



Ten-Forty Times

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

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Happy New Year, Really.

Today, knowledge and information are in the palm of your hand and on your fingertips with smart phones, iPads and tablets. News, talk shows, weather, and sports are 365/24/7 these days. More people text Happy New Year than actually see the people to say it face to face. In the midst of the holiday season this year, there was a tragedy in America. Say Happy New Year and you may elicit different reactions. A wish of Happy New Year 2016 challenges your state of mind. Are you an optimistic, pessimistic or 'duck your head in the sand' person?

This article will accentuate the positive and provide some evidence that America is still the greatest country and Americans remain the most resilient and generous. For families struck by tragedy around the holidays, future holiday seasons are never the same. Our sympathy goes out to those families in California. We must thank the police, security personnel, medical personnel and other first responders on that tragic day.

Think of other tragedies in our history and Americans have always bounced back. The Civil War was the gloomiest and most costly – they were all Americans. Think of our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who saved the world in the Great War and then some 20 years later in World War II. Since WW II, our military fought wars to help nations to know freedom and democracy. Vietnam Veterans fought two wars – overseas and at home.

We hear often that the youth of today don't know history and are really different. When you hear about today's youth, are you seeing the glass as half full or half empty? Today our military people are a very small percentage of our total population. They are all volunteers. They keep us safe, fighting a crazy enemy over ideology and yet those same young people are so humble. Our troops display the same commitment to duty, sacrifice and character as did every Veteran going back to the WWII.

New Year's Day is the most celebrated holiday around the world. Let's recall dates from past Happy New Years:

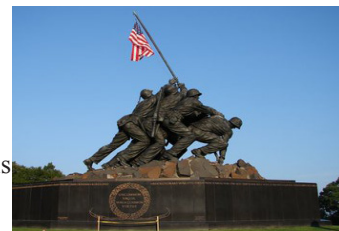
January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 1, 1735 born - American Patriot Paul Revere. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of British plans to raid Lexington and Concord.

January 1, 1752 born - Betsy Ross, a seamstress credited with helping to originate and sew the Stars and Stripes Flag of America in 1776.

February 19, 1945 – March 26, 1945 Battle of Iwo Jima. On February 23, 1945 the Flag was raised at the Battle of Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal took three photographs atop Mount Suribachi. His second photo became the most reproduced photograph in history and won him a Pulitzer Prize.



Maybe February 23rd should be 'Flag Raising' Day.

January 15, 1967 – 1st Super Bowl was 50 years ago. Score – Packers 35 - Chiefs 10 .

So, depending on the inflection of your voice and your facial expression, 'Happy New Year, Really' can have two meanings. Take the positive one.

ATTENTION READERS!!!



This is the LAST 1040 Times to be sent by mail!

Only 10 people indicated they needed a hard copy sent by mail so... We will have a few copies at the lounge/bar for pick up. After this issue, *The 1040 Times* will only be sent via

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From The Commander

From the Commander Scott Anson,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season, good health and happiness. I would like to thank the Sons for all their hard work in the kitchen on the Tinsel Ball. It was a great time had by all!

Thanks to all who helped make this year's Building Fund drive a success and if anyone has misplaced or just forgotten to mail in a donation to our Building Fund, please feel free to send any amount you can afford for this worthy cause.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for all their hard work on the childrens' Christmas party. This year was well attended and again the children had a great time.

Al Hofaker, our 1st Vice Commander/Membership has informed me that we still have members that have not paid their 2016 dues. Please see if at all possible if this can be addressed as soon as possible. Al has headed up the program for many years and takes pride making sure our Post is on target to achieve a 100% membership each and every year. If you know a Vet see if you can get them to join US here at 1040!

This 1040 Newsletter is the LAST one to be mailed in bulk via US Mail! *If you still want a hard copy in the mail please send me your mail label from this hard copy. We will mail your copy in the future. A few folks have already requested to receive a mail copy.* Printing and mailing is very costly, and in this computer age, electronic delivery is more efficient, quicker, and you can print your own hard copy. The newsletter will also be posted to our web site and Facebook. Copies will also be available at the lounge for pick up. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

As always, be sure to check out the calendar of events and stop by your Post from time to time so you don't miss out on the fun. Football season continues and we are open on Sundays, NASCAR too! 20 Week Club is always looking for new members, so please consider joining. So stop by, check out the Post, say hello to old friends and make some new ones AT OUR POST!



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Historian.....	Vacant

Welcome New Members

LEGION: Donald P. Comtois, Francis Dobbert, Matthew McCann, Jake Pelton, Michael Quackenbush, James S. Walsh, Alan Whitney


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Jim Vinci

Sons of the Legion News

As we start 2016, the Sons are looking to donate to some new veterans' organizations.



The Sons have elected a new Chaplain - thank you to Bob Martin for stepping up.

The Sunday breakfasts have had an excellent turnout. Great job Bill Griffiths and thank you for being so helpful.

I wish everyone Happy New Year.

Commander Butch Levine

SAL Officers 2015-2016

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Legion Auxiliary News



I hope you all had a great holiday. The winners of the raffle drawings were: Wine Basket - Scott Turner, Wine Rack - Cindy Young, Halloween Basket - Phil Giaccone, Wine Basket - Janet Tighe, Health & Beauty Basket - Tina Seavey and I won the Italian Basket. Our thanks go out to all who donated and supported this project.

I have just learned that our member Doris Watters is in a new facility - her address is: The Good Shepherd High Pointe Residence, 26 Rock Rose Way, Malta, New York 12020. I'm sure she would appreciate cards or letters from her friends here at the Post.

Our sympathies go out to the families of Ruth Jorgensen and Hilda Hall who died on 11/11/15. May they rest in peace.

Our County meeting on February 23, 2016 will be here at our Post. Please plan to attend and we will need refreshments.

If your dues have not yet been paid, they are now past due. Please send \$25 to Harriet Minick, 5 Salisbury Road, Delmar, New York 12054. Thank you.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

For God & Country, Roseann Lohrey
President Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary Officers

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Vice President.....	Harriet Minick
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Your Dues are Due!

Membership dues for 2016 for Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion and the Auxiliary are due! If you are past due, your lounge privileges may be suspended. Please pay your 2016 dues to your membership chairman today. Thank you!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 NFL FOOTBALL 	4 Post Affairs 6 PM Legion Meeting 7 PM	5 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	6 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	7 Shuffle Board 7 PM	8	9
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17 NFL FOOTBALL 	18 	19	20 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	21 Shuffle Board 7 PM	22	23
24/31 NFL FOOTBALL 	25 Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	26	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	28 Shuffle Board 7 PM	29	30



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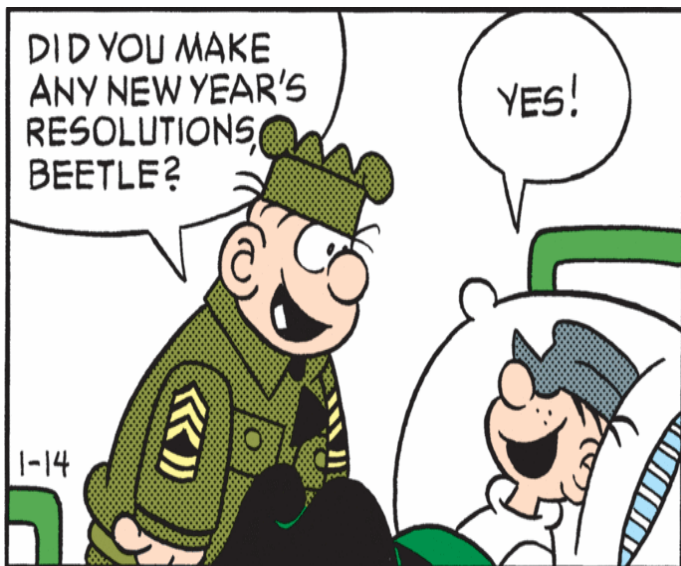
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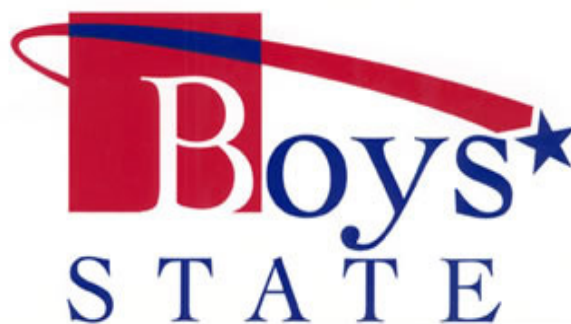
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	1 Post Affairs 6:30 PM Legion Meeting 7 PM	2 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	3 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	4 Shuffle Board 7 PM	5	6
7 Superbowl Party  6:30 Game Time	8	9	10 Sons Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	11 Shuffle Board 7 PM	12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13
14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!! 	15 	16	17 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	18 Shuffle Board 7 PM	19	20 Karaoke with Marie 8 - 11pm
21	22	23 Auxiliary County Meeting Upstairs - 7 PM	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	25 Shuffle Board 7 PM	26	27
28 Sons' Breakfast Buffet 9am-12pm	29 LEAP YEAR!! 					



AMERICAN LEGION



On behalf of the Boys' State Selection Committee, I would like to thank the Sons of the American Legion as well as our regular membership for sponsoring a candidate for the 2015 Boys' State Program held at SUNY Morrisville! - Steve Corson, Chairman.

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From The Chairman

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season.

The Children's' Christmas Party was a huge success. Janet Morris and her staff deserve many a grateful thanks. Over 85 children received presents. Santa arrived by fire truck and the weather couldn't have been better.

I want to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for the decorations in the Post. Thanks to Lyle Maddock, Mark Burke and Cliff Thompson for putting up the Christmas Tree in the front of our building.

Superbowl Sunday is February 7, 2016. The Post will open at noon. The SAL will be cooking so feel free to stop over. Please bring a dish and we will have a varied selection for this special day.

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

Phil Giacone, Chairman

Board of Directors

Cliff Thompson	Dick Drew
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Superbowl Party!
February 7th
4:30 pm



Game Time: 6:30pm