



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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Post Hours:

Capital Plan Fundraising — Monday Night Football,
starting Sept. 9; Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.; 50/50

Thursdays: Noon to 6 p.m.

Capital Plan Fundraising Night — Friday, Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.,

Every other week game night; 50/50

September 2024

A Message from the Commander



Greetings, fellow Legionnaires,

I hope your summer was full of love, joy, peace, and happiness. As we prepare to return for our members' meeting in the third week of September, I hope to see more of you there. Before our summer break, our membership numbers began to increase, and we are currently at 105 members. We will continue our efforts to bring in new members and move forward with our capital plan for facility upgrades.

For Memorial Day, we placed wreaths at the Post, at School 20, and at St. Agnes Cemetery, where we held a small program. Our Henry Johnson JROTC cadets, along with our 1st Vice Commander Don Perry and fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, members of the SONS and other volunteers, set out 1,800 flags to honor our fallen.

In the last three months, we had the honor of hosting an "Honor Your Vet" event for Patrick Ellis, the father of one of our members, Patrick Ellis Jr. We also hosted a press conference where Senator Gillibrand introduced a bill to support soldiers with blast overpressure brain injuries.

This summer was very busy for us. We provided free lunches every Friday in August from 11 to 1. We held our third annual Henry Johnson Back-to-School Outreach, distributing over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies, fresh produce, and snacks to help kids prepare for the new school year. Additionally, as we have done in previous years, the Post sponsored four Henry Johnson JROTC cadets to attend Boys State.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members who came out to assist with our community engagement efforts over the past few months. I would also like to thank the city school district staff who partnered with us in these initiatives.

Please see additional information in the body of our newsletter, identifying all our sponsors who made these initiatives possible.

Until we meet again, take care and be in good health. Pray for Ukraine.



Jacqueline Jones
Commander





Details about the above pictures can be found on page 4.

Auxiliary News

Welcome back everyone after our summer break. I hope you all had a terrific summer despite the heat, humidity, and rain. Hopefully, you all received my letter together with the 2024-2025 meeting schedule by either snail mail or email. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please note this is the second Tuesday of the month. I hope you will come to the meeting. It will be nice to see everyone.

Jan has been collecting school supplies for our Give 10 to Education project. It's not too late to bring donations to our first meeting for this education project designated for Giffen Memorial Elementary School. Previous emails showed the list of supplies requested. If you need a pickup, you can reach Jan at janprecopia@nycap.rr.com.

One of our projects for the fall will be a baby shower at the Stratton VA. There are currently 11 pregnant female veterans. Judy will have more information about the shower and what items are needed at the meeting.

It's time to pay your dues for the coming year: \$35 seniors and \$8 juniors! Don't wait for a reminder from department to do this and the sooner it is paid the easier it will be for Jan, our membership chairperson. You can mail dues to Jan's address: Jan Precopia, 1160 New Scotland Road, Albany, NY 12208. You can also pay online if that is more convenient for you or by phone. Call the number listed here and provide your credit card information to the National Legion Auxiliary of-

fice: (317) 569-4570. However, if you choose to do it this way, please advise Jan so can she send you your current ID card, thank you!

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Judy Benner and Stacy Luizzi and all their family on the passing of Larry Benner, Judy's husband and Stacy's dad. We also extend heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Kathy Schmitz-Morfe and Josie Schmitz-Morfe and their family on the passing of Mary Schmitz, Kathy's mother and Josie's grandmother.

Lastly, please notify either Jan or Gretchen if you have an address, name, or email address change, or if you have an email, you haven't previously given to us so we can update our files, thank you!

Service, Not Self
Gretchen Riley, President



On June 4, a memorial service was held at the Post for Dorothy Curran, a dear Auxiliary member who passed away in March.

More from Commander Jones:

On August 25, the 3rd Annual Henry Johnson Back to School Day was held. Over 200 book bags and supplies were distributed. There was free food and produce giveaways for all attendees.

I would like to thank all our returning and new sponsors of this event:

Sponsors: Albany County Sheriff's Office; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Chaple Family; City School District of Albany; DePaula Chevrolet; DJ Shizzle; Eley Enterprises/YRR; Grandma Moses Vegetable Stand; Grassroots of Troy; Land Trust & Gun Violence Prevention; Menz

& J N.Y. Surf & Turf; Office of Mental Health; Peregrine of Colonie; Qhamaii Icee; Red Bookshelf; Strive for Greatness Barbershop; The Palace Theatre; and Trader Joe's of Colonie.



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Chaplain's News

- Post Everlasting -

Larry Benner, Legionnaire, June 17, 2024

Sick call:

- Don Perry, Legion
- Patrick Ellis, Legion
- Chuck Lossi, Legion
- Nancy Egan Lucarelli, Auxiliary
- Michelle Perkinson, Auxiliary
- Susan Egan Rooney, Auxiliary
- Janis Sabatino, Auxiliary

Detail information for pictures on page 2 (from left to right, top to bottom):

5/26/24 – Memorial Day Flags – 3 wreaths – 1800 flags placed at St. Agnes Cemetery

5/30/24 – County Meeting hosted by Post 1610

5/31/24 & 7/23/24 – Post 1610 Received Grants as part of our Capital Grants program. These grants will be used to upgrade our restroom to ensure handicap accessibility

6/6/24 – Boys State – We sent 4 Henry Johnson JROTC Cadets

6/7/24 – JROTC Awards

7/1/24 – Honor A Vet ceremony

7/26/24 – Gillibrand Announcement



The American Legion Family

The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.