



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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A Message from the Commander



This month's membership meeting will be held the **THIRD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20** at 7:00 P.M. This will be an **IMPORTANT MEETING** as it will involve the **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023** and for the **FIRST TIME** in recent memory will include **TWO NOMINEES FOR POST COMMANDER**. You must be **PRESENT AT THE MEETING** and a **PAID UP POST MEMBER** to vote. All nominees are listed in this newsletter.

North Albany's 2022 St. Patrick's Day parade and the City's parade finally stepped off at noon and 2:00 p.m. respectively on Saturday, March 19 after being postponed a week due to a blizzard and two years due to a pandemic. Longtime Limerick Marshal Wendy Kindlon looked splendid in her tails, as did Miss Limerick Grace Bartow atop her parade float fabricated again this year by the talented craftsman Don Riley. Ominous thunderstorm warnings proved premature.

The corned beef and cabbage dinner/corned beef sandwich sales (sit down or take out) that commenced at the post at 4:00 p.m. was well attended, especially after the bus full of happy Limericks arrived from the downtown parade at 5:30 p.m. to join those already dining and dancing to the music of DJ Marie Slagen.

Congratulations to House Chair Jackie Jones for overseeing the memorable meal. Enthusiastic thanks to her kitchen crew, which included the Sacca family: dishwasher John in kitchen two, Drew on the floor attending the diners, and Auxiliary member Hiesook at the till taking in the green; Lormenzo Jones for prepping the night before, sous chefs Tammie McLaughlin and Marcus Willingham; Wanda Austin-Peters, a professional at plating, presenting, and otherwise; and Sara Wiest working the big room. A special thanks to kitchen two and flood control NCO John Town.

Congrats also to our House Chair who, with the able assistance of John Town and a posse of Limericks led by Tim Ryan, transformed the billiard room into a quite attractive event space suitable for a previously scheduled baby shower that had been in conflict with the rescheduled St. Patrick's Day events. Well done.

Early this month your commander traveled to Albany High School and visited the school's JROTC director MAJ David Erickson. While there, I interviewed cadets Chris Ta Eh (originally from Myanmar

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by way of Thailand) and Kevin Kam (originally from Binghamton by way of I-88). Both juniors will be attending Boys State this June 26 through July 1 at Morrisville State College down in the Southern Tier. We also have someone trying to get us a cadet from Albany Academy and possibly Green Tech.

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At a Joint Veterans Committee meeting held early this past March, we appointed Gold Star Mothers Mary Elizabeth Jenks and Cindy Roberts as grand marshals of Albany’s 2022 Memorial Day parade this May 30. Both lost daughters who were serving in the military at the times of their deaths.

SP4 Abigail Rose “Abby” Jenks was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division when she died at Ft. Bragg on April 19, 2021 during a training jump from a helicopter after her parachute failed to deploy. She was 20.

SGT Kristie A. Roberts, a medic with the 466th Medical Unit, NYARNG, Queensbury, NY, died by suicide on August 21, 2012 at age 27. SGT Roberts, an only child, became one of the “22-a-day” (as the military calls them) – more than twice the national suicide rate in the civilian population.

Mark your calendars for the first First Friday Fish Fry, Friday, May 6 at the post, sit down or take out, 4:00 ‘til 7:00 p.m. Includes fish fry, french fries, coleslaw. \$12.00.

Until Russia withdraws, we are all Ukrainians.

Lawrence Wiest
Commander



ELECTION OF AL POST 1610 OFFICERS 2022-2023

Post Commander Larry Wiest Don Perry (Vote for One)	Treasurer (No Candidate)
1st Vice Commander Jackie Jones	Judge Advocate Larry Wiest
2nd Vice Commander (No Candidate)	Historian John Mullen
3rd Vice Commander Don Perry	Chaplain Chuck Lossi
Adjutant John Sacca	Sergeants at Arms Mickey Ryan and William Ryan



Chaplain’s News

Sick call:

- Charles “Chuck” Lossi, Legion
- Carole Egan, Auxiliary
- Jan Precopia, Auxiliary

Prayers are asked for Marc DeLisle, JoAnn DeLisle’s son.

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed, please contact our Chaplains:

Charles Lossi (518.438.6336); Peggy Hovish (518.785.3485 or phovish@nycap.rr.com); or Kathy Schmitz-Morfe (518.495.2955 or ksmorfe@gmail.com). Or, contact newsletter editor, Gretchen Riley (518.526.8753 or ghodges220@yahoo.com).



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SATURDAY AT THE POST, 2022



This year Limerick Marshal Wendy Kindlon, at long last, got to lead her Limericks in the North Albany and downtown parades.



Mike Wright, left, and Joey Ryan quenching a terrible thirst after the parades.



Theresa Jones, left, and Kat McDonald take a break alongside the dance floor.



Volunteers Drew and Hiesook Sacca taking a breather at the end of a busy day. Many thanks.

The Auxiliary's Gloria Knorr, left, and Dorothy Curran enjoying the afternoon.



Gretchen and George Riley, this year's Mr. and Mrs. Limerick, with family and friends after enjoying a corned beef dinner. Standing L to R: Matt Quackenbush, Nancy Quackenbush and Don Riley. Sitting L to R: Gretchen Riley, George Riley, Mike Mihok and Gail Riley.



Auxiliary News

We still need 9 more new members or renewals to meet our quota. Do you have any family members interested in joining us? Mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters, female veterans, male or female spouses; you are all eligible! We would love to have you!

It's not too late to participate in our school supply drive, but we need supplies no later than April 5. Box is in the lobby at the Post.

We have picked a junior from Colonie Central High School as our candidate for Empire Girls State, India Buff. She will be joining 359 other juniors from across New York at SUNY Brockport in July. Congratulations India!

Spring Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. More info to follow.

We'd all like to wish Jan Precopia, our Vice President and Membership Chairman, a speedy recovery to her ankle surgery. If anyone would like to send her get well wishes, cards can be mailed to 1160 New Scotland Rd., Albany 12208, or email janprecopia@nycap.rr.com.

Veteran Walkathon will be held on Saturday, April 30, in Cook Park in the Village of Colonie (same as past few years). Flyers are in the Post along with 'Boots' you can purchase at the bar with a donation. All proceeds will go to Homeless Veteran Programs at the VA hospitals and 'American Vet Dogs', a not for profit that raises and trains service dogs for veterans. I hope everyone will join us.

Helpers are needed to distribute poppies in May. You don't need to be an Auxiliary member. All are welcome to help. Any time you can give to help distribute poppies will be greatly appreciated. If interested, send an email to Dorothy Curran (tomdor2000@yahoo.com) or give her a call (518.786.1284). Dorothy will be contacting stores for dates.

**Yours for the Auxiliary,
Judy Benner, President**

April Meetings and Events

Auxiliary: Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Legion Membership: Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m.
Election of AL Post 1610 Officers

Veterans Walkathon: Saturday, April 30 at Cook Park. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Walk begins at Noon.

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