



Ten-Forty Times

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

January - February 2013

Community Benefits from Generous Giving by Delmar Veterans

On a quiet residential street in Delmar lies a building known to only a few. It's home to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion. Nearly 800 members comprised of Legionaries, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion remain constantly busy serving and giving back to the community. From breakfast buffets, free dinners for vets, music concerts and rentals of their banquet hall, it's all done by volunteers.

While there is not an actually tally of the thousands of volunteer hours it takes to run these organizations and their programs, there certainly is a measure of their success. Even in a down economy the Blanchard Post has found ways to continue to raise funds which it returns to the community. In 2012 the Post raised the amazing sum of \$31,715.

In a recent interview, Legion Commander Steve Riedel, a Marine Veteran and Retired Navy Seabee explained that, "giving back to programs that support our veterans is incredibly rewarding. For years we have supported Freedom Flight which brings World War II veterans to the Memorial in Washington, DC. This year our donation to that one initiative exceeded \$6000. The tears, followed by smiles, takes your breath away as you listen to a WWII vet describe the trip." Vietnam era Veteran Phil Giacone who serves as the Chairman of the Board explains, "While we are here to support America's Veterans and current servicemen and women, we recognize that when we served, American's were there to support us. It's only appropriate that we return the favor and give back to the community. Most of our community-based giving is focused on children. They are our future."

The Blanchard Post is always looking for qualified members to join. For information on how to join, so you too can help, visit their web site at: www.nabpost1040.us.

The Blanchard Post has made the following donations in 2012:

Stratton VA Hospital Programs	\$3400
Freedom Flight	\$6175
Shea Scholarship Fund	\$3365
Home for Joe	\$2575
Veterans in Need	\$1000
Am. Legion Baseball	\$2500
Veteran's Programs	\$4800
Boys State/Girls State	\$1650
Care Packages to Servicemen	\$1000
Boy Scouts Troop 58	\$1500
Scholarships	\$1100
Tri-Village LL	\$1100
Community Groups	\$1550

(Incl. Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Bethlehem Community Fund, Community Hospice, Diabetes Foundation, Am. Cancer Soc., Am. Heart Assn., Bethlehem Youth Court, Slingerlands FD and BCHS Graduation Party)

So, the next time you hear of an event at the Blanchard Post of the American Legion, know that your support will benefit both community and veterans programs and go a long way in thanking our veterans and active duty personnel.

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From The Commander

Welcome to the New Year. I hope everyone had a great holiday season, with whatever you celebrate. While we spend time with family and friends, please remember to think about those that are away from their families protecting the freedoms that this country has to offer and especially those that are in Harms way.

The past few months around the Post have been very busy. Breakfasts at the Legion, dinners, parties, and many other events have keep us busy. John Rees has been doing an excellent job with the bookings for our event hall. The SAL put on another fantastic Tinsel Ball and all our volunteers have been stepping up to make this Post continue to grow and thrive.

What we need from you is some of your time. Every event we hold here needs volunteers and we have a pretty steady crew but they need your help. If every one of us in all three organizations gave just 1 to 2 hours of time every year we could continue to provide all that you expect from us. Please consider giving some time to assist. It's how we keep our prices for drinks and meals so low.

We have had some great work done by a Boy Scout named Joe Gerrity who for his Eagle Project has spent the better part of the summer and into the fall clearing and making landscaping improvements along the edge of our property on Elsmere Ave. This area looks so much better than it has been for many years. Thanks Joe for a simply great job.

Your 2013 Membership Dues must be paid by January 31 to retain access to the lounge.

Legion Officers

Commander.....	Steve Riedel
1st Vice Commander.....	Steve Corson
2nd Vice Commander.....	available
3rd Vice Commander.....	Jeremy Martelle
Adjutant.....	Mike Kanuk
Finance Officer.....	Joe VanDeloo
Chaplain.....	Ralph Rahm
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Pete Gilbert
Historian.....	Ollie Palmer

With the New Year we will have some challenges and exciting new projects coming. Without giving them completely away there will soon be music in the Lounge as well as a new home for the POW/MIA Table. We will be cleaning and improving meeting spaces and once again we will be cleaning out the coat room.

Many events will be coming to the Post and we hope that you will volunteer, participate and enjoy what your Post has to offer. We are not a perfect organization but we are trying and if you have an idea bring it to one of our membership meetings and let's kick it around.

See you at the Post.

For God and Country

Steve Riedel

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

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Sons of the Legion News

HAPPY NEW YEAR, TO ALL MEMBERS OF POST 1040!!

As we leave 2012 and start 2013 I would like to thank everyone who helped out with all the Events that made 2012 a SUCCESSFUL YEAR! Now as we go forward into 2013 we already have a number of events scheduled.

Last Sunday Breakfast Buffet on January 27
Super Bowl Tailgate Party on Sunday, February 3
Italian Buffet Nite on Saturday, February 16
Last Sunday Breakfast Buffet on February 24
Corned Beef sandwiches on Saturday, March 16
Sunday Breakfast Buffet on March 24

More help is always needed and it's always great to see new faces helping out. So please join us at one or more of are events. A special THANK YOU ! to all who helped me make the Tinsel Ball Dinner which was on December 9. It was a GREAT SUCCESS and a good time was had by all. Congrats to all the winners of the Tinsel Ball Raffles.

Also I would like to SALUTE John Rees for a great job booking party's in 2012. MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY& HEALTHY 2013!!

Robert Wagner
Commander

Sons of the American Legion
Paying Tribute to the Service of our Fathers

Membership Dues are DUE!

**Please forward your payment
to your membership chairman today!**

Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander.....Bob Wagner
1st Vice Commander.....Neal Brady
2nd Vice Commander.....Barry Bedrosian
3rd Vice Commander.....Butch Levine
Adjutant.....Don Geurtze
Treasurer.....Don Buist
Historian.....Mike Coffey
Sgt. at Arms.....Eric Swett
Chaplain.....Steve Haggerty

Legion Auxiliary News

Welcome to what will be a fabulous 2013! It is my hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and you were able to spend much of your time with family and friends.

The children's Christmas party was a hit yet once again. Thank you all who contributed to this event through donations from the breakfast club and the collection bucket which modestly sits on the bar yet proudly generates wonderful gifts for our children. Your generous contribution helped make this Christmas extra special for our future service leaders. I also extend a deep appreciation to Janet Morris for spearheading this endeavor and her little elves who unselfishly dedicated their time to wrap gifts and bake cookies.

The Auxiliary continues to collect toiletries to send to our troops overseas and any monetary contribution to help pay the cost of shipment. If you are interested in sponsoring the delivery of a box to a troop the cost is \$15.00. It's simple! Just write a check to the NA Blanchard Post 1040 Auxiliary and in the memo section indicate postage for boxes. Your contribution will go far!

The Auxiliary is also collecting items for its food pantry for families and local veterans in need. A drop-off box is located at the lounge for your convenience.

The New Year is upon us and the air is brisk, so let's weather the storms and continue moving forward!

In the Know:

- Please be sure to renew your membership;
- Refer to the 1040 Times calendar for all events;
- Contributions made to the Auxiliary are re-directed into the community and helps our local veterans, service men and women.

Regards,

Evelyn Rosenfield
President

Legion Auxiliary Officers

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Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries,
Sausage, Ham, Fruit, Juice & Coffee

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FIRST FRIDAY FRANKS RETURNS TO THE POST ON 1/4. STOP BY FOR SOME ALL BEEF FRANKS, CHIPS AND SALAD. 4PM-7PM.		1 	2	3	4  1ST FRIDAY FRANKS 4-7	5
6  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	7 Post Affairs 7pm  Legion Meeting 7:30pm	8  Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	9  SAL Meeting 7pm	10	11	12
13  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	14	15	16  Cruise Information Night - 7pm	17	18	19 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
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27   Breakfast Buffet 9am - Noon	28  Board of Directors 7pm	29	30	31		

20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

11/2 - Jennifer Smith 11/23 - Tina Sheehan
 11/9 - J. Thibabeau 11/30 - Pat Stever
 11/16 - Dot Kahnle 12/7 - Matt Downey
 12/14 - Joseph Smith

February 2013



Thanks to John Dearstyne and Billy Griffiths for cleaning and stocking our juke box with some great hits from yesterday and today. If you have some 45's you'd like to donate to the Post, please see Johnny or Billy.

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AUX & SAL Members

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The Ladies Auxiliary continues to send care packages to our troops overseas. Your donation of \$13.45 will cover the cost of postage for a care package to a soldier. Send your check for \$13.45 to the Ladies Auxiliary today. The soldiers thank you!					 1ST FRIDAY FRANKS 4-7	
 3 SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY 4pm-Bring a dish	4 Post Affairs 7pm  Legion Meeting 7:30pm	5  Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	6	7	8	9
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The Editor's Corner

Wow! Can you imagine another year has gone by? I would like to thank all those who have commented on the new look of the 1040 Times. Thank you also to those members who help out by providing content for each issue. Without you this publication would not be possible.

It has been an honor to sit down with the men and women veterans, listening to their stories and bringing you the "Spend a Minute with a Member" column each month. Without these veterans, freedom could have a different meaning.

Now down to the really important stuff. This publication will be going "green" in the very near future. That means less printed copies and more electronic copies. The cost to print and mail this publication to almost 800 members is incredibly costly. The last two issues of the 1040 Times were posted on the Post web site 10-15 days before it was received in homes, just like this issue. After the March 2013 issue, that will be the major distribution outlet for the 1040 Times.

If we have your e-mail address on file you received an email on 12/20/12 informing you that the January 2013 issue was available online. If you are unable to access it online because of the type of internet access you have please send me an email at: nabpost1040@gmail.com and I will make sure you receive a printed copy.

If you have an email address and did not receive an e-mail from us on 12/20/12, please send us your email address **immediately** so we can keep you up to date with what's happening at the Post.

It's 2013, the rest of the world is going green and so are we. Please join us by providing us with your e-mail address. The money saved on printing and postage will be put back into the Veteran's Programs and Community Programs supported by the Post. Please do your part to help. Thanks.

Warmest regards for a prosperous New Year.

Barry E. Bedrosian
Editor

2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Thank you to all the RL, AUX & SAL members who have paid their 2013 dues. Anyone who has not paid their dues by January 31, 2013 will be suspended of privileges until their dues are paid.

Unpaid member names will be posted in the Lounge and your Lounge access card will be deactivated. No Lounge service or access will be permitted until dues are brought current.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sons of the American Legion - Paul Carey, William Primomo, Thomas Heffernan, Gerald Jennings, Paul Beyer, Richard Podhirny and James McCarroll III.

ANNUAL WIDE SCREEN TV RAFFLE HELD SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

TV GOES ON DISPLAY IN JANUARY

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR
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\$5 each or 5 for \$20

Members are welcome to bring guests to the lounge.

The guest **MUST** sign themselves in using the guest book at the door. The member must be in the lounge with their guest at **ALL** times. There are no exceptions. Members can loose lounge privileges for failing to follow this requirement.

**FREDDIE DUNN RECENTLY POSTED
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FREDDIE'S VIEWS**



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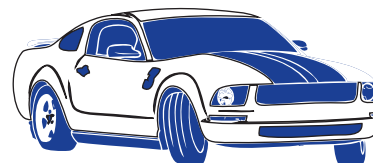
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Around the House

Anyone who has been at the lounge lately has probably had trouble getting a seat. Our crew of bartenders is doing a fantastic job, keeping up with the Holiday Cheer.

Our Party menu is off the charts due to a great job, by John Rees. We have had parties upon parties which is bringing a big smile to Joe V's face when he counts the money we make that we retune to the community.

From the entire crew of bartenders and servers, I want to wish all a very healthy and happy New Year.

Tom DeRouville
House Chairman



Italian Buffet Nite at the Post

*Saturday Evening
February 16 at 6pm*

All your favorite Italian dishes served hot and delicious. Only \$20.

Reserve your seat by calling the Post at 439-9819.

Follow the Post web site for more info.

This event is open to the public. Reservations are required. Those attending without a reservation will be seated based on availability. Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion.

Board of Directors

Steve Corson	Joe Vandeloo
Dick Drew	Tom D'Rouville
Steve Riedel	Al Hofaker
Larry Justice	Mark Wahl
George Decker	Phil Giaccone <i>Chairman</i>

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Blanchard Post Mixed Bowling League Results

STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2012

Navy	29.5	Coast Guard	21
Air Force	29	Artillery	20.5
Infantry	28	Marines	20
Army	25	Seabees	19
Men's High Game		Bob Topolski	256
Men's High Series		Bob Topolski	719
Women's High Game		Dolly Stornelli	223
Women's High Series		Madeline Oliver	543

Bowlers are needed - Full time and Subs



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Dodie Pennington knew what the U.S. Army was all about even before she enlisted. Her dad was a Warrant Officer during World War One and shipped off to France within a month after Dodie was born. He returned to their Bay Ridge, Brooklyn home within a year but remained on active duty. Dodie remembers living at Ft. Hamilton, Camp Dix and on Governor's Island. While on Governor's Island she recalled having to take a ferry into Manhattan every day to attend school in a two-room schoolhouse. That's didn't last long because the Commanding Colonel's wife had the Army build a two-room schoolhouse right on Governor's Island. Dodie and her family followed her dad to Panama where they also lived for a few years before moving to Atlanta, GA.

She finished high school in Atlanta and went on to study at the Atlanta Opportunity School where she learned typing and general office skills. They then moved to Manila, Philippines where Dodie went to work and remained after her family returned to the states in October 1940. However, in 1941 her father called for her to return to the U.S. as world tensions began to rise.

As World War Two began Dodie enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. After five weeks of basic training she was selected for Officer Candidate School in Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She received her commission as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the Air Service Command in Orlando, FL. The ASC was responsible for securing equipment and supplies and arranging for their transport to our troops overseas. Her ASC duty took her to New Guinea where she met Richard Pennington, a First Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps. Dodie and Richard were married in the Philippines in 1946. When they returned to the states, Richard was discharged and went to New York City while Dodie was at Ft. Dix where she gave birth to their first child Richard on a night when she and her husband planned to sneak away to a movie. Richard was followed by Jennifer, Bruce and Cynthia.

Dodie was discharged as a Captain and went on to raise her children in Port Washington, Long Island. Once they grew up, the kids settled in upstate New York and Dodie and Richard moved to East Berne and then Delmar where they joined the Blanchard Post. Dodie said that from the minute Richard walked in the door he was welcomed with open arms. They both joined the Post and were active for many years. Richard passed away in 1988. Dodie remains a resident of Delmar and continues to enjoy all the friends she has met at the Blanchard Post. Next time you see Dodie thank her for securing all those supplies for our troops. Our freedom would not be what it is today if it were not for Dodie and others like her who made sure our fighting troops had what they needed to preserve our freedom.

