



Albany American Legion Post 10

Happy Holidays

Task Force 10

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December 2023

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BINGO

Sunday beginning at 12:30



Taking a break on 12/24 and 12/31 - NO BINGO - Happy Holidays everyone! See you next year!

December Meetings

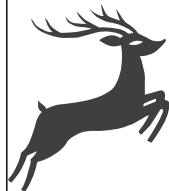
- ⊛ 2nd - ALR Meeting
- ⊛ 4th - Post Meeting
- ⊛ 11th - Sons Meeting - No Auxiliary meeting this month



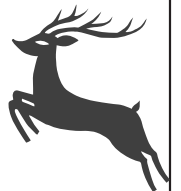
REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Thursday, December 7th beginning at 8:30, will be the Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony. Please pass the word! We would like a good turn out for this important event.

Light breakfast to follow.



December 25th from 2 - 4 pm, the annual Christmas Dinner will be served. Volunteers and of course contributions are always welcomed.



From the entire Post 10 Family.



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HOLIDAY SPARKLE BAZAAR WRAP UP

The Post's main hall was filled with an abundance of creative energy at the Annual Holiday Sparkle Bazaar held November 17 and 18. Over twenty vendors participated in the 6th year of this bazaar, which was sponsored by ALA Unit 10. The Bazaar is a fundraiser for scholarships for girls in the class of 2024 in the Albany area.



VETERANS DAY PARADE

Saturday, November 11 was Parade Day, a dreary and cold day to say the least, but it did not dampen the spirits of all the participants!

From all accounts, it was wonderful and enjoyed by all. After the parade, participants were invited to a spaghetti lunch at Post 10.

The band Foxhole played, and was well received. Foxhole is a 7-member country band composed of citizen Soldiers from the 234th Army Band.



The band *Foxhole* from the 234th Army Band.

More info on the band Foxhole visit:

<https://www.234armyband.com/ensembles/foxhole>

What the...!?

It's not what you think or looks like! A guy ask these Indian Riders Group guys if he could get a picture of their vests! Really!



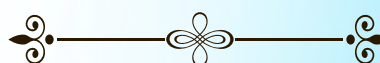
LOOKING AHEAD

NEW YEARS GREETING



January 2024

- ☛ Monday, 1st - New Year's Day
- ☛ Saturday, 6th - 10:30 am, ALR Meeting
- ☛ Monday 8th - 5 pm, SAL Meeting
- ☛ Monday, 8th - 6 pm, Post and Auxiliary Meeting
- ☛ Monday, 15th - Martin Luther King Day



Question - What can the Post do better or what would it take to entice more members to attend the monthly meetings? Send your suggestions and/or comments to: commander@albanypost10.org



February 2024

- ☛ Saturday, 3rd - @1030 ALR Meeting
- ☛ Sunday, 4th - 6 pm, Four Chaplains Memorial
- ☛ Monday, 5th - 5 pm, House Committee Meeting
- ☛ Monday 5th - 6 pm, Post Meeting
- ☛ Monday, 12th - Lincoln's Birthday
- ☛ Monday, 12th - 5 pm, SAL Meeting, 6pm, Auxiliary Meeting
- ☛ Tuesday, 13th - Mardi Gras
- ☛ Wednesday, 14th, - Valentine's Day
- ☛ Monday, 19th - Presidents Day

TASK FORCE 10 DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

Drop off your article at the Post or email them to Bill at bill.wilkinson@albanypost10.org
To be clear - I may edit and / or not publish it.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When you read this "Thanksgiving" will be history. Probably even the leftover turkey will be gone as well. The family you get together with primarily on holidays and other special occasions will all have returned to their respective homes. Thanksgiving is now just a pleasant memory. I want to suggest something to keep the Thanksgiving attitude alive throughout the year. I think most of us would agree that we have much to be thankful for (almost 😊) every day. Take a sheet of paper, and make two columns. Label one "Things I'm thankful for" and the other "Things I'm not thankful for". I'd be surprised if the things you're thankful for don't exceed the things you aren't thankful for. In the process you will, hopefully, develop an "attitude of gratitude", and that attitude has the potential to bring much happiness into your home and life. December brings us to the Christmas holidays. May we keep in mind that the real meaning of this celebration is the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our world today, the focus is more on the giving and receiving of gifts between friends and family members. With the busyness of shopping, preparing for special meals and family get-togethers, many never even think about the birth of Jesus. The greeting becomes "Happy Holidays" rather than, I think, the more appropriate greeting "Merry Christmas". The Bible says: "For this is how God loved the world; He gave his one and only; Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16 NLT)

My prayer is that you enjoyed a wonderful thanksgiving holiday and that you will have a wonderful Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you have questions or comments, please contact me directly.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

The turkey was sure gobbled up on Thanksgiving here at the Post. Over 50 guests feasted on turkey with all the fixin's plus a great assortment of additional dishes before they hit the dessert table filled with pies and cupcakes. Chef Penny and her wonderful team of volunteers – Tigger, Michelle, Dena, Karen, Richard, Harley and Bill– made sure no one went home hungry.



Holiday Closure

Yes, we are taking a break!

Post 10 Office will be closed and the Club will NOT be serving breakfast on Sunday and Monday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day AND Sunday and Monday, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Everyone is invited to Christmas Dinner on the 25th from 2 to 4 p.m. Please call the Post (541-926-0127) to reserve your spot to be sure there's plenty of food.

The schedule for Tuesday, the 26th through Saturday, the 29th has not yet been determined Watch for information the week before.

WATER POLO STATE CHAMPS!

By Terry Knoll

A Big American Legion Post 10 Family Congratulations to the West Albany Boys and Girls Water Polo Teams! WOW! The boys team defeated Hood River 11-7 in the State Championship match held Saturday, November 11, at the Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. Coincidentally, the WAHS girls team placed second in State falling to Hood River 13-10. It was an amazing State Championship play-off day with both of West Albany and Hood River teams ending up as the finalists. Both games were amazing nail biters!

This is the second year in a row that The American Legion Post 10 has been a chief sponsor of the WAHS water polo teams. Water polo is an amazing sport and the most fast-paced sport you could possibly imagine. If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing a game, make plans to do it next year. You will never forget it!!

Water Polo is considered to be the world's hardest sport to ever master. It demands strength, stamina, aerobic fitness and the desire to win dozens of wrestling matches during every game!!! Can you imagine:

- ★ Every muscle in your body has to be in the game. Players have to tread water for close to 40 minutes per game, and swim back and forth and over, sometimes for almost two miles in a single game.
- ★ While playing, only the goalie is allowed to touch the ball with both hands. Catching, throwing, dribbling, everything is only with one hand for all other players.
- ★ And then there is what goes on under the water! ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING! There is kicking,

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holding, pushing, punching, and more! Yes, there are penalties when someone intentionally punches someone, but penalties are only called when the official sees it.

The 2023 season is over. Way to go, West Albany! You were utterly amazing this year! We can't wait to cheer you on in the 2024 season!



State Champions, West Albany High Boys Water Polo Team.



MILITARY WEDDING

November 9th there was a wedding, not just a wedding, but a Military Wedding!

The Post 10 Family came together and the young couple were very happy with the ceremony and everything! There was a Flag Line and the Honor Guard, too.

Congratulations!



*Introducing
Mr. and Mrs. Indiana H. Jones*

New Year's Resolutions

I'm sure we've all made them and maybe even kept a couple of them. For this coming new year, here are some suggestions to please consider,

Will continue to support the Post 10 Family anyway possible.

Will try to attend more Post 10 Family meetings.

Will try to participate more in the Post 10 Family events.

Will try to volunteer more for the Post 10 Family.

Will try to make more "Buddy Checks" this year than last.

I also realize "Life" gets in the way, but I know it is really frustrating to go to a meeting, SAL for example, and only have the five officers attend, when there are 37 paid members! Same for the Post meetings, only about 15 or 16 members show up and there again, mostly the Executive Committee.

So please, try to keep a couple of the New Year's Resolutions and come to the Post.

Thank you and Happy Holidays. - Bill



DUES REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder for those who haven't paid their 2024 dues - they are due by December 31st, which actually means December 29th, because the Post is closed on Saturday.

THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Happy Holidays!

As I look back at this years events, there was a lot that went on. Do you remember or did you participate in any or them?



- ✪ January we installed new officers
- ✪ February was the Four Chaplains Remembrance and at the meeting, kids passed out Valentines.
- ✪ In March was the St. Patrick's dinner and the Chamber of Commerce Service Awards.
- ✪ April was Easter Dinner and also Legion Family Day.
- ✪ May - Memorial Day and the Military Spouses Day Dinner.
- ✪ June was the Department Convention and Flag Day ceremony.
- ✪ July was the Car Show and the Linn County Fair.
- ✪ August was our picnic and the Arts and Air Festival.
- ✪ September we Remembered 9/11 at the courthouse. We helped Mr. David Russell, Pearl Harbor survivor, celebrate his 103rd birthday. The ALR held their Ride for the Alive too.
- ✪ October Volunteers from Red Canoe came over and did cleanups both inside and outside. The robotics team had their SWARM fundraiser. The Post swore in a new Commander.
- ✪ November again had the ALA Holiday Sparkle Bazaar. There was a Military wedding and Thanksgiving dinner.
- ✪ December will find the Post 10 Family giving Christmas gifts to children, remembering Pearl Harbor and having Christmas dinner.

This coming year is shaping up to be even more exciting! There are planning committees already working on the 9/11 Remembrance and the Veterans Day Parade for 2024!

Happy Holidays, stay safe, call a friend and hope to see you at the Post very soon.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this year **Great!**

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Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

Thank You!


To the Veterans of our Armed Forces



Thank You for Your Service



Do you have something to sell?
For a limited time you can let the Post help you sell your valuable stuff at no cost to you.
You can include a picture, but be sure to include contact information so a buyer can get hold of you. It will be in for one month unless you ask to have it run again.




Can you help?
(mainly used to help with utility bills)

WANTED
YOUR BUSINESS CARD

For only \$35.00 a year, you too can have your card here! We e-mail out over 700 newsletters each month! How's that for so little money? Drop your card and check off at the Post or give it to Commander Dave Solomon. It's that simple!

AND THANKS FOR SUPPORTING POST 10

PayPal Donation - Click Here!
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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DECEMBER 2023

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NOVEMBER 2023

JANUARY 2024



NOTES: MONTHLY

SAME TIME, SAME PLACE

Sundays – 1000 – 1400 Club open for breakfast and lunch

Sundays – 1230 – 1600 Bingo

Mon-Sat – 0830 – 1100 Club open



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IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER 2023

- ✪ Monday, 4th - House Meeting, 5 pm
- ✪ Monday, 4th - Post Membership Meeting, 6 pm
- ✪ Thursday, 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, 8:30 am
- ✪ Monday, 11th - SAL meeting at 5 pm - **NO Auxiliary meeting this month**
- ✪ Monday, 25th - Christmas Dinner from 2 - 4 pm
- ✪ Sunday's - The kitchen is open until 2 pm - Members can order breakfast from 10 am until 1 pm
- ✪ Sunday's starting at 12:30 - BINGO - **No BINGO 12/24 and 12/31**

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