



Ten-Forty Times



Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040 - 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar, New York 12054 Tel. 439-9819 December 2000

Commander's Corner...

Members of Blanchard Post and Fellow Legionnaires:

Well, another month has come and gone. There are some real happenings going on around the Post. We'll soon have our own computer to assist us with membership tracking, financial reports, flyers, the monthly newsletter, the numerous mailings each year, and much more.

We are re-establishing the Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) detachment that was first chartered at this post in 1934. The basic criteria is a male descendant of a member of the Legion or of a deceased veteran who would otherwise have been eligible for membership. A male descendant includes sons, grandsons, adopted sons, and stepsons. Applications are available at the Post. We need an advisor to the S.A.L. detachment from the current membership. If you can help, please leave your name and phone number at the Post, or call me at 478-0496.

We are also planning to celebrate the 70th anniversary of our post in March and April of 2001 - this coming spring!! We need a coordinator and some volunteers to work with him.

So as you can see, we are doing and planning some exciting events here in Delmar. There are a few volunteers who are doing a lot here at Blanchard Post, but as you can see, to be successful in moving forward **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please do what you can. If all of us does just a little bit we can do a lot.

I am pleased to thank all those who help in making this post a success. Lou Unright for his Friday Night dinners and the upcoming Tinsel Ball (make your reservations early - by Monday, December 4th). Joe Van DeLoo for the Fish Fry nights. Dick Smith and his crew for the weekly Bingo every Wednesday. Wally Boswell for the 20-Week Club and the monthly newsletter. Beginning with the next issue I will be including a special section called the *KUDO KORNER*. If you know of anyone who should be recognized for their contribution to the post (and I'm sure I've missed a lot...like Dave and his assistants), send a note to me at Blanchard Post #1040, P.O.Box 216, Delmar, NY 12054 so their efforts can be acknowledged.

For God and Country
Mark Wahl, Commander

December Calendar

- Mon., Dec. 4 - 6:30 P.M. - Post Affairs Committee meeting
- Mon., Dec. 4 - 7:30 P.M. Regular monthly meeting of Post #1040.
- Thu., Dec. 7 - **Pearl Harbor Day**
- Sat., Dec. 9 - Annual Tinsel Ball (See details in Column 1)
- Sun., Dec. 17 - **Holiday Egg Nog Party** from 2:00 until 6:00pm in the Lounge. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or snack food type of dish to share.
- Tue., Dec. 18 - 7:30pm - Board of Directors' Meeting.
- Thu., Dec. 21 - Thursday Luncheon at 12:30pm in the Lounge. Our guest speaker will be Louise O'Neil from the V.A. Hospital.
- Mon., Dec. 25 - **Christmas Day Holiday**
Post Rooms & Lounge Closed

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...

- Mon., Jan. 1st - New Year's Holiday
Post Rooms Closed
- Sat., Jan. 20th - 20-Week Club Dinner
Dance and Prize Drawings.
- Mon., Feb 5th - Boys & Girls State
Awards Night at monthly meeting.
- Mon., Mar.5th - Annual Police, Fire and
Ambulance Services' Awards for
"Man/Woman of the Year" at the
Post's monthly meeting at 7:30pm.

Taps

With great pleasure, we are very happy to report that as of "Press Time", we have had no deaths of active Post #1040 members since last month's issue of the newsletter was published.

Annual Tinsel Ball Saturday, Dec. 9th

Buffet-style Dinner
*featuring Filet Mignon
with Bordelaise Sauce,*
Twice-baked Potatoes,
Green Beans Almondine

Rolls & Butter, Dessert, & Coffee

First 80 Reservations, with
payment of \$18.50 per person,
is due by Monday, Dec. 4th!

Social Hour from 6:00 P.M.
Buffet served at 7:00

Music by "The Jerry Romeo Duo"
from 7:30 'til 10:00pm.

Membership Report (Nov. 10, 2000)

2001 Quota.....	493
2000 Paid Membership.....	490
Deceased.....-	15
Transferred Out.....-	1
Transferred In.....+	2
Net Membership.....	476
2001 Renewals to date.....	315
Percent of Quota.....	64%
Not yet renewed.....	161

Task #1, of course, is to renew all 161 of those who have not yet done so. Just check your dues card. If it is not for 2001, please send in your check before December 31st.

Task #2, is to recruit at least 30 new members to account for attrition and to reach our goal. We know you want to help. If you don't know whether your eligible friend or neighbor is a member, call me at 768-2918 and find out. Membership applications are readily available in the Lounge...or, I will mail them on request. Thank you!!!

Jim Benton, Membership Chairman

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E. Gall.....	1 yr	2000
M. Wahl.....	1 yr	2000
R. Kahnle.....	1 yr	2000

Blanchard Post 1040 Events Chairmen

Post Baseball Team.....	Ernie Gall
Assistant: Anthony Fittizzi	
Empire Boys State Convention.....	Dick Welch
Callagan-Ennis Golf Day.....	Fred Holligan
Legion Bowling League.....	Domenic Caminiti
Shuffleboard League.....	Merle Oliver

Bingo Report - October 2000

Four Occasions - - - - 342 Players

Gross Receipts.....	\$ 7,331.00
Prizes.....	- 6,479.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 852.00
Expenses.....	- 350.72
Net Profit.....	\$ 501.28
Post Bills Paid & Donations... \$	189.10

An Interesting Perspective On History

It was a new experience for your editor to ask for news and to actually get a response. The following article was thoughtfully submitted by Bob DeGroff, and I am pleased to share it with our members.

"I know you have been overwhelmed with members sending articles as you had requested in the November 2000 newsletter. Well, in any event, I will tell you a little about my interests and perhaps from a different perspective.

"Many people know that I have an interest in history and that I have done a bit of speaking on some of the events that occurred during the great American Civil War; but, what continually amazes me is how the turn of events many times hinged on a single mistake or a stroke of luck.

"I have quite a collection of Civil War and Revolutionary War material that I continue to reference for a specific reason or out of 'idle curiosity.' I guess I really didn't think much about it until several months ago as to how many contradictions there are in the written word about significant events, and then I started to ask 'Why?' - and a second question was 'Why, in the latter part of the Twentieth Century was the reporting more accurate?', and the answer was obviousCommunications.

"We saw live coverage of the Persian Gulf and Kosovo operations on all the major networks, complete with those little dates and times up in the right corner of the TV screen. There was no mistake as to the events that were taking place and where and at what time. If there was any question, you could press replay.

"To illustrate how far we've come, let's use a not so hypothetical situation. The other evening I was at a talk given by a historian who was speaking about Pickett's Charge on the third day at the Battle of Gettysburg. Immediately preceding the battle, there was heavy artillery fire from both sides. There are books which say the barrage lasted 10 minutes while others say it was four hours. It seems that it was less than two hours. The point is....'Who was keeping time?'

"As savage fighting went on throughout the years and events unfolded, was there anyone one around to say, 'Could you halt this for a moment while I record this in my diary?' Of course not! Recollection was done days, months and often times years after the events had taken place.

"There is no way to change that, but it is interesting that we now live in a time that our children will have a very accurate picture of events that we live through today. Tomorrow will be history. That is not to say that we should doubt our history books, but we should be willing to look at many different perspectives in order to fully educate ourselves."

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the January "1040 Times" will be Monday, Dec., 18th

Bell Jar Report - October 2000

Total Ticket Value.....	\$ 9,798.00
Prizes & Unsold Tickets.....	- 15,584.50
Gross Profit.....	\$ 4,213.50
Interest Income.....	+ 14.16
Total Proceeds.....	\$ 4,227.66
Bell Jar Expense.....	\$ - 0.00
Bell Jar Income.....	\$ 4,227.66
Post Bills Paid/Donations.....	- 724.45
Net Income/(Loss).....	\$ 3,503.21
Ending Balance.....	\$ 19,410.91
Beginning Balance.....	- 15,907.70
Net Change.....	\$ 3,503.21

Did You Notice?

We have a revised format for the "Ten Forty Times"!

As a result of Joe Van DeLoo's persistence at getting our newsletter published at the best possible cost, the monthly newsletter will now be a 4-page paper, folded in the middle, and after folding for mailing, a small seal will be attached instead of stapling before adding the usual address label.

We also owe Joe our thanks for his diligence in getting the "copy" to the printer and returning the finished product to the Post for labeling by our special crew, consisting at various times of Ernie Gall, Ellsworth Hall, George Weber, Floyd Berrington, Ray Bender, Vince Pacella, Bob Glastetter, Lou Unright, and their coffee & donut "supplier", Ollie Palmer. Thanks Guys!!



Auxiliary News

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

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From your President...

Christmas is for kids and the Auxiliary has adopted two of them for the Holidays, so we need your help. Because we won't be having our Christmas Luncheon this year, we need you to drop off any gifts at the Post. If this is not possible, please contact Marcia Turner at 439-5189, or me at 439-5541.

The boy is 8 years old and wears size 12-14 clothes. His coat size is 14-16; boots are 5-6, and shoe size is 4. He enjoys Pokemon, trucks, cars, Legos, etc. His sister is 6 years old and wears size 6x-7 in clothes. She likes Barbie Dolls, other dolls, carriages, etc. We need your help to make their Christmas merry. For more information, please call Marcia at the above number.

You can continue to call Marcia if you know of a sick or deceased member.

We continue to collect tabs from soda, iced tea, and beer cans for Shriners' Hospital, and Campbell product labels for the schools.

If you haven't paid this year's dues, please do so now. The deadline for membership is drawing near.

I'd like to thank , along with my officers, the dedication that Pauline Ouderkirk gave us as our Bingo Treasurer. She recently had to give up the position due to health problems. We hope she is well on her way to recovery. A "Thank You" also to Ann DeGrush for taking over these duties.

Last, but not least, our officers and myself would like to extend our wishes for Happy Holidays to all our members.

Yours for the Auxiliary,
Lois Smith
President

Happy Holidays!

Interstate Highway and Bridge honor Veterans

Two spots in New York State were recently renamed to honor America's veterans and prisoners of war. The portion of Interstate 86 in Allegany County has been designated "Allegany County Veterans Memorial Highway". Signs will be erected in the future.

The second site is the Route 14 Bridge over the Erie Canal in Lyons, New York which has been renamed the "POW-MIA Memorial Bridge" through the efforts of American Legion Post 277. Signs have been placed at each end of the bridge identifying it.

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