



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

July, 2015

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



A Message From Your Commander

Once again it's my great honor and privilege to be the Commander of North Albany Post 1610. Thank you so much for your confidence in me. Congratulations to all the 2015-2016 elected officers (pictured right).

In our coming year, I hope to see more members becoming involved in Post activities, which starts with attending meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and sharing your ideas for your Post.

The weather is finally starting to feel like summer, so get out there, enjoy and don't forget to stop by the Post for a visit and a beverage.

--Rick Myers
(rickmyers1@live.com)



Are You a Veteran? A Veteran that's An Artist? If so, the Albany VA Hospital Wants You!



The Albany Stratton VA Medical Center is looking for Veterans who are artists to submit designs of the picnic table art they would create for the tables on the VA grounds. The tables are for veterans and their families to enjoy. The theme is "Celebrating

Diversity in America's Veterans." For more details, go to www.albany.va.gov/ALBANY/features/Wanted_Veterans_to_Create_Picnic_Table_Art.asp. For an application, go to www.albany.va.gov/docs/Albany_Application_for_Picnic_Table_Art.pdf. The deadline for applications is July 31st, 2015.



Congrats to New Board inducted at June Meeting



Pictured (clockwise from top left): **Chuck Kelly** (Historian/Color Guard), **Larry Wiest** (Judge Advocate), **Don Riley** (Finance Officer), **Don Perry** (Adjutant), **Mickey Ryan** (Sergeant-at-Arms/Bar Chair), **Michael Jennings** (2nd Vice Commander), **Rick Myers** (Commander), **Charles Lossi** (Chaplain) and **Patrick Ellis** (1st Vice Commander). Not present: **Pat Dolan** (Sergeant-at-Arms) and **Billy Ryan** (3rd Vice Commander).



[Make the Connection](http://maketheconnection.net/) connects veterans and their friends and family members with information, resources, and solutions to issues affecting their lives such as: illness, injury, aging, depression, anxiety, adverse life events and more. It also provides/connects individuals with links for resources and support.

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





Baseball Enthusiasts -- Tickets for Yankee Stadium Trip are Still Available!

The North Albany Sons are sponsoring a bus trip to see the Yankees play the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium Saturday, Sept. 12th. Game time is 4:05 p.m. The bus will leave the Post at 11:30 a.m.

Seating is limited. Sons have first option on the \$100 Grand Seats until June 30th. Legion and Auxiliary members can check on availability after that date.

For more information, and/or to purchase tickets, contact Tim Ryan at 461-3411.



WAY TO GO!



The Eddie Ryan Memorial Golf Tournament & BBQ was a big success. The event raised \$5,800, which was donated to the Fisher House Foundation. The event was a joint venture of the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and Limericks. Thank you to everyone who played, participated or volunteered to help with the planning and/or day-of event tasks.

Fisher House provides close housing to military families during hospitalization for an illness, injury or disease.



The US Postal Service will be posting PSE Custodian positions in the Albany area very soon. They are looking to hire Veterans as well as other qualified candidates.

Their jobs are posted at their website, www.usps.com/employment on a daily basis. They encourage those interested to check the website regularly to see what positions are available.

All applications must be completed online and within the dates indicated on the posting.



Sons News

Dear Fellow Members,

I would like to thank all the Sons that participated in last month's Memorial Golf Tournament. Special shout-outs to Don McMahon, Mark Scully and John McAuliffe for the time and effort they put in to help make the event a success.

My apologies to the Post and Sons for not being available to attend the Memorial Services held for Jack Ruff on June 1st.

John Gardy
Commander

P.S. The Sons wish John all the best for a speedy recovery from his 3rd, and hopefully last, back



Win a 2015 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

The Tri-County Council of Vietnam Era Veterans is holding a raffle to benefit returning veterans and veterans of all eras and their families. Tickets for the August 9th grand prize drawing are just \$10 each. Only 4500 tickets are available. The winner need not be present at the drawing. 100% of all monies raised from the raffle will be distributed. (Winner is responsible for all taxes, insurance and registration.)



Tickets are available for sale at the Post. For more information, call 465-6829.



Members, Sons, Auxiliary *Don't be dropped from the National Legion's roll call!*

Have you paid your 2015 dues? If not, you need to do so now before summer notices go out to members in good standing.

Remember... our Legion year is Aug. 1 – July 31.

History

July 1, 1966



U.S. Air Force and Navy jets carry out a series of raids on fuel installations in the Hanoi-Haiphong area. The Dong Nam fuel dump, 15 miles northeast of Hanoi, with 9 percent of North Vietnam's storage capacity, was struck on this day. The Do Son petroleum installation, 12 miles southeast of Haiphong, would be attacked on July 3. The raids continued for two more days, as petroleum facilities near Haiphong, Thanh Hoa, and Vinh were bombed, and fuel tanks in the Hanoi area were hit. These raids were part of Operation Rolling Thunder, which had begun in March 1965. The

attacks on the North Vietnamese fuel facilities represented a new level of bombing, since these sites had been previously off limits. However, the raids did not have a lasting impact because China and the Soviet Union replaced the destroyed petroleum assets fairly quickly.

July 2, 1944

On this day in 1944, as part of Operation Gardening, the British and American strategy to lay mines in the Danube River by dropping them from the air, American aircraft also drop bombs and leaflets on German-occupied Budapest. Hungarian oil refineries and storage tanks, important to the German war machine, were destroyed by the American air raid. Along with this fire from the sky, leaflets threatening "punishment" for those responsible for the deportation of Hungarian Jews to the gas chambers at Auschwitz were also dropped on Budapest. The U.S. government wanted the SS and Hitler to know it was watching. Admiral Miklas Horthy, regent and virtual dictator of Hungary, vehemently anticommunist and afraid of Russian domination, had aligned his country with Hitler, despite the fact that he little admired him. But he, too, demanded that the deportations cease, especially since special pleas had begun pouring in from around the world upon the testimonies of four escaped Auschwitz prisoners about the atrocities there. Hitler, fearing a Hungarian rebellion, stopped the deportations on July 8. Horthy would eventually try to extricate himself from the war altogether—only to be kidnapped by Hitler's agents and consequently forced to abdicate.



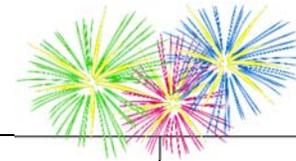
July 4, 1917



On July 4, 1917, the day on which the United States celebrates its independence, U.S. troops make their first public display of World War I, marching through the streets of Paris to the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette, a French aristocrat and hero of the American Revolutionary War.



July 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Sons Mtg.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Exec. Board Mtg. Membership Mtg.	22	23	24	25
26 	27 	28	29	30 	31	

Chaplain's News

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

Sick call: John Gardy recuperating at home.



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 July 21st, 2014.

- The **Auxiliary** will next meet in September
- The **Sons** will next meet July 14th 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
Historian/Color Guard: Chuck Kelly
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