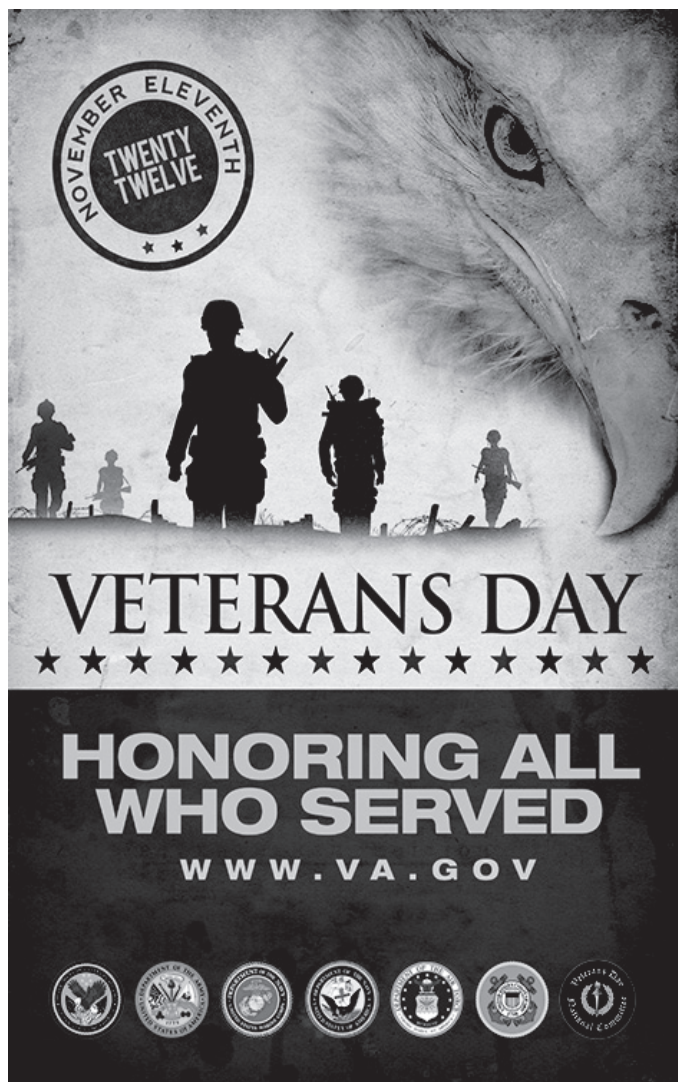




# Ten-FortyTimes

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

November - December 2012



## Always Helping Our Servicemen

Last issue we highlighted the eight years of effort the Ladies Auxiliary has put into sending care packages to servicemen overseas. Since then a donation box has been placed in the Post Lounge to collect your donations. With Christmas right around the corner, please consider a gift for a serviceman or servicewoman overseas.

There is a full list of needed items posted on the donation box. Here's just a few items that are needed by our soldiers: Instant Coffee, Creamer, Powered Drink Mixes, Gum, Cookies, DVD's, Foot Powder, Hand Lotion, Q-Tips, Disposable Razors, Eye Drops, Books, Duct Tape, Batteries, Socks, Shoe Insole Cushions, Canned Foods and Deodorant.

Next time you stop by the market, please consider buying one or two items for a soldier.


The Auxiliary is also in need of money to pay for the postage to ship each care package. A great way to contribute money is to save your spare change at the end of every day for the next six weeks and then write a check to the Auxiliary equal to the amount of change you collected. Each box cost \$13.45 to ship to a soldier. Please help make a soldier's holiday away from home a happy time. Give a gift today!

## Final Salute



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## From The Commander

The colder weather is fast approaching and that means things at the Post are heating up. Look for more events taking place at your Post. Football Sundays are back. Post opens at 12:00. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the games with the other members.

The Son's Annual Thank a Vet Dinner is also coming up as are the Tinsel Ball and the Children's Christmas Party. Hair of the Dog will be here on Black Friday. The Last Sunday breakfast is also back (except in Dec). Check the newsletter for times and dates.

Remember that we need you to sign up for all events at the Post. It's as easy as calling the Lounge and telling the duty Bartender your name and number coming to the events.

We will have had our county meeting on Oct 25th and the Ladies Auxiliary will have provided desserts to the County membership. I am sure this will be another outstanding show of support from our Auxiliary.

By the time you read this our new security system should be in place. Please remember to bring your key card when you visit or you may spend a few extra minutes waiting to get buzzed in.

Thank you to the Sons that provided the meals for the Bethlehem Seniors last month as our house chairman said it was a huge success. Your service around the Post does not go unnoticed.

Veterans Day is also fast approaching and this can be a time of reflection for many of us. Make it a great day and take time to remember those currently serving overseas in harm's way and other duty stations around the world. I personally thank each of you for your service, and hope you all have a great weekend.

The Holiday season is also around the corner. I hope you have time to unwind and remember what the season actually means. Spend time with your families and friends and remember that we will be here as well.

As a final note continued thanks go out to all the volunteers at the Post who cook, clean, serve food, make dishes and do all the other things that go into making this Post one of the best I have been in.

See you at the Post.

For God and Country

*Steve Riedel*

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

## LOUNGE SECURITY WILL BE ACTIVATED SATURDAY, 11/17/12

Access to the Lounge will be controlled by a card reader beginning on 11/17/12.

One access card will be provided to each member in good standing at no charge. If you wish to exchange it for a key fob that attaches to your keys, there will be a \$10 security deposit collected.

You will need a card or fob to enter the Lounge. Please stop by the Lounge before 11/17 to sign for an access card or key fob. The distribution schedule for cards and fobs is posted on the web site.

## Legion Officers

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3rd Vice Commander.....	Jeremy Martelle
Adjutant.....	Mike Kanuk
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Historian.....	Ollie Palmer

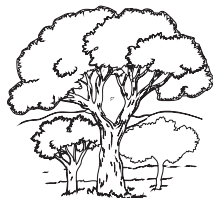
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## Sons of the Legion News

*A Salute to all 1040 Post Members!*

Wow! Fall is now here with shorter days and colder nights, and we all got through the long weekend of the 20 Week Club dinner on Saturday night and the first of three Breakfast Buffets on Sunday morning. A great job by Butchie Levine and crew.

I would like to thank all the Ladies and Sons who came out to help with the Chicken BBQ drive-thru, the 20 Week Club dinner and the Breakfast Buffet. Also I need to thank the Color Guard members for meeting at the post early Sunday morning Sept. 30th as we went to the new Shop Rite grand opening to present the colors as Mark Wahl and Tom DeRouville presented Shop Rite with a new flag from the post.

At this time our new First Vice Neal Brady is accepting dues for 2013. Dues are \$20.00 and if you come to the monthly meeting and pay your dues that night Barry will laminate your membership card! That's all for now.

*Robert Wagner*  
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 DUE!**  
**Please forward your payment**  
**to your membership chairman today!**

## Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander.....Bob Wagner  
1st Vice Commander.....Neal Brady  
2nd Vice Commander.....Barry Bedrosian  
3rd Vice Commander.....Butch Levine  
Adjutant.....Don Geurtze  
Treasurer.....Don Buist  
Historian.....Mike Coffey  
Sgt. at Arms.....Eric Swett  
Chaplain.....Steve Haggerty

## Legion Auxiliary News

Wow! What a great couple of months we've had. Did you know the Auxiliary donated more than enough baked goods for the senior luncheon? Did you know the Auxiliary garnered 12 volunteers to help with the barbeque chicken dinner? Did you know the Auxiliary rallied up, yet again, to help with September's Pancake Breakfast? The Auxiliary participated in 3 great events that resulted in 3 great successes, kudos to all who generously donated their time and baking talents!

We are currently collecting small size toiletries to fill 70 care packages to send overseas to our fellow service men and women. A list of items being collected is posted on the Legion's bulletin board. What better way to show our military they are not forgotten than through a simple token of our appreciation and volunteerism.

Auxiliary meetings have been well attended and I am happy to see the strength in numbers. Your participation is appreciated as we collectively build upon the Legion's mission through our work with the Auxiliary. Let us keep the momentum going as we forge ahead and work some wonders!

### In the Know

- Auxiliary dues are now \$25, please be sure to keep your membership current and recertify today.
- Harriet Minnick was awarded a diamond pin for spearheading the "Operation Shoebox" initiative. Congratulations Harriet!
- Peruse the calendar for upcoming events.
- Take a moment to breath and embrace all of life's blessings!

Regards,

*Evelyn Rosenfield*  
President

## Legion Auxiliary Officers

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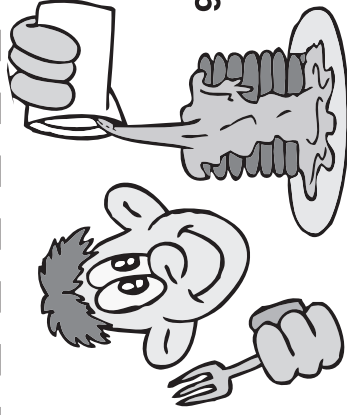
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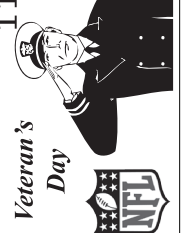




















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Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries,  
Sausage, Ham, Fruit, Juice & Coffee










## November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	29  Board of Directors 7pm	30  Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	31  SAL Meeting 7pm	1  Thanksgiving Day	2  Open to the Public 2-3 \$10 admission Doors open at 7pm Concert at 8pm	3  Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm <b>KARAOKE</b>
4  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	5  Post Affairs 7pm Legion Meeting 7:30pm	6  Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	7  SAL Meeting 7pm	8  Thank-a-Vet Dinner 4pm	9  Open to the Public 2-3 \$10 admission Doors open at 7pm Concert at 8pm	10  Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm <b>KARAOKE</b>
11  Veteran's Day	12  Board of Directors 7pm	13  Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	14  SAL Meeting 7pm	15  Thanksgiving Day	16  Open to the Public 2-3 \$10 admission Doors open at 7pm Concert at 8pm	17  Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm <b>KARAOKE</b>
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# Five Simple Ways to Thank a Veteran Today

1. Say Thank You – Just the simple act of saying “Thank you for your service” goes a long way with veterans. Throw in a handshake too, you’re bound to see a smile on their face. It’s all worth it.
2. Volunteer – Do something for the veterans in your community. Seriously, what’s an hour of your time for the sacrifices they’ve made?
3. Donate – Make a small donation today to any of the fantastic organizations out there that help veterans each and every day.
4. Pay for Lunch – Simply walk up to a soldier or veteran and say “I appreciate what you guys are doing or what you guys did.” Offer to pay for a soldier’s meal or a veteran’s meal today.
5. Never Forget – One of the biggest things you can do is to make the most out of the opportunity you’ve been given. Our freedoms have been paved with the sacrifices of our soldiers and they did so for all of us to enjoy this great country; let’s not forget that or take it for granted.

## December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<b>The next issue of the Ten-Forty Times will be available on-line at least a week before you receive it at home. All information that is shared between issues is sent by e-mail. Sign up for e-mail today. Send your name and membership organization (RL, SAL, AUX) to: nabpost1040@gmail.com.</b>						
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9 <b>Tinsel Ball</b>  <b>Sunday Football Games</b> Bring a dish.	10	11	12	13	14	15
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30  <b>Sunday Football Games</b> Bring a dish.	31	1	2	3	4	5
			 Board of Directors 7pm	<b>The January 2013 issue of the Ten-Forty Times may not arrive in homes until January 4 due to the holiday schedules. However, it will be available on-line on or about 12/21. Sign up for e-mail and we'll let you know when it's on-line.</b>		

## The Editor's Corner

Thank you for your response to my request for more e-mail addresses in the last issue. Our e-mail list has grown from 150 to 247 in less than two months. However, there are still over 450 members who are not receiving e-mails and web site updates. So, for one last time . . . Send your name and organization in an e-mail to: nabpost1040@gmail.com.

I've sent out a number of e-mails in the past several weeks. One of them entitled recipients to a FREE drink in the lounge. I'll soon be sending out meeting reminders for each organizations meeting about 3-4 days before the meeting.

The web site is also taking shape and is RSS Feed enabled. If you want to set up your e-mail or browser to receive RSS feeds you will receive automatic notification every time the site is updated. This is a pretty neat feature. The URL for our feed is: [feed://nabpost1040.us/feed/](http://feed://nabpost1040.us/feed/)

Web site 1040 Times content authors are welcome. If you have something appropriate to help promote the good of the American Legion, please send me your content at: nabpost1040@gmail.com. Thanks.

*Barry E. Bedrosian*



### 2012 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Reservations are Required  
Please sign up in the Lounge**

**Saturday, December 15, 2012  
1pm - 4pm**

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## Calling All Veterans

*Let's Build a  
Patch Collection*



Scott Anson has volunteered to coordinate a patch collection here at Post 1040. The collection will be displayed along the "Backstretch" fascia along the back wall of the lounge.

Scott would like all Post 1040 Veteran's to submit the following:

- your military unit patch
- your name and rank
- branch of service and dates of service
- unit name (for the patch)

Please put your patch and your information in a sealed envelope addressed to Scott Anson and leave it with the bartender. Anyone interested in helping Scott build the display case can see him in the lounge. Let's see how fast we can assemble 100 patches!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Auxiliary** - Veronica Scott and Katherine Foster

**Legion** - Andrew McCarthy, Bill Craft and William Schissler.

**Sons of the American Legion** - Barry Hughes, Russell Atwood, Mike Gervais, David Weinstein, Bill Swift, Greg Swift, William Woehrmann, Thomas Douglas, Walter Berry, Andrew Morse, Dan Zonca, David Hruby, Matthew Ward, Robert Hanks, Peter Ghostlaw, Craig Henderson, Thomas Adamson.

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## Around the House

We have started our new hours for the lounge and it seems to be working quite well. We have an excellent staff of bartenders, headed by our lead guy, Brian Sack.

Kudos to our Volunteer Sunday Bartender, Butchie Levine and our Breakfast Club, Saturday Morning hostess, Stephanie Mosher.

Our Luncheon for the Seniors of Bethlehem, was a rousing success, with a lot of help from members of the Son's and the Ladies Auxiliary. We are considering doing this on an annual basis. The homemade deserts from our Ladies Auxiliary were out of this world and help my blood sugar to reach new limits.

Come and Join us in the Lounge. We are now open every day beginning at noon.

*Tom DeRouville*  
House Chairman



## Thank-a-Vet Dinner

**Reservations required**

*Saturday, November 10 at 4pm.  
Free to all Veterans and a guest.  
Please reserve your seat by  
calling the Post today.*

### Board of Directors

Steve Corson	George TenEyke
Dick Drew	Tom D'Rouville
Steve Riedel	Al Hofaker
Larry Justice	Mark Wahl
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## Spend a Minute with a Member

Joe Grovenger was born and raised in Lansingburg, NY. He was a star pitcher at Catholic Central High School and went on to play fast pitch softball with teams like the Delmar Merchants and Brockley's Tavern until he was 53.

In 1943, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army and headed to Camp Bonnieville, WA, along the Canadian border. From there Joe went on to Camp Stoneman in Pittsburgh, CA. Camp Stoneman was a Port of Embarkation for troops returning to the U.S. After a year at Stoneman, Joe left for Europe in August 1944. Headed for Liverpool, England, Joe was hoping to meet up with his brother Bart who was in the Air Corps. Unfortunately, he blew through Liverpool and hopped a train to France with his unit, C Company of the 873rd Quartermaster Battalion.

Charlie Company was a 40 man unit with a very unique morale boosting mission. Charlie Company brought portable showers to the front lines which allowed our soldiers to shower and refresh. Joe's unit would position themselves about a mile from the front line units they were assigned to support. The unit would set up two tents for changing and one tent with portable showers. PFC Joe Grovenger was a 50 caliber machine gunner with Charlie Company. He would sit atop a high perch offering cover as the infantrymen showered. You could say he covered their a\$\$es as they showered. Joe's tour brought him through three battles in France and Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge. He protected and supported Patton's Army, the 3rd Army. While General Patton never used one of Charlie Company's showers, Joe did see the General drive by in a Jeep one day. When the war in Europe ended in August 1945 Joe was about 10 miles from the Cheyenne border. He returned to the U.S. through Fort Dix and after a two month furlough, he was discharged on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1945.

Joe went on to Siena College on the G.I. Bill and then went to work for the NYS Thruway Authority where he worked as an accountant for 30 years, retiring in 1980. Joe has four children, Donna, Debbie, Joe and Trisha. When asked about his most memorable experience while serving, Joe recalled an eight-hour pass to Paris but refused to elaborate. I guess "What happened in Paris, stays in Paris."

