



# Ten-FortyTimes

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

January - February 2014

## Teacher of the Year

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. 'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?' She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.' And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.' At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us.

**Editors Note:** This story was submitted by Lenore Smith, member of the Ladies Auxiliary and resident of Florida. Anyone interested in submitting a story that pays tribute to veterans is welcome to email it to: [nabpost1040@gmail.com](mailto:nabpost1040@gmail.com).

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## From The Commander

My second monthly meeting as Commander of the Blanchard Post ran rather smoothly. We had enough people in attendance to run a legal meeting, hopefully this will continue. It is great to see new and old members showing interest of the business of the Legion. When you receive this Ten-Forty Times the Tinsel Ball would have already been a success and the holiday will be over.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

For God and Country

*Al Hofaker*

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

## Legion Officers

Commander.....Al Hofaker  
1st Vice Commander.....Jeremy Martelle  
2nd Vice Commander.....Cliff Thompson  
3rd Vice Commander.....vacant  
Adjutant.....Mike Kanuk  
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Chaplain.....Ralph Rahm  
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Steve Riedel  
Historian.....Merle Oliver

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## Sons of the Legion News

Happy New Year!

The Sons of The American Legion hope your holidays were super.

Just a reminder to all members that there will be a Chili Fest on January 11th and Italian Night on February 22nd. More details will be available soon. Please follow the post web site for more details.

I would like to thank John Weidman for being Santa Claus at the children's Christmas party.

Hope to see new members at the next meeting on January 8th.

*Butchie Levine*  
Commander

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

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Adjutant.....	Don Geurtze
Treasurer.....	Mike Giacone
Historian.....	Mike Coffey
Sgt. at Arms.....	Eric Swett
Chaplain.....	Johnny Osterhout

## Legion Auxiliary News

Welcome to 2014 - Let us come together and do all we can to assist our troops and our community where there is a need. Our Child in Need donation was given to the Hamagrael School Nurse. She will use it when needed as well as to help pay for the year books that every fifth grader receives, but not everyone is able to afford.

The Vet House was pleased with our purchases for their Thanksgiving dinner. Delores Zeh and I will be shopping for their Christmas dinner. Thank you Delores. The Bethlehem Grange was the recipient of left over yarn from various members and the VA Hospital received 8 blankets donated by Maryann Enrico's workplace. Thanks to Janet Morris for the many hours volunteering for the Children's Christmas Party and to all who helped wrap gifts and make cookies for the program. Ten boxes were sent to the Seebes, thanks to the many volunteer hours of Harriet Minick and those who donated items.

Welcome to all our new members. Also, National Headquarters is sending out dues reminders. Please return with your \$25 payment. Help us reach our 100% goal.

February 25 is the date of the Auxiliary County Meeting here at the Blanchard Post. Please plan to attend if you are able. Also, we will need refreshments for this meeting. If you can help, please call me at 439-1361.

May you all have a happy and healthy new year.

Regards,

*Roseann Lohrey*  
President

**Membership Dues are DUE!**  
**Please forward your payment**  
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## Legion Auxiliary Officers

President - Roseann Lohrey

Vice Pres. - Harriet Minick . . . . grammy12209@hotmail.com

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Blanchard American Legion, Delmar, NY

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Sausage, Ham, Fruit, Juice & Coffee

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**



**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**January 2014**

January 2014			1 	2	3	4
5  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	6  Post Affairs 6:30 pm  Legion Meeting 7:00pm	7  Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	8  SAL Meeting 7pm	9	10	11 
12  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	13	14	15	16	17	18 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
19  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	20 Cruise Information Meeting at 7pm 	21	22	23	24	25  NFL Pro Bowl
26  Breakfast Buffet 9am - Noon	27  Board of Directors 7pm	28	29	30	31	1



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## February 2014

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!



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**SUPER BOWL  
TAILGATE PARTY**  
4pm-Bring a dish



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Post Affairs  
6:30 pm  
  
Legion  
Meeting  
7:00pm



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Auxiliary  
Meeting  
7:30pm

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SAL  
Meeting  
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Italian Buffet  
Nite at the Post  
6pm

Karaoke  
w/ Marie  
8pm



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Breakfast Buffet  
9am - Noon



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Board of  
Directors  
7pm

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## Around the House

Congratulations to Cliff Thompson and the whole staff who worked on the Tinsel Ball. Cliff, our new Second Vice Commander, in charge of activities, took what looked like a party cancellation and made it a complete success. The Tinsel Ball is very essential to the Post. This event not only brings in extra dollars for costly repairs but it also gives our members a nice night out.

The Children's Christmas Party was also a great success. Janet Morris and her whole staff did a wonderful job to make sure every child got a present. As usual, our elves were beautiful, and John Weidman did a great job assisting Santa Claus.

This article is being written on December 15th for the January issue of the Ten-Forty Times. I got here regardless of the foot of snow on the ground. To dry out my boots and warm my feet I spoke to Mark Wahl who is vacationing in Florida, with 80 degree weather. So now as you read this, January is here and February is just around the corner so we can start looking forward to some better weather.

The Legion Cruise to the Caribbean is only about 71 days away. There are still some rooms left, contact Paul Roberts if you are interested.

Please look at the calendar for upcoming events. The Mohegan Sun trip, will be on Saturday, April 19th. This trip will be a sell out, and the first 50 paid will go. The post will open at 7:45AM for coffee, doughnuts, and beverages, with the bus leaving at 8:30 sharp. As usual, beverages will be provided for on the bus (soda, water, and beer). At the casino you will receive you food and gambling vouchers. Just think, all of this for only \$40.

I wish everyone a very Happy and safe New Year. Hope to see you around the post.

*Phil Giacone*  
Chairman of the Board

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 non-compliance.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Sons of the American Legion

Greg Klopfer and Brady Trumpler

### Ladies Auxiliary

Joyce Bettinger and Michele Heaslip

### Legion - James Sheldon, Paul Reinhardt, Harry Khachadoorian

Douglas Hasbrouck, Jennifer Eitleman and Brett Bush

## SHUFFLEBOARD RESULTS

*First half standings after 10 weeks*

Missy & Merle	16	287
Harriet & Dick	13	268
Debby & Bob	13	261
Tracie & Al	12	277
Sheree & Don	12	269
Janet & Minard	9	245
Tracy & Paul	7	252
Flo & Mark	7	234
Gretchen & Bob	7	227
Sue & Kurt	3	167

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Studies have shown that 1 out of every 10 returning veterans will be affected by one or both of these disorders. It has been proven that these companion dogs provide comfort for the veterans and have helped to prevent suicides, reduce stress and generally enable the veteran to cope with life after deployment.

The organizations adopt suitable shelter dogs, provide training for the dog with the veteran and provides veterinary services, food and follow up to assist the veteran with any problems.

The organizations work with the Veterans Administration who will recommend veterans who qualify for the service. At present there is a backlog of veteran applications.

There is an urgent need for volunteers who are interested in working with the program and also a need for donations to help with the expenses of training and furnishing necessary items for the veterans.

Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Paul DuBois at 518-265-7345 or [diplomatman2002@yahoo.com](mailto:diplomatman2002@yahoo.com).

Any donations may be sent to: Friendship Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 137, Tribes Hill, NY, 12177



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Section 2. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent.

If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February 1st, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth of such year his membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION shall be forfeited.

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