



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

October 2024

A Message from the Commander



Greetings, fellow Legionnaires,

I hope September was a joyous and fulfilling month for all of you. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who attended our September monthly meeting—your participation is greatly appreciated.

As we move into October, I am excited to announce our “3rd Annual Harvest Festival”, which will take place on “October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.” During the event, we will be serving dinner for all attendees. In addition to dinner, there will be games, various activities, and once again, the highlight of the evening—our “Haunted House”! We look forward to seeing you and your families there for what promises to be a fun and festive evening.

We are also continuing our efforts in the “Capital Plan Fundraising” initiative. “Phase One” of the plan focuses on securing funds for a “new roof” for the post. As a valued member or friend of the post, if you feel inclined to contribute, please know that no donation is too small—every bit helps.

****To Donate:****

Checks can be made payable to “North Albany Post 1610”. In the memo section, please note “Capital Plan.”

Your generosity will go a long way in ensuring that our legion remains a safe and welcoming space for veterans and the community.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

**Jacqueline Jones
Commander**



Auxiliary News

We just finished our Give 10 to Education project. Our Unit gathered school supplies for 495 students at Giffen Memorial Elementary School in Albany, NY. The members who help donate are to be commended for helping to fill the teachers' wish list this year! It is a lot of work, but greatly appreciated! (See pictures on page 3.)

Kudos to Jan Precopia, who is our Unit's Education Chairperson, for coordinating this project! Nice job Unit 1610!

At our September 10 meeting, officers who had been elected at the May meeting for 2024-2025 were sworn in. Many thanks to outgoing President Judy Benner for her many years of service and contributions to our Unit and to Post 1610. Congratulations to the 2024-2025 officers (see picture on page 3).

On September 17, a baby shower for Veteran moms-to-be was held at the Stratton VA. With the generosity of volunteer members from various local American Legion Auxiliaries including our Unit, VFWs, and Gold Star Mothers, the moms-to-be were given gifts for the soon to arrive babies. Our unit purchased laundry baskets, pacifier lanyards, pacifier holders, and diaper rash cream (pictures on page 3). A catered lunch was also provided.

At the September County meeting held on September 24, Past President Judy Benner was presented with two certificates. One certificate was to recognize Judy's "Valuable Contribution As Christmas Gift Shop Chairman For Albany VAMC 3rd and 4th Districts". The second certificate was to recognize Judy's "Valuable Contribution As VA Medical Center Deputy Rep For Albany VAMC 3rd District". Albany County President Marie Mock was also pre-

sented with a certificate in recognition of her "Valuable Contribution As VA Medical Center Rep for Albany VAMC 3rd District". Congratulations to Judy and Marie. Thank you both for all you do for our Veterans (see picture on page 3).

At the County meeting, I also was presented with a certificate "The American Legion Family College, Department Award, The Shelby Sobolowski Memorial Scholarship Award" as the recipient of that scholarship. I attended The American Legion Family College on May 31 to June 2, 2024.

October 6 is the 3rd District Fall Conference. The conference will be held at Melvin Roads American Legion Post #1231 on Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer. Special guests will be Department President Kimberly Quick and Department Third Vice President Yvonne Brunner. I'll provide information from the conference in the November newsletter.

As our year gets under way, we need a Poppy Committee Chairperson. Donations collected from Poppies allow us to continue to help our Veterans. Please contact me if interested in helping with the Poppies Committee, or any other committees.

Reminder, membership dues are now due. Dues may be mailed to Jan Precopia, or you may pay your dues online or by phone to National. Any questions about membership dues, please contact Jan: (518-573-5167 or janprecopia@nycap.rr.com).

Peg Norton, Vice President, lost her home in Dunedin, Florida when Hurricane Helene roared through Florida recently. Please keep Peg in your prayers.

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 1.

Service, Not Self
Gretchen Riley, President

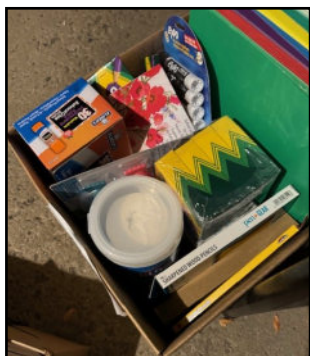


The Post is in need of bartenders. If interested, please call Post Commander Jackie Jones at 518-465-4800. Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SONs are all eligible to bartend. On-the-job training provided!

Bar Hours

Monday: Monday Night Football, Happy Hour: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Happy Hour: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
Every other Friday: Game night, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Some of the school supplies gathered by the Auxiliary for Giffen Memorial Elementary School.



2024-2025 Auxiliary Officers (L to R): Kathy Schmitz-Morfe, Chaplain; Jan Precopia, Treasurer; Peg Hovish, Secretary; Peg Norton, Vice President; Gretchen Riley, President; and Judy Benner, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Baby shower gifts given to Veteran Moms-to-Be at the September 17 baby shower held at the Stratton VA.



L to R: Albany County President Marie Mock; Past President Judy Benner; and President Gretchen Riley at County meeting, September 24.



1st Vice Commander Don Perry and an Albany County Sheriff with bags of book bags donated by the Sheriff's Office for the Post's third annual Henry Johnson Back-to-School Outreach event on August 25. The Sheriff's Office also donated cases of hot dogs. The book bags contained school supplies.

This section reserved for mailing purposes.

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

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



The American Legion Family

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