



# Ten-Forty Times



Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040 - 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar, New York 12054

Tel. 439-9819

October 2000

### Commander's Corner...

Members of Blanchard Post and Fellow Legionnaires:

Greetings! October events start off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Post Affairs Committee meeting at 6:30 and the regular monthly meeting of the Post at 7:30. Neither will be "business as usual" because we expect to resolve the issue of a vacancy in the office of Sr. Vice Commander (Membership) and that may involve changes in at least one other position as well. I believe you will find the October meeting of great interest.

I'm pleased to report that immediate Past Commander, Ernie Gall, continues on a positive course of successful recovery. In fact, he continues to be enthusiastic, and active in Post affairs, to the extent his doctors will allow.

Joe Van De Loo will offer a variation on his successful Friday night dinners with Italian Night on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Vice-Commander, Lou Unright presides over another dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found in column 1, below.

...The Auxiliary meets on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This would be a propitious time to energize the meeting, and the organization, with your presence. Lois Smith and her group are essential to the overall well-being of Blanchard Post and they sure could use more help in their challenging endeavors! Ladies, why not just show up this month. I really think you'll find that participation provides its own rewards.

The Board of Directors meets on the 30<sup>th</sup> to finish out Post activities in October. There are other things going on at the Post on a regular basis and our Lounge is always a "good stop" thanks to Sue and Bev who dispense charm, discipline and competence, as well as all kinds of non-alcoholic beverages for those without designated drivers. The atmosphere is wholesome and fun. Blanchard Post is alive and well. Be part of the sociability... it's good for you, really!

For God and Country  
Jim Benton, Commander

### October Calendar

- Mon., Oct. 2 - 6:30 P.M. - Post Affairs Committee meeting
- Mon., Oct. 2 - 7:30 P.M. Regular monthly meeting of Post #1040.
- Fri., Oct. 13 - Italian Night with Ziti and Meatballs. (See "flyer" or ad on page 2 for details)
- Thu., Oct. 19 - Thursday Luncheons are back on schedule. Our guest speaker this month will be Anne Baumann who will discuss Senior Blue Medicare +Choice Health Care benefits.
- Fri., Oct. 27 - Halloween Buffet (See details in Column 1)
- Mon., Oct. 30 - 7:30pm - Board of

BINGO -- Every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M., with up to \$1,500 in Prizes Nightly!

Come on, join us! Bring a friend! Coffee, doughnuts, soda & snacks are available from The Ladies' Auxiliary Unit #1040!

### Halloween Buffet Friday, Oct. 27th

Roast Pork with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Apple Sauce, Rolls & Butter, and Brownies with coffee for dessert.

First 80 Reservations, with payment of \$11.00 per person, is due by Saturday, Oct. 21st!

Social Hour from 6:00 P.M.

Buffet served at 7:00

Keyboard Music by Jerry Romeo will be provided from 7:30 'til 9:30pm.

Come and join us for an evening of fun and friendship!

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5. "My health insurance policy covers everything."
6. "I can't afford it."

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### Coming Events...

- Tue., Nov. 7th - Election Day
- Sat., Nov. 11th - Veterans' Day
- Fri., Nov. 17th - Thanksgiving Buffet
- Sat., Dec. 9th - Annual Tinsel Ball and special prize drawings.
- Sat. Dec., 25th - Christmas Holiday  
Post Rooms Closed

Taps are sounded for...

**Raymond E. Scofield**

and

**Thomas L. Spinosa**

May they rest in peace with their comrades who have gone on before them.

**\* \* Blanchard Post \* \***

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**Blanchard Post 1040 Events Chairmen**

Post Baseball Team.....	Ernie Gall
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**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for articles for the November "1040 Times" will be Wed., Oct., 18th.

**Bingo Report - August 2000**

Five Occasions - - - - - 540 Players

Gross Receipts.....	\$ 10,439.00
Prizes.....	- 8,270.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 2,169.00
Expenses.....	- 461.20
Net Profit.....	\$ 1,707.80
Post Bills & Donations.....	\$ 283.93

The following are excerpts from the National Commander's message in the August 28, 2000 edition of the "American Legion Dispatch"

**Success Through Perseverance**

For more than 80 years, The American Legion has had people who know how to get going when the going gets tough. They have never given up, no matter what the obstacles.

Now, as always, The Legion continues to fight for a strong military, for earned veterans' benefits, and for the principles that made this country great. It is not always easy.

Since 1989 we have been fighting for a flag protection amendment and have made great progress. It is tough going, but we WILL succeed. Despite putdowns by the Washington Beltway elitists, we march on. The only thing that can defeat us is giving up. That will not happen. The majority of the American people support our efforts - that is the only mandate we need, and the only encouragement we require.

We are also fighting for the restoration of our national defense. It is amazing that, after the lessons of Pearl Harbor and Korea, we still have to fight to make sure our men and women in uniform have the tools they need to win at whatever they are asked to do. Our efforts are paying off. We are on track to see the first real increase in defense spending in many years. Part of that is a much-deserved pay increase for military members which will lessen some of their worries about the home front while they are on America's other battle fronts.

In addition to supporting those veterans who serve on active duty, we are honoring those who previously served by supporting efforts to build the National World War II Memorial to which we, the Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion have contributed over 3.5 million dollars.

We must continue to ensure that resources are made available for our disabled and ailing veterans. As a result of your personal contacts with your elected representatives, the Department of Veterans Affairs health care budget was increased by \$1.7 billion for fiscal year 2000.

**Bell Jar Report - August 2000**

Total Ticket Value.....	\$ 15,539.50
Prizes & Unsold Tickets.....	- 12,113.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 3,426.50
Interest Income.....	+ 16.37
Total Proceeds.....	\$ 3,442.87
Bell Jar Expense.....	\$ - 0.00
Bell Jar Income.....	\$ 3,442.87
Post Bills Paid/Donations.....	- 1,440.00
Income/(Loss).....	\$ 2,002.87
Ending Balance.....	\$ 21,261.46
Beginning Balance.....	- 19,258.46
Net Change.....	\$ 2,002.87

Most Americans are unaware that there is a national security crisis or that our military is stretched paper-thin due to over-deployment of a drastically reduced force. Of the total armed forces, one in every five is deployed and away from home on any given day. This is a dangerous, repetitive cycle due to critical manpower shortages. In very corner of the globe - 134 countries in all - America's finest stand tall as defenders of democracy, as peacekeepers and rescuers, and as heroes and ambassadors of this great nation.

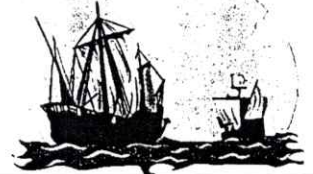
Although we may begin to turn it around in the 2001 budget, military spending has been slashed to the bone. The over-deployment of already scant forces on peacekeeping missions prevents the proper training of our military, and, because they are underpaid, more than 6,000 active-duty military families are receiving food stamps.

Prior to and after election day, we must demand a stronger national defense. The message to Washington: The government must either reduce military deployment or increase forces and commit to compensating our members adequately. We must continue to pass the word that our military forces need equipment, support and leadership necessary to protect our shores and national interest.

Freedom, justice and democracy thrive only through the perseverance of people like members of the American Legion. We must be ever mindful of our commitment and duty to America, her veterans, and their families. We must send a reveille call and a resounding message to Washington - at the polls and after the elections - that America's largest veterans' organization is still fighting for our veterans and, by Action, is still adding value to our communities, states and nation.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard  
Post 1040

**COLUMBUS DAY FIESTA**



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R.S.V.P. Call Sue or Bev at 439-9819 by:  
OCTOBER 10, 2000



# Auxiliary News

N. A. Blanchard Unit #1040  
 ~ American Legion Auxiliary ~

President.....Lois Smith  
 1st Vice President.....Lillian Blanchard  
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Assistant Treasurer.....Pauline Ouderkirk  
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 Historian.....Marcia Turner

*From your President...*

Unfortunately, there was no response to the letters that were sent out to the Auxiliary members earlier this year. We cannot survive with the few workers that we have. There will be many changes during the coming months, and with any luck we will be able to resolve some of them, but others won't be.

As of January 1, 2001, there will be no Post Office Box to which membership payments can be sent. After that date, payments should be mailed directly to Lillian Blanchard, 633 Delaware Avenue, Apt. 1, Delmar, NY 12054-2417.

There will be no Christmas Party scheduled this year as there have not been enough attending this event.

If anyone knows of a sick or deceased member, please notify our Chaplain, Marcia Turner, at 439-5819.

If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can stimulate interest or attract volunteers, please direct them to Lois Smith, 1 Maewin Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077-4821.

We are still collecting soda, iced tea and beer can tabs for the Shriners' Hospital, along with the Campbell products labels.

We continue to collect men's clothing, twin sheets, blankets, towels, etc., for the veterans in our area. Please call Lois at 439-5541.

Annual membership payments are now due, so please remit to Lillian Blanchard as noted above.

With school back in session, we ask that you please watch out for the children.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on October 17, 2000 in the downstairs Post Room.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Yours for the Auxiliary,  
*Lois Smith*

**Military Funeral Honors**

Information is now available regarding the Federal Law which was passed and signed by President Clinton on October 5, 1999. The law, known as Public Law 105-261 Military Funeral Honors, has put into place the procedure for basic military funeral honors for any veteran *upon request of the family*.

The number of veteran deaths has been increasing dramatically, from 459,000 in 1989 to a projected number of 620,000 annually in 2008, or 1,700 funerals per day. This has led the Department of Defense to work with Veterans Service Organizations and Funeral Directors Associations to address the issue of Military Funeral Honors.

A copy of the law's basic tenets is available in the Post Lounge, and should be part of every veteran's personal records file for use by the family. Also available are pamphlets describing the National Cemetery program and the process for applying for burial services and interment in a National Cemetery such as the new cemetery located near Saratoga Springs, New York

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