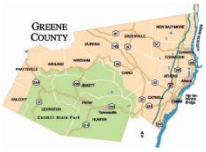
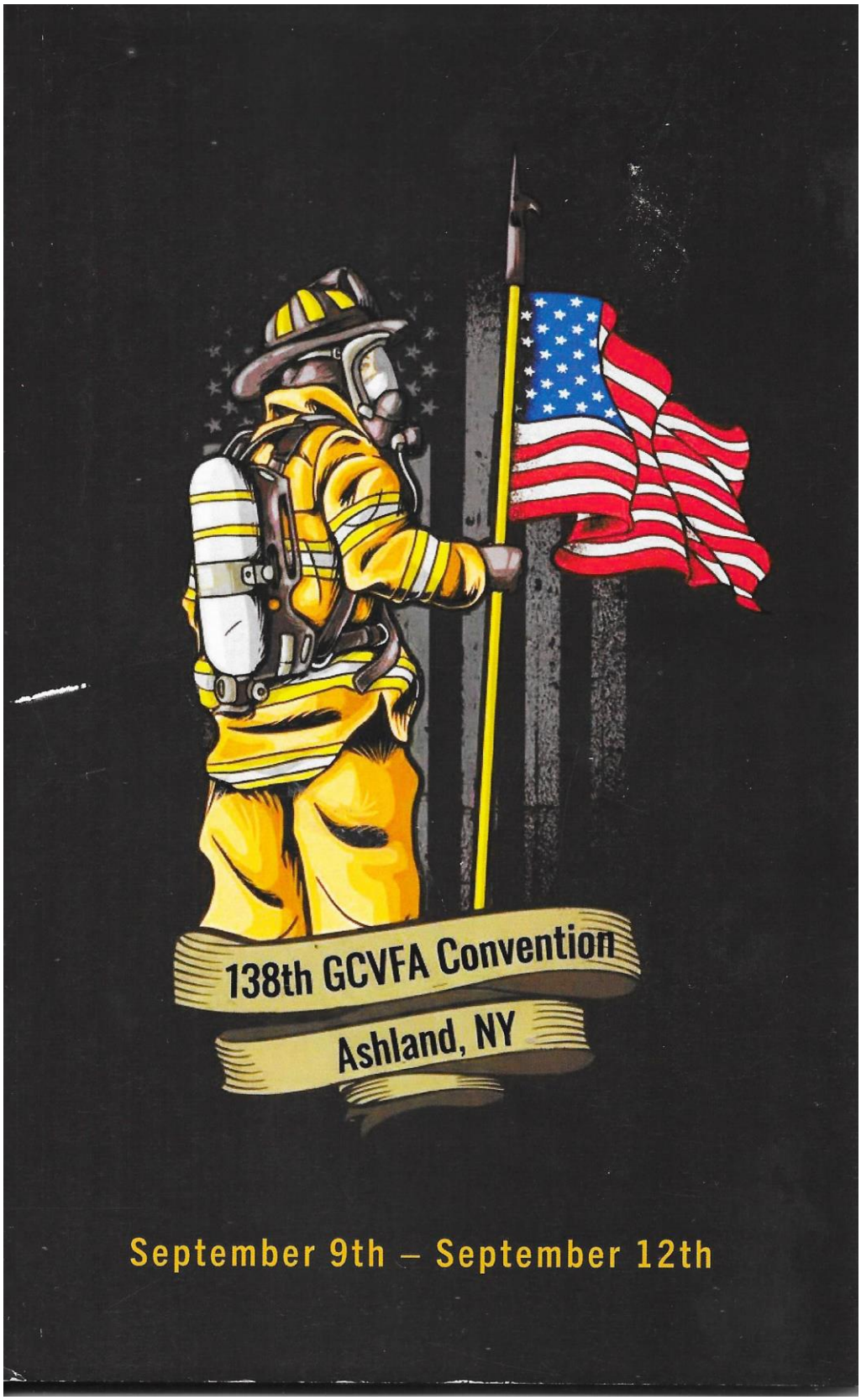


THE BOOSTER LINE



A Newsletter Dedicated to Greene County Fire Volunteers



September 9,2026 was two things . . . to school age children and their parents it was the end of summer vacation and the reopening of school. But to Greene County firefighters and Auxiliary members, it was the start of the 138th Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association Annual Convention hosted by the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department.

On that evening, the ladies kicked things off with their annual dinner and election of officers. Elected to serve another term were President - Kathy Donovan, Earlton, 1st VP Jess Doskocz, Haines Falls; 2nd VP Wendy Doney, Kiskatom; Recording Secretary, Marie Bitter, Leeds; Treasurer, Breanna DelVecchio, Palenville, and Financial Secretary, Nikki Hodor, Coxsackie Hose 3. As part of the evening's festivities, several ladies were recognized for serving 25 and 50 years to the county. Prior to elections, a delightful dinner was served and all enjoyed the evening.






















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The following evening, September 10, it was time for the firefighters to enjoy some camaraderie with dinner, followed by the Annual Memorial Service and Meeting.







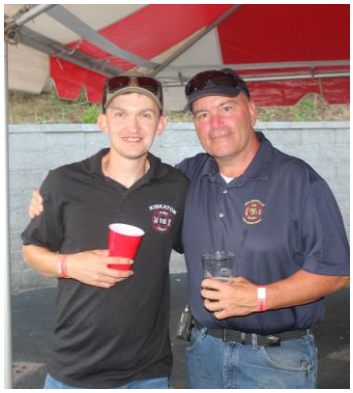


















After a delightful dinner,
we paused to remember
those no longer with us this year.







In Loving Memory

Ashland Fire Dept.



Loleta Aplin
Gloria Blum
Bruce Knox

Athens Vol. Fire. Dept.



Anthony Delvecchio Jr
Arthur Kisselburg Sr

Cairo Hose Co.



Eric Rasmussen

Coxsackie Hose Co. 3



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East Durham Fire Co.



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Frances Sickles

Haines Falls Fire Co



Dennis Galin

Hensonville Hose Company



William Allen

Hunter Fire Company



John Parslow

Jewett Hose Company



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Daniel Early Ricki Ertner

Oak Hill-Durham Fire



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Prattsville



Vince Igoe Jerry Raeder
Dan Rikard Dave Slater

Windham Hose



Richard Morse Sr
Alan Holcumb

Our Greene County Mountain Top Family

Jeremy Glick, 9-11 Flight 93 Hero



Little Angel Levi Thomas Dempsey







"Go rest high on that mountain
Son, your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
Love for the Father and the Son"

After a brief pause, the evening concluded with the annual meeting conducted for the last time by President Jason Haines. Unfortunately, there were no nominations for Firefighter of the Year this year. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for office, and all were unanimously elected:

Jeffrey Coyne, RoundTop – President

Ted Nugent Jr., Greenville – 1st VP

TerriJo Gallagher, Kiskatom – 2nd VP

Charlotte Osborn, Ashland – Recording Secretary

Maureen Kaminski, Kiskatom – Treasurer

George Stacey, Athens – Financial Secretary

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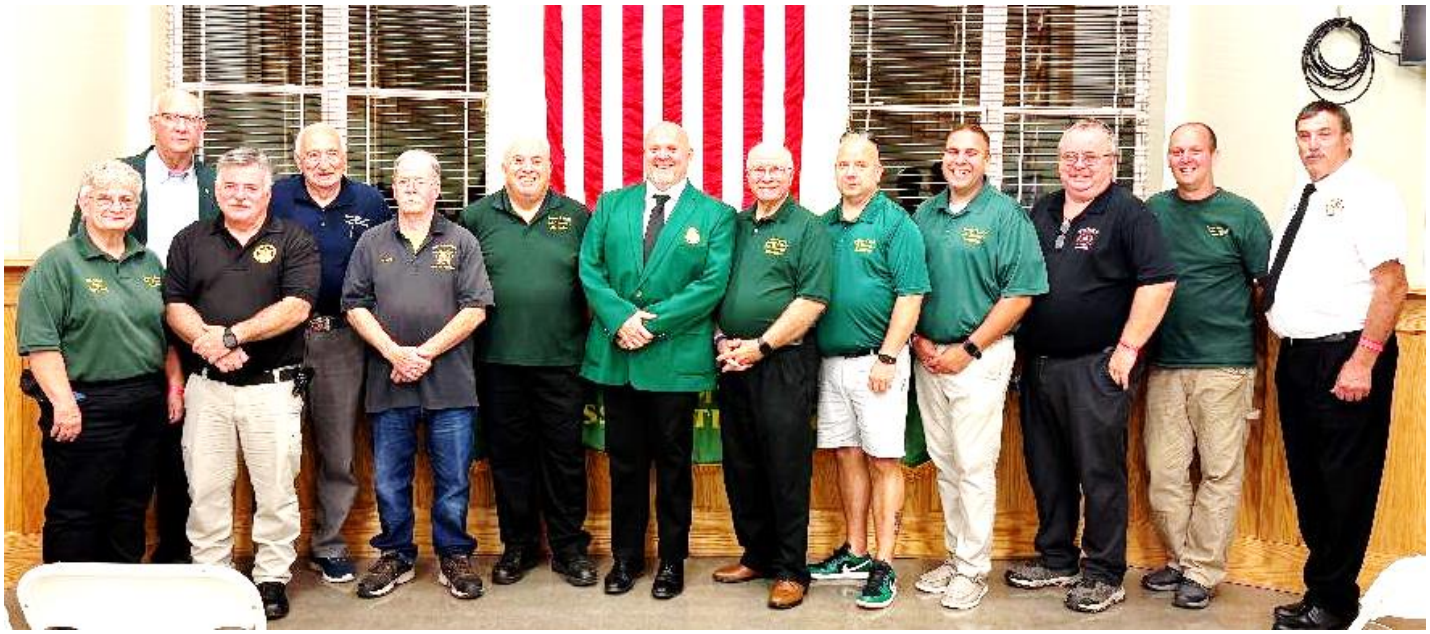












Now that the formalities of meetings were over, Friday, September 11 was a night for the annual Mardi Gras – America 250!



















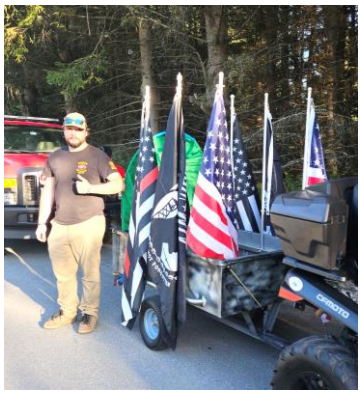









Call 911






THANK YOU







And the winners of the Mardi Gras are
(Unfortunately, did not receive names of trophy winners by press time):











September 11 was not just the Mardi Gras. The day took on a solemn remembrance of the horrific attacks on our country 25 years ago … September 11, 2001. Surrounding the tent were 2976 U S flags, in memory of each innocent victim. Flag 2077 was a very special and personal flag. That one was raised in honor and memory of Jeremy Glick, part of our Greene County Mountain Top community.

Jeremy Logan Glick was born on September 3, 1970. On the morning of September 11, 2001, Jeremy boarded United Airlines Flight 93 to San Francisco. He was traveling for a business trip in California. Jeremy was originally scheduled to fly out on September 10th, but an airport fire caused him to delay his trip another day and instead fly on September 11th. Sadly, Jeremy never made it to California as Flight 93 was the fourth plane to be hijacked and targeted on September 11th. Upon the plane's hijacking and takeover, several phone calls were made from the passengers and crew, where they learned of the other hijacked flights that had crashed into the World Trade Center and Pentagon. One of these calls was from Jeremy to his wife, Lyzbeth. In the call, Jeremy explained the situation and gave descriptions of the terrorists. He told his wife that he loved her and needed her to be happy for him and for their daughter, Emmy. Jeremy also told her of the plans he and the passengers were putting together. Jeremy was one of the main organizers of Flight 93's passenger revolt, along with Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham, and Tom Burnett Jr. Jeremy's last words to his wife were "We're going to rush the hijackers." As he ended the call, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 did just that, storming the cockpit and fighting back against the hijackers to prevent the plane from being used as another weapon for a ground attack. They were successful in target diversion and saved many lives, but in the fight for control, the hijackers crashed the plane onto an open field in Somerset County, PA, claiming the lives of everyone on board, including Jeremy. Jeremy & his family will always be a part of the Ashland community. He is buried at Ashland Cemetery (also known as Pleasant Valley Cemetery).

Jeremy's brave and heroic actions that day will always be honored and remembered, as will the great sacrifice of all the passengers and crew of Flight 93. Jeremy's life, love, accomplishments, and memories are never forgotten. His vibrant spirit and shining legacy will live on forever. For this reason, a flagpole was installed with a flag in honor of Jeremy was raised.













As the sun rose on September 12, the convention was winding to an end with the traditional dress parade. Trucks were shining, antique apparatus stood out and each marching unit looked to impress the judges.





Ashland Fire Department



Town of Athens Fire Service w/ Marine Corps Band









Windham Hose Company No. 1

Prattsville Hose Co.



Jewett Fire Department



Hensonville Fire Department

Grand Gorge Conesville East Jewett Fire Department



Lexington Fire Department



Haines Falls Fire Company



Tannersville Joint Fire District



H D Lane Fire

Hunter Volunteer Fire Company No 1







Greenville Volunteer Fire Company

East Durham Volunteer Fire Company





Round Top Fire Company



Oak-Hill Durham Volunteer Fire Company



Cairo Hose Company



Freehold Volunteer Fire Company

Slingerlands

Stuyvesant Fire



Palenville Fire Department



Leeds Hose Company No 1



Kiskatom Fire Department



Catskill Fire Department

Stottville Fire Company

Ravena Hose Company



Cornell Hook & Ladder



Medway-Grapeville Fire Company



Earlton Fire Department



Coxsackie Hose Company #3















TROPHIES

(Sorry did not receive list by press time so only have these photos)

Thank you, Erica Haines, for serving as photographer





Peter Bennett Memorial Award – West Athens Fire Company

Town of Athens and Marine Corps Band











Cairo Hose Co





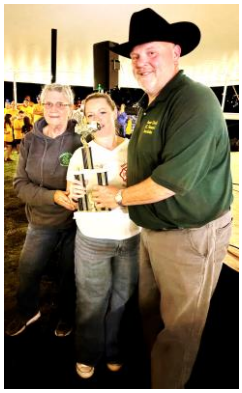
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Greenville

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Hunter Fire

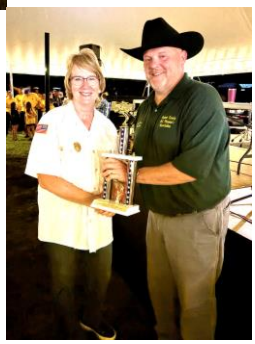








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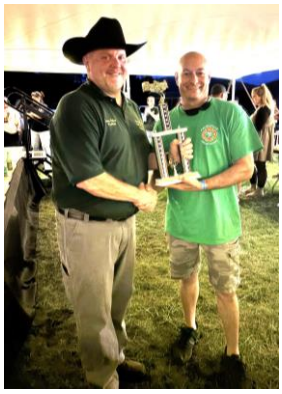


Palenville



Round Top





Sheriff Office Color Guard











THE MILLENNIAL TROPHY
Cornell Hook & Ladder
New Baltimore











As another convention draws to a close. The GCVFA and LA would like to extend a huge appreciation to the Ashland Fire Department, namely Chris Hamilton, Chairman, and his committee Charlotte Osborn, Diane Cross, Heather Younes, Richard Tompkins, Jin Garraghan, Jim Thorington and John Mattice. Their hard work and dedication over the past months made it a very successful event and enjoyed by all. See you in 2027 in West Athens!

We leave you with a few fond memories of the convention . . . We Are Family!





















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LA / FIRE CHIEFS / FIRE POLICE
QUARTERLY MEETINGS 2026 - 2027

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD - SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 - GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE CHIEFS - OCTOBER 19, 2026 - HUNTER FIRE STATION

LAGCVFA EXECUTIVE BOARD – OCTOBER 26, 2026 – GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE POLICE - OCTOBER 28, 2026 - EAST DURHAM FIRE STATION

GCVFA - NOVEMBER 5, 2026 - EAST DURHAM FIRE STATION

LAGCVFA – NOVEMBER 23, 2026 – COXSACKIE HOSE #3

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD - DECEMBER 17, 2026 - GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE CHIEFS - JANUARY 18, 2027 - OAK HILL DURHAM FIRE STATION

LAGCVFA EXECUTIVE BOARD – JANUARY 25, 2027 – GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE POLICE - JANUARY 27, 2027 – KISKATOM (TENTATIVE)

GCVFA-FEBRUARY 4, 2027 - HAINES FALLS FIRE STATION

LAGCVFA – FEBRUARY 22, 2027 – KISKATOM FIREHOUSE

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD - MARCH 25, 2027 - GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE CHIEFS -APRIL 19, 2027 - EAST JEWETT FIRE STATION

LAGCVFA EXECUTIVE BOARD – APRIL 19, 2027 – GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE POLICE - APRIL 28, 2027 - TBA

GCVFA - MAY 6, 2027 - HENSONVILLE FIRE STATION

LAGCVFA – MAY 17, 2027 – LOCATION TBA

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD - JUNE 24, 2027 - GC TRAINING CENTER, CAIRO

FIRE CHIEFS - JULY 19, 2027- EAST DURHAM FIRE STATION

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