



JAMES A. CARRASELLA, Jr. AMERICAN LEGION POST #344

Within the walls of 109 S. 5th St. in Jeannette, PA, lies the heart and soul of our Great Nation. The men and women who have served our Country are honored by the service of the
AMERICAN LEGION POST #344
and those who volunteer their time and talents to our veterans.

The Legionaries

The current officers of the all Veteran group are
Commander Arthur “Sonny” Blasco, Jim Henderson, 1st Vice Commander,
Chrissy Smith, 2nd Vice Commander, and Rick Loughner, Adjutant.

They head up Post #344 which was established around 1920. The post was renamed
In October of 2022 to James A Carasella Jr. Post #344, in honor of the past commander.

They are active in local communities and help other organizations such as
The Salvation Army and Special Olympics. The Legion also offers scholarships and holds an essay
contest for local High School students.

The back hall of the legion is available to rent for events like bingo, weddings, dancing, parties, and other
functions & fundraisers. The spacious room has a capacity of 250 people and includes a stage and
access to a full kitchen in the back.

Please contact Rick Loughner (724-600-5061) for more info.

The American Legion Auxiliary

The Auxiliary, comprised of mostly women with ties to a Veterans or being a veteran themselves, is
headed up by Shellie Llewellyn, President, Franny Petras, Vice President, Margie Hudson, Secretary,
and Cherie King, Treasurer. Their Charter was established 101 years ago (1923).

Recently men have also been accepted into the organization.

The dedicated volunteers have always been an organization devoted to Veterans.

They assist the rest of the Legion family any time they are in need.

The Auxiliary makes sure the veterans are well fed
after their Memorial Day and Veterans Day processions.

They also work with the VA Hospitals. They provide Care packages, clothing,
and other assistance that the representatives let them know is needed.

The ladies host Bingos and activities for the Veterans at the hospitals.

They support other organizations that help our Veterans dealing with PTSD
and other issues they may face. Among other efforts, the ladies host a
Chili Cook Off in February to raise money.

The Auxiliary has a Jr. Auxiliary program for any girl interested in getting involved.

They are always looking for more volunteers to assist our Veterans.



The Sons of The American Legion

Another organization within the Legion, the Sons of American Legion, is comprised of Veterans and Non Veterans.

The officers are Tim Durik, Commander, Rob Domenick, 1st Vice, Kenneth Johnson, Financial officer, and Nelson Hetheron, Sergeant at Arms.

These gentlemen support the Legion and Its Veterans through various fundraising events and activities. They organize the sale of Gun Tickets and host a Spaghetti dinner to raise funds.

To support their efforts, Donations of Raffle Baskets and monetary donations to help offset their cost are always welcome.

The American Legion Riders

Road Captain, Don Jarvis, is joined by his wife, Assistant Director, Dawn Jarvis along with Mel Henderson, Secretary, and Mike Tibbins, Sergeant at Arms to round out the Leadership of this group. The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts.

They can be found participating in parades, partaking in motorcycling events, and supporting the communities in which they live, work, and play. Members of the ALR come from the Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. The riders were formed to:

...participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion.

... to promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American legion members who share the same interest.

...to use our association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.

The American Legion Riders is not a M/C and does not practice M/C rules or regulations

The American Legion Riders is family-oriented, just as its parent organization, The American Legion.

As a community we are very fortunate to have such an active American Legion available.

Their efforts and outreach show their dedication to our Veterans and Country

GOD BLESS AMERICA, OUR VETERANS, AND THOSE WHO SERVE