



Rayson-Miller Post 899 Newsletter

January 2019

Commander Comments

Greetings,

Happy New Year one and all!

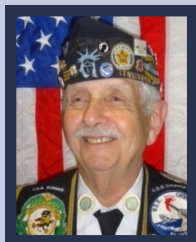
2018 proved to be a very busy year with many events. As you are all aware, this is the American Legion's 100th anniversary, but, closer to home, next March is Rayson-Miller's 100th. I would appreciate any ideas / input as to what we should do to honor this event as to letting the community know.

On another subject, the Post has several position vacancies in both Officers and Committee Chairs, so if you can spare the time and want to be a little more active in the Post, please contact me.

Just a reminder - our Post New Years Luncheon is Sunday, January 13th at Woodcliff, followed by our 1st meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 23rd - I hope to see many of you at one or both events.

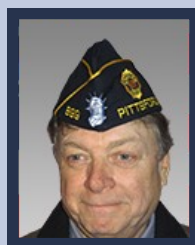
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Final Roll Call for Wilbur H. "Bill" Cooper



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of one of our Greatest Generation, Bill Cooper. Bill was a long-time member of Rayson Miller Post 899 and according to his son, James, many of his fondest memories were with his veteran friends. Bill lived a full and blessed 101 years, leaving a legacy of family, friends, and service. Farewell, Sir. You will be sorely missed. Thank you for your service.



Highland Hospital honoring Bill as the oldest survivor of the Battle of the Bulge in Western New York

Boy's State

The 2019 Boys State Program is ramping up. Donna Barnes made new posters and they were delivered to the Pittsford High Schools for distribution. Copies were also left at our library for posting and an article about the Boys State program will be published in the Brighton/Pittsford Post in mid January. Interviews for our 2019 candidates will take place in late February.

Wreaths Across America

Rayson-Miller supported the Women's Club of Pittsford and their participation in the Wreaths across America program for Veterans Remembrance.





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Treasurer's Notes

Membership:

Membership count unchanged at 109. Members paid up for 2019 increased from 67% to 80% since October, still short of the target of 90% before January 2019. Only one new member recruited in the 2018 year. Of the seventeen transfers picked up in the 2018 year drive, all but one have yet to renew for 2019 – there is still hope. Unfortunately a couple of Gulf War members who joined us in 2017 through our Boy Scout affiliates failed to renew for 2018; their memberships are now in expired status. If you know of a Veteran not affiliated with the Post or the American Legion please refer them to Bill Rahn – Post Adjutant.

2018 finances overview:

In 2018 the Post's income exceeded expenses for the third consecutive year. For those familiar with our past financial history, this is a significant accomplishment. We provided \$5,500, to five different Veteran Support groups, funds raised by the hard work of many members, the generosity of the public and local businesses including the Post Office * who allowed us to distribute Poppies in memory of our deceased Veterans of Foreign Wars. We expensed \$5,180 on our youth programs and community events, \$4,216 for operations.

*As of the end of May of this year Poppy Distribution on Post Office property was deemed off limits. The issue is under review by State Government and the USPS.

A Look Back at 2018!

January

New Years Luncheon at Locust Hill Country Club featuring:

Tribute to Veterans Voice project from TRES Fourth Grade students and Teachers

Slide Presentation by WW-II P-51 Pilot Elmer Pankratz

February

Kickoff meeting for the Baseball Team Uniforms Fundraiser

March

TRES kids pancake breakfast at the Post

TRE Veteran Voices Book Unveiling

Media event at the Village Hall announcing the future entryway to the Post home

April

Village Arbor food tent

Spring Social

May

Poppy Drive

Sausage Stand along the canal at Pittsford's Paddle and Pour event

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

American Legion Day at Frontier Field

June

Flag Day at TRES

Legion Baseball Picnic

Steak Roast featuring our Boys State Delegate's address to the post

July

Independence Day Free Hotdogs at the Veterans Memorial Monument

Commemorative Electric Guitar Raffle drawing for the 100th Year American Legion Anniversary

August

Howitzer Restoration Information Meeting

Website Improvements transformation

September

Sausage Stand at Pittsford's Music Fest

October

TRES Picnic at the Post with entertainment provide by Back to Rock School student vocalists

November

Veterans Day Ceremony

December

Wreaths Across American with the Women's Club of Pittsford

Candlelight Night in the Village

Rayson-Miller Post's Annual New Year's

The plans for 2019 Rayson-Miller New Year's Luncheon are finalized. All that remains now is for you to make your reservation. The venue for the event is the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa, 199 Woodcliff Drive (off of Route 96), Fairport NY 14450. The date is Sunday, January 13th, from 11:30 A.M. (social time) with a Signature Lunch Buffet service at 12:30.

Reservations can be made now and up until January 4th. The price is \$25 per person. Payment must be received no later than January 4th.

Make checks payable to Rayson-Miller Post 899.

Sick Call

Keep those on Sick Call in your thoughts:

Gary Stekloff

Tom Murphy

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Breakfast	2	3	4 Reservations Due	5
6	7	8 Breakfast	9	10	11	12
13 New Year's Luncheon	14	15 Breakfast	16 Officer Meeting	17	18	19
20	21 MLK Day	22 Breakfast	23 Member Meeting	24	25	26
27	28	29 Breakfast	30	31		

Schedule of Events

- Tuesday Morning— Breakfast at the Post Home 8:00–10:30
- Jan 4— Last chance to sign up for the New Year's Luncheon
- Jan 13—New Year's Lunch @ Post Home 11:30am
- Jan 16—Officers Meeting; 6:30pm @ Post Home
- Jan 21—President's Day
- Jan 23—Member Meeting @ Post Home; 6:00—8:00

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