



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

35 North First Street, Albany, NY 12204

May 2026

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A Message from the Commander

Greetings, Legionnaires



The agenda for last month's membership meeting (4.21.26) included the nomination of post officers for the 2026-27 term. Elections for these positions will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting, **May 19, 2026, 7:00pm**. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Please attend and cast your vote for post leadership. Additionally the Albany County Legion Meeting (Dinner) will be Thursday May 28th and we would like to see strong representation from Post 1610. Thank you for your continued commitment and participation.

North Albany American Legion Post #1610 will kick off Memorial Day weekend with a **Memorial Day Observance & BBQ on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** at the post, **35 N. 1st Street, Albany, NY 12204**. The evening will include a Veterans' Prayer Service followed by food, fun, and fellowship. Please RSVP for the food head count at **(518) 465-4800**.

Memorial Day observances continue Sunday, May 24th, with three brief wreath-laying ceremonies: **8:15 a.m.** at the post, **8:35 a.m.** at North Albany Academy (PS20), and **9:00 a.m.** at the St. Agnes Cemetery flagpole and memorial stone. Wreaths will again be provided by the post's Sons squadron. Afterward, members, volunteers, and Albany High's SGT Henry Johnson Battalion JROTC cadets will decorate military and veterans' graves at St. Agnes Cemetery. Brunch will follow at the post pavilion around **11:15 a.m.**

On Monday, May 25, Albany's Memorial Day parade steps off at **9:30 a.m.** at Central and Lexington Avenues, led by Grand Marshal and Vietnam Veteran **Lou Mion**. The parade will proceed along Central and Washington Avenues, pause for wreath-layings at Henry Johnson Boulevard, and pass in review near the NYS Capitol around **10:45 a.m.** A ceremony will follow in Lafayette Park at the Albany Vietnam Veterans Memorial, featuring remarks from Mayor Dorcey Appllys, other dignitaries, and Grand Marshal Mion. If anyone is interested in marching in the parade, please email or call me by May 21st.

Together, we honor those who gave all and stand with the Gold Star Families who keep their memory alive.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones Commander

American Legion Post 1610

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Memorial Celebration & BBQ



Photograph - Prayer Service 2025



Thurs. - May 21, 2026
5:30 pm

North Albany American Legion Post #1610
35 N. 1st Street Albany, New York 12204

What a great way to kick-off Memorial Day and begin your Memorial Day weekend with true meaning! Please join us for our most dignified Veteran's Prayer Service followed by food, fun & fellowship. Before the weekend travels & barbecues begin, take time to reflect, remember and celebrate with your American Legion family.

Please RSVP (food head count) to:

(518) 465-4800

We look forward to seeing you there!

God Bless our Veterans!

Honor and Remember



Photo Gallery

Albany High Henry Johnson JROTC Raiders Rise to the Challenge

Thirty-four cadets traveled to Kentucky for this three-day event, where the Raiders successfully completed every challenge they participated in. Congratulations to all of the cadets on a job well done!



Adjutant News

Membership

The Commander and membership of the North Albany American Legion Post No. 1610 wish a warm welcome to our newest members, Ricardo Gonzalez Negron and William Thompson.

Thank you for submitting your membership renewals. The issue at National has been resolved. Any renewal submissions affected by the issue have been updated and are now current. If you are having any issues with your membership, please feel free to email the post (Email: nap1610@yahoo.com).

We have had a great response to our membership renewals. Our 2026 membership goal is 95 new members or membership renewals. As of April 23, we have 5 new members, 27 members paid up for life (PUFL), and 61 renewals for a total of 93 members out of a total of 106 members. Thanks for the great response!

Elections

At the April meeting, held April 21, 2026, nominations were made for the following Post offices:

Commander	Jacqueline “Jackie” Jones
1st Vice-Commander	Stephen Chappelle
2nd Vice-Commander	Lawrence Wiest
3rd Vice-Commander	Frederick “Chip” Answorth
Adjutant	Kimberly Bobb
Finance Officer	Sheila Coleman-Willingham
Historian	Kimberly Bobb
Sergeant-at-Arms	Larry Turner

There were no nominations for the position of Chaplain, which remains vacant.

Sons of North Albany American Legion News

The Sons of American Legion Post 1610 proudly welcome four new members: Rodney Freeman, William Thompson, Joseph Johnson, and Lormenzo Jones. We are excited to have you join our Post family and look forward to your involvement and service. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Rodney Freeman and his friend Larry for generously volunteering their time and effort to paint the hall. Your hard work has made a tremendous difference—it looks absolutely great! Thank you for your time, dedication, and support in helping keep our Post strong, welcoming, and vibrant. Your contributions truly make a difference. Welcome to the family—and thank you for helping Post 1610 shine

On Tuesday May 5-8th the Sons of 1610 will be hosting a garage sale and if you have any items that you would like to donate to this event please contact me by email.

If anyone is interested in joining the Sons at Post 1610, please have them contact Detachment Commander Skydell by email at commandersm1610@gmail.com.

Auxiliary News

I believe Spring has arrived. Hopefully, everyone is getting the opportunity to enjoy the nice weather and sunshine. At our April meeting, nominations for officers were held. Nominations will be held again at our May 5 meeting followed by elections.

Congratulations to Auxiliary member Michelle Perkinson and Dan Wilson on their recent wedding nuptials. Michelle and Dan were married on April 1, 2026. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson! We wish you both much love and happiness!

On April 7, Judy and Jan, together with Jason Goman, Chief of Voluntary Services at Stratton VA, purchased a computer for veterans to use while at the VA. The purchase was made possible with a donation from our Unit.

Last Saturday, April 25, the Veteran Walk-A-Thon took place. It was a success even with a smaller attendance. To date, donations in the amount of approximately \$4,600 have been collected. Judy says donations can be made until May 12. Albany County American Legion Commander Leo Falconio and Albany County American Legion Auxiliary President Marie Mock were among those who participated in the walk. Five members from our Unit participated in the walk: Judy Benner, Jan Precopia, Stacy Liuzzi, Christine Barry, and me. Thank you Judy and Dave Bishop for chairing this event.

At the Spring Conference on April 18, our Poppy contest entry won and will be taken to Department Convention in Syracuse in July. Our entry was a hat made by Auxiliary member Gail Riley. Many thanks to Gail for making the hat.

May is Poppy Month with May 22 National Poppy Day. There will be a signup sheet at our May meeting. Arrangements have been made to distribute poppies at two local Price Choppers (Loudonville and Watervliet), beginning Saturday, May 2, at the Watervliet Price Chopper. I am asking all Legion Family members — Auxiliary, Legionnaires, and Sons — to help distribute poppies. Family members are also welcome to help. Poppies help Americans remember the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Donations from poppies help us be able to continue helping our veterans.

If you know of an Auxiliary member who is sick, in the hospital or nursing home, or just needs prayers, please let either me, Jan, or our Chaplin Kathy Schmitz-Morfe know. Their name will be added to the sick call list and cards mailed to cheer the individual. Happy Birthday to Pat Boyd who will be 98 on May 9.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25 beginning at Central Avenue and Lexington Avenue at approximately 9 a.m. If anyone is interested in marching in the parade, please let me know.

The next Albany County Auxiliary meeting is May 26 at Legnard Curtin in Green Island. Our next and last meeting, before summer, will be June 2 at 6:30 p.m. We will also have our covered dish dinner. Please let us know what dish you will be bringing to share.

In Service, Not Self

Gretchen Riley, President

Photo Gallery



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson on their wedding day, April 1, 2026.

2026 Veterans Walk-A-Thon
Cook Park
April 25, 2026



April 7, 2026, l to r: Judy Benner, Jason Goman, Laura Kline, and Jan Precopia at Stratton VA.



April 18, 2026, Spring Conference, our Unit Poppy contest entry done by Gail Riley.

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!



Chaplain's News

Sick call:

- Pat Boyd, Auxiliary
- Michelle Perkinson, Auxiliary
- William (Bill) Gilheany
- John Sacca

Post Everlasting:

- Don Riley
- Chuck Lossi

Important Updates

1. Monthly Legion meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of each month**. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.**, and will include the **election and installation of new officers**.
2. Please join our new Facebook Page: **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**



The American Legion Family

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



Grand Marshal 2026 Memorial Day Parade

Louis C. Mion, SMSgt. Ret.

Lou Mion was born and raised in Colonie, New York. A 1964 graduate of Vincentian High School, he entered the United States Air Force in March 1966 and retired in April 1990 as a Senior Master Sergeant, E-8. During his service, he was stationed at 13 bases across Europe, Asia, and the United States, and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

After retiring from the Air Force, Lou dedicated decades to serving veterans and his community. He worked for the New York State Department of Labor as a Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist, helping thousands of veterans access employment, housing, and VA benefits. He also helped bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Adirondack Community College and introduced the first Homeless Veterans Stand Down to the Capital Region.

Lou later served on the Town of Colonie Planning Board from 2010 to 2023 and volunteered with Colonie EMS as an EMT from 1991 to 2007. He is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Colonie Elks and remains active in several veterans' and community organizations.

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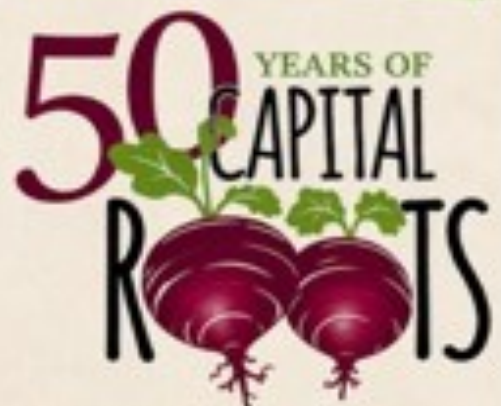
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Upcoming Local Event

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH
5:30PM - 7:00PM | WESTERN TURNPIKE GOLF COURSE
2350 WESTERN AVE, GUILDERLAND, NY 12084

LEARN GOLF TO SUPPORT YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING. THIS FREE, 6-8 WEEK PROGRAM IS TAUGHT BY PGA PROFESSIONALS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS.

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OPEN EXCLUSIVELY TO ALBANY COUNTY VETERANS WHO HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM BEFORE. SPACE IS HIGHLY LIMITED.

YOU MUST COMMIT TO ATTENDING EVERY WEEKLY SESSION. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY ONCE YOUR REGISTRATION IS APPROVED.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER OR VISIT:
WWW.ALBANYCOUNTYNY.GOV/VETERANS/EVENTS



ALBANY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE BUREAU

WVE
Women Veterans Engage
2026 CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 10AM - 3PM
American Legion Blanchard-Currey Post 1040
16 W Poplar Dr., Delmar, NY 12054

An inclusive gathering for Women Veterans, Service Members, and allies to break barriers and build meaningful relationships.

Food, refreshments, and breakout activities for fun activities will be provided!

Scan here to register or visit:
www.albanycountyny.gov/veterans/events



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VETERANS MOVIE NIGHT:
ZERO DARK THIRTY

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 12:00PM
REGAL THEATERS - COLONIE CENTER
131 COLONIE CENTER, ALBANY, NY 12205

The Albany County Veterans Service Bureau invites Albany County Veterans and their families to a special matinee showing of the acclaimed film, Zero Dark Thirty.

We are covering the cost of admission and lunch for this event. Enjoy an afternoon at the movies and connect with fellow Veterans.

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HENRY JOHNSON
RUCKMARCH

Sunday, May 3 | Check in 8AM
Albany VA
113 Holland Ave, Albany, NY 12208

Join the Albany VA and the Albany County Veterans Service Bureau for a 3-mile Ruckmarch through Washington Park to honor an American hero.

We will be collecting nonperishable food donations during the event to directly benefit the Albany VA Veterans Food Pantry.

Opening remarks will begin at 8:30AM and step off is at 9:00AM.

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