

**American Legion Riders of Western New York
Posts of Chautauqua County**

**9 Meadow Lane – P.O. Box 928 Frewsburg, New York 14738
(716) 569-3321 Director Paul Oyer
Meeting Night 2nd Wednesday of the the Month**

The Legion Riders of Western NY is made up of members from the different Posts in Chautauqua County. We are always looking for Motorcycle enthusiasts to join. We use our love of riding to help our fellow veterans and the community. We also, support the many programs of the American Legion, children and youth, flag education, Boys and Girls State, and many more. Come to one of our meetings to see what we are all about. The July meeting will be held at Fredonia Memorial Post 59 at 6:30 p.m., with meeting at Gerry Country Fair at 6:15 to ride together to Fredonia. Please plan on joining us.

September 20th the riders will be holding a benefit:

Leather for Paws to help the veterans K-9 program, where veterans with PTSD or TBI have k-9 partners to help them through hard times.

The election of Officers for the 2017 – 2018, was conducted at the June meeting with Director Paul Oyer reinstated. Paul is a Marine and has been Post Commander, and now is Chautauqua County American Legion Commander. He brings with him not only his military experiences, but his business, and leadership skills. We look forward to support him as County Commander and Director.

Spring Fundraiser was held and drawn at the Meet and Greet, Bike Blessing on June 25th. We thank everyone who donated and supported us. The money will be used to support the children and youth in our community.

Our members of the Riders would like to thank all the Blue Star Mothers for what they do for our Troops. Many packages of needed items are mailed to deployed troops during Easter, Christmas and more. Now the Blue Star Mothers have adopted a Platoon not serving overseas and supplying them with the same Love and Care Packages they have provided for so many. On Memorial Day the mothers don't let us forget those from Chautauqua County who has given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Country. Those Gold Star Parents are always in our thought and prayers. Please, Visit Jamestown Veterans Park at 3rd St and Logan Ave to see how we remember.



CLUB AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT RON WAID

The Board would like to, thank all those who use the facilities. Without your support we wouldn't be doing as good as we are. We still aren't doing great, but as the Commander said we are headed in the right direction. We too, invite anyone with ideas to come to the board meeting and give us your input, or attend a post meeting. We have a great board and staff here and we thank each and everyone who is putting forward to make this Post great. Communication and Team work go hand in hand!

Commanders Corner Continued

Activities: I am very excited to announce the first Annual River Run, on August 5th. See our website or face book page for more information. Pre-registration will end July 18th, so don't hesitate in signing up. The Family Picnic will be Aug 20, and I am hoping for a good turnout. I am looking into a bounce house and dunk tank. As always feel free to bring a dish to pass. We will have a Chicken BBQ, hot dogs, and hamburgers. We are always looking for volunteers to help. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Post. Also, keep an eye out for our New American Legion Sign on the corner of Ivory St and Meadow Lane, it will be going up soon and I hope it brings a fresh new feel to the Post. Our July meeting will be Wednesday July 5th, due to the 4th of July weekend. We will be holding our Flag Burning Ceremony in September if you have any flags which are unserviceable bring them by the Post. There is a box in the entry way to place them. **Members:** As summer is getting into full swing, do not forget membership starts again on July 1st. Pay your dues for 2018 early so you can come to the early bird breakfast. Also we are always looking for new members for the Post, Sons, Auxiliary, if you know of anyone interested in joining, bring them by the post. I always have a Post, Sons or Auxiliary Application in my wallet. You too can pick up an application for each at the post to carry. **Before I wrap this up,** I would like to say one more thing that I feel is seriously hurting our club. Communication is our biggest hurdle. Do not be afraid to contact me about anything you feel necessary. My phone number is on the contact sheet and if you don't have one of those, there are plenty of people around here that have my number. Call me, text me, corner me at the Post. I am here to work for you. We have to talk to each other to accomplish the end goal we all share. Which is to do what is best for Post 556? Thank you one again for your support and I look forward to a great year of working together.

Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 556
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Commander Paul Yeskey
Meeting Night 2nd Monday of the Month

Newly Elected and Installed
Sons Squadron 556
Commander Paul Yeskey

Our Squadron is supporting and remembering our Father's who served by serving our veterans and community ourselves.

Hello All Sons of the American Legion and members of Squadron 556.

I would like to welcome and congratulate all my incoming officers for the 2017 – 2018 year. We were elected in May and took office at our installation Dinner on June 5th. The dinner was "Awesome" one of the best I have had. I would like to send out a Big Thank you and job well done to Anthony, kitchen staff and wait staff.

I am looking forward to a successful year with your help. As always we are asking for more members to get involved, please attend a meeting.

This year is going to be a memorable one, as my son Brandan was elected as Commander of Post 556, so if you see him, welcome and congratulate him. I don't believe there has ever been a Son and Father as Commanders of this post, however there has been husband and wife team on many occasions.

The Fall Gun Raffle is under way with tickets coming soon. If you haven't heard we are having a Kayak/Canoe River Run on August 5th, let's not forget to support this event. Cost is \$30.00 per person. There is more information to come on this event.

Dwyer Program of Chautauqua County
Cindy Reidy – Program Manager

We would like to tell Cindy Reidy, Project Coordinator Veterans Service Agency for the Joseph P. Dwyer Program what an outstanding job she is doing. The Dwyer Program is designed to be a support program for Veterans', their spouses, partners or care-givers, offering them a venue to meet and network, form friendships and enjoy social events with those that share the common bond of having served. **Dwyer will hold its kick-off picnic at Bergman Park on Baker Street, Jamestown on July 16th at 1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

We will have a band, corn hole games, and kick ball for the kids. We will provide Hot Dogs, Drinks and Desert. Feel free to bring a dish to pass. All Veterans' and their families are welcome. Reservation are not required, but requested. Please call Cindy Reidy at 661-8447. See calendar or back page for various events.

Upcoming events: Aug 14th or 15th – Visit Wings of Freedom at Chautauqua County Airport. August 20th at 1:00 pm family hiking through Panama Rocks, we have 14 seats available from Jamestown Veterans Van...or meet us there. Call Cindy for reservations at 661-8447 more upcoming, Fishing – Cemetery Tours – Dog Program w/SPCA – more.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 556
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President Edith Moore
Meeting Night 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

Auxiliary Unit 556
Edith Moore – President

The officer's elections for 2017 – 2018 year were held in May, with installation of officers at the Installation dinner on June 5th. The Officers were installed by Past Auxiliary President Janine Brady.

Unit 556 will be having a basket for Independence Day (4th of July) weekend. If you have any time to sit and sell tickets for the basket at the Post, please call Edie at 569-2395.

There will be no meeting in July and on August 15; we will be holding the Auxiliary Picnic at 6:30 pm. If you plan on attending please bring a dish to pass and the family or friend.

September 19th meeting will start our new year, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please attend one of our meetings.

If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary you can either get an application form and fill out or contact Edie at number above.

Here are a few pictures of what the Post has been up to so far this summer. Top Left: presented a military salute at Veterans Park in Frewsburg. Past Commander/ Adjutant Calvin Fain, spoke at Veterans Park Memorial Service Frewsburg. Commander Stephen Nelson Assembled a Color Guard of Veterans and Sons to lead Memorial Day Parade, his last function as Commander....he turned the reigns over to Brandan Yeskey at June 5th installation of Officers. Sponsoring 4 juniors from Frewsburg HS to attend Boys State Trent Gray, Tyler Marchincin, Drew Pownall, and Caleb Terhune. Presented Scholarships to students at graduation ceremony. Come see what else we have been doing for our veterans and community.



Vietnam Veterans of America
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President Robert 'Bob' Lewis



Frewsburg, NY held the first Town Hall meeting and information seminar on Dioxins and how they affect not only the Vietnam Veteran, but how they are passed on to next generation. So far it has been documented in 3 generations. There were 100 plus people who attended.



United Christian Advocacy Network 1st St Jamestown, NY, VVA 978, Frewsburg, sponsored this room in memory of Chapter Founding member David L. Woodburn. David was an Army medic and lost his battle with Agent Orange. This room is designated for homeless veterans. Unless needed!

Welcome Home Brothers:

Our June meeting was the largest this year! As a result of the Agent Orange Town Hall meeting held in May. We have added 5 new members and there are a few we are still waiting for their DD 214.

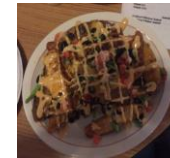
Our Guest Speaker at the June meeting was a veteran himself, Calvin Milner from the UCAN (United Christian Advocacy Network) spoke of their vision and informed us, they have 14 residents at this time. Calvin spoke of the need they have for men to visit and fellowship with their residents. As you can see in the picture the room we sponsor for homeless veterans. They currently have 2 rooms for veterans unless there is a need for the room. The July 4th meeting has been changed to July 11th at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Greg Carlson the new Chautauqua County Veterans Service Officer. I have asked Greg to bring us up to speed on any new VA matters and the various claims the Iraq/Afghanistan vets are filing. We too need to keep current on their problems. Our August Meeting will be held at Brookdale on Southwestern Dr Lakewood Lisa (the Cookie Lady) will be our Host and will treat us to dinner and a tour of the facility. She has also invited our wives, so check your schedule. Reservations will be taken at the July meeting. The Town Hall Meeting has raised interest in our Chapter so talk to vets so are not members. We are still the cheapest Veterans Service Organization. I am off this weekend to State Council in Owego and will report at our next meeting. I would like some other members to attend these meetings to see how we operate at the State Level. This chapter will pay for one night lodging so give it a thought. Next State Meeting is Sep 16.

ANTHONY'S APPETIZING AND AMAZING MEALS



I would like to Thank all the patrons for the kind comments and support here at Post 556. My enjoyment of cooking for others extends far beyond here. In the next issue I will give you some insight into my past. If there is anything I can do to make your dining pleasure any better, please don't hesitate to ask our great wait staff. Remember our facilities are open for rental, if the need arises. We do wedding, anniversaries, graduations, birthday parties and any other event you may need a larger venue for. Contact Harvey or Laurie Swanson for more details at 569-3321.

The kitchen is open Tues – Sun, with a full Dinner Menu on Friday and Saturday nights. Tues is Burger Night made to order, Wed is all the Spaghetti you can eat night, Thursday Night is Wing Night Special Eat In Only. Plus each night we have a snack menu and additional specials. Come check us out. You shouldn't go away hungry. Check these loaded Potatoes out:



My thanks goes out to all the customers, wait staff, Veterans, Sons, Auxiliary, Harvey, Jan, Board and their families, for making a great team, because I Love my job here at Post 556 and serving others, as the veteran members of Post 556, has served our great country. Have a great summer, and remember the 4th of July is coming and be safe.

One last thing, there is nothing better than fresh items to cook with, so I started a herb garden and believe in getting fresh items from the local farmers when possible.

Looking forward..... Cooking for you!!!!!!

See the calendar for our upcoming weekly specials and remember the Special Board inside the club for more choices.

We are now open for lunch at 11:00 a.m. Wed - Friday

CONGRATULATION TO OUR NEWLY INSTALLED COUNTY COMMANDER – PAUL OYER – PAUL IS A MEMBER OF SAMUEL L. DERBY, POST 556 HERE AT FREWSBURG. SO IF YOU SEE PAUL, REMEMBER TO SUPPORT HIM FOR 2017 – 2018 YEAR.

Check out the Bulletin Boards in the Entry of the American Legion for other events going on here at the Post or Around the Area....Remember our Military now serving, plus the ones in the area who need help too.

Burger Night Tuesday's



All u can Eat Spaghetti Wednesday



Wing Night Thursday



Come join us at our Annual Golf Tournament, at Blueberry Hill Golf Course. July 29th, t-off at 8:00 a.m. \$75.00 per person, Food, Prizes and more, don't forget to signup.

Breakfast is served July 9th at 8:00 am Pancake Breakfast here at the Post...Come and enjoy.



Kayak – Canoe – River Run/Race/Regatta
Saturday, August 5, 2017
Registration is open and closes the 18th of July
Start Time – TBA. Cost is \$30.00
Music by Smackdab
Food & Music after River Run



Egg Toss
Corn Hole Game
Coin Search
Food – Fun – and
More. Watch for
Sign up list

AUGUST 20, 2017

Post Family Picnic
Food – Fun – Games

For all
Bring the kids

Signup sheet will be coming out soon, so plan ahead



Auxiliary Picnic August 15th, 6:30 at Pavilion. Bring a dish to pass.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND OUR FACEBOOK, AND WEBSITE FOR ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. Things are subject to change without prior notice call post for updates



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Commander Brandan Yeskey
July – Aug – Sept 2017



COMMANDER'S CORNER
BRANDAN YESKEY

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE:
FREWSBURGLEGIION.HOMESTEAD.COM

Hello to all my fellow Legion Members: Let me start by saying Thank You for the opportunity to be your New Commander. I know I have some big shoes to fill following Commander Steve Nelson. **My vision** for the post is....a vision which should be shared by all: **“What Can We Do For Our Post?”** For those who don't know me **here is a little history**....I am a Sons' Charter member which began 25 years ago. I have nearly 14 years as a Legionnaire. I was a 4 year veteran of the USAF, where I was a Crew Chief on the mighty B-52. My Grandmother, Dorothy Stoffer use to bartend here for many years. My parents have been involved for a long time. My father Paul Yeskey is the Son's Commander. I guess you could say in a way I grew up here. I've seen this Post at its best and worst. It brings me great joy to see us gaining ground once again. We are for sure heading in the right directions. I plan to keep us on the same path, because of my long history with the post; I hold it near and dear to my heart. There are a lot of great ideas out there that will help our club grow and prosper. I encourage everyone with ideas to attend a meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The Post, Sons, Auxiliary, Riders and VVA, please bring your ideas forward. With the decreasing numbers of veterans and the ever decreasing number of active Legion Members, hurts us all. All of us need to survey what each of us can do for the Post. **Thank you:** First and foremost I would like to say Thank You **to all the members** that helped me get to where I am. Also Congratulations to all of my newly elected Officer for the 2017 – 2018 year. **Thank you to Boy Scout/Cub Scouts 133** for assisting with flag placement during Memorial Day. Also, I would like to say **Good Luck to our 4 juniors/Young men for attending Boy's State.** Make us Proud and we hope to hear about your experience. **To my fellow Afghanistan – Iraq Veterans:** WE WANT YOU! We are looking for able bodied men and woman who served their country and would like to continue to service. As an Afghanistan Iraq vet I am looking for my brothers and sisters that served with me, to join and help the rebuilding process. Come join me and our other veterans from all Wars and Conflicts at the Legion to share stories as well as continued comrade we know and love.