



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.

Meetings & Updates:

- The Albany County Meeting will be held on March 26 1830 at our Post, hosted by Bucci-McTague Post 1530 and co-hosted by Colonie Post 1259. We encourage all members to attend and show our Post's support.

- Our February Blood Drive was a success, with 18 donors contributing—thank you to everyone who participated.

Volunteerism:

- Please remember to report all volunteer hours. The Adjutant will be providing a form to help track and document your service.
- We are currently seeking volunteers for weekly produce distribution on Thursdays from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Your support helps us continue serving our community.

Important Reminder:

Please be mindful that the months of March, April, and May are dedicated to officer nominations, elections, and installation. It is very important that members attend our monthly meetings and participate in this process. 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, American Legion Post 1610

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.

Auxiliary News

Spring officially begins March 20. Though, it seems March has come roaring in like a lion and winter-like weather continues. Hopefully, March will go out like a lamb.

Due to inclement weather, our March meeting was cancelled. One of the topics on that meeting's agenda was the continued discussion and planning of a pasta dinner the Auxiliary was proposing to hold this month. As a result of the meeting being cancelled, lack of support, and the corned beef dinner being hosted by the Post, it was decided not to hold a pasta dinner. In lieu of a dinner, a donation to the Post will be made for the good of our Veterans. Another donation will be made towards the purchase of a computer for Veterans to use at the Stratton VA Hospital so they can create resumes for job listings.

Our Charter was draped at the February meeting in memory of deceased members. The Charter will continue to be draped in memory of two additional members who recently passed away: Janis Sabatino and JoAnn DeLisle. We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of Janis and JoAnn. Our prayers and sympathy also go out to Auxiliary member Nancy Lucarelli on the passing of her brother. Prayers to Auxiliary member "Aunt" Pat Boyd who says she will be 98 in May.

Bingo has once again started at the Stratton VA Hospital. The Zaloga Post Auxiliary will host bingo on the first Tuesday of the month. Bingo will be held on the 4th floor from 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers are welcome.

The annual Veterans Walk-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, April 25, at Cook Park in Colonie. Registration begins at 11 a.m. This is the 25th year for the walk. Donations collected will be divided between the Dept of NY President Maureen Morgan's projects: the Military Women's Memorial and the Empire Girls State program, and the Sons of The American Legion's projects: NYS VA Medical Center Homeless programs and NYS Veterans Homes. If you can, please join us. If you cannot make it, checks made payable to NYS SAL can be sent to Judy Benner at 13 Broderick St., Albany, NY 12205. Please call Judy at 518-817-1240 with any questions. Hope to see you there.

The next Auxiliary County meeting is Tuesday, March 24. The meeting will be held at the Zaloga Post at 7 p.m. In honor of The American Legion's 107th birthday on March 15, there will be a cake at the meeting to celebrate this birthday.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. A couple of items on the agenda for the meeting will be Poppy distribution dates in May and nominations for all officer positions. Nominations will be taken both at the April meeting and at the May meeting. Elections will be held at the May meeting. Committee Chairs will also be needed for next year. Your help and support are needed. Please consider holding an office or being part of a committee.

Reminder: please continue to keep track of what you do such as volunteering, donating blood, flying the flag, etc. and the number of hours spent. Please advise of any monetary donations to non-profit organizations. We are still collecting cancelled stamps, greeting card fronts, and aluminum can ring tabs. The next reporting date for Committee reports is May 1. Activities and hours can be reported at the April meeting, sent to a committee chair, or sent to me.

Service, Not Self

This section reserved for mailing purposes.

Chaplain's News

Sick call:

- Marianne Bardin, Auxiliary
- Pat Boyd, Auxiliary
- Michelle Perkinson, Auxiliary

Post Everlasting/Passing:

- JoAnn DeLisle, Auxiliary

Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Important Updates

1. Monthly Legion Meetings have moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the Month starting in 2026 so the next meeting is April 21st at 7PM
2. Please join our new Facebook Page by searching for North Albany American Legion Post 1610
3. Free Produce every Thursday 4-6! Please come and get what you need!
4. Remember to submit your membership dues today.



The American Legion Family

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