



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

June, 2015

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



A Message From Your Commander

The Legion year is coming to a close in July so anyone reading this who has not renewed their membership please do so quickly.

Thanks to those who attended our deceased members' memorial service and participated in the Post's annual decoration of graves at St. Agnes Cemetery.

--Rick Myers
(rickmyers1@live.com)



The Veteran's Miracle Center: A Special Place for Vets & Active Duty Military Personnel



The VMC provides clothing, personal care/hygiene products, houseware items, ambulatory equipment, toys for children and much more

free-of-charge to veterans, active-duty military personnel and their immediate household. They also offer the services of specialists in counseling for personal needs, jobs, housing or financing.

The Center is open by appointment-only to veterans certified through reputable veteran organizations such as: Red Cross Veterans Affairs, VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), the VA, Albany Housing Coalition, American Legion, or other qualifying organization. To make an appointment, call 518-486-8398.

If you would like to help them provide the necessities of life, please visit www.vmcalbany.org to donate.



The following slate of officers will be voted on at the June meeting:

- * Commander: Rick Myers
- * 1st Vice Commander: Patrick Ellis
- * 2nd Vice Commander: Michael Jennings
- * 3rd Vice Commander: Billy Ryan
- * Adjutant: Don Perry
- * Finance Officer: Don Reilly
- * Judge Advocate: Larry Wiest
- * Chaplain: Charles Lossi
- * Historian: Chuck Kelly
- * Bar Chair: Mickey Ryan
- * Sergeant-at-Arms (2): Pat Dolan
Mickey Ryan

You must have your *current* American Legion Post 1610 membership card for presentation to the voting officer to cast a ballot.

Remember it's your Post, your voice, so please come out and vote!



Volunteers Wanted!

The Post is looking to compile a list of those willing to be notified of the passing of fellow members so that they can join our Commander and Chaplain in paying the Post's respects during calling hours. If interested, please call the Post (465-4800) and leave your name, phone number and if available an email. Thank you.



RE: July 17 State Convention

For those planning to go, there are no hotel blocks this year. Everyone must make their own hotel reservations.



Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Auxiliary Ladies,

It's hard to imagine that another year is nearly over!!! Our next meeting and our last for this year is on Tues., June 2nd at 7 p.m. It's a pot luck. Diane Maguire is in charge. Her number is 813-4765. We would enjoy a good turn-out!!!

I'd like to thank the following individuals for their service this year:

- Bonnie Sklar: newsletter
- Jan Precopia: vice president and membership
- Diane Maguire: secretary, bingo at the VA hospital, organizing pot lucks and recording many reports
- Peggy Hovish: treasurer
- Joann DeLisle: chaplain
- Sally Legendre: poppy drive and bingo at the VA hospital
- Dorothy Curran: poppy drive
- Judy Benner: reporting from meetings

Hope to see you on June 2nd!!!
Have a happy summer!!

Sincerely,

Debbi, 437-0811, dheritage@verizon.net



REMINDER

The Eddie Ryan Memorial Golf Tournament & BBQ, hosted by the NA Limericks and our Post, will take place June 6th at Fairways of Halfmoon.



There is an \$80 fee for golfers, which includes a BBQ at 2:00 p.m. at the Post. Non-golfers wanting to attend the BBQ can pay \$30 at the door.

All proceeds go to the Fisher House Foundation, which provides close housing to military families during hospitalization for an illness, injury or disease.



Sons News

Dear Fellow Members,

As our 2014-15 membership year draws to a close, I want to remind those who have not yet paid their dues to renew their membership now. Regular dues are \$35 per year, \$32 if you are age 62 and retired. You can mail them in or drop them off at the Post. To everyone who has already sent in their dues, thank you.

If you haven't claimed a square in the Sons pool to have your 2015-2016 dues paid, stop by the Post's lounge and take a chance by purchasing one for only \$2. The pool is open to all Legion, Auxiliary and Sons members.

John Gardy
Commander



Take Me Out to the Ballgame



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.



Reed Drucker and William Kelley, both juniors at Albany High School, have been selected to represent our Post at the 2015 Boys' State Program, June 26th – July 2nd at SUNY Morrisville.



History

June 4, 1942



On this day, the Battle of Midway—one of the most decisive U.S. victories against Japan during World War II—begins. During the four-day sea-and-air battle, the outnumbered U.S. Pacific Fleet succeeded in destroying four Japanese aircraft carriers while losing only one of its own, the Yorktown, to the previously invincible Japanese navy.

In six months of offensives prior to Midway, the Japanese had triumphed in lands throughout the Pacific, including Malaysia, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines and numerous island groups. The United States, however, was a growing threat, and Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto sought to destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet before it was large enough to outmatch his own.

A thousand miles northwest of Honolulu, the strategic island of Midway became the focus of his scheme to smash U.S. resistance to Japan's imperial designs. Yamamoto's plan consisted of a feint toward Alaska followed by an invasion of Midway by a Japanese strike force. When the U.S. Pacific Fleet arrived at Midway to respond to the invasion, it would be destroyed by the superior Japanese fleet waiting unseen to the west. If successful, the plan would eliminate the U.S. Pacific Fleet and provide a forward outpost from which the Japanese could eliminate any future American threat in the Central Pacific. U.S. intelligence broke the Japanese naval code, however, and the Americans anticipated the surprise attack.

In the meantime, 200 miles to the northeast, two U.S. attack fleets caught the Japanese force entirely by surprise and destroyed three heavy Japanese carriers and one heavy cruiser. The only Japanese carrier that initially escaped destruction, the Hiryu, loosed all its aircraft against the American task force and managed to seriously damage the U.S. carrier Yorktown, forcing its abandonment. At about 5:00 p.m., dive-bombers from the U.S. carrier Enterprise returned the favor, mortally damaging the Hiryu. It was scuttled the next morning.

When the Battle of Midway ended, Japan had lost four carriers, a cruiser and 292 aircraft, and suffered an estimated 2,500 casualties. The U.S. lost the Yorktown, the destroyer USS Hammann, 145 aircraft and suffered approximately 300 casualties.

Japan's losses hobbled its naval might—bringing Japanese and American sea power to approximate parity—and marked the turning point in the Pacific theater of World War II. In August 1942, the great U.S. counteroffensive began at Guadalcanal and did not cease until Japan's surrender three years later. CITE

June 12, 1948

Enacted on this date, The Women's Armed Services Integration Act enabled women to serve as permanent, regular members of the armed forces in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the recently formed Air Force. Prior to this act, women, with the exception of nurses, served in the military only in times of war. During World War II, over 150,000 women had served in the WAVES (the Navy) and the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and were still serving when the act was enacted. The act limited service of women by excluding them from aircraft and vessels of the Air Force and Navy that might engage in combat.

The Navy swore in its first six women enlistees on July 7, 1948. Later that year, Frances Lois Willoughby, who had served in World War II in the Naval Reserve as its first female doctor, was commissioned as a lieutenant commander. Hundreds began basic training in the Army before the end of the year. The Marine Corps launched its program by inducting some of its women reservists and those who served in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in World War II. The New York Times referred to them as "Marinettes."

In October 1949, an Army regulation established that mothers with dependent children were ineligible to serve in the military and female servicewomen with children under the age of 18 were to be discharged. This regulation remained in place until federal legislation in the 1970s established the inclusion of women with children in the armed forces.





June 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Auxiliary Mtg.	3	4	5	6 Remembering D-Day  June 6th, 1944
7	8	9 Sons Mtg.	10	11	12	13
14  14 JUNE FLAG DAY	15	16 Exec. Board Mtg. Membership Mtg.	17	18	19	20  American Eagle Day June 20
21  Happy Father's Day! Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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 June 16th, 2014.

- The **Auxiliary** will meet next June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- The **Sons** will next meet June 9th at 7:00 p.m.



Post Everlasting

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Service Officer: Kevin Williams
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