



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

March, 2015

35 North First Street, Albany, N.Y. 12204 ▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼

A Message From Your Commander

We hope to see many of you at the North Albany Post to celebrate St. Patrick's Day Saturday, Mar. 14th!

Come on come down and watch the North Albany Parade, which starts at noon, and then belly-up to the bar or relax at a table and enjoy yourself and the day's corned beef offerings.

If you want to start the celebration early, plan on attending the North Albany Limerick and Grand Marshall Dinner Dance on March 7th. Congrats to this year's two grand marshalls of the North Albany Parade, Sue Kane and Tim Ryan.

--Rick Myers
(rickmyers1@live.com)



HELP MAKE OUR HEROES WISHES COME TRUE



Show your appreciation for our military heroes from all branches of service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard by purchasing a Soldier's Wish Dog Tag for only \$5 at the Post.

The mission of Soldier's Wish is to say "Thank You" and to identify and provide for unmet needs of active duty service members, as well as for veterans and their families.

You can also donate online using a credit card or PayPal by visiting www.soldierswish.org.

Soldier's Wish is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.



You won't want to miss the 64th annual North Albany Limericks St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will step off at 11:30 a.m. from the North Albany American Legion Post on North First Street on March 14th.

It Wouldn't Be St. Patrick's Day Without a visit to the North Albany Post After the Parade!

So, following the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade (which begins downtown at 2 p.m.), be sure to stop by the Post where corned beef and cabbage dinners and/or sandwiches (for a nominal charge) will be served and/or available for take-out. On rare occasions, demand exceeds supply of food on hand. Therefore, stop by early to enjoy the repast or to place a takeout order.

There will, of course, be ample Guinness on tap, as well as any other libation you desire.

Entertainment, sponsored by the Limericks and the Post, will be provided by CHRIS.

So, put on some green and stop by to celebrate with friends old and new!





Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Auxiliary members,

I'm happy to share that Diane Maguire has found our candidate for this year's Empire Girls State Program. Thanks Diane

Our membership chairman, Jan Precopia, has done a great job collecting dues. We're only a few short of our 100% goal. Thank you Jan!! If you have any friends who qualify for the Auxiliary, please ask them to join!!

Saturday, Feb. 28th is the annual visitation dinner at our Post. We will be presenting a check to president of the New York Auxiliary for a special project she has been sponsoring.

Unfortunately, the flu has been prevalent at the VA Hospital forcing us to cancel our Bingo event.

If you know of any ill Auxiliary members, please let us know so we can send a card(s).

Hope to see you at our March 3rd meeting.

Sincerely,

Debbi
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north albany limerick
and grand marshal
Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 7th, 2015
North Albany Post 1610 - North First Street

Cocktails: 6:00-7:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm
Music: 7:00-Midnight by DJ Walt Decker Donation: \$30.00 per person



Don't Forget to Get Your St. Paddy's Day Basket of Cheer Raffle



Tickets

The Ladies Auxiliary will be raffling off an awesome Basket of Cheer during the Post's St. Patrick's Day festivities. Raffle tickets are just \$2 for one or \$5 for three. The basket is on view at the Post. So stop by and

get yours today! The winner need not be present to claim their prize.



VA
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STRATTON LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Albany Stratton VA Medical Center is looking for volunteers for the following areas:

- Canteen service
- Clothing room
- Companionship program
- Van drivers for disabled vets
- Fisher House support
- Lab courier
- No Vet Dies Alone-Hospice
- Kiosk volunteer
- Wheelchair escorts
- Vocational program support, and
- Voluntary Service office administration staff

For more information, contact Noney Grier at (518) 626-5507.



Upcoming Events

March 21, 2015
District Meeting
North Albany Post 1610



History

March 23, 1961



One of the first American casualties in Southeast Asia, an intelligence-gathering plane en route from Laos to Saigon is shot down over the Plain of Jars in central Laos. The mission was flown in an attempt to determine the extent of the Soviet support being provided to the communist Pathet Lao guerrillas in Laos. The guerrillas had been waging a war against the Royal Lao government since 1959. In a television news conference, President John F.

Kennedy warned of communist expansion in Laos and said that a cease-fire must precede the start of negotiations to establish a neutral and independent nation.

March 28, 1915

On March 28, 1915, the first American citizen is killed in the eight-month-old European conflict that would become known as the First World War.

Leon Thrasher, a 31-year-old mining engineer and native of Massachusetts, drowned when a German submarine, the U-28, torpedoed the cargo-passenger ship Falaba, on its way from Liverpool to West Africa, off the coast of England. Of the 242 passengers and crew on board the Falaba, 104 drowned. Thrasher, who was employed on the Gold Coast in British West Africa, was returning to his post there from England as a passenger on the ship.



March 31, 1968



In a televised speech to the nation, President Lyndon B. Johnson announces a partial halt of bombing missions over North Vietnam and proposes peace talks. He said he had ordered "unilaterally" a halt to air and naval bombardments of North Vietnam "except in the area north of the Demilitarized Zone, where the continuing enemy build-up directly threatens Allied forward positions." He also stated

that he was sending 13,500 more troops to Vietnam and would request further defense expenditures--\$2.5 billion in fiscal year 1968 and \$2.6 billion in fiscal year 1969--to finance recent troop build-ups, re-equip the South Vietnamese Army, and meet "responsibilities in Korea."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Auxiliary Mtg.	4	5	6	7
8 	9	10 Sons Mtg.	11	12	13 K-9 Veterans Day 	14 
15 	16	17  Exec. Board Mtg. Membership Mtg.	18	19	20 	21
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29	30					

Chaplain's News

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed, please contact our Chaplain John Lossi at (518) 438-6336.



Meetings

Please note that membership meetings take place at the Post the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The next meeting date is March 17th, 2014.

- The **Auxiliary** will meet next March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
- The **Sons** will next meet March 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Post Everlasting

Commander: Rick Myers
1st Vice Cmdr/Mbrship: Floyd Castle
2nd Vice Cmdr: Kevin Williams
3rd Vice Cmdr: Michael Jennings
Adjutant: Donald Perry
Finance Officer: Don Riley
Judge Advocate: Larry Wiest
Service Officer: Kevin Williams
Sergeant-at-Arms: Pat Dolan
Micky Ryan

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Rick Myers, Commander

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