



Ten-Forty Times

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

November - December 2013

Blanchard Post Celebrates Air Force and Navy Birthdays

The official date of the founding of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947. It was a momentous event that over six decades later has demonstrated the achievement of an Air Force second-to-none, yet the Air Force's history and heritage goes back a lot further.

From the time that the US military purchased its first aircraft in 1909 up to 1947, the US Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909); Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); United States Army Air Service (1918); United States Army Air Corps (1926), United States Army Air Forces (1941).

WWII illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change the basic organization of the US Military Forces. The result was the creation of a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. In 1947 President Truman signed the National Security Act which established this new defense organization, and along with it the creation of the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy. The official birthday of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947.

Through the years history has shown the wisdom and foresight of the creation of a separate Air Force. The US Air Force emerged quickly from its cradle and began to create its own history and heritage.

The Post celebrated the Air Force birthday on September 18 with a cake pictured below with Air Force vet Joe Vandelloo and Air National Guardsman Jeremy Martelle. *(photo courtesy of Mary Ann Enrico)*




The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On Oct. 13, 1775 the Continental Congress, established a small naval force, hoping that a small navy would be able to offset the

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From The Post Affairs Team

Fellow Legionnaires,

It must be said that this is a great time to be a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post. Chairman of the Board Phil Giacone continues to make our aging building and post functional. We continue to look forward to updating the lounge, banquet hall, and the physical plant/building.

Now for Post Affairs news - the S.A.L. squadron presented the post with a substantial check which will be used for the many building projects needed. A big THANK YOU goes out to the S.A.L Squadron Commander Butch Levine, Vice Commander Bobby Wagner and all the S.A.L for members for their hard work, dedication, and donation!

BREAKING NEWS – PLEASE READ!!
New Regular Legion Meeting time

Beginning with November's regular Legion meeting, we will start a half hour earlier. The Post Affairs starts at 6:30 pm OUR regular Legion meeting will start at 7:00 pm SHARP!

ATTEND A MEETING (about an hour), grab some good eats, and watch the Monday Night Football game! Does get any better than that!! ☺

PLEASE.... be there and support YOUR Post!

Your Post Affairs Team

Legion Officers

Acting Commander.....	Al Hofaker
1st Vice Commander.....	Al Hofaker
2nd Vice Commander.....	Jeremy Martelle
3rd Vice Commander.....	Clif Thompson
Adjutant.....	Mike Kanuk
Finance Officer.....	Joe VanDeloo
Chaplain.....	Ralph Rahm
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Steve Riedel
Historian.....	Merle Oliver

Interesting Facts About The Attack On Pearl Harbor



The attack commenced at 7:55 A.M. on Sunday, December 7, 1941. The Japanese fleet consisted of 353 planes that attacked in two waves. The Japanese only attacked the ships at Pearl Harbor Naval base and airplanes at Hickman Airfield, leaving surrounding areas such as repair facilities, the submarine base and fuel oil storages areas unharmed.

The United States aircraft carriers, the primary target of the attack, were not at the base at the time. Because of this, the Japanese cancelled a planned second attack four of the American battleships stationed in "battleship row" were sunk. Another was capsized and a sixth run aground. 11 other ships were sunk and 188 planes destroyed. 2,343 men were killed, 1,272 were wounded and 960 left missing. Only 28 Japanese planes were shot down and 5 midget submarines sunk.

The United States declared war on Japan the next day as FDR gave his famous "Day of Infamy" speech to Congress. The U.S. declared war on Germany and Italy on December 11, after they declared war on the U.S.

The dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki helped bring an end to World War II in 1945. There was a floating National Monument erected on the hull of the sunken Arizona in 1962.

Time Change - Legion Mtgs.

Effective November 4, 2013, the Post Affairs Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the REGular Legion Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please adjust your schedule accordingly.

Post Affairs @ 6:30 p.m.
Legion Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

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Sons of the Legion News

Holy Cow!

The holiday season is upon us. Let's not forget about the less fortunate and donate to your local food pantries. The fall has been busy with the last Sunday of the month breakfast and a drive-through chicken barbeque.

I would like to give a special thanks to Bobby Wagner for getting our membership back in order. I know he has put a lot of work in to it. We are still looking to see new faces at meetings and functions.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season!

Butch Levine
Commander

P.S. I hope to see several new faces helping out at the upcoming events....

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

**Membership Dues
are NOW DUE!**

**Please forward your payment
to your membership chairman today!**

Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander.....	Butch Levine
1st Vice Commander.....	Bob Wagner
2nd Vice Commander.....	John Weidman
3rd Vice Commander.....	John Rees
Adjutant.....	Don Geurtze
Treasurer.....	Mike Giacone
Historian.....	Mike Coffey
Sgt. at Arms.....	Eric Swett
Chaplain.....	Johnny Osterhout

Legion Auxiliary News

We look forward to more members joining us at our meetings the first Tuesday on the month at 7:00pm. Please continue to send in your \$25 membership dues so that we may meet our quota. The VA Holiday Gift Shop will be on Wednesday, December 4th from 10am to 2pm. Various members from our Third District will be visiting with the veterans to address cards with gift certificates to be mailed to their loved ones. If you are available and able to help, please make the trip to the VA 4th floor - - - you should find it very rewarding.

Thank you to all who helped at the first pancake breakfast - - - over 100 adults were served. We will need helpers for the last Sunday in November, January, February and March. Please consider this need.

The annual Christmas Party is coming up and helpers will be needed. Since this is our holiday issue, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous December holiday.

Till next time.

Your President,
Roseann Lohrey



Thanks to John Dearstynne and Billy Griffiths for cleaning and stocking our juke box with some great hits from yesterday and today. If you have some 45's you'd like to donate to the Post, please see Johnny or Billy.

Legion Auxiliary Officers

President - Roseann Lohrey
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November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	 Board of Directors 7pm					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	 Post Affairs 6:30pm Legion Meeting 7:00pm	 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm				<i>Thank-a-Vet Dinner 4:30 pm</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	<i>Veteran's Day</i> 		 SAL Meeting 7pm			Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
  Breakfast Buffet 9am - Noon	 Board of Directors 7pm		 <i>First Night of Hanukkah</i>	 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		

AIN'T NO GIMMICKS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY December 2013



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	2 Post Affairs 6:30pm  Legion Meeting 7:00pm	3  Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	4	5	6	7 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY at 1pm  Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	9	10	11  SAL Meeting 7pm	12	13	14 Tinsel Ball 5:00pm Cocktails 
15  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	16	17	18	19	20	21 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
22  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	23	24	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28
29  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	30  Board of Directors 7pm	31 New Year's Eve Party 7pm Bring a dish	1 	2	3	4

The Editor's Corner

Thank you for your patience with our entry card system for the lounge door. The computer which controls access was the same computer we used for all other post needs. In June we experienced problems which resulted in installation of a new computer for business purposes and a newly rebuilt PC to control the card key system and the scrolling message banner.

For those of you that received an access card during the summer, by the time you read this message your card should have been activated and working fine. If not, please call me at 437-1199.

I will again make my plea for everyone's email address. The best way for us to communicate with you is by email. A lot of stuff happens here between bi-monthly issues. If you don't want to miss out, send your email address to us at: nabpost1040@gmail.com.

You may also be interested in knowing that our web site has consistently received over 4,000 hits per month for the last 5 months.

Barry E. Bedrosian



2013 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

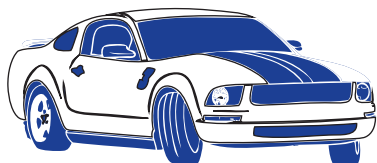
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**Saturday, December 7, 2013
1pm - 4pm**

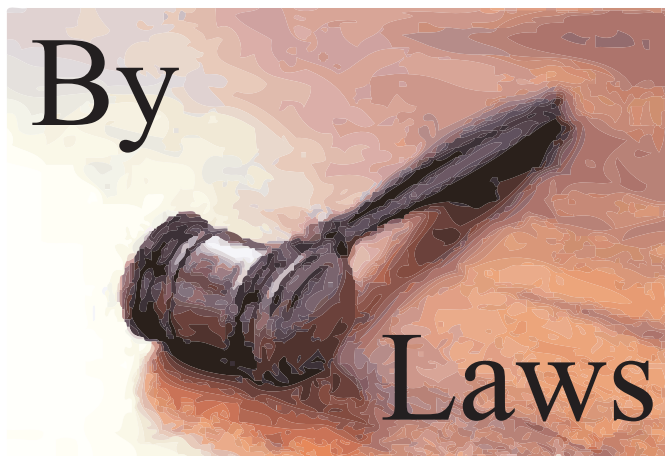
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Attention Legion members.

The Constitution and By-Laws for the Post have been revised. They have been approved by the Board of Directors and membership to be presented to the membership for final approval.

There are Post copies at the Lounge for you to look over and they are also available on the Post Website.

Please review them so you can vote on them in November at the membership meeting. Thank you.

Steve Riedel By-Laws Committee Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Auxiliary - Marcia Rosenfield, Rebecca McGrath, Coleen Sieme and Tammy Miller.

Legion - Lyle Maddock, Edgar Deutsch, Randy Barfield and Ken Hale.

Sons of the American Legion - Matthew Wilcenski, Daniel Reed, Ryan Hancox, Joseph Torre, Aldan Winkler, Jeremy Martelle, Sr., Roger Williams, Nick D'Angelo, Edward Fox, William Storrs, Chris Thoasen, Evan Deily, Thomas Celment, Christopher Massie, Jr., Greg Jackson, Lewis Seavey, Joseph Stasack, Robert Reid and Anthony Cornell.

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Around the House

Thanks to all, as the new heating and air conditioning system, have been completed. Due to the generous donations by the members and the \$4000 raised by the Sons, we will be able to start the renovations of the restrooms downstairs. We will be doing the ladies room first, with Evelyn Rosenfield, Dale Luckatschat, and Stephanie Mosher, to handle the new decor.

Only 35 people showed an interest in having a big semi formal New Years event, so we will have a regular party with regular prices, no gimmicks, and a champagne toast at midnight. As usual, we hope our members will bring in a dish.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to Hair Of The Dog here in Nov. State Liquor laws prevent us from doing this. The Children's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7th, with Janet Morris as chairman, so mark your calendars accordingly. Our events have been doing very well. The Mohegan Sun trip in October was a sellout.



Thank-a-Vet Dinner

Reservations required

Saturday, November 9 at 4:30 pm.

Free to all Veterans and a guest.

Please reserve your seat by calling the Post today.

Board of Directors

Steve Corson	Joe Vandello
Dick Drew	Tom D'Rouville
Steve Riedel	Al Hofaker
Larry Justice	Mark Wahl
George Decker	Phil Giacone
Jeremy Martele	<i>Chairman</i>

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nabpost1040@gmail.com**

For future events, please make sure you sign up and pay in a timely fashion. We want to give our membership the very best activities, at the lowest prices possible, but we need your cooperation to make this happen.

Anyone who attended the Albany County Legion golf tournament, John Rees did it again. The weather was with us and he made over \$2000 for the county, compared to the \$400 they made last year. Nice job John.

We have a great fall and winter planned with Butchie Levine and his crew ready to go. Thank you, Phil

Phil Giacone
Chairman of the Board

**2013
TINSEL BALL**

Sunday, December 14

Open Bar at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

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uncontested exercise of British sea power.

The Continental navy faced several obstacles both during and after the revolution – mostly political and economic. Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance.

In the 1790's Europe began to relax many mercantile commercial restrictions and the U.S. trade and the shipping industry expanded accordingly. However, as the number of U.S. ships increased so did the possibility increased attacks by the European powers and pirates. In March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates. And, once again, the United States had a navy.

Although the Continental navy was later dismantled, October 13, 1775 remains the U.S. Navy's official birthday.

From these humble beginnings, the world's most powerful naval force was born. With thousands of ships and aircraft serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with.

The Post celebrated the Navy birthday on October 13 with a cake and gathering of members. Pictured below is Navy vet Gerry Decker, Retired Senior Chief Mark Wahl and Retired Master Chief Thomas D' Rouville. *(photo courtesy of Kathy Decker)*

