



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

August, 2015

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



A Message From Your Commander

As our new Legion year begins, I would like to personally invite everyone to our August 18th meeting to help us honor the seven members of our Post listed below.

This group of esteemed gentlemen will be recognized with a national American Legion certificate of continuous membership for an **amazing** 430 years of combined membership!

- **70 years of membership**
 - Fred J. Mastrianni
- **60 years of membership**
 - Francis Dolan
 - Alfred F. Le-Mon
 - William K. Prime
 - Daniel J. Moore
 - Alfred K. Schmitt

Please don't let these milestone acknowledgements take place without your presence. Thank you.

--Rick Myers
(rickmyers1@live.com)



Spotlight on 2015 NYS Legion Convention

More than 1,500 legionnaires, auxiliary and sons assembled in Buffalo July 15-18 for the 97th Annual NYS American Legion Convention to discuss issues affecting veterans, such as better ways to treat post-traumatic stress, monitoring the VA healthcare system and advocating for a strong military.



James V. Yermas, an Amsterdam native and Town of Florida resident, was elected the new commander of the New York State American Legion as the convention drew to a close. Yermas is a Vietnam War Army veteran.



Membership **NEW YEAR**



The Post's membership year runs from Aug. 1 to July 31, which means it's time to pay your membership dues for the 2014-2015 year. **Annual dues are \$35 per person, \$32 if you are retired and 62 years of age or older.** Dues can be dropped off at, or mailed to the Post. You can also re-up online at www.legion.org/renew.

Membership dues are the life blood of any organization. They contribute to the overall programs of our post. Your promptness in forwarding your dues will be greatly appreciated as we work to achieve this year's membership goal.



May We Have Your Email?



Won't you please help your Post save on newsletter mailing costs by providing us with your current email address. The benefits are obvious... early receipt of a full-color newsletter that includes a monthly calendar (included this month in print edition). It will also enable us to share timely news and event information we receive from fellow veteran's organization's after the newsletter has been published.

To switch from a hard copy edition to an email copy of the newsletter, please forward your full name and email address to nap1610@yahoo.com. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.



Mark Your Calendar



This year's Homeless Veterans "Stand Down" will be held on Saturday Oct. 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Colonie BPO Elks # 2192, 11 Elks Lane, Latham, NY.

For more information, visit <http://maketheconnection.net/>.



History

August 2, 1971



The Nixon administration officially acknowledges that the CIA is maintaining a force of 30,000 'irregulars' fighting the Communist Pathet Lao in Laos. The CIA trained and equipped this force of mountain tribesman, mostly from the Hmong tribe, to fight a secret war against the Communists and to sever the Ho Chi Minh Trail into South Vietnam. According to a once top-secret report released this date by the U.S. Defense and State Departments, U.S. financial involvement in Laos had totaled \$284,200,000 in 1970.

August 3, 1966

U.S. Marine units commence Operation Prairie, a sequel to an earlier operation in the area (Operation Hastings), which involves a sweep just south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) against three battalions of the North Vietnamese 324B Division.



An additional 1,500 Marines from Seventh Fleet ships off Quang Tri Province conducted amphibious landings on September 15 to assist in the operation, which lasted until September 19 and resulted in a reported 1,397 communist casualties.

August 6, 1971



The last remaining troops of the Fourth Battalion, 503rd Infantry of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, (the first U.S. Army ground combat unit to arrive in

Vietnam in May 1965), cease combat operations and begin preparations to leave Vietnam. The first U.S. ground combat unit of any branch to reach Vietnam was the Third Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division, which began arriving on March 8, 1965.



Sons News

OFFICERS

Thank you for electing me to a second **ELECTED** term as Commander of our Post's Sons of the American Legion group. Congratulations to the following Sons who were also elected officers for the 2015-16 membership year at our July meeting.

- 1st Vice: Jim Frechette
- 2nd Vice: Kevin Kennelly
- Adjutant: Dan Fitzpatrick
- Finance Officer: Mike Connors
- Chaplain: Tim Ryan
- Sgt.-at-Arms: Rich Albright

We look forward to another year of supporting veteran services/causes, our community and the Post. To help us with that mission, we welcome ideas from our members and look forward to your sharing them at one or more of our upcoming monthly meetings.

John Gardy
Commander

P.S. My personal thanks to those Son's, Auxiliary & Post members for all the prayers and well wishes I received prior to my recent surgery. The procedure was a success and recovery is going well. Thank you



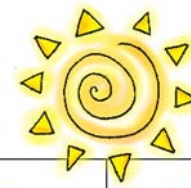
There's Only A Few Tickets Left – Get Yours Today!





See the Yankees play the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium Saturday, Sept. 12th. The North Albany Sons are sponsoring a bus trip to the game. Seating is limited, so call Tim Ryan at 461-341 for more information, and/or to purchase tickets. Game time is 4:05 p.m. The bus will leave the Post at 11:30 a.m.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Chaplain's News

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed, please contact our Chaplain Charles 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 August 18th, 2014.

- The **Auxiliary** will next meet in September
- The **Sons** will next meet August 11th at 7:00 p.m.



Post Everlasting

Commander: Rick Myers
1st Vice Cmdr/Mbrship: Patrick Ellis
2nd Vice Cmdr: Michael Jennings
3rd Vice Cmdr: Billy Ryan
Adjutant: Donald Perry
Finance Officer: Don Riley
Judge Advocate: Larry Wiest
Sergeant-at-Arms: Pat Dolan
Micky Ryan
Chaplain: Charles Lossi
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For God and Country,



Rick Myers, Commander

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