



# Ten-Forty Times

The American Legion - Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 - Delmar NY

January - February 2015

## Resolutions, Reflections and Recollections for 2015

Often times we need to reflect, recall and set a resolution for ourselves. In 2015, we could set one big resolution to be proud to be an American. Be resolved to stand up and show it. Do not ever forget how great AMERICA is. At a time when many people and politicians tend to apologize for our country's prior actions, here's how some of our deep hearted patriots handled negative and bitter remarks about America.

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JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all American Military out of France as soon as possible. Rusk responded, "Does that include those who are buried here?"  
DeGaulle did not respond.

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When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were an example of 'empire building' by George Bush. He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough land to bury those that did not return."

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A conference was held in France with many international engineers from France and USA. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?"  
A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly:

"Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day; they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day; they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?"

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Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting said "he had been to France before." The Frenchman said "you should know enough to have your passport ready." Whiting said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible, Americans always have to show their passports in France!" Whiting gave the man a long hard look, then quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show a passport to."



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## From The Commander

Fellow Legionnaires, Son's, and Auxiliary Members, Seasons' Greetings from the Blanchard Post. I would like to extend our wishes of hope, peace and prosperity to our Blanchard Post family in the coming New Year.

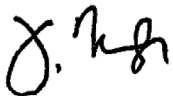
I hope we can continue the great work our Post is known for within the community in 2015. We cannot do this alone. We still need **ACTIVE** members and I ask everyone from all organizations to recruit on our behalf. We cannot continue to advocate for veterans without active members. We have had an increase in attendance at our monthly meetings and I would like to see this trend continue. I'm asking all members of the Legion to attend our monthly meetings. **Our meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month starting at 7:00 PM.** After the meeting, the Post provides a light dinner and beverages. We hope you will stop by and say hello to your fellow Legionnaires.

In true Blanchard Post fashion we have stepped up and hosted a few successful events the past couple of months. Thank you to Past Commander Riedel, the Son's, and the Auxiliary for supporting our County meeting that we hosted in October. The Thank-a-Vet dinner was a **huge success** with a large contingent of veterans in attendance. The breakfast buffets have had a good turnout the past couple of months. Thank you to Billy Griffiths and the SAL team supported by the Auxiliary for putting on a great fundraising event for the Post!

Please continue to support the Blanchard Post and our events. We are a family with a common bond of service. Whether it was you or a family member that served, we are continuing that tradition of service. I would also like to say thank you for the opportunity to lead and be a part of such a great organization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For God and Country,



Jeremy Martelle, Commander

## Legion Officers

Commander .....	Jeremy Martelle, Sr.
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.....	Al Hofaker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr.....	Scott Anson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.....	Chris Massie
Adjutant .....	Mike Kanuk
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Chaplain.....	Ralph Rahm
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Compliance Officer .....	Steve Riedel
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Service Officer.....	Vacant
Historian .....	Vacant

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## Sons of the Legion News

A thank you and I would like to commend all Sons members that worked on the 'Thank A Vet Dinner'. Let's give Bill Griffiths a salute for the successful buffet breakfasts. The Chili Fest is Saturday, January 17th from 1-5 pm. If interested in participating, please sign up soon.

Italian Night will be Saturday, February 21st. Stay tuned for further details on these events. Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2015 starts off with the SAL Tail Gate Party at 4:30 pm. Kick off the party with burgers and hot dogs also sausage, peppers and onions. Nice to have you bring a dish to share. A Flat Screen TV will be raffled off at half time of the Super Bowl. Tickets for the TV raffle will go on sale at the bar starting on January 1, 2015. The cost of a raffle ticket is \$5 and \$20 gets you 5 tickets.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Butch Levine, Commander  
Sons of the American Legion  
'Paying Tribute to Service of Our Fathers'

## Your Dues are Due!

Membership dues for 2015 for Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion and the Auxiliary are due on 1/1/15. Failure to pay your dues by 2/1/15 can result in suspension of your lounge privileges. Please pay your dues for 2015 to your membership chairman today. Thank you!

## SAL Officers

Commander ..... Butch Levine  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander ..... Bob Wagner  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander ..... John Rees  
Adjutant ..... Don Guertze  
Treasurer ..... Mike Giaccone  
Chaplain ..... John Osterhout  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Eric Swett  
Historian ..... Mathew Wilcenski

## Legion Auxiliary News

Here we are in another year, 2015. I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday season.

We wish Tracy, our treasurer who has taken a respite from the position, good health and welcome our Assistant Treasurer Flo. Thank you for stepping up.

The spaghetti dinner scheduled for January was voted down at our December meeting. Thank you Francine for your time spent planning for this dinner. If we have more participation at our meetings perhaps we would have better outcomes.

Keep clipping coupons, box tops, soup labels, tabs and cancelled stamps. Leave them in our box. We appreciate the time you spend on these projects.

A special thank you goes to Harriet for assembling boxes for the troops with help from our junior members. This is an ongoing project so keep bringing items for these boxes. Way to go.

Whenever you come to the Post, please remember to use your key to enter. If you have not paid your dues, please pay so your privileges can be reactivated.

Till next time,  
Rose Ann Lohrey  
President

## Auxiliary Officers

President ..... Roseann Lohrey  
Vice President ..... Harriet Minick  
Treasurer ..... Tracy Risko  
Secretary ..... Dale Lukatschat

Many events at the Blanchard Post require reservations. Your cooperation in making timely reservations allows event organizers to prepare the right amount of food and set up the right amount of tables and chairs.

**Thank You!**

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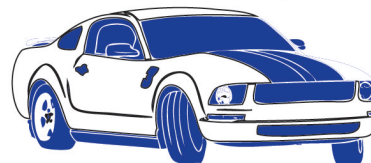
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# January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4  Football Wild Cards	5 Post Affairs 6:30 Legion Meeting 7 pm	6 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	7 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	8 Shuffleboard 7 pm	9	10
11  Football Divisionals	12	13	14 Sons of Legion Meeting 7 pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	15 Shuffleboard 7 pm	16	17 Chili Cookoff 1pm-5pm Karaoke @ 8 pm
18  Football Conf. Champs.	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	22 Shuffleboard 7 pm	23	24
25 Breakfast Buffet 9 to 12 NFL Pro-Bowl 8 pm Game Time	26 Bd. of Directors 7 pm	27	28 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	29 Shuffleboard 7 pm	30	31





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# February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  Super Bowl Party 4:30 pm 6:30 Game Time	<b>2</b> Post Affairs 6:30 Legion Meeting 7 pm	<b>3</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	<b>4</b> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Shuffleboard 7 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Sons of Legion Meeting 7 pm  Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>  Lincoln's Birthday Shuffleboard 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  President's Day (Washington's Birthday)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> Shuffleboard 7 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Italian Night Cocktails 4:30 Dinner 6 pm Karaoke 8 pm
<b>22</b>  Breakfast Buffet 9 to 12	<b>23</b> Board of Directors 7 pm	<b>24</b> County Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	<b>25</b> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> Shuffleboard 7 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

## E-Mail Addresses Wanted

In 2014 e-mail addresses proved to be an excellent way to communicate with our members. Many last minute events and important news items and reminders are shared with our members on a regular basis.

We have over 700 members in the three Legion Organizations. Unfortunately, we have only 400 e-mail addresses on file. Several of the email addresses are invalid. We sent an email out on December 26 notifying our members that this issue of the Ten-Forty Times was posted on the Legion web site. If you did not receive that e-mail then you are not on the Post e-mail list.

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## From The Chairman

A very sincere thank you goes to everyone for their generous donations for the Tinsel Ball Raffle. The money is very much needed for the continuous renovations and the rising costs of repairs and maintenance. We have been able to continue in keeping our prices stable.

Thanks go to Janet Morris and her crew for the very successful Children's Christmas Party. Santa arrived by fire truck and all enjoyed it, children and adults.

The Queen of Hearts Tournament is going well. Joe and Flo Thompson won close to \$1,600 for the first Queen of Heart selected. The second round has begun. Remember drawings are every Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

The April 2014 Mohegan Sun Trip is filling up quickly. This is an overnight trip and requires a \$50 deposit. Details will be listed in the 1040 Times as a display ad. Please reserve your spot now.

The Legion Cruise will be in April of 2016. Details and a meeting date will be announced shortly.

I wish all a very Happy, Safe & Healthy New Year.

Phil Giaccone  
Chairman of the Board

## Welcome New Members

**Legion** William Best & Shayne Kennedy  
**Aux** Roberta Hotaling, Julia Martelle  
and Paula Martelle

## Board of Directors

Cliff Thompson	Dick Drew
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Mike Kanuk	Steve Riedel
Al Hofaker	Larry Justice

Phil Giaccone, *Chairman*



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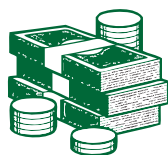
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