



# Ten-Forty Times

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

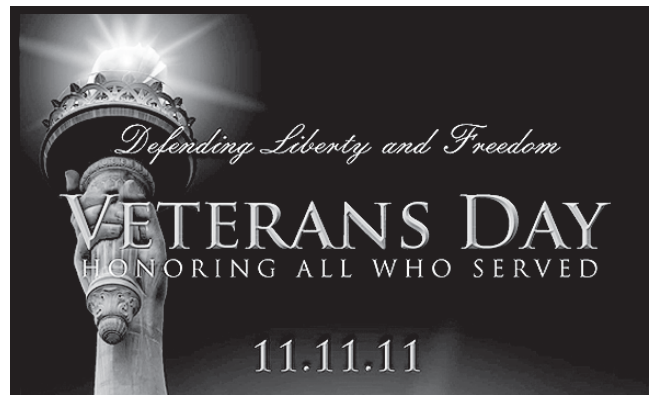
November - December 2011

## Who's in This Picture?

The picture below was supplied by Jeremy Martelle, Third Vice Commander at Post 1040. Can you help us identify the year this photo was taken and who is in the photo? A larger copy is on display in the Lounge at the Post.



## A Special Veteran's Day



The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Veterans Day National Committee also selects a number of regional sites for Veterans Day observances throughout the country. From stirring parades and ceremonies to military exhibits and tributes to distinguished veterans, these events serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances.

It will be 100 years before the date/time of Veteran's Day Ceremony at Arlington will again be 11/11/11 at 11:00 am. Make this Veteran's Day special. Thank a vet. Visit the grave of a vet and remember all those who gave us the freedom to say "God Bless America!"

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## From The Commander

Seems strange to be talking about the holidays at this time but before you know it Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Christmas and New Years will all be here. As this issue is set to go out to cover these months I would like to wish you all a happy and festive holiday season.

There is one item I discussed in my first column I would like to repeat. The Legion Color Guard. To date not one person has stepped up to offer to assist. As the only Legion Post in the Town of Bethlehem I can't believe we have no one interested in supporting this post. Again if you are interested please contact me. I would love to see a full Legion Color Guard in the Memorial Day Parade this coming May. Remember the Color Guard is only used for a few events each year. This will not take up much time at all. We will even pick up the cost of most of your uniform.

Remember to send in your dues for 2012. Our membership chair has informed me we are at 60% already. Great work, lets keep those memberships coming in.

The Legion has been growing over the past few years and we hope to continue that growth. Get your friends and neighbors an application, they may just not have ever been invited to join. Keep an application handy in your car or wallet. If the subject comes up you can be ready.

Friday evenings (5:00 - 7:00) are really becoming the place to be. Most Fridays if you don't get there early, there are no seats left at the bar. Sundays with the NFL network you

can watch any football game being played. Sometimes there is also something to eat being served. You just never know. Many things happen spontaneously down in the Lounge so don't be afraid to stop down to see if anything is going on, because like the lottery, Hey, you never know!

Hair of the Dog will be back at the Legion on November 25th like last year we expect a great turnout for a great local band.

There will also be many sponsored events happening at the Legion over the next few months and your participation is the key to their success. First Friday Franks sponsored by the Sons of the Legion is growing and becoming better and better with each event. Sunday Brunch followed by Bingo is also back. Saturday Night Karaoke is also a big draw. We now have Tuesday night pool tournaments taking place at 7:00. We still have room for a Dart League of some sort if there is an interest. If you have ideas for the Dart League or another activity, put together a proposal and bring it down for the Board of Directors to look over. Or you can just come down and play darts, pool, or shuffle board with some of your friends.

I look forward to seeing you down in the Lounge or at one of our events. Until next time.....

For God and Country,

*Steve Riedel*  
Commander

## Legion Officers

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1st Vice Commander.....Al Hofaker  
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3rd Vice Commander.....Jeremy Martelle  
Adjutant.....Steve Corson  
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Historian.....Ollie Palmer

*Karaoke* **Continues**  
**All Winter Long!**  
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## GIAONE WINS FIRST POOL TOURNAMENT



Phil Giacone, won the first Tuesday Night Pool Tournament. Phil lost his first game in the double elimination tournament, and then went on to win the rest of his games, beating Paul Lukatschat in the final game. On week two, local pool professional David Alexander (the Rat) won all his pool games defeating Danny Williams in the final game. The tournament is held Every Tuesday night at the post, and is open to all post members 18 and older.

Please contact Ken Wells if interested, 477-0665.

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## Sons of the Legion News

Membership in the Sons of the American Legion is open to males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Membership in SAL Post 1040 has now exceeded 200 members. While that sounds like an astounding number only 10-15 members attend meetings and less than 25 are active in supporting the needs of the Post.

We are the backbone of the Post and need all members to begin attending meetings and assisting with activities to keep the Post in shape and successful. The camaraderie at the lounge is wonderful but that's not what it's all about. Over the past few years the Post has become a "place to be" in town but it can only continue with a little help from our members.

At a recent meeting the members of SAL in attendance agreed to focus our fundraising efforts toward completing the kitchen off the lounge so that Post members can enjoy a quick bite to eat while at the post. We are also supporting the Post with revenue to be used within the community as needed.

We are now planning events to raise money to support these plans. So far, the First Friday Franks events has brought in over \$300 in revenue to the post. It only takes a few hours once a month for 2-3 members. The Italian Night Celebration was also a financial success but even though we could have had a few more members on hand to help out after dinner.

There are countless events that we can undertake to support the post but not without the participation of the entire membership. The Sons of the American Legion meet on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Squad Room.

It is an honor to have had a father or grandfather serve our country and bring liberty and justice to all. Please show your father or grandfather your thanks by being an active and contributing member of the Sons of the American Legion.

## THANK-A-VET ANNUAL DINNER

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### Notification of a proposal to amend the By-Laws of the Nathaniel A. Blanchard Squadron #1040 of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of New York

Pursuant to the ARTICLE XI; AMENDMENTS; SECTION 2 of the stated By-Laws you are being provided with notification of a proposal to amend said By-Laws to change the number of members needed to be present at a membership meeting in order to constitute a quorum. The current and proposed wordings are stated below.

#### ARTICLE VIII; QUORUM; SECTION 1;

**Current wording:** 10% of the Squadron membership, and a qualified presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Squadron. **Proposed wording:** 10 members in good standing of the Squadron, including a qualified presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Squadron.

It is intended that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws will be voted on at the membership meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

Issued October 12, 2011 by Don Geurtze, Adjutant

## Sons of the Legion Officers

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1st Vice Commander..... Bob Wagner  
2nd Vice Commander... Barry Bedrosian  
3rd Vice Commander..... Danny Williams  
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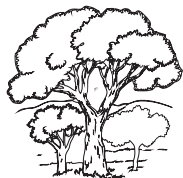
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## American Legion Events - November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 First Friday Franks 5pm-8pm	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7 Legion Meeting 7:30pm	8	9 Sons of the Legion Meeting at 7pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Thank-A-Vet Dinner 4:30 Cocktails 6:00 Dinner
13	14	15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	16	17 Third Thirsday Lunch @ 12:30pm	18	19 Karoke w/ Marie at 8pm
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Hair of the Dog Open to the Public 8pm Admission: \$10	26
27 Breakfast Buffet 9-12 Bingo 2pm (doors open at 12:30)	28 Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30pm	29	30			



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18	19	20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	21 <i>Winter Begins</i>	22 <i>Hanukkah</i>	23	24
25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30pm	27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> Party at the Post Details by e-mail

## The Editor's Corner

Last month I welcomed you to the new Ten-Forty Times and I made a plea for everyone's e-mail addresses. Since that time one Legionnaire, one Auxiliary member and 12 SAL members submitted e-mail addresses. That's not much since there are over 700 total members.

We are limited to the space available to publish news and events. The bimonthly distribution is costly. There are printing costs, addressing costs and the necessary postage costs to get the news to you. In order to control costs we have begun communicating some news via e-mail. Since the last issue of the Ten-Forty we issued several e-mail's. Did you get yours? If not you missed something important.

A few days ago I sent an e-mail to everyone on the list alerting you to watch for this issue of the **Ten-Forty Times**. The e-mail was from "American Legion Post 1040". If you did not receive that e-mail you are not on the list.

**Now is the time to sign up. Send an e-mail to: nabpost1040@gmail.com. Put 1040 in the subject line and your full name and RL, SAL or AUX next to your name to indicate which organization you belong to.**

**On November 10 there will be an important announcement made only by e-mail. You will not want to miss that e-mail, so register now! Thank you.**

*Barry E. Bedrosian*

## The American Flag



**What do the colors red, white, and blue of the American flag symbolize?**

The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose the colors. However, in 1782, the Congress of the Confederation chose these same colors for the Great Seal of the United States and listed their meaning as follows: white to mean purity and innocence, red for valor and hardiness, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. According to legend, George Washington interpreted the elements of the flag this way: the stars were taken from the sky, the red from the British colors, and the white stripes signified the secession from the home country. However, there is no official designation or meaning for the colors of the flag.

**Is displaying the flag horizontally, as before a football game, a violation?**

Yes. It is contrary to the Flag Code, Section 8c, which reads: "The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free."

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Legion** - Chris O'Brien

**Auxiliary** - Rebecca Hendrickson, Laurie Levine, Lara Pelham, Mary Ann Kresge, Patricia Grovenger Leibach, JoAnn Berham, Colleen VanCuren, Catherine Barber, Shirley Warner and Sheree Wright

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## Around the Post

Winter is upon us, and the post is as hot as ever. The events we've had the past two months, and what's coming have been spectacular. I personally want to thank all who worked, and those who attended. Our Post has grown to over 700 members, with more submitting applications everyday.

It's nice to see Dave Hancox and John Rees, both SAL Members, taking over Legion events. Dave is doing the reports for Bingo and John is running The Twenty Week Club. They join Janet Morris, LA Member, who successfully started the Children's Christmas Party again.

Thanks to Bo Acquario and his crew for a great Italian Night. The food was great, and many complimented, the entertainment, was the best they've heard in years.

Butchie Levine has done a fantastic job with the Last Sunday of the Month Breakfast Buffet. It just keeps getting better with everyone's help, such as the LA having put Fresh Fruit Platters together. And now we are even going to have made to order omelettes, cooked fresh, by John Zboray and Ken Curry.

Just think of the Sunday, you and you're family can have at the Post. You can start it off with a Breakfast Buffet, then go to \$1000 Final Jackpot Bingo, run by Harriet Minick, both which are open to the public, then, go downstairs, (open to members and their guest only), and enjoy the World Series or The NFL Package on one of our many flat screen TV's.



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**Phil Giaccone**  
*Chairman*

I'm very pleased to say, the NYS Liquor Authority, has granted us a permit to open to the public for a HAIR OF THE DOG, fund raiser, on Nov. 25th. Remember, the money goes to Legion Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, Bethlehem Cheerleaders, and whatever town or veterans organizations need our help. So please, spread the word and let's make this our best fund raiser ever.

I can't say enough about the Twenty Week Club Volunteers. The Club has been sold out, and keeps on getting better.

I know I've forgotten to thank a lot of people, but I must say thank you to Barry Bedrosian who does countless jobs including our flyers, and the TEN-FORTY TIMES.

Finally, please contact the Post or Janet Morris, if you're bringing children to the Children's Christmas Party, (ages 4-12). The Post buys every child a present.

*Phil Giaccone*  
Chairman of the Board



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