North Albany Post 1610
American Legion

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April 2025

Post Hours:
Capital Plan Fundraising Night — Friday, Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.
Game Night: Every other Friday, featuring a 50/50 raffle



A Message from the Commander

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires,

This month, we are focusing on strengthening our membership and ensuring timely renewals. As part of this initiative, we encourage all members to participate in our Membership Drive by reaching out to potential new members and reminding current members to renew.

To streamline the renewal process, we strongly recommend renewing your membership electronically (https://www.legion.org/member-services). Online renewals allow for real-time updates, eliminating delays caused by paper submissions. This ensures our Post's membership numbers are accurately reflected without waiting for manual processing.

Your involvement is crucial! If you are willing to assist in the membership drive or need guidance on renewing online, please reach out to the Post. Together, we can continue to grow and strengthen our Legion family.

Meetings:

• General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

• Albany County American Legion Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Jos E Zaloga Post 1520

• Honor a Vet Ceremony: Monday, April 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Elks Lodge #49

Upcoming Events at Post 1610:

• **Raise the Roof Capital Plan Fundraiser:**

• Date: April 5, 2025

• Time: 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

• Donation: $20 (includes hors d'oeuvres)

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• Theme: Raising the Roof

• Purpose: Support roof repair

• **After-School Community Dinner:**

• Date: April 11, 2025

• Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

• Details: Volunteers needed

• **70s-80s Theme Fundraiser:**

• Date: May 17, 2025

• Purpose: Roof repair

• **Blood Drive:**

• Date: May 23, 2025

• Time: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Elections:

• Officer/Trustee Elections:

• Held during the April 16 General Membership Meeting

• Nominations accepted throughout April

Volunteering and Membership:

• Volunteers needed for ongoing initiatives and events.

• Membership drive encouraged to meet recruitment goals.

• May:
  • Poppy Month – help distribute poppies,
  • help with flag placement,
  • Memorial Day Parade, and
  • Post projects.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Jones





From Scott Leslie, Director of Albany County Veterans Services: Two upcoming events for veterans.

(Here is the link for free tickets for Firewolves game on April 11: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpnzoBtPlpgHBY961TWk2WIzygXaDNTajvEmezPGjZX9LV3w/viewform)





Auxiliary News

Happy Spring! Hopefully Mother Nature is done with winter weather for us.

At our April 1 meeting, we will vote on the proposed amendment to our Unit's Constitution and By-laws. The amendment is to change the time our meetings start. Update: The proposed amendment was accepted.

Some upcoming events in April are:

- April 5: Raise the Roof Event. This is a fundraiser to raise funds to replace the Post roof. The event takes place at our Post from 7 to 11 p.m. Donation of $20 (includes hors d'oeuvres). Contact the Post with any questions or for event details (518-465-4800).
- April 10: Female Veterans Baby Shower at the Albany Stratton VA Hospital. Details to come.
- April 26: Veterans Walk-A-Thon. This will take place at Cook Park in Colonie. Donations are tax deductible and will benefit SAL NYS VA Medical Center Homeless Programs and NYS Veteran Homes and Dept of NY President's Project Homeward Bound Adirondacks.

Our Unit is having a Gift Card Raffle consisting of over $400+ value in gift cards. The funds will help our Unit provide services to our veterans, military, and their families. Tickets are 1 for $10 and 3 for $20 and are available from Unit members or by calling / texting myself, Gretchen Riley (518-526-8753) or Jan Precopia (518-573-5167). Please support this fundraiser. Drawing will be held June 3, 2025. Updated gift card list below.

May is Poppy Month with May 23 National Poppy Day. Sara Wiest will have a sign-up sheet at our April meeting. She has made arrangements at two local Price Choppers (Loudonville and Watervliet) where we can distribute poppies. I'm asking all Legion Family members — Auxiliary, Legionnaires, and Sons — to help distribute poppies. Family members are also welcomed help. Poppies help Americans remember the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Our Unit was joined by two new members: Jerome Willingham and Torrie Chapple. Welcome to Jerome and Torrie. To date, we have had eight new members join our Unit.

The Community Hospice is seeking crafters to knit, crochet, and quilt to make blankets for Veterans on their program. Red, blue, and white yarn can also be donated. If interested in helping, let me know.

The next Albany County Auxiliary meeting is April 22 at the Helderberg #977 Post. Our next Unit meeting will be May 6.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self
Gretchen Riley, President





This section reserved for mailing purposes.

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

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

SAVE THE DATE

Veterans Stand Down
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Town of Colonie Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205
(In the Village of Colonie Municipal Complex)

Completely free for all Veterans!
Keep watch for further details

The American Legion Family

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