



Ten Forty Times



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November: The Nation Remembers and Honors the Veterans of All of Our Wars



☆ ☆ ☆ Veteran's Day 1991 ☆ ☆ ☆

At 11 a.m., November 11, 1918, the guns of World War I were stilled. For the first time in our nation's history, Americans on European soil had defended the cause of freedom. Since that day, other generations of Americans have answered their country's call to defend the national purpose and the cause of individual dignity.

November 11, 1991 is Veteran's Day, a time to honor all of our veterans, men and women who have fulfilled the highest obligation of their citizenship.

Out of World War I, which ended 73 years ago, was born the American Legion. An organization of wartime veterans dedicated to God and Country, the Legion now includes in its ranks over 3 millions veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama and the Gulf. In their quest "to make right the master of right," American Legionnaires devote their endeavors to a strong, vigorous, compassionate America to lead the way to world peace with honor.

On this Veteran's Day 1991, we join with all America in a salute to the veterans of our nation and our community.

American Education Week

The American Legion, for the 71st year, will play a leading role in the annual observance of American Education Week, November 25th through 30th. Blanchard Post, as always, will do its part in the observance of this week locally. This year we will contribute to a fund for a school project which will enhance the program of citizenship education of the 4th and 5th graders on the U.S. Constitution.

Al Woehrlé for many years has chaired this program for our Post and, as always, has done a great job in his contacts with Bethlehem School Superintendent Loomis.

Compensated Work Therapy Program

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has established a program on an experimental basis to help disabled veterans assimilate back into the community after military service.

Known as the Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) Program, it is looking for clients for the veterans workshop, and for individuals with marketing expertise to volunteer to help identify and reach potential clients in the Capital District area.

Anyone interested in helping with this program should contact: **CWT/Veterans Industries**, 170 Ontario Street, Albany, NY 12206. Our own Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with this program.

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Italian Night

Our annual Italian Night will be held this year on Saturday, **November 16th**. The usual happy hour will open the festivities at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m. and music for dancing at 8 p.m. Commander Conti is chairing the event and is looking for volunteers to lend a hand and guarantee that it will again be the success that it always has been in the past. Come on out and enjoy what always has been one of our finest party evenings. All this for a mere \$12.00 per person.

"Veterans' Voice"

The New York State Division of Veterans Affairs (Tel: 1-800-635-6534), through the courtesy of the New York Telephone Company, has available a 16-page informative publication serving the Veteran community.

November Calendar

- 4 Mon - Regular Post meeting at 8 pm
- 5 Tue - Election Day - *Be sure to vote!*
- 8 Fri - Friday night dinner, 6-8 pm
- 10 Sun - Brunch at the Post at noon
- 11 Mon - Veteran's Day
- 16 Sat - Italian Night at the Post
- 18 Mon - Lincoln delivers the famous Gettysburg Address
- 19 Tue - Auxiliary meeting at 7:30 pm
- 21 Thu - Luncheon at Day's Inn at noon
- 28 Thu - Thanksgiving Day established by President Lincoln in 1863

Veteran's Day Parade

Post members are invited to come out and march with our Color Guard in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in Albany. Uniforms, while desired, are not mandatory. The parade route will be somewhat different than in past years. Details of the new route will be posted in the Lounge when we receive them.

Desert Storm Veterans

Evidence of significant readjustment problems faced by returning Gulf War veterans and their family members has caught the attention of Congress. Reports of increased marital problems, divorces, child abuse, spouse abuse, drug abuse and alcohol abuse among returning veterans and their family members has prompted the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to hold hearings concerning readjustment problems. Just over half of the soldiers deployed to the Persian Gulf were married and/or had dependents, nearly triple the number in the Vietnam War, and very different from previous wars.

Also, a preliminary report prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs revealed that nearly 10% of the first 2,500 deactivated and discharged Operation Desert Storm veterans seen at VA facilities were treated for psychiatric problems. The American Legion has seen first-hand evidence of this and has appeared before Congress on this matter.

Friday Night Dinner

Friday night, **November 8th**, from 6 to 8 p.m. will be the occasion of the dinner at the Post. There will be a choice of N.Y. Strip Steak or Fried Fantail Shrimp served with steak fries or rice pilaf, a vegetable and dessert, all at a great price of \$10. Reservations are due by November 1st.

December 7th, 1991

On Saturday, December 7th, our Post will mark the 50th Anniversary of the treacherous bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. A short memorial service will include the Post Color Guard and a salute by the firing squad. The service will be held at the Flag pole in front of the Post at a time to be announced in our December issue of the *1040 Times* and in the local papers.

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Ruby Wood Reports

Sympathy cards were sent to Barbara Palmer upon the death of her father, Howard Maguire, a World War I member of our Post, and her mother, Mabel Maguire, both of whom died within a few days of one another in September; to Matthias H. Klapp on the death of his mother Edna C. Klapp; to Mrs. Charles Myers and sons upon the death of Charles Myers, husband and father; and a get well card to Eleanor Vogel, wife of Willis Vogel.

Friday Nights at the Post

Once again, music has returned to our Post Lounge on Friday nights, and will be with us through May. So, come join us for visiting with your friends, dancing, a sing-along or whatever. We know you will enjoy it, and we look forward to seeing you.

Social Service Contribution

Recently, Ray Bender of the Post Bell Jar Committee, received a letter of thanks for a gift to the Bethlehem Festival Fund. As many of our members know, this fund has been in existence in our town since 1942. It is a fund that assists those in need who slip through the cracks of the traditional social service program in our community. The fund has come to the aid of thousands of Bethlehem residents, young and old alike, quickly and with the utmost respect for confidentiality. Just another example of our continuous concern and involvement in our community.

Sunday Brunch

The November Brunch will be held on the 10th from noon to 2 p.m. W.W.I veterans and their spouses or companions are always welcome as our guests. The price: \$6. Make your reservations with Donna or John in the Lounge at 439-9819 or Bill Campbell at 439-3398.

November Luncheon

The November luncheon at the Sidewheeler Restaurant of the Days Inn will be at 12 noon on Thursday the 21st. The price is \$7.50. Bring a friend if you care to; a non-member eligible veteran, if you know one, would be a good idea. There will be a speaker from the Watervliet Arsenal who will show a video of the "Bunker Buster" - the latest heavy weapon in production there.

Blanchard Post's Boy Scout Troop

Boy Scout Troop #58, sponsored by Blanchard Post, will be selling Christmas wreaths as part of their annual Troop Fund Raiser. Prices range from \$12 to \$18 for these fresh evergreen wreaths. Anyone interested in supporting our Troop in this fund raiser should call John Hollner at 475-1648. If John is not there, ask for his son Lance who is a member of the Troop.

Taps

Charles C. Myers, Jr. of Chesapeake, Virginia, who died in September. Charles was a World War II veteran who continued his membership in Blanchard Post after moving to Virginia in 1987.

Joseph V. Von Ronne, a former Post Commander, died Oct. 17 in the VA Medical Center Hospital in Albany. American Legion services were held at the funeral home.

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

Children's Halloween Party

The Elsmere Fire Company will be sponsoring their annual Children's Halloween Party on Thursday, October 31st, at the fire house from 6-9 p.m. So bring those little guys and gals and join in the fun and refreshments.

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Auxiliary News

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The holiday season is fast approaching and that means there will be a lot going on at the Post. Once a month a Friday night dinner, with music every Friday night. To get in out of the cold and have a great time, why not stop by some Friday night, join your friends and most likely make some new ones. Keep an eye on the 1040 Times each month so you keep up with what is going on at the Post and not be left out in the cold.

Calendar of Events for November

- ☐ **Tuesday the 5th** – ELECTION DAY – "Get Out and Vote!"
- ☐ **Also on the 5th** – GAME NIGHT at the VA. Barbara Palmer needs help from Auxiliary and Legion members. Helping out the patients has always been fun for all who have participated in the past.
- ☐ **Monday the 11th** – VETERAN'S DAY. Let us remember those who served to keep us free.
- ☐ **Tuesday the 19th** – REGULAR UNIT MEETING at 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Tuesday the 26th** – ALBANY COUNTY Auxiliary meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Zaloga Post rooms; hosted by the Silverstein Unit.

There were a total of 10 Bingo workers for May, June, July and August. September Bingo workers were Nancy Richardson (2), Lois Smith (2), Alice Lenhardt (3), Eve Murray (3), and Carol Joralemon (4). If you have a little time to give us a hand on Bingo nights, please call Carol Joralemon at 439-6331 or Lois Smith at 439-5541.

Our 1991-92 membership dues are now due. Please remit to Carol Joralemon at 7 Wellington Rd., Delmar, NY 12054, or leave with Donna or John in the Post Lounge. To date we have 117 paid members against a quota of 188, which represents 62%. Keep up the good work and help us get another 100% year.

Please keep in mind that if you know of or hear of a sick member in the hospital or recuperating at home that our Chaplain, Celeste Partak, should be advised (477-6827).

Again this year we will be collecting Grand Union yellow receipts for the Bethlehem Pre-School. Please drop any of your unwanted receipts into the jar in the Post Lounge. Thank you ahead of time.

A little advance notice that we will be having our annual **Christmas Party** on **Tuesday, December 17th**, with Marcia Turner as our Chairlady. Keep the date open – more details in the December issue of the 1040 Times.

Until next month, have a very happy, health and safe Thanksgiving and keep smiling.

– LOIS

Thanks to Vivian and Dick

The Post says "Thank You" to Vivian and Dick Greenough for their donation of a commercial pop-corn popper. Dick and Viv also donated a new Christmas tree for the Lounge last winter – a gift which was very welcome in view of the condition of the old one.

The Post Office Remembers

The U.S. Post Office has issued a Commemorative Series of stamps for the 50th Anniversary of the sneak Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The stamps come in a gold colored folder, are first class (\$.29), and come in a book of 20 stamps selling for \$5.80. Early sales have been heavy, so buy yours soon.

Remember To Vote

An item in the October issue of the 1040 Times pointed out the importance of one vote in setting the course of history over the centuries. While our one vote may never be that important historically, it can be very important on a local basis as an example to our children and grandchildren of good citizenship. So make sure you get out and cast your ballot on Tuesday, November 5th.

Bar of Cheer Raffle

Returns for the annual "Bar of Cheer" raffle were coming in at press time, but at a rather slow pace. We trust that the pace will quicken as this raffle has always been an invaluable aid to our financial position. Time flies so please make your returns now. Thanks from the Bar of Cheer Committee.

Chief Currie To Retire

Bethlehem Police Chief Paul E. Currie, a member of Blanchard Post, has announced his retirement on the first of the year. Chief Currie is a veteran of the Korean War and has been a member of Blanchard Post since coming to our town. We wish him the very best for many years of a well-earned retirement.

Thanks to Matt Klapp

Thanks to Matt for the great job he did in repairing the door buzzer system in the Lounge. Just another instance of the talent we have in our membership that is ever ready to help when needed.

September Bingo Report

Four occasions – 433 players

Gross receipts \$5,948.30

Prizes 4,000.00

Gross Profit \$1,948.30

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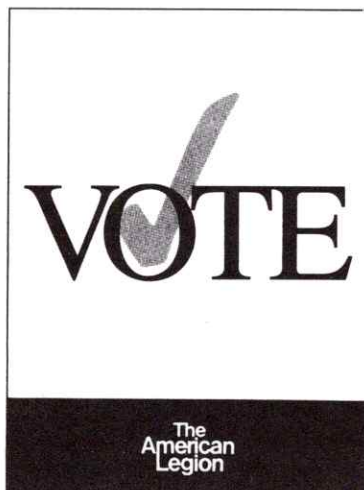
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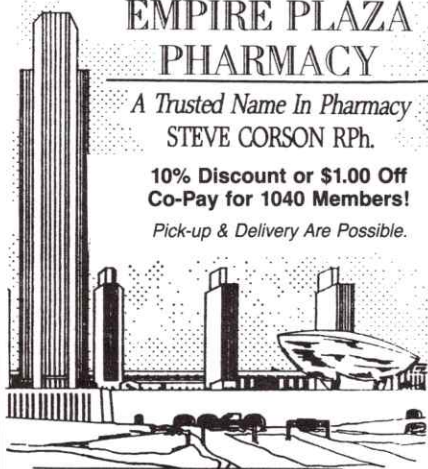
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