



# Cicero American Legion

## James Harvey Spire Post 787



### Commander Bruce's Comments

Greetings fellow Legion members, We are nearing the end of 2020, a year that has seen conditions that we could never imagine. Covid 19, unrest in our cities, and political discord like never before. So many families have been impacted by this pandemic, health wise, and by the many restrictions imposed. We are entering a time of year that celebrates the birth of our Lord, and the spectacle of lights, decorations and joy. And though this year is definitely different, we as Americans will adapt and overcome, as we always do. Because that is who we are.

I would like to take this time to thank all those who helped the Post navigate these trying times. From those who did so much to improve the appearance of the Post, to all who kept the Fish, Wings, and Dinners alive during the closure. We truly are a family and as Commander I could not be prouder of our Post and all our members. A special thanks to all our Officers for the support and the time they have dedicated to making our Post the number one Post in New York State. Job well done!

There are many families who will have empty chairs at their dinner table this year, including some of our own members. Whether from Covid or service to our country, I ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Also our deployed Troops and their families here at home.

To all my Brothers and Sisters at Post 787, from myself and my family, a very Merry Christmas, and hopes for a much brighter 2021. Stay safe, and don't forget "Freedom is not free" support our Troops. Bruce

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### Legion Member Meeting

DEC 17th 6PM

#### 2019/2020 Legion Officers

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## **Rick McCrum — President**

Fellow Legionnaires, Riders and Legion Family

To say the least 2020 has been a challenging year filled with heartbreak and a lot of sadness. We have endured and are still enduring things we never could have imagined since March of this year but we as a people have stepped up and faced the adversity head on like we always do and we will survive this and all challenges that we are faced with. I would like to thank My Riders for keeping us sane this year doing our best to keep things as normal as possible. I would like to thank all the essential workers for putting their lives on the line to keep us safe every day. I would like to thank as always our First Responders and our ever watchful Military men and women for my safety and freedom. I am very proud to be an Officer at the best post in New York State and also the Director of the best Riders group around. In closing please stay safe and healthy, enjoy family and friends during the holidays and keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up!!!

Rick

A "Veteran"-whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

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Click here for Legion Riders website  
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## **Ann Marie Cerone - President**

Unit 787 Membership

Sharon A. May, Chairman

Membership is the underlying support on which the American Legion Auxiliary is built, and the success or failure of this program depends largely on how well the basis is laid. With the start of every new Auxiliary year, we build a foundation even before we plan any and all other programs. No unit can successfully carry out any activity without the firm foundation of a strong membership. The role of all members is to encourage and support the effort to attract and retain a diverse, active membership. Members enable us to carry out our mission to assist veterans, military, and their families.

Please renew your Auxiliary 2021 membership as soon as possible. We have a huge goal to meet this year of 426 members. With your support, we should be able to do this again for the fifth year in a row.

Please mail your check of \$25.00 for Senior members and/or \$7.00 for Junior members to Sharon A. May, 7856 Beaver Lane, Bridgeport, NY 13030. Dues can also be dropped off at the post or on-line at [ALAforVeterans.org](http://ALAforVeterans.org). You will need your membership number to pay on-line. If you don't have that number, please e-mail me [smay@twcny.rr.com](mailto:smay@twcny.rr.com).





## Holiday Hours

The Post will be closing at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day.



### From the Chaplain:

Dear members,  
You are in distress when a loved one becomes ill, have surgery, get injured or passes away, that is understandable, but please let the Chaplain know as soon as possible so our Legion can take appropriate action. I check the obituaries each morning, but if no mention of military service or being a Legion member, the family may think we don't care which is never the case. Please email or call Chaplain Heidenreich with information at [Akoalah@aol.com](mailto:Akoalah@aol.com) or 315-345-0702. Since 11/3/2020 cards to families of David P. Ryan, . Floyd E. Slye, Fred W. Weber, William E. Jensen also Get Well to Henry "Hank" Henniger Thanks - Heidi



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## Adjutant Notes Dec.2020 Newsletter

Our 2021 Membership currently stands at 719 for 82.6%. We still need 151 to make our goal of 870. I'm sending reminder post cards to the approximately 200 members who have not yet renewed. Please get your dues in as soon as possible...2020 memberships will be suspended on Jan. 1st. We will not be changing the door key cards in 2021 as we still have a large quantity left from last year since we were closed for so long.

Bartenders will be checking membership cards again beginning Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2021 membership cards will be required for service in the lounge.

Sadly, we have eight deceased members for the year so far. We also have four new members and 30 members who have transferred in from other Posts. Eight of our members transferred out to other Posts (Brooklyn, Black River, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Mattydale & Central Square) however two of those have already transferred back to our Post.

Having said all this, we are still ahead of our target expectations from National HQ and we are still on track to retain our standing as the largest Post in New York.

I want to give a shout out to Hank Henniger, our web master. Hank has been battling some health issues and we wish him well.



## **CICERO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 787**

### **CHRISTMAS 2020 LOCAL VETERANS FAMILY IN NEED!**



Our Auxiliary adopted a family in need of our help. The adult male served our country in the Iraqi and Afghanistan war. The following is a Christmas wish list.

Please help us help them know they are not forgotten!

**Deadline date is FRIDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ALL DONATIONS & GIFT CARDS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CICERO AMERICAN LEGION LOUNGE**

**Please label Gift Cards "Christmas Family" and place in Auxiliary Mail**

**Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas from the Auxiliary!**

<b><u>Daughter 6yrs old</u></b> 20 Pcs American Doll Clothes and Accessories fit American 18 inch Girl Dolls - <b>Auxiliary will purchase item!</b> Anything Barbie, Toy Horses American Doll or any Clothes and Accessories to fit 18 inch Girl Dolls on Amazon Board Games, Likes to read Any girl craft projects, paint, clay, felt projects, jewelry Children's Large, Size 10 for clothes and dresses Size 2 shoes, Socks Gloves & Hat	<b><u>Son 7yrs old</u></b> LEGO Minecraft The Pirate Ship Adventure Building Kit – <b>Auxiliary will purchase item!</b> Lego – Lego Mario, Lego Minecraft, Lego Classic, and Lego Creator like at Walmart. Pokémon cards - Any cards or action figures Nerf Guns – Any Loves soft and fuzzy items Board Games, Likes to read Any boy craft projects paint, clay, felt Size 12 pants, Large children's clothes – No long sleeves (sensory reasons) Size 3 for shoes, Socks Gloves & Hat	<b><u>Son 14yrs old</u></b> TOZO T10 Bluetooth Wireless In-Ear Headphones – <b>Auxiliary will purchase item!</b> Xbox Gift Card Loves music! Queen and the Beatles are his favorites but he likes most anything. Board Games, Likes to read Any teen craft projects paint, clay Size Mens XL Shirts, 38x30 jeans, likes Lee jeans, XL Wind Pants, Sweat Pants, Pajama pants Size 13 shoe, Socks, Slippers Gloves & Hat	<b><u>Mother</u></b> Size XL men's shirts. (Yes!! Her request is a mens extra-large) <b><u>2XL</u></b> big comfy men's sweatshirt. (Yes!! Her request is a mens 2XL) XL Comfy men's sweat pants (Yes!! Her request is a mens) Size 10 shoe, Socks, Slippers Gloves & Hat Likes to read Loves anything Harry Potter Cicero American Legion Auxiliary membership – <b>Auxiliary will purchase this</b>	<b><u>Father</u></b> Size 3XL mens shirts Size 2XL pajama pants Size 2XL sweatpants Size 13 shoe, Socks, Slippers Gloves & Hat Likes all Chicago sports teams, his favorites are Bears and White Sox Likes to hunt and fish Likes to read Cicero American Legion membership - <b>Auxiliary will purchase this</b>
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