



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

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A Message from the Commander



Greetings, Legionnaires,

American Legion Post 1610 continues to move forward with purpose as we honor the legacy of those who served before us while building a strong, sustainable future for those who will follow. Together, we are protecting our home, strengthening our mission, and expanding our service to veterans, families, and the North Albany community. "A strong Post is built by those willing to protect what others depend on." Non sibi sed patriae — Not for self, but for country. Sincerely

Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones

Commander

Post Updates

Meetings:

- General Membership Meeting: Every third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

The next meeting is Feb 17 and March 17th so we would love to see you there.

Volunteering and Membership:

- Volunteers needed for ongoing projects including weekly produce distribution, weekly cleaning for the post, weekly community outreach for community games, grubs, and goodies for local families, etc. Please reach out if able to help out in any way.
- Membership drive encouraged to meet recruitment goals. We are looking for new members and encourage everyone to reach out to one additional veteran and let them know about this our organization

Other:

- Youth meals program underway and Veterans Breakfast launching
- Starting in March interviews for Boys State for the Albany High Henry Johnson JROTC Cadets
- Blood drive, February 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Legion. To participate please call the American Red Cross (800-733-2767) or online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>.

Adjutant News

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1610 - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Thank you to those of you who have paid your membership for 2026, we thank you for your continued support. The National American Legion has identified an issue with the software used to update membership renewals paid by cash or check. Some of you may have received several renewal or expired status notices. National is working diligently to correct this situation. As soon as we are notified by National the issue is resolved, we will notify you and continue working with National to correct any discrepancies that may exist. For those who have not renewed membership, but intend to, please, if possible, use a credit or debit card to do so. We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced and thank you for your continued patience.

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.

Raise the Roof Fundraising Campaign & Building Improvements



Raise the Roof. Secure Our Future. Post 1610 is actively raising funds for a full roof replacement, one of the most critical investments in protecting our building and mission. A temporary repair addressed immediate concerns, but a permanent solution is needed to safeguard our Post for generations to come.

How to Donate: Make checks payable to: North Albany Post 1610 Include Roof Capital Campaign in the memo section. Mail to: NAP Post 1610 35 North First Street, Albany NY 12204 Your support big or small is greatly appreciated! Every dollar moves us closer to a safer, stronger Post.

Building Improvements: We are also working with Common Council Member Kelly Kimbrough to install historical signage recognizing North Albany Post 1610 as a historic landmark in Albany. We are also looking into painting the exterior of the building thru an Albany County Grant this spring!

Thank You to the following who have donated so far!

Sons of North Albany American Legion News

The American Legion Sons are sponsoring a Mentor Program at the North Albany Middle School, with the sixth graders looking for Volunteers, Mondays from 11:30-12:30, and I am looking to start a men's baseball team consisting of Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion members, for this summer 2026. Those interested please reach out to Commander Skydell McCall via email commandersm1610@gmail.com or 518-250-8348.

Axillary News

Happy February! I hope everyone is staying warm during these very cold, arctic days. There are 42 days till spring, though Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2, Groundhog Day, meaning six more weeks of winter. Maybe spring will come early.

Sara Wiest was the winner of the raffle to have dues paid for next year. Congratulations Sara! The drawing was to have been held at our December meeting, which unfortunately was cancelled due to weather as was our January meeting. Thank you to Jan and her husband Joe for picking the winner.

At the Visitation Dinner held January 14, at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520, I presented to Department President Maureen Morgan a check from our Unit in the amount of \$200 for her President projects. Her projects are the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington, VA, and The American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State Program.

I interviewed and selected a young lady from Shaker High School for Empire Girls State, Olivia Lee. Olivia will be attending EGS June 30 to July 6 at SUNY Brockport.

At the beginning of our meeting on Tuesday, February 3, we draped our Charter in memory of Auxiliary member Sue Egan Rooney and past Auxiliary President Debbie Heritage. There was a brief service after which we continued with the meeting.

A donation of \$200 to the Veterans Miracle Center was approved. Due to the extremely cold weather, the VMC had an urgent emergency need for warm gear (socks, boots, coats, space heaters, etc.) Monetary donations help them purchase emergency warm gear fast. Donations can be dropped off at the Veterans Miracle Center, 10 Interstate Ave., Albany, NY 12205. For more information, call 518-486-8398 or email info@vmcalbany.org.

We discussed doing a project: making fleece blankets for either the VA or hospice. More to come on this. We also discussed having a pasta dinner as a fund raiser for the Post. We would like to get volunteers from all sections of the Legion family to make this a successful fundraiser. We are hoping to have the dinner in March. More to come.

Once again, I want to remind members your membership dues are due. You can either mail your dues to Jan (1160 New Scotland Road, Albany, NY 12208) or pay them online at National (<https://www.legion-aux.org>). If you pay online, be sure to let Jan know so she can send you your membership card. To pay using Venmo, contact me. To date, we have 56 paid members.

Mark your calendar: The Veterans Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, and will again be at Cook Park in Colonie. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Auxiliary member Julie Severance on the recent passing of her brother. We also extend our prayers and sympathies to the families on the passing of Auxiliary members Sue Egan Rooney and Janis Sabatino.

Lastly, our Unit needs your help and support. I know and appreciate that we all have other responsibilities and obligations, etc. Without help, our Unit will not be able to continue to help our Veterans and their families. If interested in helping with a particular committee or event, reach out. I'll be happy to answer questions. Or, come to a meeting.

The next County meeting is Tuesday, February 24 at Blanchard-Currey. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 3.

Service, Not Self
Gretchen Riley, President



L to R: Albany County Auxiliary President Marie Mock, Judy Benner, and Jan Precopia seated behind a table filled with toiletries donated by the Auxiliary for Veterans attending the Stand Down for Veterans held on October 4 at the Village of Colonie Rec Center. (Picture taken by Gene Loparco.)

This section reserved for mailing purposes.

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

- John Sacca, Legionnaire
- Marianne Bardin, Auxiliary
- Michelle Perkinson, Auxiliary

Post Everlasting/Passing:

- Don Perry, Legionnaire
- Charles (Chuck) Lossi, Legionnaire
- Janis Sabatino, Auxiliary
- Sue Egan Rooney

Important Updates

1. Monthly Legion Meetings have moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the Month starting in 2026 so the next meetings are 2/17/26 and 3/17/26 7PM
2. Please join our new Facebook Page by searching for North Albany American Legion Post 1610
3. Free Produce every Thursday 2-6! Please come and get what you need!
4. Remember to submit your membership dues today.



The American Legion Family

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