

# DOLAN'S NEWSLINE

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*Please join us in a brand new and very worthwhile project...*

**The American Legion  
Post 410  
Proudly Announces**

## **Project: Send a Card**

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

**Sign & Send a Dolan Greeting Card  
@ \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**

*Your donation will help us to purchase much needed personal items for our troops*

A card designed for Dolan member to show their personal support for America's military, stationed on active duty around the world - this card is elegant! *Printed on quality stock paper, it sends a warm message of "Greetings from Dolan Post 410"*. Each may be purchased for only one dollar! Since you may want several of these gorgeous cards to keep on hand, please consider placing advance orders by calling either Renee Knight [434-3827] or Pierre Pelletier [831-1529].

**Advance orders may also be taken or left for us at the Grill!**

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### **Update on Buck the Line for Our Troops**

Early February brought a joint venture to a successful conclusion on behalf of our Legion and the Auxiliary members. Due to the generosity of our Grill patrons, the recent Buck the Line raised just enough money (\$90) to allow some seriously careful shopping to fill a large box of goodies to ship to our troops. Mailed out in early February, it was filled with several tins of nuts, assorted candy, a variety of different kinds of snacks, and a wide assortment of hygiene and comfort products from Blistex to deodorant. The outside of the box was brightly decorated with hearts and flags and a huge lettered sign that said, "We Love Our Troops!" Hopefully just the site of it will bring smiles to servicemen in Captain Paul R. White's unit. As you may recall, Paul is a young man from Lockport. Please help us support our troops. Remember, we cannot do it without YOU!

If you now of any member of our Post 410 family or someone in our community, currently deployed in Iraq or elsewhere overseas, please contact either Pierre or Renee with this person's correct military mail address so that we may orchestrate sending this person cards or care packages to share with his or her comrades in arms. Please also remember that email messages may be sent via our own [www.PartnershipinPatriotism.com](http://www.PartnershipinPatriotism.com) by simply clicking the link provided to [4 Our Troops]. I also wish to again recognize Tim Stoll for his continued generosity in sharing his talents as our volunteer Webmaster. Please don't forget that young men and women in arms and their families need to know that we all appreciate their sacrifices!

Thank you,

**Renee Knight, Chairperson  
Education Committee, Unit 410 Auxiliary**

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**Commander's Message**

My second consecutive year as your commander is nearing a close, and what an exciting two years it has been! It is not that there is too much to do as commander of an American Legion Post, which truly humbles the individual that occupies the position. It is what the position itself represents. You become an instant spokesman on veteran and military issues of matter to local media. This I enjoyed doing on several occasions. You must always project a positive attitude for our military in harm's way, regardless of personal beliefs. This I can say was easily accomplished because of my "short tour" of twenty years as an Intelligence Analyst while serving in the United States Army.

My successes as your commander are attributed to all my elected and appointed officers of the post, as well as the support and dedication by the Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Pack 410 [B. Leo Dolan sponsored Cub Scouts].

To all of you, a sincere thanks.

In closing, remember to keep our armed forces men and women in your prayers wherever they may be.

In the belief that if each of you signed up a new member, we would double the size of this organization!

In Comradeship,

**Michael F. Lombardi**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.**

*Delinquent Dues Report*

As of February 25, 2006 we have 109 members, whose dues have not been paid for 2006. Included an that are 34 who have still not paid for 2005. Please be aware that the actual date of delinquency has passed [Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>]; however, we will still accept dues and would deeply appreciate submitting your dues ASAP. We are currently at 88% of our goal and the 75 outstanding for only 2006 represents considerable revenue needed by the post very soon. [Dues are still \$28.00]

**Davis Knight**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr.**

As Chairman of the Americanism Committee for the last two years I have been involved and assisted Commander Lombardi prepare for Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies, last year's Veteran's Day activities and have participated in many veteran's events throughout the area representing the B. Leo Dolan Post 410 the latest being the Valentines for Vets program at the Buffalo VA Hospital. The Post 410 Program, "Project Send a Card" is in full swing with Lockport's Navy-Marine Club, VFW Post 2435 and Post 2721 in Cuba, NY participating. I have appointed as my Co-Chairperson, from the Partnership in Patriotism Coalition, Renee Knight to assist me. Her dedication to promote Patriotism and personal involvement in veteran's support projects is unsurpassed. Her talents and organizational skills are truly needed. Thank you Renee and welcome aboard.

**Memorial Day**

Lockport's VFW Post 2435 will host this year's Memorial Day Services and activities this coming May. It is rather early to give details but raffle tickets will be available at the Post to help offset the cost and expense of this event as soon as they become available. 50/50 splits, Basket of Cheer and a Catered Pig Barbecue will be up for grabs.

Members of Post 410 and the Cub Scout Troop will post Flags on Veterans' graves at Cold Springs Cemetery again this year. If you would like to participate in this honor, the date will be posted on the front bulletin board.

*Pierre Pelletier*

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.**

Again, this year, in keeping with our post's tradition, we will be holding our Annual Ham Raffle Party. This event will take place on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. I am asking members to participate in this annual fundraiser. Your purchase of tickets is essential to help Post 410 maintain its commitments to our fellow veterans and to support community programs. I personally thank you for your support and loyalty.

*Nelson "Butch" Hughes*

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**Chaplain's Report**

Another Legionnaire has been called to the high Command, and has gone to report to the Commander of us all.

The following members have been placed on the Post Everlasting Roster:

Robert J. Reilly        Harold A. Shaver  
F.G. Bullock         Laird Scott Hugill

**Auxiliary Chaplain's Report**

Ruth Marie Boyer  
Mary M. Zimmer

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**Adjutant's Announcement**

John Babis was chosen as Legionnaire of the Year for Post 410 at last December's membership meeting. This honor qualifies him as a candidate for Niagara County Legionnaire of the Year Award.

Congratulations John, wishing you the best!

**Bill Burnett**

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**From the Grill**

New Grill hours:

Monday 2pm-7pm

Tuesday through Friday 2pm-11pm

Saturday 2pm-11pm

Sunday 2pm-7pm

Note: *Closing time on Fridays and Saturdays may be extended when entertainment is provided.*

Ballroom Dancing instructions are held at the Post several times a month. You are invited to come and watch. You may want to join up for this class. Contact John Babis @ 434-9798 or the Legion at 434-5066 for more information and times.

Upcoming events:

March 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Star Search ~ This could be fun!

March 17<sup>th</sup> ~ A.O.H. St. Patrick's Day Party

March 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Flying Blind Band

April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ CRS Band

Contact Tom Shaw to schedule or plan a party at the Legion.

Take a .50 cent chance to win a free year's dues at your next visit to the hall. A winner is drawn each time the board is filled.

**Bell Jar**

Thanking everyone who supports the Bell Jar.

Thousands of dollars in prizes are given away each month.

**Chuck Hinton**

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**Color Guard**

The Roadrunners would like to thank all who supported us at our chowder sale on Superbowl Saturday. It was a great success thanks to the many volunteers who showed up to help us. Bob Dittmer, Pierre Pelletier, Randy Printup, Kevin Hewitt and Don Ruberto posted Colors at the Department Commanders and Department President's Dinner at Sikora Post in North Tonawanda on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to Bob, Pierre, Randy and Kevin.

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**Ladies Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary will have a Craft, Antique and Garage Sale on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Post, 42 Niagara Street, from 9:00am till 3:00pm. The public is invited. Also, the ladies of the Auxiliary will hold their *Election of Officers* for the year 2006-2007 at the post on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Announcement: "Fundraiser for Bill"**

The Niagara County Auxiliary will hold a basket raffle at the Stephen Sikora Post 1322 on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser is for William "Bill" Burnett. Bill is a candidate for the office of Commander of the American Legion – Department of New York for the year 2007-2008. \$50,000 is needed for Bill to run for this office. If you would like to donate a basket with an approximate \$15 value or make a donation, it would be appreciated by the Auxiliary. You can drop your basket or donation off at the post at 42 Niagara Street. Billy is a member of the B. Leo Dolan Post 410, so we hope that you will give him your support.

Thanks for your help.

**Dorothy A. Craig, Auxiliary President**

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**SAL Gun Raffle**

The Sons are hosting their first gun raffle on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Niagara Street Hall. Tickets are \$20 each and will include food & beverages to the ticket holder. Doors open at noon, with the first raffle at 1pm. We're offering 12 guns on the ticket, 50/50 drawings, along with side raffles.

Please help support this raffle as it will benefit the entire Post 410 Family. Purchase your tickets at the bar, or to volunteer call Dave Garlock @ 628-8373.

Workers are always needed.

Thanking you in advance,

**Gun Raffle Committee**

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**Post Publication Committee**

We wish to thank Noreen Kline for her time and effort stamping and addressing envelopes for our Dolan's Newline. And a standing applause for those volunteers who help fold and stuff envelopes.

SALUTE!

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**Open Letter to the Commander**

To: Joe Rich, Commander

American Legion Niagara County Committee and Members

From: B. Leo Dolan Post 410 American Legion

William Burnett has been a member of the B. Leo Dolan Post 410 American Legion for 31 years. He earned that privilege serving honorably in the United States Ai Force during the Viet Nam conflict. Right after Bill became a member, he became active, starting his climb through the offices of the post and being elected Commander for the year 1982-

1983. Bill served on many committees in the post and is at present Adjutant and Finance Officer. Bill has been a member of Dolan's Color Guard since its inception in 1980 and is currently Color Guard Captain. Bill also ran up through the offices of the Niagara County American Legion Committee getting elected to Commander for the year 1988-1989 and also served in many committees in the county.

In 1997, Bill was elected Vice Commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> District American Legion. Bill was elected 8<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Commander for the year 1998-1999 and served on many committees in the eighth District. In 2005 Bill was elected to the high office of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Department Vice Commander which he now holds. William Burnett had been an asset to the American Legion and what it stands for.

With that being said, the members of the B. Leo Dolan Post 410 American Legion would like to put the name of William Burnett in for future consideration for the high office of Commander of the Department of New York.

Yours for the American Legion,

**John J. Babis**  
**Past Commander**

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### **The Ancient Order of Hibernians**

*Announcing their St. Patrick's Day Party!*

Date: Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 8 till 11pm

Location: B. Leo Dolan Post 410

42 Niagara Street

Lockport, NY 14094

Irish Music and Refreshments

\$6 admission

All Welcome

*A special thank you to A.O.H. for participation in "Project Send a Card"*

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### **News from Cub Pack 410**

The Cub Scouts are moving right along this year. We've already held our Rain Gutter Regatta and our Pinewood Derby is just around the corner on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please stop and see the scouts and their cars compete. The excitement and the competition is great. Also, we would like to congratulate J.D. Riccobono, Christopher Toland, Alex Reid and his brother Andy who recently graduated to Boy Scouts. We celebrated our Blue and Gold Banquet and Arrow of Light ceremony on February 19<sup>th</sup> as these scouts attended their last meeting with us. Doug Riccobono, DJ's father was a Den leader for those boys. His dedication to scouting has been outstanding. He has played an intricate part of this Pack for the last five years and his presence will be greatly missed. Congratulations, Doug and to your Scouts, we hope your future in scouting will be soaring [Eagle Scouts anyone?].

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### **Post Historian**

The Post photograph album has recently been updated. We wish to photograph more individuals of our Legion Family during special events and gatherings. Please come up and identify yourself as a member when you see me taking pictures. I have not had the opportunity to meet all 600 plus members in the Legion, Auxiliary or the Sons.

**Pierre**

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### **American Flags**

We have 3' X 5' flags for sale at the post at very reasonable prices. 4' X 6' and 5' X 8' on hand are usually accounted for. This is the time to place your order if you desire one for Memorial Day. There are also a few other flags in the display case located in the Grill Room, such as: NY State, a few Service flags and an Irish flag. You may order any type of flag that Valley Forge Flag Company produces through the Legion Post. Contact Michael Lombardi, Flag Committee Chairman, for placing special orders and more information.

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### **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**

On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon till 4:00pm the Legion will be serving a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. Volunteers needed: contact Tom Shaw or Jim Dempsey.

Price: \$6.00 – take-outs add .50 cents.

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### **Boy's State**

The B. Leo Dolan Post will select and sponsor one young man from our area high schools to participate in the American Legion Boy's State Program. This is a selective educational program of government instruction for high school students. Each boy participates in the operation of his local, county and state government. Any male student who meets the qualifications may become a candidate. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in this program please contact our chairman, Bob Dittmer. Boy's State will be held at SUNY in Morrisville, NY - June 25-July 1, 2006.

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### **Nomination for Post Officers**

At our regular Post and Board meeting scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> nominations for Post Officers, 2006-2007 will be declared open. Any member in good standing of the post is eligible to hold these offices. Election of Officers will be held on and before our May 18th Post and Board meeting.

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### **American Legion Department of New York**

#### **Fact and Figures**

There is 1 Department Commander

There are 5 Vice department Commanders

There are 10 District Commanders

There are 62 County Commanders

The Eighth District

There are Eight Counties, plus Canada

There are 130 American Legion Posts

There are 22,895 legionnaires

Niagara County

Niagara County contains 16 Posts

There are 3,001 legionnaires in our county

B. Leo Dolan Post

There are 529 legionnaires in our post

Figures represent 8<sup>th</sup> district update 2/15/06

Niagara County is home of 19,310 veterans, according the New York State Division of Veteran Affairs. Let's all make an effort to recruit these individuals and make our 100% membership goal. As we are the home of Department Vice Commander Bill Burnett, let him stand proud!

Welcoming our new bartender Jene. She joins Alice, Barb and Jim as your mixologist. Beth Thall is still on convalescent leave.

### **From the Editor**

The American Legion was originally organized to assist fellow veterans and active duty military personnel. This also includes their families - be it in time of peace or war. At the local level, the Dolan Post 410 family is proud of its pledged commitment to assist active duty and veterans according to the American Legion's Constitution. Before you stands a worthwhile campaign called "Project Send a Card". This is your opportunity to personally thank an active duty member of our Armed Forces for the sacrifices being made. Let us all get back to basics and participate in this campaign to support our overseas troops that are in harm's way.

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### **A Letter to Daddy**

Dear Daddy,

I hope this letter gets to you soon. Because I miss you very much, mommy says that you are a soldier and that you are very far away from us and have an important job to do. Daddy, I hope you know I am being good. My teacher says you are brave and strong and my country needs you right now. She said that you were with other brave people. I am so proud of you daddy and every night I say my prayers and ask God to watch over you. Daddy be extra special careful. I can be brave too. Sometimes I wish you were not a soldier and you could be home with me. I know you will come home when you are all done and our country is safe again. Daddy, come home to me soon. Your little girl needs you to. I love you Daddy.

For our brave men and women serving our country – we salute you and your families!

For a video version of this letter, go to:

[\[www.Kerman94.com/SoldiersTribute.htm\]](http://www.Kerman94.com/SoldiersTribute.htm)

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### **For Your Information**

The commemorative Purple Heart Postage Stamp will be reissued to pay tribute to Americans wounded and killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan. The original stamp was issued back in 2003.

The National Anthem Celebrates 75 years April 1<sup>st</sup>.

On February 6, 1924 the B. Leo Dolan Unit 410 held their first Post Home meeting. Their Charter was awarded May 27, 1924. After 82 years the Auxiliary remains active.

## **Dates to Remember**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> Just Plain Folks - Star Search [[www.justplainfolks.com](http://www.justplainfolks.com)]**

**11<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Craft, Antique, Garage Sale - 9:00am till 3pm at the post.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Legion Breakfast - 8am till noon.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Unit 410 Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm**

**15<sup>th</sup> Legion County Meeting - Cadille Post 1664 - 8:00pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> 410 Post and Board Meeting - 7:00pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> A.O.H. St. Patrick's Day Party - 8:00pm till 11pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> Flying Blind Band - 8:00pm till ?**

**19<sup>th</sup> Cub Pack 410 Pinewood Derby - 1:00pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> Chicken and Biscuit Dinner - noon till 4pm**

**29<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> SAL Gun Raffle - 1:00pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> Legion Breakfast - 8:00am till noon**

**11<sup>th</sup> Unit 410 Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> Legions County Meeting - Dolan Post - 8:00pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> 410 Post and Boards Meeting - 7:00pm\***

**[Nominations of Officers]**

**Auxiliary County Meeting - Martin F. Jennings Unit 836 - 7:30 pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting**

**29<sup>th</sup> CRS Band - 8pm till?**

**30<sup>th</sup> Basket Raffle - Stephen Sikora Post 1322 - Niagara County Auxiliary**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> Unit 410 Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm - Election of Officers**

**14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Legion Breakfast - 8:00am till noon**

**17<sup>th</sup> Legion County Meeting - J.J. Welsh Post 381 - 8:00pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> 410 Post and Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Election of Officers\***

**Auxiliary County Meeting - 7:30pm - O. Leo Curtiss Unit 830**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day**  
**31<sup>st</sup> SAL Meeting**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Niagara County Convention - Sikora Post 1322 - Election of Officers**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Unit 410 Meeting - 7:30pm**  
**15<sup>th</sup> 410 Post and Board Meeting - 7:30pm\***  
**Auxiliary County Meeting - Wheatfield Unit 1451 - 7:30pm**  
**28<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting**

*\* Grill Committee meets at 6:00pm*

*Unless otherwise indicated all functions at Post 410*  
*Check for updates at [www.PartnershipinPatriotism.com](http://www.PartnershipinPatriotism.com)*