



# North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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## A Message from the Commander



Where did the summer go? Remember those endless days of summer when we were a bit younger and it was always sunny? I'm told that as one's metabolism slows down time seems to speed up until we get to a point after Labor Day comes and goes where we ask each other, "Where did the summer go?"

First, a reminder that our monthly membership meetings have returned to the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., the next meeting being September 21. Let's hope we can get enough attendees for a poker game.

Second, a heartfelt thank you to retired Albany school district employee and roofing contractor Howard Butler, who responded quickly and did a great job when we sprung a leak some weeks back. There have been some serious rainstorms this summer. Thank you also to Rory Hornberger, commander of South Buffalo Legion Post 721, who's been our guest while working at the Arsenal, probably through October. Rory found for us in Buffalo those impossible to find ceiling tiles we use in Scully Hall to replace those destroyed by the leak.

Third, the post has new insurance coverage with the Moore Insurance Agency of Watervliet. Thank you to the Auxiliary's and the Limerick's Theresa Jones for referring us to Moore's Jay Hans and saving the post more than three thousand dollars annually.

Fourth, the Irish soiree hosted by the Limericks to benefit the post and originally scheduled for September 25 had to be pushed forward to Saturday, October 16. Specifics are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fifth, undaunted, Judy Benner's Auxiliary and House Chair Jackie Jones and her posse will hold their chicken barbeque the same weekend, on Sunday afternoon October 17, also to benefit the post. Again, more details elsewhere in this issue.

By the time you read this message the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan will be old news, but its aftermath will still be ongoing. I don't remember where I was when I heard the news that Saigon fell the spring of '75. I'd been home from 'Nam since early 1969 and the last of America's GI's returned in 1973. I do remember my reaction being a shrug of the shoulders sadness.

Ever since witnessing the fall of Afghanistan on the tube in real time however I've been seething – spitting mad, not because we left after twenty years, but rather because of the criminally incompetent way

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in which we did it. It's too much to expect that an administration would fashion a detailed withdrawal plan covering all contingencies if we ever had to beat a hasty retreat, certainly not the last one and this one's only been in office six months fighting a pandemic. Administrations come and go after all.

But the military – what were they thinking? Had they no evacuation plan in place should the corrupt government that we were propping up for two decades collapse like a house of cards after we announced to the world the day certain of our departure? And what general decided to close that huge Bagram air base before we got everyone we were beholden to out of harm's way? Now all those Afghans and their families who cast their lot with us can join the ranks of those Vietnamese who did the same, and more recently the Kurds who did the same thing (twice), swearing allegiance to a fickle nation. Shame on us.



**Lawrence Wiest  
Commander**

### Chaplain's News

**Sick Call:**

- Mickey Ryan - Legion
- Tom Curran - Legion
- Joe Precopia - Legion
- Mike Connors - Sons

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed, please contact our Chaplains Charles Lossi at 518-438-6336 or Peggy Hovish (518-785-3485 or [phovish@nycap.rr.com](mailto:phovish@nycap.rr.com)) or Kathy Schmitz-Morfe (518-495-2955 or [ksmorfe@gmail.com](mailto:ksmorfe@gmail.com)). Or, newsletter editor Gretchen Riley ([ghodges220@yahoo.com](mailto:ghodges220@yahoo.com) or 518-526-8753).

### Auxiliary News

Welcome Auxiliary members. Our new year starts with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Note: this is not the first Tuesday of the month, but for September we are doing the second Tuesday due to conflicts.

The Auxiliary is doing a fundraiser to support the post by holding another BBQ Chicken Takeout Dinner on Sunday, October 17. Price is the same as our last one, \$15.00. We are asking everyone to preorder by contacting me and sending me a check in the mail for your meals. My contact information is [judybenner13@gmail.com](mailto:judybenner13@gmail.com) or (518) 817-1240. All profit will be given to the post to help defray the expenses of running the post. Everyone's support is really important if we want to have our post continue to operate. Menu includes chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter (same as last event).

Your dues are now due. The amount is the same as last year; \$25.00 for senior members, \$5.00 for Past Presidents (additional) and \$8.00 for girls under 18 years. Mail to Janice Precopia, Membership Chairman, 1160 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY 12208. We encourage everyone to bring in one new member this year to help us grow.

**For God and Country,  
Judy Benner  
President**



### Dart League

The Dart League kicks off their season on September 24 at 7 p.m. If interested, sign up at the bar or call the bar at 518-465-1402.

# BBQ Chicken Dinner - Takeout Only

## Sponsored by NA Post 1610 Auxiliary



**Date: Sunday, October 17**  
**Time: 3-5 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$15**  
**Location: NA AL Post 1610**  
**35 North First St., Albany**

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Dinner includes:

1/2 Chicken  
Baked potato  
Coleslaw  
Dinner roll

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Poppies will also be  
available

**For reservations: Judy Benner, Auxiliary President**

**518-817-1240 or judybenner13@gmail.com**

- Leave name, order and phone number.
  - Dinners to be prepaid - checks payable to NA Auxiliary #1610 and mail to: Judy Benner, 13 Broderick St., Albany, NY 12205
- Deadline for orders: Thursday, October 13.**

**Quantities will be limited and will sell out quickly. Don't delay place your prepaid order(s) today.**

**\*\*Limited seating at the bar to eat and enjoy a drink with dinner**





## North Albany Post Fund Raiser

# We're having an Irish American Party!

Our beloved North Albany Post needs us  
The Limericks are throwing a bash to support our home base.

Please join us for a fun Saturday night at The Post!  
Come one, come all - Bring family & friends  
Food, Snacks & Music will be provided  
Dancing, 50/50 Raffle, Basket of Cheer Raffle, Darts, Billiards



**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2021

**Location:** The North Albany American Legion Post #1610  
35 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Albany, NY 12204

**Time:** 5:00 pm

Donation at the Door: \$5.00

The last American Legion Post left in the City of Albany  
Please support our Post! We truly need your help & thank you!