



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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A Message from the Commander

Rave reviews all around is what the Auxiliary sponsored takeout (for the most part) chicken dinner got last Sunday. The dinner skillfully prepared by our house chair Jackie Jones and her grillmeister husband Lormenzo Jones included a delicious one-half chicken, a baked potato, homemade and first-class coleslaw, a dinner roll, all with butter and barbeque sauce on the side and meticulously portioned and presented. Mickey Ryan's assessment from home was, "Wow, that was great chicken!" The Auxiliary event and the 50-50 available at the pickup point made for a tidy sum dedicated to keeping your post solvent. Thank you, Judy Benner and our Auxiliary members and House Chair Jackie Jones, husband Lormenzo Jones and her sister Fay "Mia" Willingham.

That same Sunday afternoon we were treated to a visit by members of Rolling Thunder Chapter 5NY motorcycle club, who were there to pick up their ten chicken dinner orders, meet with our own Rick Myers (whom they treated with great deference – go figure), and celebrate the birthday of the late Jim Perkinson, a lifelong Limerick and the father of Michelle and Chris Perkinson and uncle of Lewie Perkinson, all Rolling Thunder members.

And then there was the evening before when the Limericks turned out in force – at the relentless Facebook urging of Secretary/Chaplain Tim Ryan – to socialize, imbibe (they're world class imbibers) and munch meatballs, pizza, and Halloween candy, all while dancing to the music of DJ Bo Weidman. The sheer number of Limericks, the modest donation at the door, the raffles and 50-50, and the full frontal assault on the post bar and its beleaguered bartenders Mary and Jeff made for a magnificent purse dedicated to the post's coffers. Thank you Limericks.

Our house chair Jackie Jones plans on transforming our small meeting/pool room into an event space suitable for smaller gatherings, which means additional rental opportunities. This also means that we who have "stuff" stored or left in that room will have to remove it from that space sooner rather than later. Please don't ignore this notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Our dwindling bartending staff has negatively impacted the post’s operations. Oftentimes now, if a bartender falls ill we have to close the post. This situation is now exacerbated by the fact that the person charged with ensuring that the bar area and restrooms are kept clean (this is a paying gig) has stepped down from that position. In the meantime, Patrick Ellis has been doing the cleaning on a volunteer basis. Thank you, Patrick. This is a crisis situation that needs fixing ASAP or else we may have to open the place only for meetings and events. I welcome your suggestions.

Lawrence Wiest, Commander



The Limericks, Saturday, October 16, '21 (picture by Debbie Ryan McMahon.)

Rolling Thunder Chapter 5NY
“We ride for those who can’t speak for themselves: Prisoners of War/Missing in Action,” at the post Sunday October 17. From left front, Lewie Perkinson, your post commander Larry Wiest; from left rear, Afghan vet Dan Wilson, VP Dan Northrup, Michelle Perkinson, Chris Perkinson, Amy DiSanto, ‘Nam vet Robert Goo.



Auxiliary News

Well, November is a busy month for us. First I want to thank everyone that supported our October 17 BBQ Takeout Chicken Dinner. Special thanks to everyone that helped: Jan, Dorothy, Peg Norton, Sally, Gloria, Sara, Peg and Leon Hovish. Jackie and Lormenzo did a great job preparing the meal and the raves we received just kept coming. I even received an email from a Zaloga Post attendee complimenting both the Auxiliary and our cooks.

Next will be a turkey dinner for Hometown Heroes on Friday, November 5. Hope many of you are planning on attending. If you can help setup, serve or cleanup please reach out and let us know. We will have many visitors from outside our Post family and would love to make a great first impression. The Veterans Day Parade will be on Thursday, November 11 and start at 11:11 a.m. If you want to march in the parade, contact me for details.

The Post will be a drop-off site for Toys for Tots again this year so watch for the boxes in the bar and banquet room. A fundraiser sponsored by Crusin' for Tots will be on Saturday, November 13, and will include a spaghetti dinner for \$12.00. They are asking people RSVP to Andrew Liuzzi at 518-365-9301 or via email aliuzzi77@gmail.com just to confirm number attending. (They want to make sure they have enough food for everyone attending.) Prepayment is not required. They are also having a Chinese Auction with over \$2,000 worth of prizes that will be given away. They have been fundraising for this cause for several years and want to make sure kids are able to experience the joy of Christmas and receiving toys from Santa. Our children have always been an important part of the American Legion Family and hope everyone will come out to support this worthwhile cause.

The Auxiliary will be hosting the Albany County Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, November 23, starting at 7:00 p.m. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

Do you have any family members eligible to join us? Any mother, sister, daughter, or wife can join the Auxiliary and learn why we do what we can to help our veterans, military and their families. Join us at our next meeting (first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.) Members please remember to send your 2022 dues to Jan Precopia. They are due now and are still the same: \$25 for senior members and \$8 for juniors (under 18 years old). WE NEED YOU!

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

Chaplain's News

Sick Call:

- Mickey Ryan
- John Ott (John Leo Murray AL Post 171, Maine)
- Carole Egan

Post Everlasting:

Jim Duncan 10/04/2021
Legionnaire 63 years
Army Korean War vet; two Purple Hearts

Prayers are asked for Joann Delisle and her son Marc.

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) or Kathy Schmitz-Morfe (518-495-2955 or ksmorfe@gmail.com). Or, newsletter editor Gretchen Riley (ghodges220@yahoo.com or 518-526-8753).

Bar Hours – Tuesday through Friday, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.



At the door: Auxiliary members sell poppies at the Auxiliary's chicken barbeque event October 17. From left, Gloria Knorr, Sally Legendre, and Dorothy Curran.



House Chair Jackie Jones polishes up after orchestrating the Auxiliary chicken dinner event Sunday afternoon, October 17.



At the Auxiliary's chicken takeout event, from left, Peg Norton, Judy Benner, Leon and Peg Hovish, and Jan Precopia checked in those picking up dinners and sold a nice number of 50-50 tickets!

November Calendar

- Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting
- Friday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Awards Banquet
(Very limited seating; no Darts League)
- Sunday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.
Veterans Mass @ Sacred Heart Church
Veterans Breakfast 10 a.m. @ Post; \$5.00
- Thursday, November 11, 9:30 a.m.
Veterans Day Ceremony
Our Lady of Peace Memorial
New Scotland & South Lake Aves.
- Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting
- Saturday, November 13, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Cruisin' for Tots Spaghetti Dinner, \$12.00
@ Post
- Tuesday, November 23, 7 p.m.
Albany County Auxiliary meeting @ Post
- Albany Veterans Day Parade, 11:00 a.m.
(Forms at Central Avenue and Partridge Street)
Grand Marshal: 'Nam vet Robert Allyn