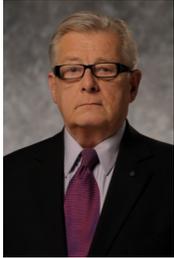




North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

35 North First Street, Albany, NY 12204

September 2019



A Message from the Commander

As I write this message, member Dan Aikens of the Connors Residence will be cleaning out the pavilion tomorrow (August 22) at 10:00 a.m. (one of his days off from Stratton VA). Dan will be using a pressure washer on the floor, etc. after removing the tables and other stuff stored there (including a couple of oversized Limerick paraphernalia), all in anticipation of a couple events taking place in September including:

The 25-Week Club chicken dinner will be held there Saturday, September 14, from 2-6 p.m. I know Kim Rice contacted everyone we have email addresses for who did not sign up for this round of the 25-Week Club, but may be interested in the dinner. By the time, you read this, the August 31 RSVP deadline may have already passed. If not, tickets are behind the bar. Thank you, thank you, Kim, for all your hard work spent in resurrecting this time-honored tradition.

In addition, the SGT Henry Johnson MOHR JROTC Battalion will be holding its annual picnic Sunday afternoon, September 29 at the pavilion. Cadets with their parents will be bringing home-cooked food from around the world. Last year's picnic was a fascinating culinary journey. By invitation only.

At the next membership meeting, scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 12:30 p.m., several of the five Albany High JROTC cadets we sent this summer to Boys State are scheduled to be with us and brief us on what and how they did last June in Morrisville. Plan to attend this meeting.

When Sara and I returned from Europe at the end of May, we were greeted by a folder tucked in our front door that stated our state senator Neil Breslin had put me in for the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame (who knew there was such a thing!) and that the induction ceremony was May 21 (come and gone) and could I contact his office ASAP?

Which I did and so, a private induction ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon, August 11 at Tri County Vietnam Vets' China Beach event, where Neil (with his brother Mike Breslin) presented me with a plaque and citation. I'm honored.

Lawrence Wiest



Auxiliary News

As our Auxiliary year is about to start, I'd like to invite all members to come to our next meeting on October 1 (first one was on September 3) and invite you to bring a family member or friend to the meeting so they can see what we are all about. New members bring more enthusiasm and ideas and reenergize the existing members. Our Auxiliary has 88 members, but many are either becoming unable to participate in our activities, because of their age, a disability or not living in the area any longer. Women who are veterans, mothers, sisters, wives or daughters are all eligible to join the Auxiliary. So there are many women out there who can become members. We are the largest woman's volunteer organization with a mission to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

Dues for this year remain the same: \$25 for senior members (plus \$5 for Past Presidents) and just \$8 for juniors aged 17 years and under. What a great way to honor their family members that made this sacrifice by deciding to join and promote the same ideals they swore to protect.

This is also an exciting year to join, because this is the 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. We hope you will bring your dues to our next meeting, but if you cannot make it, you can mail to Jan Precopia, our Membership Chairman, at 1160 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY 12208 or to the Post at 35 North First St., Albany, NY 12204. **DO NOT USE THE OLD PO BOX; IT HAS BEEN CLOSED**, and your dues will just be returned to you.

As you can see, we are holding a Craft Fair again this year. It is planned for Sunday, October 6. Kim Rice is the Chairman again this year. She did an awesome job last year and I know she will continue to do so this year. Kim is looking for a few members to help. Contact her if you

are interested in helping. We have a few open tables still available for crafters/vendors if you know someone that might be interested. Kim can be contacted on her cell at 518-526-8097, at the Post or email her at kluvy14@aol.com. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and could use extra members helping.

Our second project running now is "Give 10 To Education." Information is also in this newsletter. Hope everyone can help.

By now, everyone should have received my 'Welcome Letter' and meeting schedule. If you did not, contact our Secretary, Diane Maguire, and make sure we have your correct mailing address and email. She can be reached at 518-813-4765 or dmaguire520@nycap.rr.com.

Our 3rd District Fall Conference will be held on October 16 at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post on Everett Rd. in Colonie. All are invited to attend. You will be able to meet our State President, Linda Tome and all of her officers and learn about upcoming activities and helpful ideas for making the year a success for everyone. Linda's project for this year is Stop Soldier Suicide. The nation's first veteran-founded-and-led 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to preventing military suicide. Their website is stopsoldiersuicide.org if you would like to learn more. If you are interested in attending the Conference, contact me at 518-817-1240 or, email me at judybenner13@gmail.com. (Cost is usually \$20-25, which includes lunch.)

The Zaloga Post is holding an open house on Sunday, September 15, from 1-5 p.m. to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. It is open to the public. (You do not have to belong to the American Legion.) There will be a buffet, activities and entertainment. Sure to be a fun time.

Judith Benner
President

Auxiliary Project

“Give 10 to Education”

We hope you have all had a good summer and are ready to assist us with some projects we have scheduled this year. Beginning this school year with “Give 10 for Education” is an easy way for our Unit to provide school supplies to our local schools and community. All we ask is that you consider buying items such as 10 pencils, 10 glue sticks, 10 spiral notebooks, 10 rulers, 10 colored folders, 10 boxes of crayons or colored pencils, 10 erasers, 10 packs of construction paper, 10 packs of notecard or index cards, 10 composition books, 10 pencil cases—even 10 Box Tops for Education labels from grocery items. This is only naming a few items but you are not limited to these and can get anything children can use in school. Of course, we are not expecting everyone to buy all 10 of each item; pencils, erasers, glue sticks, etc. come in multiple packs.

Our first Auxiliary monthly meeting is on September 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. You can bring the supplies to the meeting that night. We will also have a donation box in the bar area at the Post. Thank you and looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Jan Precopia

Chaplain’s News

Sick call:

Legion: Herk Rider, at home recovering from a fall.

Auxiliary: Lisa McNicols, at home recovering from surgery.

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed, please contact our Chaplains Charles Lossi at 518-438-6336 or JoAnn DeLisle at 518-426-8463 or via email jodee4444@hotmail.com or newsletter editor Gretchen Riley, 518-526-8753 or ghodges220@yahoo.com.



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:

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Reminders

Post hours return to normal after Labor Day.

If you have any tattered, worn out, or damaged flags, please bring them to the Post so the flags can be disposed of properly. Flags can be placed in the retired flag receptacle.

***** Wanted *****

The Dart League is looking for new members. If interested, stop in to the Bar or call the bar, 518-465-1402.

*** 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.**



Dart League

The Dart League kicks off their season on September 27 at 7 p.m. If interested, sign up at the bar or call the bar at, 518-465-1402.

Upcoming Events — Save the Date

Saturday, September 14: 25-week club party — RSVP by August 31
Saturday, September 21: North Albany Loggers Old-timers Softball Game, Mullens Field
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, September 15, at 12:30 p.m.
Legion: Sunday, September 15, at 12:30 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.
S.A.L: TBD
Auxiliary: Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m.
Limerick: TBD
Community Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, at 6 p.m. (for Legion, SONs, Auxiliary and Limericks). Everyone is encouraged to attend.

General Post Phone No.: (518) 465-4800 **Fax:** (518) 320-0586
Post Bar/General Information: (518) 465-1402 **Email:** nap1610@yahoo.com

Post

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1st Vice Commander: John Sacca
2nd Vice Commander: Open
Adjutant: Patrick Ellis
Finance Officer: John Sacca
Judge Advocate: Lawrence Wiest
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Chaplain: Charles Lossi (518) 438-6336
Historian: Charles Kelly (518) 465-4800

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