



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

35 N. First St., Albany NY 12204

July 2019



A Message from the Commander

Stopping in at the post this past Sunday evening (June 23), I encountered the extended Brooks family in our Scully Hall celebrating the graduation of Malachi Brooks from Albany High School at a ceremony held that same afternoon at the Times Union Center.

Many of you know Malachi, a memorable member of the school's Henry Johnson Battalion JROTC, from decorating graves at St. Agnes Cemetery or volunteering at our corned beef and cabbage dinners held each St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Anyhow, he joined the Army Reserve and reports for basic training at Fort Jackson, SC this July 7. Upon completion, Malachi returns to attend college at Norwich University in Vermont. His goal is to ultimately secure a commission and begin his military service as a second lieutenant.



Malachi Brooks
2019 Graduate

A couple St. Patrick's weekends ago, Malachi advised me that his family is not of the North Albany Brooks family, as far as he knew.

I've also been advised of the "grand post tradition" that every North Albany "post family member" who enters the service is awarded American Legion membership, if he or she desires one, compliments of the post as long as he or she is on active duty.

By now, we consider our Albany High JROTC cadets post family members, and I will be seeking formal inclusion of this concept into our grand post tradition at the July 21 general meeting. Remember too, that each graduating JROTC senior entering service is the son or daughter of a potential Auxiliary member.

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A sooty salute and hats off to Don Riley and Tom Tracy for burning countless flags of all sizes collected over the past year as well as flags culled by Tom from those flags retrieved at St. Agnes the Wednesday after this Memorial Day. All was completed with nary an APD unit nor an AFD vehicle in attendance.

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I visited Bill Gilheany yesterday (June 25). He is doing fine. Bill is moving out of Baptist Health in the next several days to an assisted living place in Albany, name unknown. Stay tuned.

Lawrence Wiest

Planning an event?

Need a venue?

Remember that the Post banquet room, meeting room, and pavilion are available for family picnics/reunions, bridal showers, etc. To arrange an event, call the Post at (518) 465-800 or (518) 465-1402 or email nap1610@yahoo.com.

Help Wanted

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 Mickey Ryan at (518) 522-3486.

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

Sick Call:

Joe Decker is at Evergreen Nursing Home, East Greenbush.

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 at (518) 526-8753 or via email ghodges220@yahoo.com.

SONs Squadron

SONs had a good Memorial Day presence at Post, NAA/PS 20 memorial decorations, St. Agnes Cemetery grave decorations, Memorial Day Parade, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Gold Star Families Memorial, Post Open House and Honor A Veteran presentation.

SONs will have a conference call meeting in July, details to be emailed out. Trying to get back in action.

We sponsored a Teachers and Staff Memorial Mass held Sunday, June 23 at Sacred

Heart and have begun planning for the Annual NA American Legion Post 1610 Veterans Memorial Mass Pancake Breakfast. Tickets still only \$5.00. Please email us any information on deceased Legionnaires since November 2108.

The SONS were presented with a generous gift at the walk a few weeks ago. Great job Judy Benner on the We Walk for Them fundraiser.

We would like to propose a Memorial Cocktail party for deceased members of the Auxiliary and Sons from NA.

For God and Country
Squadron Treasurer

Michael F. Connors, II

P.S. The SONs also were instrumental in getting checks from 2017 and 2018 reissued.

Auxiliary

Time to elect new officers for 2019-20 year. NYS Auxiliary Convention is this month on July 18-20 in Buffalo. Our Auxiliary has two members attending: Diane Maguire and Peg Norton. I am unable to attend this year due to a family commitment.

To give everyone more details on what members can do over the summer and report to us, I have decided to give everyone some food for thought. Do you fly your American flag daily? Do you spend time with a friend or neighbor that cannot get out or drive them to an appointment? Do you volunteer with Girl/Boy Scouts? At your church? I know that many of you do these things, all classified as 'community service' and we can put them in our reports to Dept.

Someone asked me what we do with the aluminum ring tabs we collect. Well, we donate them to the Shriners who in turn recycle them and give the money to the Shriners Children Hospital in Springfield, MA for items not included in their budget.

Keep in mind also that if you do any donation to a not-for-profit organization we can

get credit for it in our reporting. Just email your activities to me, or any questions you might have, and I will be sure to give to the appropriate committee chairperson.

An Orientation Tea for Empire Girls State was held at the Wynantskill Post in Wynantskill, NY on Sunday, June 9, at 1 p.m. Good time, good friends, and very informative. One of the young women going from Albany County is Julia Wang. The North Albany Auxiliary is sponsoring Julia. Girls State is at

SUNY Brockport, Brockport, NY starting Sunday, June 30.

Judith Benner, President



Retiring American Flags

With Memorial Day and Flag Day just behind us and the 4th of July upon us, some individuals ask, “how can I dispose of my American flag?” As you read in the Commander’s article on page 1, a ceremonial flag burning took place at the North Albany Post on Saturday, June 15. The ceremony, conducted by Don Riley and Tom Tracy, started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Flags collected over the past year were burned, after being properly folded.

The North Albany Post collects flags all year and tries to burn the flags on Flag Day at noon. A retired flag receptacle is located outside the entrance to the Post where tattered, worn out, or damaged flags can be left for the next Flag Day ceremony. More information about flag retirement ceremonies can be found on the web.



**Sons of Veterans
Wives or Daughters of
Veterans...**



**...We Invite You to
Become Members of
the North Albany Post**



(Please see the bartender for more information.)

Important Upcoming Dates

- Monday, July 1, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.: Ice cream social at the Richard J. Connors Veterans home
- Tuesday, July 2, 2019 – Boys State ends and cadets return from Morrisville
- Saturday, July 6, 2019 – Empire Girls State ends
- Thursday, July 18, 2019 to Saturday, July 20, 2019 – NYS Auxiliary Convention in Buffalo
- Sunday, July 21, 2019 – 12:30 p.m.: 9th Ward/Post 1610 monthly meeting

Next Month's Meeting Dates:

Legion: Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Refreshments (subs: Italian, turkey, and roast beef) will be served.
S.A.L: Conference call meeting; details to be emailed out.
Auxiliary: Meetings will resume in September.
Limerick: Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Community Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6 p.m. (for Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and Limericks).
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Save the Date

Sunday, August 18th: Limericks Golf Fun Day, \$85 per person, \$20 dinner only. For more information or to register, call or email: Don McMahon (djmcmahon@outlook.com; 518-275-9799) or Mike Kindlon (518-374-2659)
Saturday, September 14th: 25-week club event (more information to come)
Sunday, October 6th: Vendor/Craft fair (more information to come)

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