



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

February, 2015

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



A Message From Your Commander

We miss you! I know it's been cold and very easy to hibernate the winter away, but your Post is a toasty warm and inviting place to stop by, have a beverage, watch a game and see or meet friends. I can't stress enough how important it is to support the future of your Post through visitation and participation in Post activities. Our holiday party and spaghetti dinner fundraiser are just a couple of recent activities that come to mind. Both were great events that a number of our members missed out on.

On another note, I want to thank all the volunteers from the Legion, the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Limericks that donated their time and effort to make the spaghetti dinner fundraiser such a financial success for proceeds recipient, Albany H.S.'s Marching Band. I also want to thank our U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko who stopped by to visit with everyone there and show his support of the event by getting a few dinners to go.

--Rick Myers
(rickmyers1@live.com)



Department Visitation Dinner

Join us for a Department Commander Visitation Dinner Saturday, Feb. 28th at the North Albany Post.



Our Department Commander, Frank J. Peters of Staten Island (pictured), is a Navy veteran and retired ferry boat captain. His focus throughout his term has been on "honoring all who served."

Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., with dinner following at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are just \$20. To get yours, contact Elmo Kearsing at (518) 463-3782.



Join Us for Some Guzzling & Grub While Watching a Gripping Game of Football on

Super Bowl Sunday - 2/1/15

Hang out with your Legion brethren for the biggest day of the year for football fans!

The Post's Super Bowl Party starts at 5:00 p.m.
Kick-off is at 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to bring a favorite appetizer or dish to share with all while you watch the game on our two large screen TVs.



TEDDY BEARS SUPPORT LEGION PROGRAMS



The nation's top producer of handcrafted teddy bears has introduced a limited edition of bears to support American Legion programs.

Made by the Vermont Teddy Bear Co., these keepsake cuties feature the Legion emblem on a white T-shirt and cap, which can be personalized with our Post's name. The collection of bears honors all five branches of the military. A camouflage bear is also available. Twenty percent of all bear sales will be donated to the American Legion to help them provide support to veterans and their families, active-duty service members and other valuable Legion programs.

You can order these specially designed bears by visiting www.vermontteddybear.com/legion or by calling (800) 829-BEAR (2327).





Upcoming Events

March 14, 2015

North Albany & Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade
(more info. to come)

March 21, 2015

District Meeting
North Albany Post 1610 – (more info. to come)



*A snapshot from
our very
successful
Spaghetti
Dinner
Fundraiser to
benefit the
Albany H.S.
Marching Band.*



Auxiliary to Raffle Basket of Cheer

The Ladies Auxiliary is holding an awesome Basket of Cheer raffle.

The raffle will take place during the Post's St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Basket contents include a bottle of Jim Beam, Bailey's, vodka, reisling, chianti and champagne. Also, two wine glasses, a can of nuts, \$25 gift certificate, large chocolate bar, cocktail napkins and more.



If you want to see the basket up close, it's on display at the Post's bar.

Raffle tickets are just \$2 for one or \$5 for three.

The winner need not be present to claim their prize



Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Auxiliary Ladies,

Hope you are staying warm these days.

I am asking you to check your membership cards to see if they are current. We need to keep our current members as well as welcoming new ones! Dues are \$20 for Seniors and \$5.00 for Juniors. Past Presidents pay an additional \$3.00.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb.3. Hope to see you there!!!

Sincerely,

Debbi
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History

February 1, 1964



U.S. and South Vietnamese naval forces initiate Operation Plan (Oplan) 34A, which calls for raids by South Vietnamese commandos, operating under American orders, against North Vietnamese coastal and island installations.

The Oplan 34A attacks played a major role in events that led to what became known as the Gulf of Tonkin Incident. On August 2, 1964, North Vietnamese patrol boats, responding to an Oplan 34A attack by South Vietnamese gunboats against the North Vietnamese island of Hon Me, attacked the destroyer USS Maddox which was conducting a De Soto mission in the area.

February 3, 1944

On this day, American forces invade and take control of the Marshall Islands, long occupied by the Japanese and used by them as a base for military operations. The Marshalls, east of the Caroline Islands in the western Pacific Ocean, had been in Japanese hands since World War I. Occupied by the Japanese in 1914, they were made part of the "Japanese Mandated Islands" as determined by the League of Nations. The Treaty of Versailles, which concluded the First World War, stipulated certain islands formerly controlled by Germany--including the Marshalls, the Carolines, and the Marianas (except Guam)--had to be ceded to the Japanese, though "overseen" by the League. But the Japanese withdrew from the League in 1933 and began transforming the Mandated Islands into military bases. Non-Japanese, including Christian missionaries, were kept from the islands as naval and air bases--meant to threaten shipping lanes between Australia and Hawaii--were constructed.



January 7, 1965



As part of Operation Flaming Dart, 49 U.S. Navy jets from the 7th Fleet carriers Coral Sea and Hancock drop bombs and rockets on the barracks and staging areas at Dong Hoi, a guerrilla training camp in North Vietnam. Escorted by U.S. jets, a follow-up raid by South Vietnamese planes bombed a North Vietnamese military communications center.

These strikes were in retaliation for communist attacks on the U.S. installation at Camp Holloway and the adjacent Pleiku airfield in the Central Highlands, which killed eight U.S. servicemen, wounded 109, and destroyed or damaged 20 aircraft.



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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	14
15	16 	17 Exec. Board Mtg. Membership Mtg.	17	19	21	22
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29



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 February 17th, 2014.

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



Post Everlasting

Commander: Rick Myers
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3rd Vice Cmdr: Michael Jennings
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For God and Country,



Rick Myers, Commander

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