



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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A Message from the Commander

It's been a mild winter this past '23/'24 season (fingers crossed) and so far, March is coming in like a lamb and not the traditional lion (fingers crossed). The February membership meeting was held on the 14th – Valentine's Day – the second (NOT the third) Wednesday of the month at my mistaken direction. This was my error, and I apologize to the spouses and significant others of all who attended. Adjutant Sacca pointed out my error during the course of the meeting. I apologize also to all those members who may have shown up for the meeting on the third Wednesday only to find the post shuttered.

We are in the painfully difficult process of applying online for a NYS capital improvement grant, and there are some loose ends that still need to be addressed. If any past commander or officer still has post keys at home (especially to the office filing cabinet, metal wall lockers, or the pull tab machines), we need those returned ASAP. If you have info on or even copies of the post's IRS 501(c)(19) or the Ninth Ward's 501(c)(3) not-for-profit determination letters, please contact me ASAP (518-434-6438).

Congratulations to Debbie Ryan-McMahon and Don Riley on their appointments as Grand Marshals of the 2024 Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade, and congratulations to Sheila Savage on her appointment as 2024 Limerick Marshal.

Finally, congratulations to Past Commander Bill Gilheany on the occasion of his 91st birthday.

Because March is such a busy month this year, I submit to you the following calendar.

Ongoing – Community Planning Committee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday. All are welcome.

Through March 21 – St. Patrick's Day Parade Planning Committee/Limericks Meetings, Tuesdays and Thursdays, respectively, @ 6:30 p.m. in the post game room.

March 5 – Auxiliary meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

March 9 – Limericks Dinner. Cocktails @ 5:00 p.m.; Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. Contact Babe Scully at 518-605-9770.

March 16 – St. Patrick's Day parades – North Albany, 11:00 a.m.; downtown, 2:00 p.m.; corned beef and

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cabbage dinner or corned beef/turkey sandwiches at the post, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. (or while supplies last).

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day; after two months at half-staff in Mickey Ryan's memory, the post colors will be lowered then raised to full staff.

March 20 – Membership Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Nomination of '24-'25, Cdr and Officers.

March 28 – American Legion County Meeting/Dinner @ 7:00 p.m., hosted by Bucci-McTague, Colonie

March 29 – Good Friday Fish Fry, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Fish fry, French fries, coleslaw: \$15.00.

Do not abandon Ukraine!

**Lawrence Wiest
Commander**



Good Friday Fish Fry

**Friday, March 29, at the Post
4:00 'til 7:00 p.m. (or while supplies last)**

Fish fry, French fries, Coleslaw

Eat-in – \$15.00 – Take out

Call Jackie Jones to place an order, 518-368-7128

Auxiliary News

Hope everyone is getting their green out for St Patrick's Day and the parades. The Auxiliary has made two donations to the food pantry at the VA. Vets and their families have difficulties with making ends meet just like everyone else in the current economy. We have donated food twice in February and I will check back in to see what parts of their shelves are getting bare. Donations are always welcome.

Gretchen has picked our Empire Girls State candidate for this year from Colonie Central High School.

There will be another baby shower at the VA on March 29 for the current eight female veterans being serviced there. If you would like to donate, they are in need of baby shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream, bottles, crib sheets, towels, and washcloths. They have enough knit and crocheted baby items for this shower.

Veteran Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for April 27 at Cook Park in Colonie. It is open to the public and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact myself or Jan Precopia about where to send donations. Flyers will be in the bar area of the Post with further information as well.

Dorothy Curran is still looking for people to help distribute poppies in May. We have several Price Chopper locations available. You can contact Dorothy for more information and to pick a time that works for you. Your friends and family can come with you and help so be sure to invite them.

Also, if you want to purchase any items from RADA you can go to <http://www.Radacutlery.com> to see their full catalog. Contact me soon if you want to place an order. They do have many other items besides knives so be sure to take a look! Call me (518-817-1240) if you have any questions or to order.

**A very proud ALA President,
Judy Benner**

American Legion Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference

January 19-20, 2024 at Marriott Hotel



Pictures clockwise from top left: (l to r): Jennifer Stiletto-Smith, Michelle Chavarria, and Kaitlynn Tredway (NYS VA Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinators); Peter DeAngelis, SAL Detachment of New York Commander; Karen St. Hilaire, ALA Department President; Marie Mock, Albany County President with Lisa Williamson, National President; (l to r): Judy Benner, Unit 1610 President; Marie Mock, Albany County President; Linda Tome, Past Department President; and Lucille Mozzillo, 3rd District President.

Reminder for all Auxiliary members

Some of our roster members are deceased or have moved away! So, in order to make a quota this year we need new members! If you have a daughter, granddaughter, sister, cousin, or friends who would be eligible, please ask them to join, new applications are at the Post. The application can also be

found on the Post website, <https://northalbanypost1610.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/American-Legion-membership-application-form.pdf>.

To date, we have 65 members who have paid their dues. Our quota is 75.

Note: Any member who has not paid their dues is not eligible to work at the Post.

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

- Don Perry, Legion
- Patrick Ellis, Legion
- Nancy Lucarelli, Auxiliary
- Susan Egan Rooney, Auxiliary
- Janis Sabatino, Auxiliary
- Theresa VanDuyne, Auxiliary

American Legion Family College

The American Legion Family College of New York is a three-day leadership immersion into The American Legion Family's programs and structure. The 2024 session is scheduled for May 31- June 2, 2024, and is being held at SUNY Morrisville.

The purpose of Legion College is to enhance knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders and their many subordinate programs. The overall expertise gained during the classroom and small group sessions prepares students for leadership positions in posts (units, squadrons, and chapters), counties, districts and department through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges the upcoming leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting The American Legion Family.

In order to attend Legion Family College, an individual must be a current member in good standing of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion or The American Legion Riders. The maximum number of participants is 100.

The cost to attend is \$300 per person. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2024. For the most up to date information regarding student application, instructor application, curriculum and deadlines see the American Legion College website: <https://nylegion.net/department/american-legion-college/>.

Questions? Contact College Dean David R. Riley Sr., rileydrsr@hotmail.com, 315-725-1461.

