



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

35 N. First Street, Albany, NY 12204

August 2019



A Message from the Commander

Congratulations to Tom Tracy, who at our most recent general meeting (Sunday afternoon July 21st) was presented with a certificate (suitable for framing) recognizing his fifty (50) years of continuous service in the American Legion. Tom advised us that it's now in fact fifty-one (51) years, showing how slowly the Legion's bureaucracy wheels turn.

Congratulations also to Joseph Clemens and Donald Boel, who received certificates for sixty and fifty years respectively, but were unable to attend the meeting. Together, these three Legionnaires have over 160 years of continuous Legion service.

Also at the general meeting, a proposal that Legion membership will be made available to any Albany High School JROTC graduate entering the military and will be underwritten by the Post for the duration of his or her service was approved without opposition.

Bar Talk: Bob Green observed that so far our pavilion has sat idle with nary a function held there this summer. From behind the bar, Herk added that only the post hall gets rented, never the pavilion. Bob suggested that picnic tables be set up somewhere in plain view to alert passers-by that a facility exists behind the post. Any thoughts on this, readers?

Summer Post hours are in effect:

Tuesday through Saturday: 2:00 to 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday: Noonish through 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.*

Monday: Closed

*Discretion of bartender

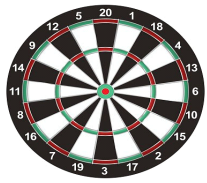
Scheduled Functions can be later



L to R: 1st Vice Commander John Sacca, Tom Tracy, Commander Lawrence Wiest. Missing: Joseph Clemens and Donald Boel

Enjoy August. Stay hydrated!

Lawrence Wiest



Dart League

The Dart League kicks off their season in September. If interested, sign up at the bar or call the bar (518-465-1402).

Auxiliary News

Some Auxiliary members helped welcome in summer at the Richard J. Conners Veterans Home on Walter Street bringing ice cream and all of the fixings to make chocolate and strawberry sundaes. Those attending were Joann DeLisle, Kathy Schmitz-Morfe and her daughter, Diane Maguire, Sheila Savage, and Judy Benner.

I just want to remind Auxiliary members that we are all members of our membership committee. Always carry a membership application in your purse and invite everyone eligible to join. Tell them why you joined the Auxiliary and share some of the projects we do every year to help veterans and military and their families. You would be surprised how many women don't know they can join our group just by being the mother, wife, daughter, granddaughter, and step-relatives.

Dues for the upcoming year can be paid any time. Senior dues are still \$25 (past president's another \$5) and juniors (18 years and younger) are \$8. Send check to Janice Precopia, 1160 New Scotland Rd., Albany NY 12208, or drop at the Post any time.

Judith Benner
President

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

Bill Gilheany is recovering from an illness.

Harold "Joe" Decker is at EverGreen Commons Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, East Greenbush.

Rick Myers is recovering at home from a fall.

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed, please contact our Chaplain Charles Lossi at 518-438-6336 or newsletter editor Gretchen Riley, 518-526-8753 or ghodges220@yahoo.com.

Time to renew your membership dues. 2019 - 2020 Membership Year Began July 1

Annual dues for 2019-2020 are now due for both the Legion and the Auxiliary.

Membership dues for the Legion for 2020 are due between 01 July 19 and 31 December 19. To renew your membership, dues can be dropped off at the Post or mailed (\$45 per person, \$42 if retired and 62 years of age or older). You may also renew your membership online at www.legion.org/renew. This link is only for American Legion members.

Auxiliary members may also drop their dues off at the Post or mail payment to Janice Precopia. Senior dues are \$25 (past president's additional \$5) and juniors (18 years and younger) are \$8.

Looking for a Venue to hold an event?

The outside BBQ grill and dining area, and picnic area are all available for use. Contact Mick Ryan for more information, or to book your event. We also provide the cooks. Hot fun in the summertime!

The Post banquet room and meeting room are also available for your indoor events. For information, or to book either room, call the bar, 518-465-1402.

**It's
a
Party!**

NYS Auxiliary Convention

Held in Buffalo, July 18 – 20

First, I would like to thank the Auxiliary for sending me to the Convention. I had a wonderful time and I was able to see old friends and make new ones. Peg Norton also attended the convention.

We elected a new American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York President for the year 2019-2020. Her name is Linda Tome. Linda is from Wayne County. Marie Mock, Department President for 2018-2019, also attended. Marie is from the Legnard-Curtin Post in Green Island (Albany County).

The 3rd District ALA Fall Conference will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post #1520. More information will follow.

Diane Maguire



Diane Maguire at the NYS Auxiliary Convention. Past Department President Marie Mock (wearing white sash)



Your Commander is in desperate need of a Membership Chair.

We are also looking for a House Chairman for the Post. If interested in either of these positions, please contact Larry Wiest, our Post Commander at (518) 434-6438.

The Post is still on the hunt for bartenders. If interested, please call Bar Chair Mick Ryan at (518) 522-3486.

***** Wanted *****

Craft/vendor fair Sunday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters and Vendors wanted! Contact Kim Rice at kluvy14@aol.com, if interested.

****** Important Notice ******

It should be noted that we no longer have P.O. Box 4004. Everything should be sent to the Post physical address:

**35 North First St.
Albany, NY 12204**

SONs Squadron

We are in the planning process for the Annual North Albany American Legion Post 1610 Veterans Memorial Mass and Breakfast. The Mass is at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish at 33 Walter Street, 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2019. The price will remain the same, \$5.00, that it was when it started in the early 1980s by Dick Conners, Neil Gray, and Tom Prime at their McDonald's Breakfast Club before Mass. This commemoration of our deceased Veterans is a great event. Tickets will be available after Labor Day at the Bar or from Mike Conners, Brian Early, and Ryan Scully.

The SONs would like to have a Memorial cocktail party for Deceased Members of the Auxiliary and the SONs this Fall. If you are interested in helping plan this, please contact our Commander Larry Wiest, Judy Benner, or Mike Conners.

Michael F. Conners, II
Squadron Treasurer

***** 25-Week Club Party *****

25-Week Club Party, Saturday, September 14, 2-6 p.m. Paid club members will have chicken dinner, entertainment, free beer, wine, and soda. Tickets for non-club members will be available for purchase, \$25 per person, behind the bar through August 31. **All club members need to RSVP by August 31.**

Upcoming Events — Save the Date

Sunday, August 18: Limericks Golf Fun Day, \$85 per person, \$20 dinner only. For information or to register, call or email Don McMahon (djcmahon@outlook.com; 518-275-9799) or Mike Kindlon (518-374-2679)
Saturday, September 14: 25-week club party — RSVP by August 31
Sunday, October 6: Vendor/Craft Fair — Crafters and Vendors wanted. Contact kluvy14@aol.com

Next Month's Meeting Dates:

9th Ward/Post 1610 monthly meeting: Sunday, August 18, at 12:30 p.m.
Legion: Sunday, August 18, at 12:30 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.
S.A.L: Conference call meeting sometime after August 10; details to be emailed out.
Auxiliary: Meetings will resume in September.
Limerick: TBD
Community Meeting: Tuesday, August 6, at 6 p.m. (for Legion, SONS, Auxiliary and Limericks). Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Post

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Sons of the Legion

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