



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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May 2022

A Message from the Commander



With a quorum present at the April membership meeting (04/20/22) and election held, the following are your post officers for the term 2022-2023:

Commander: Larry Wiest	Judge Advocate: Larry Wiest
1st Vice Cdr: Jackie Jones	Historian: John Mullen
3rd Vice Cdr: Don Perry	Chaplain: Chuck Lossi
Adjutant: John Sacca	Sgts at Arms: Mikey Ryan & William Ryan

Thank you to Ft. Orange Post's and Past Department Vice Chair Auseklis Krumins, who served as Parliamentarian during this election and who swore the new officers in after tabulating the vote count. Thank you, Ause.

The month of May this year begins with a "First Friday" fish fry at the post on Friday, May 6, sit down or takeout, 4:00 'til 7:00 p.m.; includes fish fry, French fries, and coleslaw. Cost is \$12.00.

May also has us hosting the county meeting on Thursday the 26th @ 7:00 p.m.: scalloped potatoes and ham après. I'd appreciate a good turnout by members of the host post.

And of course May ends with Memorial Day weekend, which for our veterans community commences the Sunday morning of May 29 this year with the laying of three wreaths, provided by the post's Sons squadron, the first on the memorial stone in front of the post at 8:15 a.m., the second on the memorial stone in front of North Albany Academy (PS 20) at 8:35 a.m., and the third adjacent to the St. Agnes Cemetery flagpole and memorial stone at 9:00 a.m.

It is then that we, with the able assistance of our stalwart volunteers and Albany High School JROTC cadets of the SGT Henry Johnson Battalion decorate the cemetery's military and veterans' graves, a gesture of respect in keeping with the purpose of this holiday.

After this mission is accomplished, we return to the post for a basic repas.

The following morning, Monday, May 30, Albany's Memorial Day parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. at Central and Partridge, travels east on Central, then east on Washington, pausing only at Henry Johnson

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Boulevard to lay wreaths at the Puerto Rican and Soldiers and Sailors Memorials. The parade then passes in review at the reviewing stand on the steps of the old NYS Education Building across from the north entrance of the NYS Capitol at about 10:45 a.m.

After the parade, a ceremony takes place in Lafayette Park, just east of the Education Building, whereat Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan and other dignitaries offer greetings, wreaths are laid at Albany's Vietnam Veterans and Gold Star Families Memorials, and Grand Marshals Cindy Roberts and Mary Jenks, both Gold Star Mothers, offer remarks.

Back at our post at 1:00 p.m., post members, guests, and members of the Auxiliary commence a ceremony that includes reading of the names of our deceased post members and the placing of poppies for each name. You are invited (urged) to participate in this ceremony.

Hopefully the post bar will be open both afternoons, subject to the availability of bartenders.

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Pray for Ukraine.

**Lawrence Wiest
Commander**



In attendance at the Visitation Dinner held for National Commander Paul Dilliard on Thursday, April 7 at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga were post members, from left, standing, Bill Reichert and John Sacca and, seated, Larry Wiest and prospective Sons member Andrew Sacca, and at right, Fort Orange Post members Ken Jello and Ause Krumins.

Auxiliary News

May is a very busy month for us. Veteran Walk-A-Thon was just on April 30. Hope you could join us. You still have a few days to get in a donation. Total donations should be available in the next newsletter.

We will be distributing poppies this month. Please consider helping this year. Just give Dorothy Curran a call to see what time slots are open. This is such a rewarding time. You will get to meet many veterans while you are handing out poppies. Keep in mind; we are NOT selling the poppies. We just ask people to wear/display them. Reach Dorothy at 518.248.3920. You can use a chair if you are unable to stand. This money enables us to help veterans and keep the food pantry and clothing room stocked at the VA, along with any other programs benefiting veterans during the year. We were able to send a check to the hospital to help the food pantry and clothing room.

Consider coming to the Post Memorial Service to honor all deceased veterans that belonged to the North Albany Post. Also helping place flags on veterans' graves at St. Agnes Cemetery (details are in the Commander's Message).

Thank you to all that donated to our Give 10 for Education project for school supplies. NYS won the challenge given to us by North Carolina and our donation to the challenge was over the top!!

It's not too late to pay your dues. If your membership card does not say 2022, then you are not current with your dues. We are still short nine renewals to get to 100%. Please help us get there.

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



March 1, 2022 - Auxiliary Members (l to r): Jan Precopia, Peggy Hovish, Sally Legendre, and Dorothy Curran stand behind table displaying donations for the Auxiliary's spring project, Give 10 to Education.



April 5, 2022 - Auxiliary Members (l to r): Judy Benner, President, Sally Legendre, Gretchen Riley, and Peggy Hovish behind all donated school supplies for Give 10 to Education. All the donated school supplies that were collected between March and April were given to four fourth grade teachers at a local Albany school.



April was Month of the Military Child. Shown is the table in the post bar with items to represent military children. The display was done by Kathy Schmitz-Morfe, Chair of the Children and Youth Committee.



April 5, 2022 - (L to R): Judy Benner, Kathy Schmitz-Morfe, Sally Legendre, Dorothy Curran, and Peggy Hovish beside table for Month of the Military Child. The items were placed on the table during the Auxiliary's meeting.

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

- Carole Egan, Auxiliary
- Jan Precopia, Auxiliary

Prayers are asked for Marc DeLisle, Auxiliary member JoAnn DeLisle's son.

Prayers are also asked for Andrew Liuzzi, husband of Auxiliary member Stacy Liuzzi.

May Meetings and Events

Auxiliary: Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

"First Friday" Fish Fry: Friday, May 6, 4-7 p.m.

Legion Membership: Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

Memorial Day Laying of Wreaths and Grave Decorations: Sunday, May 29 (see Commander's Message for details)

Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.

Post Officers

Commander: Lawrence Wiest 518.434.6438
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 2nd Vice Commander: open
 3rd Vice Commander: Don Perry
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Finance Officer: Open
 Judge Advocate: Lawrence Wiest
 Chaplain: Charles Lossi
 Historian: John Mullen
 Sergeants-at-Arms: Michael Ryan and William Ryan

Sons of the Legion

Acting Squadron Commander: Michael F. Connors II

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