



## American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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**Memorial Day**

**May 25th**

**May 2026**

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### *Commander's Message*

#### **Commander Dan Lagoda reports:**

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday May 25th. Parade assembly will take place in the Southgate Plaza located at Union Road and Seneca Street (behind Market-in-the-Square) at 10:00 a.m. with step-off time at 10:30 a.m. The parade will proceed north on Union Road to Town Hall where the public will assemble in front of the Veterans Memorials for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony honoring our nation's men and women who died in the service of their country. In case of inclement weather and the Parade is canceled, there will be a Memorial Ceremony held in the Community Center gymnasium at 11:00am.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great time with over 25 families attending. Thank you to all the members who helped make this event a big success and to the business's that donated food and gifts. We couldn't have done this without you.

The Mother's Day brunch will be held on Sunday May 10th, 9:00AM-Noon. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. No take outs.

The Buffalo Sabres are red hot and made the playoffs after a 14-year drought. Come to the Post to watch the games and take advantage of the bucket of beer special. Bring your favorite snacks and cheer on your home team.

Thursday BBQ will be resuming in May. To continue to make this a success, the Post is in need of members to volunteer to cook and serve one night. A sign-up sheet is posted at the bar, just pick any Thursday that you want to help out. Don't know how to run a Thursday BBQ night? Don't worry, someone will work with you and show you how to do it. Everything is provided, just need members to make it happen.

The Post will be holding a Rummage Sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00AM - NOON and a bag sale NOON – 1:00PM. All proceeds are spent towards Veteran needs. There will be a \$1 admission cost for the event.

## Upcoming Dates:

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rummage Sale	9:00AM-NOON
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Color Guard Meeting	7:35PM
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00PM
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Brunch	9:00AM - NOON
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	7:35PM
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Post GI Party	9:00AM – NOON
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	SAL Meeting	7:35PM
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grave Decorations	9:00AM
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Parade	11:15AM
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	BOD Meeting	7:35PM
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day Brunch	9:00AM-NOON

**Save the date-** The Father's Day Brunch will be held on June 21st, Legion Family Picnic July 13th, and the Catamaran Boat Ride August 16th. Stay tuned for details.

Tony's Catering continues to serve food on Fridays, so stop in for a great dinner and good times.

Remember to wear your R.E.D. shirt on Fridays to support everyone who is deployed.

The Post offers live music so check out the line-up and come in to support your Post and local music.

Come in and support your Post. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Have a great month.

### *Sick Call & Relief*

#### **Chaplain Tom Potoczak reports:**

God bless our veterans and active military, especially those involved in the Middle East.

### *1st Vice Commander PC*

#### **Lou Pawlowski reports:**

We have 311 members as of 4/30/2026. I hope everyone has a great month.

### *2nd Vice-Commander PC*

#### **Jerry Johnson reports:**

#### **MUSIC**

May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Buffalo Rhythm Rockers	7:00pm – 10:00pm
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	DJ Don - Karaoke	7:00pm – 10:00pm
May 19 <sup>h</sup>	Dave Adrian	2:00pm – 5:00pm
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	GD Rose	2:00pm – 5:00pm

***Auxiliary President***

**President Liz Kuciel reports:**

**No Report This Month**

***S.A.L.***

**Commander Bob Saar reports:**

**No Report This Month**

***Veterans Activities Chairman***

**Jerry Johnson reports**

**No Report This Month**

***Color Guard Captain***

**Mark McMahon reports:**

Color Guard Meeting – Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:35PM

***Board of Directors***

**Dennis Kessler Reports:**

**The Post Smoking Policy:**

Smoking includes all tobacco products, vapes, and electronic smoking devices. If you choose to smoke that must be done in the designated area. That area is outside at the picnic table near the back hall door. Violations of The Post Smoking Policy can be subject to the loss of your post privileges. Our goal is to make the American Legion Post # 735 a comfortable place for all to enjoy. Everyone's cooperation in this matter will help us meet our goal.

**Upcoming events:**

Please check the web site, bulletin board and posting around the post home.

**Dates:**

May 10th – Mother's Day Brunch

May 16th - Post wide G.I. Party

0830hrs - Coffee, rolls, donuts

0900hrs - NOON - work

Both inside & outside work to be done.

Rain Or Shine Event!

May 19th - Monthly work detail

0830hrs - coffee

0900hrs -1200hrs - work

NOON - Quick meeting to discuss next month's objectives.

Post picnic tickets will go on sale after Mother's Day! Please sign up at the post home.  
You must pre-pay for tickets

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming events.  
God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America!

**Important May Dates:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Color Guard meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Auxiliary Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> - SAL Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> - BOD Meeting