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#### **Commanders Message**

July was another busy month and August is going to be very active also.

There are numerous functions going on at the Lamm Post, including our own Family and Friends picnic. On Saturday August 12th we will hold our monthly Executive Meeting, followed by our Members Meeting. Hope to see a large group there for the meeting and socializing.

Commander Phil

When you are at the Lamm Post, please notice the hard work that a small group of boy scouts performed around our cannon in front of the post. Again, thanks to them for improving the landscaping around the cannon. For God and Country, Commander Phil



On May 20th and June 24th 2023 Eagle Scout candidate, Henry Schihl and members of Boy Scout Troop 457 (Matthew Winsor, Corbin Bryant, Danny Costello, Michael Doraboiala, Jack Schihl and Adam Mbeke) completed landscaping improvements around the artillery piece at American Legion Post 622. Pictured with Commander Philip English

National Convention – August 26 – 31, 2023 Charlotte, North Carolina

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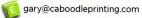
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## Tim Collmer Elected Commander of NYS American Legion



Newly elected Department Commander Timothy Collmer addresses the 105th Convention, with outgoing Commander David Riley Sr. at right.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., July 22, 2023 – U.S. Army veteran Timothy J. Collmer of Nunda, N.Y., is the new state commander of the American Legion. His election as Department of New York commander capped the 105th Annual Department Convention, held here July 20-22. During his one-year term, Collmer visits counties across the state to share the American Legion message of veteran advocacy and community involvement.

Tim Collmer is sworn in as commander.

He spent 21 years in the army and Army Reserves, serving in Korea and Texas as a morse code interceptor while on active duty, and then as a drill instructor and later as a commissioned officer in the reserves. A retired corrections officer, Collmer also worked as a service officer with Livingston County Veterans' Services.

A member of Daniel Goho Post 87 in Dansville, Collmer has served in leadership positions on the Post, county, and state levels. He has been post commander, county commander and district commander. Most recently he has been dean of the American Legion College of New York. On the national level, he has served on the American Legion Internal Affairs Commission and as a facilitator at National American Legion College.

Active in the community, Collmer is a member of the Nunda Fire Department and the Dansville Moose, plus other veterans' organizations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6780 in Dansville and the AMVETS Post in Hornell.

## 3 New Legion Grants Aimed at Stemming Vet Suicide, Homelessness

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., July 22, 2023 – The American Legion in New York State continued its effort to stem veteran suicide and homelessness by awarding \$210,000 in grants to organizations helping veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or who are at risk of homelessness.

The grants were announced during the 105th Annual Convention of the American Legion Department of New York, held here July 20-22, 2023. Outgoing Department Commander David R. Riley Sr. described the grants as follows:

- \$100,000 to Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga for equine therapy for veterans suffering from PTSD.
- \$75,000 to Trybe Ecotherapy of Rochester for nature-based clinical therapy sessions for veterans.
- \$35,000 to Hicks Strong of Clifton Park for its National Military Mental Health and "Hug Mug" programs.

A year ago the American Legion Department of New York unveiled a \$1.5 million fund for grants to organizations helping veterans. Previously announced grants included:

- \$100,000 to the EquiCenter in Honeoye Falls, N.Y., to provide equine-assisted therapies for veterans.
- \$15,000 to the Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition in Buffalo to help outfit apartments for veterans.
- \$100,000 to fund a pilot project to expand and measure the RTM ProtocolTM treatment for veterans suffering from PTSD, developed by the Research and Recognition Project in Corning.
- \$34,450 to outfit a home for homeless women veterans with children, operated by Veterans & Community Housing Coalition in Saratoga County.
- \$24,000 to the Albany Housing Coalition to furnish six newly rehabilitated apartments for homeless veterans.
- \$36,000 to Hoboken Legion Post 107 in New Jersey to furnish eighteen new apartments being planned for homeless veterans. They accept any homeless vet whether from NY or NJ.



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The annual Erie County Fair Veterans Day will be Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Admission to the Fair is free that day for Veterans, Active Military, and Auxiliary members (with proper ID), plus you will receive a \$10 voucher valid for food, drink, or rides at the Fair that same day. Free tickets will be available online or at the gate. There is no charge for parking and children 12 and under are free. The Fair gates will open at 11 AM. We have reserved shelters with picnic tables in Hickory Tree Park for your use, this is a shaded area located just off of the Avenue of Flags at the Erie County Fair.

The schedule for Veterans Day at the Erie County Fair is:

- The Veterans Day Catholic Mass will be held starting at 12 Noon in the Family Entertainment Complex (near Gate 5, use Clark Street entrance). The celebrant will be Rev. Michael J Johnson from 'Nativity of Our Lord' in Orchard Park, NY.
- The annual Veterans Memorial Service in the infield of the racetrack at Veteran's Park (west end of the racetrack) starting at 1:30 PM. The guest speaker will be Billy Puckett, the Field Manager for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit.



Daily Flag Retreat Ceremony at 6:30pm in Slade Park

The Erie County Fair is proud to share that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation 9/11 NEVERFORGET Mobile Exhibit will be at the fair from August 9-14. This is a traveling museum and a tribute to all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the 343 members of the Fire Department of New York City (FDNY) who made the ultimate sacrifice and all who continue to lose their lives to the 9/11-related illnesses.

The Erie County Fair is also accepting nominations for the *daily* Flag Retreat Ceremony that honors Veterans and Active Military each evening at the fair. We look forward to seeing you at the Erie County Fair.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Party Grove
6 Lamm Post Family & Friends Picnic 2 to 6	7	8 Elevator Union	9	10	11 Party Grove	12 Post Members Meeting 11am Stag 6-11
13 Event 12-4  Veteran's Day at Erie County Fair	14	15	16	17	18 Manor	19 Party Manor 6- 11
20	21 Republican Meeting	22	23	24	25 Grove Party	26 Iron Head Grove
27 Bob Bruno Picnic Grove	28 Golf League Picnic	29	30	31		



