



Ten-Forty Times



Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040 - 16 W. Poplar Drive, Delmar, New York 12054 Tel. 439-9819 February 2001

Commander's Corner

Members of Blanchard Post and fellow Legionnaires:

A new year has come upon us and I look forward to another great year for the Blanchard Post. This month I'd like to highlight a few upcoming events. First, at the next meeting on February 5th, we will be honoring our Boys and Girls State representatives of the past year. I expect a large turnout at this meeting to congratulate these fine young scholars from our own community who represented this post. Next month we will be having our annual awards recognizing the finest from our Town's fire, rescue, and police organizations.

We will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of this post on Saturday, March 24th - more details to come. Mark your calendars now. If you would like to volunteer to help, we could still use a few more. April brings the Bethlehem Feestelijk celebration and with it an open house here at the post. Again, volunteers will be needed for that event.

My last plea for volunteers in this newsletter is for the Color Guard. Our numbers are shrinking fast and we may not be able to have a color guard and a rifle squad at the same time. **PLEASE** think about volunteering for this unit that primarily performs once a year during the Memorial Day Parade to showcase our roles as veterans. It would be a shame if we sponsored the annual parade and could not muster enough volunteers from our own ranks to fly our colors proudly and salute those who gave the supreme sacrifice for our country.

Now for some thanks - to Steve Yelich and Fred Holligan for volunteering to help with the 70th anniversary celebration. More help is needed. Also, please note the KUDO KORNER on Page 2 in which we recognize those whose voluntary efforts benefit the Post in many ways.

Lastly, I want to make it known that the monthly Post Affairs meeting is not a closed-door affair. Every member of this post is welcome to sit in and observe. It is however a meeting of the Post Affairs members and invited guest(s) of the Commander. It is my intention that all matters of the post are open to all members, and that input, suggestions, and help are welcome and encouraged at the appropriate venue.

For God and Country,
Mark F. Wahl, Commander

February Calendar

Mon., Feb. 5 - 6:30 P.M. - Post Affairs Committee meeting

Mon., Feb. 5 - Girls State and Boys State annual awards at Post 1040's regular monthly meeting at 7:30P.M.

Thu., Feb. 15 - Third Thursday Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. in the Lounge. Our guest this month will be Mr. Ron Zink, who will speak to us about the Saratoga National Cemetery.

Fri., Feb. 16 - Friday Night Buffet Dinner (see details in Column 1.)

Fri., Feb. 23 - Friday Fish Fry. (see "flyer" details.)

Mon., Feb. 26 - 7:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting.

BINGO - - Every Wednesday
at 7:30 P.M., with up to
\$1,500 in Prizes Nightly!
Come on...join us...
and, bring a friend!

Coming Events...

Mon., Mar. 5 - Annual Police, Fire and Ambulance Services' Awards for "Man/Woman-of the Year" at the Post's monthly meeting at 7:30pm.

Fri., Mar. 16th - St. Patrick's Buffet Dinner by Houghtaling. Menu and cost to be announced.

Sat., Mar. 24th - Blanchard Post #1040's 70th Anniversary Open House
Installation of Initial Officers of the 1040 Chapter of the Sons of the American Legion

Taps are sounded for...

Theodor H. Lohrey
and
Joseph A. Podolak

May they rest in peace with their comrades who have gone on before them.

Friday Night Buffet Dinner

> > **February 16th** < <

Cocktails from 6:00pm

Sliced Sirloin Tip Dinner

with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter, Brownies for Dessert, & coffee, etc.

Served at 7:00pm

Reservations and Payment of

\$11.00 per person

due by Sat., Feb. 10th.

Jerry Romeo's Keyboard Music
for Dancing from 7:30 'til 9:30pm

Reminder...

ANNUAL POST DUES were due
by December 31st!

If you haven't paid, you are now
"Past Due," and will be "Delinquent"
as of February 1st!

Membership Report

2001 National L...

2001 Paid mem...

Less deceased si...

2001 Net Paid...

% of Quota.....19.92%

Active Members Paid for 2000,
but not yet renewed for 2001..... 78

2001

"KUDO KORNER"

This Month's recognition for service to the Post goes to **Dick Smith** and his Bingo workers who contribute to the success of our weekly Wednesday Night Bingo. Those who give of their time and energy are:

Bob Colvin	Fred Odiorne
Greg Dole	Merle Oliver
Ernie Gall	Ed Rukwid
Don Glastetter	Joe Simon
Larry Gray	Frank Stauble
Tom Hollner	George Ten Eyck
Bill Johnston	John Thibaudeau

Others who deserve recognition for working Bingo nights are **Ray Bender, Ken Havill, and Dave Duff** for their handling of the Bell Jar ticket sales, and **Jack Coffey and Bob Glastetter** for serving as "Greeters" at the front door despite some rainy, cold and/or snowy nights.

Equally deserving of our thanks and appreciation are the women who so devotedly give of their time to operate the Auxiliary Unit's refreshment table each week selling coffee, soda and snacks to the Bingo players at very fair prices. The workers are:

Helen Brockley	Christine Hoffman
Carol Joralemon	Barbara Palmer
Lois Smith	Marcia Turner

Also, we extend our thanks to a couple of ladies who have given their time in recent years - **Helen Conrad** and **Alice Lenhardt**.

If anyone wishes to suggest that special recognition be given to a devoted worker or contributor, please contact the Commander, Mark Wahl at 478-0496, or Wally Boswell, Editor, at 434-2500.

20-Week Club Update

The January 20th Dinner-Dance, sponsored by the 20-week Club, was well-attended by nearly 110 members and guests who enjoyed a fine dinner and dance music by *The Jerry Romeo Duo*.

The usual club prize drawings were held and the names of the winners, as well as those of the weekly drawings, are posted in the Lounge.

The next (June) 20-Week Club is now under way with the first drawing on Friday evening, February 9th. If you did not sign up or pay at the Dinner Dance, you can enter by dropping your \$30 check off at the Lounge and verifying your number(s), or select a new number. New members are very welcome to join the club!

The June 2001 Dinner Dance will be held Saturday evening, June 23rd. You may call Wally Boswell at home at 434-2500 for more information.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the March

"1040 Times" will be Wednesday, Feb. 14th

Bingo Report - December 2000

Four Occasions - - - - 380 Players

Gross Receipts.....	\$ 7,410.00
Prizes.....	- 6,470.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 940.00
Less Expenses.....	- 651.65
Bingo Profit.....	\$ 288.35
Post Bills Paid & Donations.....	- 259.88
Net Profit.....	\$ 28.47
Ending Balance.....	\$ 10,891.04
Beginning Balance.....	- 10,862.57
Net Change.....	\$ 28.47

Bell Jar Report - December 2000

Total Ticket Value.....	\$ 16,700.00
Prizes & Unsold Tickets.....	- 13,934.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 2,766.00
Interest Income.....	15.48
Total Proceeds.....	\$ 2,781.48
Less Deals, Licenses, etc.....	- 1,439.16
Bell Jar Income.....	\$ 1,342.32
Post Bills Paid & Donations.....	- 3,013.51
Net Income.....	\$ (1,671.20)
Beginning Balance.....	\$ 22,074.69
Ending Balance.....	\$ - 20,403.49
Net Change.....	\$ (1,671.20)

STAR Property Tax Exemption

For those who are eligible for the STAR School Tax Relief exemption, we want to remind you once again that you must re-file every year with the local Tax Assessor's office.

For Town of Bethlehem property owners, the deadline for renewing your exemption is **March 1, 2001**.

Remember to take your 1999 Federal or State Income Tax form with you when applying for renewal.

If you have questions or need help, please call Diane Busick at Bethlehem Town Hall, Tel. 439-4955, Ext. 103, or stop by the Assessor's Office.

Veterans, and their Veteran Spouses, can check on eligibility for a property tax exemption by visiting the Assessor's Office if not already received.

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All donations go directly to assist young people.

FLY YOUR FLAG!**SUPPORT YOUR POST!****A Reminder...**

Geurtze's Chicken Barbecues are still being offered each Tuesday in the parking lot at Post #1040

Orders must be called in to **439-7760** by each Monday night for pick up the next afternoon between 4:00 and 6:00pm. The cost is \$4.50 per half chicken payable at pick-up.



Auxiliary Unit News

N. A. Blanchard Unit #1040

~ American Legion Auxiliary ~

President.....Lois Smith
1st Vice President.....Lillian Blanchard
Secretary.....Barbara Palmer
Treasurer.....Anne De Grush

Sergeant-At-Arms.....Lillian Blanchard
Chaplain.....Marcia Turner
Historian.....Marcia Turner

From your President...

Let me begin this report by repeating something I mentioned in last month's column. We have now set up a food pantry box in the main foyer of the post. This is for you to deposit only non-perishable food items. We need your help with this to aid the Vets. They did for us...now let's do for them!

Our first meeting (since November) will be held the third Tuesday of March. We'd like to see a few new faces at the meeting which will be held in the downstairs Post Room at 7:30pm.

If anyone has Dunkin' Donut coupons that are not being used, please leave them at the Post, or if you come to Bingo you can leave them with either Carol or me.

If you know of a sick or deceased member, please let Lillian Blanchard know by calling 439-3901.

Our condolences go out to Rosemary Lohrey on the loss of her husband Theodor this past month.

We are still collecting soda, iced tea and beer can tabs for the Shriners along with Campbell product labels for the local schools.

The annual "Bakeless Bake Sale" will soon be upon us, so check your mailboxes. Also, as a reminder, we won't be doing our Poppy Day in May this year due to a lack of interest and a shortage of people to participate. This is a day to help our veterans, but without the support of our members we just can't do it. If you think there's a possibility you could help, let me know, and maybe we could get it back on our calendar for next year.

Until next month...

Yours for the Auxiliary,
Lois Smith

Verizon Joins VeteransAdvantage Program

Verizon recently announced that it will participate in the VetRewards Program, a new service to be offered by VeteransAdvantage, a new private-sector company for military veterans and their families.

Starting in January, members of VeteransAdvantage will be able to earn VetRewards points when they buy select products and services online from a co-branded Verizon-VeteransAdvantage Web site that Verizon will create. To obtain VetRewards, veterans can register at www.veteransadvantage.com for a VetAdvantage membership card. The card will be free to veterans and their families who register in the first 90 days after the card is issued in January. From that site, veterans will be able to access the special co-branded VeteransAdvantage/Verizon site to sign up for select Verizon services.

For example, a member who buys a caller ID through VeteransAdvantage will be eligible for 500 VetReward points. Points accrue toward purchase of other goods and services through the online VetRewards store.

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