



*North Albany Post 1610*

# American Legion

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35 North First Street, Albany, New York 12204

April 13, 2009

Dear Legion Family Member and Friends,

The snowbirds and boys of summer are once again migrating north for another great summer of fun and games. Hope they leave the cold, damp weather down south.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we prepare the slate of officers for the upcoming year. The May executive board meeting will be held on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and the May regular meeting will be on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, also at 7:00 PM.

## **CHICKEN BARBECUE/CASINO DAY**

Mark Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. We will be hosting a casino day and barbecue in our Post rooms. The casino portion of the day will be held in the hall and the barbecue will be hosted in the pavilion area. There will be no charge for those just attending the casino portion of the outing. The barbecue will be \$20 per person with hot dogs and hamburgers served during the day and a chicken barbecue later in the afternoon. Draft beer and soda is also included. Tickets will be available at the bar. Pat Dolan and house chairman Skip Egan are chairing this affair.

## **SPRING CLEANING**

It is time for spring cleanup again. House chairman Skip Egan has set Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> as outside spring cleanup day. We will meet at the Post at 9:00/9:30 am to clean the Post grounds, pavilion and barbeque pit and set the outside equipment in its proper place. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

There is still time for those members that are overdue on their 2009 dues. We need and welcome your continuing support. As we stated last month our power in Washington is in numbers. That's the only way to make them understand our position on key issues.

Our paid strength is currently at 314 or 91% of our quota of 344 paid members. Department suggests that we should be at the 95% level of members paid, so we have fallen behind the planned membership strength. If you are one of those members we are having trouble contacting and your card does not bear 2009 on the top, please remit your dues so we can maintain our strength in numbers.

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Congratulations to Kevin Kovach, winner of the St Patrick's Basket. Thank you to everyone who supports this Auxiliary fundraiser, both by selling chances and buying them.

There are a few more members that have not paid your 2009 dues. We still need 9 more to make 100%. Won't you please help us. Send your \$16.00 check to Debbi Heritage, 1 Birch Tree Rd, Albany, NY 12205.

We will be looking for volunteers to distribute poppies in May. If you have a little time you can give us please let me know. The dates are May 20, 21 and 22 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Don't forget to support the Veterans Walkathon to benefit the VA facilities in NYS and our Fisher House. It will be Saturday, April 18 from 10-noon at the VA Hospital. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your family and friends to support this great fundraiser. Let's raise even more than last year!

## **NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS**

Nominations for all Post offices will be accepted at this month's meeting. Nominations will remain open until elections are held at the May meeting. Pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and By Laws of the American Legion, Department of New York, Post 1610, the nominating committee chairman Jack Mullin will be setting forth a slate of officers. Anyone interested in serving please contact Jack or Commander Swezey. We have many opportunities for individuals to serve in various capacities. Hopefully a potential slate of officers will be presented in the May issue of this newsletter.

## **HONOR-A-VET**

The Honor-A-Vet ceremony for May will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:45 AM, hosted by North Albany Post in our Post rooms. The flag will then be flown on the flagpole outside our building. The honoree will be past Post Commander Sam Yanni. In addition we will have some sixty 8<sup>th</sup> graders from North Albany Academy attending the ceremony. Please mark the date on your calendar so we will have a great turnout for our past commander. Hopefully we will have a turnout equal to that for past commanders Vince Egan and William Carey when we held their ceremonies in our Post rooms. After the ceremony and coffee and donuts, the eight graders will be addressed by a few veterans.

## **VETERAN ACTIVITIES**

### **NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISITATION**

A dinner honoring national commander David Rehbein will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs. Commander Rehbein is from Iowa and is making his second trip to New York State. After visiting the third and fourth districts the Commander will be heading down state to visit the legionnaires in the New York City area.

### **VETERANS BENEFITS & EMPLOYMENT FAIR**

The Albany County Veterans Service Bureau is hosting a Veterans Benefits and Employment Fair that is free and open to all veterans and their families. Information on federal, state and local benefits will be available to attendees. Veterans will also be able to meet with participating local employees and Federal and State representatives from the Departments of Civil Service and Labor to explore employment and career opportunities. The date is Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Zaloga Post, 4 Everett Road, Colonie. If you have any questions contact the Veterans Service Bureau at 518 447-7710.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

As is our custom, at 6:30 PM on May 18<sup>th</sup>, prior to our regular meeting, our Memorial Service, led by Chaplain Archie Cellini, will be conducted. Please join us as we remember all those past members who have gone before us.

### **DECORATION OF GRAVES**

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> is the date for decoration of the graves of all those who are deceased and served their country. Please join us as we give these veterans their just due. The Commander will lead the contingent from the Post rooms at 8:30 AM, stopping for the laying of

the wreath at the monument in front of North Albany Academy at 8:45 AM and then mustering at St. Agnes Cemetery at 9:30 AM. After a brief ceremony at the entrance to the cemetery all will go to their assigned areas and place the flags on the graves of our veterans. Refreshments will be served at the Post rooms once we have completed placing the flags at the cemetery.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The parade is Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and musters at the corner of Partridge St. and Central Ave. Please join us in the line of March, or at the very least, rooting the marchers on as they parade by.

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION**

The reunion is July 23 – 26, 2009 in Freehold, NY. The annual Memorial Service will be held at noon Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. For more info visit their website at [www.nevietvets.us](http://www.nevietvets.us).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

One of the committees we do very little with is employment. With the state of the economy as such we provide this list of jobs in an effort to assist those who might be looking for employment.



**Albany County Department of Civil Service  
Current Exam Announcements**

**Open Competitive**

| No | Exam # | Title   | Last Filing Date | Exam date       | Fee  |
|----|--------|---|------------------|-----------------|------|
| 1  | 69326  | Central Supply Supervisor                       | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 2  | 60358  | Clerk II (Payroll)                              | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 3  | 60877  | Delinquent Tax Collector                        | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 4  | 63822  | Finance Clerk II                                | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 5  | 60077  | Fiscal Assistant II                             | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 6  | 61868  | Grant Writer                                    | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 7  | 09225  | Head Nurse                                      | 04/22/09         | Review 04/29/09 | \$20 |
| 8  | 67996  | Payroll Clerk                                   | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 9  | 66866  | Payroll Supervisor                              | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 10 | 63811  | Program Coordinator (CSHW)                      | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 11 | 69173  | Reentry Coordinator                             | 04/22/09         | 05/30/09        | \$20 |
| 12 | 61788  | Boiler and Maintenance Worker                   | 05/06/09         | 06/13/09        | \$20 |
| 13 | 60356  | Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor | 05/06/09         | 06/13/09        | \$20 |
| 14 | 68110  | Director of Fiscal Operations (Nursing Home)    | 05/06/09         | 06/13/09        | \$20 |
| 15 | 60878  | Fiscal Management Officer                       | 05/06/09         | 06/13/09        | \$20 |
| 16 | 61278  | Welfare Fraud Investigator I                    | 05/06/09         | 06/13/09        | \$20 |

Please Note: Effective January 13, 2009 our examination fees have increased from \$15 to \$20 for most exams and from \$25 to \$30 for all uniformed positions. For more information and complete details visit our website at: [www.albanycounty.com/exams](http://www.albanycounty.com/exams)

## **POST INFORMATION**

### **WEB PAGE**

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

### **25 WEEK CLUB**

For one dollar a week, for 25 weeks you get an opportunity to win many various prizes. There are weekly prizes as well as larger cash prizes. Interested parties should contact Roy VanAmburgh at 465-4800.

### **BARTEDERS 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.

### **FLAGS WANTED**

We have a need for American flags. Anyone with an American flag that they would like to donate to be flown outside the Post rooms please contact Chuck Kelly at 465-4800. The tough northeast weather really tatters Old Glory.

For God and Country,

Mike Swezey, Commander

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| Mike Swezey, Commander        | 783-9409H, 462-8304O, 330-3938C   | <a href="mailto:mike_swezey@ml.com">mike_swezey@ml.com</a>               |
| Thomas E. Tracy, Adjutant     | 434-0010  | <a href="mailto:tetracy1@verizon.net">tetracy1@verizon.net</a>           |
| Thomas E. Tracy, Membership   | 434-0010  | <a href="mailto:tetracy1@verizon.net">tetracy1@verizon.net</a>           |
| Jack Jacobie, Service Officer | 465-4800  | <a href="mailto:nap1610@localnet.com">nap1610@localnet.com</a>           |
| Mike Conners, S.A.L.          | 365-7136  | <a href="mailto:mconners@albanycounty.com">mconners@albanycounty.com</a> |
| Judy Benner, Auxiliary        | 869-8668  | <a href="mailto:jbenner1@nycap.rr.com">jbenner1@nycap.rr.com</a>         |
| Rentals                       | 465-4800 (Answering Machine)  |  |
| Post Bar & Information        | 465-1402  | <a href="mailto:nap1610@localnet.com">nap1610@localnet.com</a>           |
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| Post Web Page                 | <a href="http://www.northalbanypost1610.org/">http://www.northalbanypost1610.org/</a> |  |
| Chuck Kelly, OIC Color Guard  | 465-4800  |  |