



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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Thursdays: Noon to 8 p.m.

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

Game Night: Every other Friday, featuring a 50/50 raffle

March 2025



A Message from the Commander

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope your New Year is off to a healthy and prosperous start, filled with gratitude and positivity.

Our annual holiday outreach was a tremendous success! We provided Toys for Tots to over 100 children and distributed food baskets to 60 families.

This achievement would not have been possible without our amazing partners:

Capital Roots (fresh produce); Regional Food Bank (turkeys); Menz and JNYSURF&TURF, LLC; Albany Community Land Trust; and Market 32 and Hannaford.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made this initiative a success once again!

Upcoming Events & Initiatives:

March 14: After-School Community Dinner

We will hold another after-school meal from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to assist!

New Congregate Meal Services for Seniors & Veterans

We are launching meal services to support local seniors and veterans. We encourage participation in this meaningful initiative.

March 15: St. Patrick's Parade Day

We will not be serving corned beef and cabbage as we have in the past.

February Events

February 14: Community Dinner

In collaboration with Saint Catherine's, we provided a community dinner from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Members, families, and friends were all welcomed.

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February 19 Monthly Meeting:

We welcomed new member Stephen Chapel to our Post.

January Highlight: Albany County Honor-A-Veteran

Date: Monday, January 6, 2025

Honoree: Joe King McLaughlin (1924-1981)

Joe King McLaughlin was born in Waynesboro, Mississippi, on July 14, 1924. He served in the United States Army as a Technician in the 3989th Motor Transport Company under the 1st Army Division from June 15, 1943, to April 20, 1946.

During World War II, he was part of the Red Ball Express during the Battle of the Bulge, ensuring critical supplies reached Allied Forces moving through Europe. As a Sergeant, his contributions played a vital role in maintaining the momentum of the Allied advance.

After his military service, Joe worked as a civil engineer for over 30 years with Callanan Industries. He is the grandfather of our Commander Jackie Jones.

March Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m.:

All members are encouraged to attend as we continue discussions on the Capital Plan Fundraising Initiative and securing funds for our Post's new roof.

Capital Plan Fundraising Initiative Roof Replacement:

We are currently in talks about historical signage recognizing Post 1610 as a historical landmark in Albany. We are working with Common Council Member Kelly Kimbrough to find a location for the sign.

Additionally, we have conducted interviews with five cadets from the Albany High School JROTC program, and we are looking to host these individuals at our Post.

Our primary focus remains on Phase One: Roof Replacement.

Upcoming Fundraiser: Raise the Roof Event

April 5, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

\$20 Donation (includes a small buffet)

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Members, friends, and guests are all invited to support this critical effort!

How to Donate:

Make checks payable to: North Albany Post 1610

Include Capital Plan in the memo section.

Your support big or small helps us maintain our Post as a safe and welcoming space for veterans and the community.

For any questions or event details, please contact the Post directly.

Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support! Pray for Ukraine.

**Sincerely,
Jacqueline Jones
Commander**



Auxiliary News

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and continues to be in good health. Hopefully, spring is right around the corner.

In January, several of us attended the Visitation Dinner which was held on Wednesday, January 15, at the Zaloga Post. Department Commander Keith Koster, Department President Kimberly Quick, and Detachment Commander Gaither Espey all spoke at the dinner. Mid-Winter Conference was held Friday, January 17 to Saturday 18 at the Albany Marriott. Some topics covered during the conference included: Children and Youth, VA&R, Membership, Girls State, and Warriors Family Assistance to name a few. National President Trish Ward was a presenter at the conference.

Interviews have been conducted for Girls State. A Citizen has been selected to attend the Girls State program which will be held at SUNY Brockport June 30 to July 6. Two Alternates have also been selected.

By the time this newsletter comes out, our March meeting may already have been held. At that meeting, a proposed amendment to our Unit's Constitution and Bylaws to change the time of our meetings will be read. The amendment will be voted on at our April meeting. You all should have received a letter telling you about this.

It's been decided to do a fundraiser of gift cards as our Unit funds are getting low. The gift cards will be put in a picture frame to be raffled off. A few gift cards have already been donated. Please consider donating a gift card of some sort in support of the fundraiser. The gift cards can either be brought to our March meeting, or you may contact me to make arrangements to pick them up. Let's make the fundraiser a success.

The next baby shower for female veterans will be Saturday, April 5, and will be held at the VA Hospital. It will include much more than just the baby shower this time. Baby car seat checks will be conducted by the Hospital Police Department, and the American Heart Association will be doing CPR instructions. Everyone is welcome. I will keep everyone updated as we get closer to the event.

The annual Veteran Walk-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Cook Park in Colonie. Donations will be divided between the Dept of NY President Quick's project and the Sons of The American Legion's project.

Our membership dues are \$35 for seniors and \$8 for juniors 17 and younger. If you have not yet paid your dues, you are delinquent. You cannot vote and you are not eligible to have bar privileges. Please consider mailing dues to Jan Precopia, 1160 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY 12208. You may also bring your dues to a meeting. We have a quota of 74 members this year with just 69 paid to date. Our Unit has welcomed five new members: Maureen Edwards, Debora Turner, G Diann Boyd, Bridgette Deloach, Sonja Gaddy, and one transfer, Mary Dowling. If you have a daughter, granddaughter, or a friend eligible to be a member, please consider having them join the Auxiliary. Help our Unit reached its quota.

Reminder: the April 1 reporting date for Committee Reports is around the corner. Reports need to be given to County Committee chair people by April 1. The reports should take into account any activity since the November 1 reporting date. Any questions, please reach out to me.

Gretchen Riley, President



January 15, 2025, Visitation Dinner (l to r): Sheila Coleman Willingham (North Albany Post 1610 Finance Officer); Department Commander Keith Koster; and Larry Turner (North Albany Post 1610 Legionnaire).



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Chaplain's News

Sick call:

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

Note from the Editor - Contact Information

Legionnaires and Sons, if you change your mailing address, phone number(s), email or add an email, please notify the Post of the changes. You may do so either by calling the Post (518-465-4800) or by email (nap1610@yahoo.com).

Auxiliary members, if you should also have changes in your mailing address, phone number(s), email or add an email, please notify Jan Precopia, Membership, at 518-573-5167 or janprecopia@nycap.rr.com.

Notifying either the Post or Jan Precopia will help to ensure you receive Post and Auxiliary news, notice of upcoming events, the newsletter, and other information in a timely manner. Please consider giving an email address, if you haven't already done so.



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