



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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A Message from the Commander



The 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Albany is on Saturday, March 12 (the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day). The day starts with a 9:00 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Avenue. Then the North Albany parade steps off at noon in front of the post, south on North Pearl to Emmett, east on Emmett, north on Broadway to in front of the flagpoles in front of Il Faro's – Ceremony – then south again on North Pearl, west onto North First, and back to the post, where a hot dog or two will be inhaled by all before proceeding down to the 2:00 p.m. "big" parade (Limericks form at Central Avenue and Quail Street).

Meanwhile back at the post we'll be preparing for the sale of corned beef and cabbage dinners/corned beef sandwiches (and maybe some turkey sandwiches for the atheists) commencing at 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., or until we've sold out (whichever comes first).

If you get this newsletter in time (i.e., electronically), you'll be able to make reservations for the North Albany Limerick Dinner Dance (pork roast) Saturday, March 5 at the post: cocktails 5:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., and dancing 'til midnight with DJ Bo Weidman. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact dinner chair Babe Scully 518.605.9770 for tickets.

We were paid a visit on January 24 by a rep from Certified Inspection Services, which has a contract with the City of Albany to inspect facilities like ours to insure everything's up to code. In our case, everything wasn't. Did you know that the CO2 canisters (for our bar) in the basement must be chained secure lest they fall over? There were a couple other violations that were easy fixes (e.g., four inoperable emergency lights activated by power outages – since remedied) but one, our antiquated fire alarm system, although still functional, must now be upgraded to meet code. We're working on that.

Members: Be advised that at the March membership meeting we will be accepting nominations for officers for the 2022-2023 term. Election of officers for that term will be held at the April meeting, and

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Auxiliary News

If your dues have not been sent in for this year, please consider doing so ASAP. We haven't been able to make 100% in several years and we would like to get there again this year. Just mail a check for \$25 to Jan Precopia, 1160 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY 12208 or drop off at the Post in an envelope marked for the Auxiliary. If you are paying for a junior (someone under 18 years old), then just \$8 is owed. We need 9 to 10 new members to meet our quota.

We will start looking for helpers (does not have to be just Auxiliary members) to distribute poppies in a couple of months (May). If you have some time you can give us, it would be really appreciated. Send an email to Dorothy Curran and let her know you are interested in helping this year. She already has received our poppy order and will be contacting stores for dates shortly. Contact her at tomdor2000@yahoo.com or 518.786.1284.

Can you help at the Post after the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the kitchen/banquet hall with corned beef and cabbage dinners? Please let me know.

We continue to be involved in the Albany Maritime Ministry in looking for knit hats, gloves, warm socks, toiletries, just no candy, for seafarers coming into the Port of Albany ill-prepared for our cold weather. All donations can be dropped off at the Post, or contact a member for pickup.

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

New York (Empire State) vs North Carolina (Tar Heel State)

Education Challenge and

Unit 1610's Spring 2022 Community Project "Give 10 to Education"

The State of North Carolina challenged New York State in a two-part Education Challenge.

The first challenge is to collect school supplies for a local school. "Give 10 to Education" is our Unit's Spring 2022 Community Project. It's our answer to North Carolina's challenge. We are collecting, from now till April 5, a variety of school supplies for a local school.

Units across the state are asked to send in pictures of supplies collected by, if not before, April 22. The State with the most Auxiliaries that collect supplies (by percentage) wins. Help our Unit with this challenge by donating either school supplies or a monetary donation. Auxiliary members will then shop for the requested supplies.

Donations may either be dropped off at the post -- a box is in the foyer. Or, arrangements to have them picked up can be made by calling either Gretchen Riley (518.526.8753) or Judy Benner (518.817.1240). All donations are greatly appreciated.

Items requested: marble composition notebooks, pocket folders, No. 2 pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, crayons (24 in a box), colored pencils (12 in a box), glue sticks, markers, pencil box/pencil case, Kleenex/paper towels, disinfecting wipes/baby wipes/hand sanitizer and dry erase markers.

Thank you for supporting our efforts in meeting North Carolina's challenge to our state!

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the swearing in of the newly elected officers will take place at the beginning of the May membership meeting.

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Conservative political commentator PJ O'Rourke died a few weeks ago (02/15/22) of complications from lung cancer at his home in Sharon, N.H. He was 74. During the 1980s and '90s, his heyday, he was a favorite guest of the TV talk show hosts and would skewer both Republicans and Democrats with equal alacrity; he was, it often seemed, the only funny Republican alive, writes Dwight Garner in his February 19 New York Times appraisal. He continues, "Some of his best writing was about the open road In 1980 for Car and Driver, he drove cross-country in a blood-red Ferrari 308GTS. This euphoric passage from that piece, about overtaking a Porche, is as good a snippet of O'Rourke's high style as any:

'We came by a 930 Turbo Porche near the Talladega exit [Alabama]. He was going about 90 when we passed him, and he gave us a little bit of a run, passed us at about 110, and then we passed him again. He was as game as anybody we came across and was hanging right on our tail at 120. Ah, but then -- then we just walked away from him. Five seconds and he was nothing but a over-turned boat shaped dot in the mirrors. I suppose he could have kept up, but driving one of those ass-engined Nazi slot cars must be a task at about 225 percent of the speed limit. But not for us. I've got more vibration here on my electric typewriter than we had blasting into Birmingham that beautiful morning in that beautiful car on a beautiful tour across this wonder-

ful country from the towers of Manhattan to the bluffs of Topanga Canyon . California]' ”

**Lawrence Wiest
Commander**

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

- Carole Egan, Auxiliary
- Joann Delisle, 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 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).

Note from House Chair and Bar Chair

In order to meet the needs of ALL wishing to use the Post meeting room, banquet room or pavilion, groups will need to schedule with the House Chair or the Bar Chair on a timely basis.

That being said:

**Planning an event?
Need a venue?**

The Post banquet room, meeting room, and pavilion are available for meetings, family picnics/reunions, bridal showers, etc. To arrange an event, call the Post at 518.465.4800 or email nap1610@yahoo.com for availability.

March Meetings and Events

Auxiliary: Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m.

Legion Membership: Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Limerick Meetings: Thursdays, March 3, 10, 6:30 p.m.

Limerick Dinner Dance: Saturday, March 5, 5 p.m. to midnight

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Saturday, March 12.
North Albany Parade starts 12 p.m. and Albany "big" Parade starts 2 p.m.

Save the Date!

Limerick Dinner Dance

The Limerick Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 5 at the Post. Cocktails are at 5 p.m. with a roast pork dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Music provided by DJ Bo Weidman from 7 p.m. to midnight.

For more information and tickets, contact:

Dinner Chair Babe Scully
518.605.9770



Kim and Ken Muller manning the Limerick fundraising table during the Limerick Breakfast held at the Post on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Merchandise bearing the Limerick logo was available for purchase as well as Limericks could renew their membership in the Limericks, pick up membership cards or individuals could join the group.

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Post Hours*

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Hours subject to change.