



Ten-Forty Times



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

Tel. 439-9819

November 2000

Commander's Corner...

Members of Blanchard Post and Fellow Legionnaires:

I'd like to introduce myself to the majority of our members who don't know me. My name is Mark Wahl and I retired with over 20 years of active service in the U.S. Navy in 1994. I was a Senior Chief (E-8), and served on both coasts with aviation squadrons, a Seabee battalion, and on destroyers. I've sailed on the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Ocean along with too many seas to mention. I transferred to Blanchard Post when I moved into the area in 1994. I've served as Second Vice Commander, Captain of the Color Guard for 3-1/2 years, and as a Board member for the past 1-1/2 years. I now have the honor and privilege to serve as your Commander for the remainder of Ernie Gall's term. I can only hope to be able to carry on with the great work already done.

My hope is that you will stop by the Post Lounge if you haven't been by in a while, say "Hi" to Susie and Bevie, and to become a more active member of *your Post!* I am here to serve as your Commander. If you have a suggestion on how we can better serve you, please drop off that suggestion, or drop us a line. I promise that every constructive suggestion will be seriously considered and thoroughly discussed. Together we can build a strong, active Post of which all of us can be proud.

Lastly, I want to thank all of the volunteers in this Post. I recently stopped by on a Friday night during a Pasta Dinner. I am pleased to say that it was a huge success because of your support and the help from just a few volunteers. Just imagine if more people volunteered for these events - Wow!, what a Post we could be! A special thanks to Joe Van DeLoo, Bev, Sue, Carol, Bob, Pat and Dave. Don't forget our Friday Night Dinners, upcoming Fish Fry, the "Third Thursday" Luncheons, the Tinsel Ball, and the many other events - large and small - coming up this new year.

Please VOTE! - we are once again reminded of the daily peril our military service personnel face just doing their part in trying to ensure peace and democracy. Don't let those sailors on board the USS Cole down. Exercise YOUR RIGHT; Accept YOUR RESPONSIBILITY - Go to the polls and VOTE!

For God and Country
Mark Wahl, Commander

Thanksgiving Buffet Friday, Nov. 17th

Corned Beef & Cabbage with Boiled Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter...plus Brownies and Coffee for dessert.

First 80 Reservations, with payment of \$11.00 per person, is due by Saturday, Nov. 11th!

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.

I'm a Legionnaire!

*For God and country to serve and care,
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.*

*To make my country a better place
and meet my neighbor face to face.*

*To help the distressed their cross to bear,
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.*

*To face with courage the coming day
and teach my children how to pray;
to make my flag a symbol rare,
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.*

*And when our Great Commander calls,
and taps are sounded for each and all,
Forget not to breath a prayer
and thank the Lord.*

I'm a Legionnaire.

From "The American Legion Dispatch", September. 22, 2000

November Calendar

- Mon., Nov. 6 - 6:30 P.M. - Post Affairs Committee meeting
- Mon., Nov. 6 - 7:30 P.M. Regular monthly meeting of Post #1040.
- Tue., Nov. 7th - Election Day
- Fri., Nov. 10 - Fall Fish Fry Night (See "flyer" or ad on page 2 for details)
- Sat., Nov. 11th - **Veterans' Day**
- Thu., Nov. 16 - The Thursday Luncheon group will meet at the Post at 11:00am, travel to the USS Slater for a tour of the ship, then return to the Post for lunch. The cost per person for the tour, in a group of 30-35, is \$4.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Seniors, and \$2.00 for Children.
- Fri., Nov. 17th - Thanksgiving Buffet (See details in Column 1)
- Mon., Nov. 27 - 7:30pm - Board of Directors' Meeting.

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

Come on, join us! Bring a friend!

Coming Events...

- Thu., Dec. 7th - Pearl Harbor Day
- Sat., Dec. 9th - Annual Tinsel Ball
- Sun., Dec. 17 - Holidays Egg Nog Party
- Mon., Dec., 25th - Christmas Holiday
Post Rooms Closed
- Mon., Jan. 1st - New Year's Holiday
Post Rooms Closed
- Sat., Jan. 20th - 20-Week Club Dinner
Dance and Prize Drawings.

Taps are sounded for...

Paul E. Currie, Sr.,

Raymond L. Fink

and

Rev. Joseph T. Ryan, D.D.

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 December "1040 Times" will be Mon., Nov., 20th.

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Once upon a time there was a person charged with the responsibility of producing a monthly newsletter for the membership of a well-known organization. His job entailed receiving news items of interest to the members; cajoling the heads of the organization's various groups into providing a monthly message to its members; reminding the usual contributors to get their reports to him in a timely manner each month, and trying to manufacture news items to fill the rest of the newsletter with items of interest to veterans, not to mention the need to contact advertisers and arrange for their paid advertisements to support the publication and mailing of the letter.

This has become a job that the incumbent "Editor" can no longer handle by himself! His pleas for assistance in the form of "reporters" who could channel information to him, for help in determining what should be included in the monthly letter, and for reaching out to other local businesses for more advertising support, has gone unheeded. Consequently, he will no longer tolerate complaints about "lack of news" - or "You forgot to include this" in the last newsletter! Why don't you get off your respective duffs and offer your help - or better yet - offer to take over the job!! He's just about HAD it!!

...And while he's at it...Why can't some of you members spend a little more time at your "Special Place" and patronize its services. If some sort of service is lacking, why not attend monthly meetings and offer your suggestion(s) and assistance to improve our services! Complaints don't accomplish anything without some positive thoughts and efforts to resolve whatever the problem!

Below are several lines on which you can record your ideas, complaints, or suggestions. Please cut out and return the form - and include your name and phone number so we can call on you for further input and assistance:

Name: _____ Tel. No. _____

Bingo Report - September 2000

Four Occasions - - - - - 352 Players

Gross Receipts.....\$ 7,473.00
Prizes.....- 6,488.00
Gross Profit.....\$ 985.00
Expenses.....- 244.26
Net Profit.....\$ 740.74
Post Bills Paid & Donations.. \$ 286.49

Bell Jar Report - September 2000

Total Ticket Value.....\$ 13,230.00
Prizes & Unsold Tickets.....- 10,552.00
Gross Profit.....\$ 2,678.00
Interest Income.....+ 14.30
Total Proceeds.....\$ 2,692.30
Bell Jar Expense.....\$ -1,156.98
Bell Jar Income.....\$ 1,535.32
Post Bills Paid/Donations.....- 6,888.95
Income/(Loss).....\$ (5,353.63)

Beginning Balance.....\$ 21,261.46
Ending Balance.....- 15,907.70
Net Change.....\$ (5,353.63)

NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD

POST 1040

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WHEN: Friday, Nov. 10th

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

President.....Lois Smith
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Assistant Treasurer.....Pauline Ouderkirk
Sergeant-At-Arms.....Lillian Blanchard
Chaplain.....Marcia Turner
Historian.....Marcia Turner

From your President...

As we start another month, I'd like to thank Helen Conrad for helping set up Bingo supplies for us on Wednesday nights. We still need "early birds" to help us out setting up and serving from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at least once every other month. If anyone can help, please call me at 439-5541.

Don't forget to contact Marcia Turner if you know of anyone who is sick at home, in a hospital, or in a health care facility, or if you learn of the death of any member.

Get well wishes go out to Pauline Ouderkirk, Alice Lenhardt, and Chris Hoffman.

Once again we want to remind you that we're still collecting beer, soda and iced tea can tabs for the Shriners; also, we're still looking for Campbell product labels. Drop either or both off at the Post Lounge.

We'll be having our last meeting of the year for the Auxiliary on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30pm. Please try to attend so we can wrap up things until our next meeting in the spring.

The Auxiliary Officers would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. Until next month...

Yours for the Auxiliary,
Lois Smith
President

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Happy Thanksgiving

Thoughts on Aging...

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along they came to an intersection. The traffic light was red, but they just went straight on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it, but I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection. The light was red, and again they went right through. This time the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red, but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and sure enough, they went right through, again! She turned to the other woman and shouted, "Mildred! Do you know you just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Good Heavens! Am I driving?"

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