



## Middleport American Legion Post #938

In Middleport, NY, The American Legion presently meets in the Legion Room located upstairs of the Middleport Village hall. Meetings are held every second Tuesday at 8 pm, every month from September through June and generally last one hour.

Membership in the American Legion gives you a voice to let Congress know about the Veterans care and about Veteran issues the Legion supports. The American Legion represents over 2.4 million veteran's voices. You will receive a monthly magazine keeping you up-to-date on veterans issues and provides you an opportunity to support veterans, their families and share in camaraderie.

### Our activities in Middleport include:

- The placing of over 400 American flags in our 4 cemeteries every Memorial Day. We leave them up until November after Veterans Day when they are removed for the winter.
- Sponsoring an Oratorical contest in Royalton Hartland High School and the winner goes on to County, District and beyond. Present scholarship awards for demonstrated citizenry to two Middle School students and a High School graduate annually.
- Working with the Elementary and Intermediate schools and with the American Legion Auxiliary to help teach Americanism, the American Flag, Flag Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day to students.
- An annual Veterans Dinner is held each April, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, which all members and their guests attend. A guest speaker addresses the gathering and awards are presented. Members of the Sons of the Legion are welcomed to attend.
- Each Memorial Day the members of the post lead a parade through Main St Middleport, which is supported by the community leaders, youth groups, Fire Company, High school band members, American Legion Auxiliary and Middleport villagers. A ceremony of remembrance is conducted at the Veterans Monument in the Commons on Park Ave in conjunction with a memorial service by the Middleport Fire Company
- Sponsoring competition for and sending of a High School junior boy to Boys State. We work with HS guidance counselors in selecting eligible candidates, to interview and evaluate. Boys State is an American Legion sponsored education experience for Americanism and learning the structure and function of government at many levels. It's aimed at educating young men about the democratic processes of our United States.
- Conduct Veterans Day gathering at Veterans Monument on Park Ave at 11 am on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. A brief commemoration statement is read, music is sometimes offered. Local Boy Scout Troop #23 then conducts a flag retirement ceremony. The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary prepare and serve a soup and sandwich luncheon afterwards. The PUBLIC is WELCOME!