



North Albany Post 1610

American Legion

35 North First Street, Albany, New York 12204

August 3, 2009

Dear Legion Family Member and Friends,

Welcome to summertime. Try to fit our meetings into your schedule. The next regular meeting will be held on August 17th at 7:00 PM. The September executive board meeting will be held on Monday, September 7th, at 7:00 PM and the September regular meeting will be held on September 21st, also at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERSHIP

All members should remember that 2010 dues are now \$30.00 for a regular membership or \$27.00 if you are age 62 and retired. Retirees should disregard the national dues notice indicating \$30.00. Those notices for 2010 dues were in the mail. We do appreciate those that send their dues in promptly. **Active duty personnel** should email nap1610@yahoo.com so we can now that if you are active or not then your cards will be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Members confined to home due to a long-term illness or nursing, assisted living residences should contact the Post at 465-4800 or email nap1610@yahoo.com to indicate their present status.

VETERAN ACTIVITIES

HONOR-A-VET

September's Honor-A-Vet ceremony will be held Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30 AM in the Cahill room, 1st floor of 112 State Street because of the Monday holiday.

POST INFORMATION

WEB PAGE

The Post web page can be accessed at <http://www.northalbanypost1610.org/>. Among other information, the monthly newsletter, Post history, meeting schedules and current activities are posted on this site.

BELL JAR TICKET CHAIRMAN NEEDED

Chuck Kelly is stepping down as bell jar ticket chairman, so we are in need of a new bell jar ticket chairman. Interested parties should contact the post at 465-4800. Chuck will train if contacted soon enough.

BARTENDERS NEEDED

Bar chairman Mick Ryan is looking for a few members - Legion, Auxiliary or Sons - interested in bartending part-time. Anyone interested call 465-4800 and leave a message for Mick.

Chicken Barbeque is on September 19th

The chicken barbeque is back on for Saturday September 19th 1:00pm – 8:00pm. Tickets are available for \$20 each, which includes 1:00 – 3:00 Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Clam Chowder, corn on the cobb and Sausage & Peppers. Followed by the Chicken Barbeque at 5:00. Beer and soda all day with numerous door prizes.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Harry “Buzzy” Harbour gains his eligibility for SONS membership through his father, Harry Harbour who served in US Navy in WWII as a field medic and was a founding member of the Menands American Legion Post. Buzz Harbour is a former roofer now working as an auditor for Albany County and assisting with the Village of Menands Water Department. He is married to Cheryl Stevenson Harbour and they have a son going to RPI in September and daughter going into her Senior Year at Shaker High School . Buzz is a Life Member of the Menands Fire Company and still an active member. He is a great carpenter, loves camping, fishing and hunting and will be a terrific Commander of the Sons Squadron.

He was administered his oath of Office by Commander Swezey at the June Post meeting and has already increased the membership of the Sons. He is continuing the Wounded Warrior Project fundraiser the Thursday before Thanksgiving and is working with new member Kevin Kennelly in planning a first ever GARAGE SALE October 3rd from noon to 6:00 PM.

Buzzy is a hard worker, lots of fun and will do a great job assisting with the American Legion family at the North Albany American Legion Post 1610.

Officers for the 2010 Sons of the American Legion Post 1610 are as follows:

Harry (Buzzy) Harbour, Jr., Commander	Michael F. Conners, Chaplain
Edward Ryan, 1st Vice Commander	John Kane, Historian
John McAuliffe, 2nd Vice Commander	Robert Carey & John Kane, Treasurers
Michael Carey, 3rd Vice Commander	Kevin Kennelly, Sgt. At Arms
Timothy Lane, Adjutant	Michael E. Ryan, Advisor

Special Thanks

To J. McAuliff from the Sons of the American Legion for all the brush cutting that he has done and still doing

REMINDER:

All honorably discharged Veterans do qualify for Military Funeral Honors. If you have any questions contact myself at nap1610@yahoo.com and I can get you the right phone numbers to contact.

FOUND IN THE TIMESUNION:

DEAR ABBY: In May 2001, you printed my letter alerting former prisoners of war and their widows to the special veterans' benefits available to them from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The response was great; many former POWs and their dependents now have their VA benefits because of that column.

Now, as chairman of VA outreach for American Ex-Prisoners of War, I write to alert all veterans (not just former POWs) of a recent VA ruling.

On Sept. 23, 2008, Lou Gehrig's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, was made a presumptive condition for all veterans who served in our armed forces for at least 90 days.

This means that the widows of those veterans who died of Lou Gehrig's disease in years past are eligible for the VA widows' monthly benefit, which is very substantial. Many people are not aware that a veteran's death due to this disease is now considered service-connected. One claim I handled recently involved an ALS death 46 years ago, in 1963.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out, Abby. -- FRED CAMPBELL, AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

DEAR FRED: I'm pleased to help you and America's veterans once again. Readers, Fred welcomes inquiries at 3312 Chatterton Drive, San Angelo, TX 76904. He can also be e-mailed at fredrev@webtv.net.

POST EVERLASTING

**JOHN J. HILLER
RICHARD C. LANDIS
CHESTER J. PACH**

For God and Country,

Mike Swezey, Commander

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