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER!



***THE NEXT MONTHLY  
BAKE SALE IS  
FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 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!***



***THE NEXT MONTHLY  
MEETING IS  
THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>***

***6:00 PM IN THE***

***BANQUET ROOM***

***PLEASE HAVE YOUR 2024/2025  
MEMBERSHIP CARD READY TO  
PRODUCE***



***APPLE FEST  
MEETING  
MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>***

***@ 6:00 PM***

***IN THE SIDE ROOM***

***All members are welcome  
to attend!***



***MONTHLY BINGO  
WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>***

***4:00 TO 8:00 PM***

***Sign-up sheets are on  
the Auxiliary Bulletin  
Board***

***Proceeds from these fundraisers will be used to enhance the various Programs of the  
Cicero American Legion Auxiliary***

# OTHER AUXILIARY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## MEMBERSHIP SHARON MAY, CHAIRMAN PLEASE READ!

### 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

2025 membership renewals are now ready for payment.

Please renew soon for the 2025 membership year.

Senior dues are \$30.00. Junior dues up to the age of 18 are \$10.00. Membership.

#### Dues can be paid in various ways:

Go to [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) (have your membership number available), call National HQ (317-569-4570), or mail your payment to Sharon A. May, 7856 Beaver Lane, Bridgeport, NY 13030. You can also put it in a sealed envelope stating "DUES" and drop it in the Legion's Auxiliary box.

Cash or check only, as we do not accept credit card payments.



Ann Marie Cerone, Chairman

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## GOOD LEADER

1. SELF-AWARENESS
2. RESPECT
3. COMPASSION
4. VISION
5. COMMUNICATION
6. LEARNING AGILITY
7. COLLABORATION
8. INFLUENCE
9. INTEGRITY
10. COURAGE
11. GRATITUDE
12. RESILIENCE



# Word search



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## WHITE CHEDDAR MACARONI & CHEESE

2 CUPS WHOLE MILK

3 CUPS SHREDDED WHITE CHEDDAR CHEESE

2 CUPS MEDIUM PASTA SHELLS  
( MEASURED & UNCOOKED)

4 TBLS. OF SALTED BUTTER (1/2 STICK)

1/4 CUP OF ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR

1 TSP. GARLIC (OPTIONAL)

1/2 TSP. SALT

1/4 PEPPER

Fresh black pepper (For Garnish – Optional)

Cook pasta according to package instructions, drain, and set aside

Place empty pot back on the stove, and melt butter on low heat

Whisk flour, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Cook on low heat until smooth and bubbly, about 1-2 minutes (continuing to whisk so you don't get lumps)

Turn the heat to medium and whisk in the milk

Whisk continuously for 3-5 minutes on medium-high heat until the mixture bubbles and the sauce thickens.

Turn off the heat, add the shredded white cheddar cheese, and stir until melted.

Place the drained pasta shells back into the cheese sauce.

# October

# 2024

## CICERO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 787



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <b>MONTHLY MEETING 6:00 pm</b>	4 <b>BAKE SALE</b>	5
6	7	8	9	10 <b>LEGION COUNTY DINNER</b>	11	12 <b>SET UP FOR APPLE FEST</b>
13 <b>APPLE FEST</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19 <b>COUNTY MEETING</b>
20	21	22	23 <b>BINGO Ann Marie's 4:00 PM</b>	24	25	26
27 <b>KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY</b>	28	29	30	31 		

# **VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT**

Please record any events that you participate in other than Auxiliary functions. Include the date, activity, number of hours, mileage, and if you had spent any money on the event.

(Example: If you participate in any walk/run for charity include your registration fees.)

Please include everything, even if you are still trying to decide if we can use it.

We need to keep track of any volunteer hours for all Auxiliary members to submit to National.

We receive credit and awards for our Unit when we submit these hours.

**Volunteer’s Name:**

**Phone #:**

	<b>MONTH:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b># HOURS</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>	<b>\$ SPENT \$</b>

**Please send any volunteer hours to Paula Lawton**

**Text/Picture to 315-935-3977**

**E-mail: [palawt@yahoo.com](mailto:palawt@yahoo.com)**