



North Albany Post 1610 American Legion

November, 2014

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



A Message From Your Commander

Just a quick reminder that Veterans Day is this month. Join your Post's Color Guard as they march in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th to honor past and present veterans. Albany's 59th annual Veterans Day Parade kicks off at the corner of Central Ave. and Partridge St. at 11:00 a.m. The parade proceeds east on Central, continues east on Washington Ave. to Hawk St., located just east of the NYS Capitol. The reviewing stand is situated on the steps of the NYS Education Building.

I also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

--Rick Myers
(rickmyers1@alive.com)



On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, the North Albany American Legion Post will be holding their annual Veteran's Memorial Mass and breakfast. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Church, 33 Walter St., Albany. Breakfast will follow at the Legion, 35 North First St., Albany.

Tickets for the event are available at the Post for \$5. For more information, contact Mike Conners at 365-7136.



AUXILIARY TO HOLD ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT EMPIRE GIRLS STATE

Sweeten this Election Day with delicious baked goods!

Stop by the Post on Tuesday, Nov. 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., to purchase delicious homemade baked treats for your family, friends and/or neighbors.

All the tasty delicacies up for sale are made by the Auxiliary to benefit Empire Girls State, an inspirational, educational and life-changing leadership/citizenship program for high school juniors.

Those donating baked items should drop them off at the Post on Election Day before 10:00 a.m.

Watching your waistline? Cash donations all also welcome.



From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor

I am always looking for stories/photos of interest. With that in mind, I encourage members to submit any items they feel would be relevant for the newsletter. Please e-mail any submissions to naps1610@yahoo.com, or drop them at the Post to my attention. Thank you. – Bonnie Sklar





Sons News

Dear Fellow Members,

We are proud to announce the following Sons were elected as officers for this year at the last meeting:

- Commander: John Gardy
- 1st Vice Commander: James Frechette
- 2nd Vice Commander: Kevin Kenali
- Adjutant: Dan Fitzpatrick
- Finance Officers: Mike Connors
James Frechette
- Chaplin: Tim Ryan
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Richard Albright
- Historian: Mike Connors

The Sons also wish Joseph Gardy and John McAuliffe speedy recoveries!

John Gardy
Commander



9 Facts about Veterans Day

1. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11th.
2. The holiday honors anyone who has served in the States armed services.
3. The holiday started in 1919 when President Wilson proclaimed November 11 to be Armistice Day.
4. The first celebration of Armistice Day marked the one year anniversary of the end of World War I.
5. Armistice Day became a federal holiday in 1938.
6. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill establishing the holiday through Congress and changing the name to Veterans Day to include all veterans, not just those of World War I.
7. All federal offices and many schools and businesses are closed in observance of the holiday.
8. There are approximately 23.2 million veterans in the United States that the holiday honors.
9. America's Parade in New York City is the largest event in the nation celebrating Veterans Day.



Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is honored to report that for the second year in a row we have had first place winners in the National American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest. The theme of this year's essay was "How Can I Show My Pride in Being an American."

Both winners this year, Michelle Yu (Class 4 Level) and Aurora Trainor (Class 3 Level), are from Guilderland High School.

In addition to a monetary prize, an honorarium in the winning student's names will be donated to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.

Pictured below (l-r): Judy Benner, Aurora Trainor, Michelle Yu and Jan Precopia following the presentation of their certificates of accomplishment and cash awards.



The Post's Auxiliary sponsored the winning entries, as well as those of other students that penned essays this year's contest.

Sincerely,
Debbi
437-0811, dheritage@verizon.net



History

November 11, 1942



On this day in 1942, Congress approves lowering the draft age to 18 and raising the upper limit to age 37. In September 1940, Congress, by wide margins in both houses, passed the Burke-Wadsworth Act, and the first peacetime draft was imposed in the history of the [United States](#). The [registration](#) of men between the ages of 21 and 36 began exactly one month later. There were some 20 million eligible young men—50 percent were rejected the very first year, either for health reasons or because 20 percent of those who registered were illiterate. But by November 1942, with

the United States now a participant in the war, the draft ages had to be expanded; men 18 to 37 were now eligible. By war's end, approximately 34 million men had registered; 10 million had been inducted into the military.

November 21, 1944

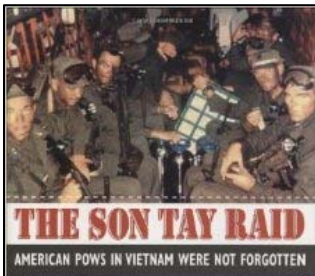
On this day in 1944, 111 U.S. B-29 Superfortress bombers raid Tokyo for the first time since Capt. Jimmy Doolittle's raid in 1942. Their target: the Nakajima aircraft engine works.

Fall 1944 saw the sustained strategic bombing of Japan. It began with a reconnaissance flight over Tokyo by Tokyo Rose, a Superfortress B-29 bomber piloted by Capt. Ralph D. Steakley, who grabbed over 700 photographs of the bomb sites in 35 minutes. Next, starting the first week of November, came a string of B-29 raids, dropping hundreds of tons of high explosives on Iwo Jima, in order to keep the Japanese fighters stationed there on the ground and useless for a counteroffensive. Then came Tokyo.



One Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded as a result of the raid. It went to Captain Steakley.

November 21, 1970



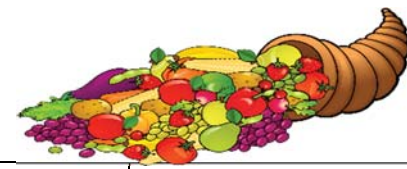
A combined U.S. Air Force and Army team of 40 Americans--led by Army Colonel "Bull" Simons--conducts a raid on the Son Tay prison camp, 23 miles west of Hanoi, in an attempt to free between 70 and 100 Americans suspected of being held there.

Planning for the mission--code-named Operation Ivory Coast--began in June 1970. The plan called for U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) to be flown to Son Tay by helicopter and crash-land inside the compound. The plan was for one group of Green Berets to pour out of the helicopter and neutralize any opposition while Green Berets in other helicopters, landing outside the walls, would break in and complete the rescue operation.

At 11:30 p.m. on November 20, the raiding force departed Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. As the force approached the camp, U.S. Air Force and Navy warplanes struck North Vietnamese troop installations and anti-aircraft sites in the area. Part of the force initially landed at the wrong compound, but otherwise the mission came off without a hitch.



November 2014



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Chaplain's News



Sick Call: Joseph Gardy - recuperating at home
John McAuliffe – recuperating at home
Don Woodard - recuperating at Whittier Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center

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 November 18th, 2014.



- The **Auxiliary** will meet next November 4th at 7:00 p.m.
- The **Sons** will next meet November 11th at 7:00 p.m.



Post Everlasting

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