



Ten-Forty Times

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

March - April 2012

Future Projects at the Post ... we just keep growing

Phil Giacone, Chairman of the Board, and Steve Riedel, Commander, have set out a vision to improve your post. You may not know this, but the Post serves the community during disasters. It's an emergency center for the town, a Red Cross Community Center and an outpost for a major federal agency at certain times.

The Post needs some updating to better serve the community. Phil, Steve and Committee have identified the following necessary projects:

1. An emergency generator to power the facility
2. An elevator to serve the handicapped
3. A handicapped accessible bathroom
4. Upgraded bathrooms
5. A shower for extended stay emergency events
6. A sprinkler system in the event of a fire

John Rees and John Defino have done some initial research on possible funding sources. We have also started to define the requirements and costs for these important projects. If you know of potential funding sources for these projects through your work or network of contacts, please let our committee know about those sources. Better yet, please consider joining the committee to help us complete these projects!

Current Committee Members are: Phil Giacone, Steve Riedel, John Rees, John Defino, Dwight Mathusa, Joe Hoffman, Sean Egan and Dave Hancox.

Leave a message in the lounge for one of us and we will get in touch with you. Or call Dave at 518.229.0869.



Albany County Discounts for Veteran's Program Continues

"Return the FAVOR" is a merchant discount program for eligible Albany County veterans. The program provides veterans with a discount on purchases or services at participating merchants. Veterans can enroll by bringing their DD Form 214 to the Albany County Veterans Bureau on the ninth floor of the County Office Building, 112 State Street, Albany, Monday through Friday 9am to noon. Veterans ID application forms can be downloaded at: www.albanycounty.com/veterans.

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From The Commander

We have been having a problem with a quorum for our meetings. I don't think we have had more than a few "legal" meetings in the past five or six years. We have over 300 members and can't get 20 to show up for a meeting. I am proposing a by-laws change for meetings to reduce the quorum requirements from 20 members in good standing to three Post Officers and 10 Legion members. This should let us conduct the business we need to so we don't fall behind. Look for this special vote which will take place during the May meeting. At the May meeting we will also elect officers for the 2012-2013 year. Problem will be, we need 20 members present to have that "legal" meeting so we can change the by-laws and elect our new officers. Speaking of that if you are interested in running for an office Mark Wahl is heading up the nominating committee again since he has done such a great job in the past.

We do have a new 2nd Vice Commander, Todd Rosenfield, who has been appointed to fill the remainder of that term. The previous 2nd Vice was relieved for failure to attend any meetings which he was required to do.

Many events have and are taking place at the Post. If you are not one of the many who has participated you are missing some great times. Come on down and enjoy your Post. One thing I need to ask of all members including AUX and SAL members is when we have an event and we ask everyone to sign up we mean that. Please sign up. We have had many events where we have had 50- 60 signed up and over 100 come. What this does is it takes food away from the workers and cuts down on the portions we planned to give. We need

American Legion Officers

Commander.....Steve Riedel
1st Vice Commander.....Al Hofaker
2nd Vice Commander.....Todd Rosenfield
3rd Vice Commander.....Jeremy Martelle
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Finance Officer.....Joe Vandeloo
Chaplain.....Merle Oliver
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Pete Gilbert
Historian.....Ollie Palmer

***Take an hour, once a month and
do something nice for a Veteran!***

numbers so we can order the right amount of food. One of these days we may have to turn you away if you didn't sign up. All it takes is a phone call to the Legion or stop by and tell the bartender.

The March meeting will include the Annual Police and Fire Department Emergency Responders awards. There will be no regular membership meeting in March but feel free to come on down and support those who take care of our community.

We still have about 30 members that haven't paid dues. Look at your membership card, if it doesn't say 2012 you no longer are in good standing at the Post and have lost your membership privileges.

Lastly I have contacted SAL Commander Bob Wagner to see if there is any interest in manning the Legion's Color Guard since still to date not one member has stepped forward to volunteer for. They currently have three and we still need at least two more. If any member of the Legion or the SAL is interested contact myself or SAL Commander Bob Wagner.

For God and Country

Steve Riedel

Commander American Legion
N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

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Into Spring
MAR 17 AND APRIL 21

AUXILIARY MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The mid-winter conference was very interesting. Some of the highlights included Girls State web-site; female veterans' needs; children of deployed military personnel and the hardships they face; actual volunteerism for VA hospitals & out-patient, homeless shelters & rehab facilities, family and individual support networks. Children's' organ donor transplant association, which is the National president's project this year, had a really touching video showing the partnership with the "children's miracle network" at Albany Med. It was a very educational two days.



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Sons of the Legion News



WHAT ABOUT THOSE GIANTS!!

What a GREAT Super Bowl game and GREAT FOOD at the Tailgate Party before the game. Thanks to all who brought food and to the SAL members who set up and cooked the burgers, sausage and chicken wings. The TV raffle was a BIG SUCCESS and the winner of the TV was Jim Muoray. Thanks to all who bought tickets. The Jan.29 Breakfast Buffet did very well with around 170 people who came in for eats and we had lots of help.

HELP NEEDED!!

The month of March is going to be very busy at the POST. We will be sponsoring Three Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners on March 2, 16 and 30. Serving from 4:30 til 7:30, you can eat in or take it out. Also on Saturday March 17 we are going to serve Corned Beef Sandwiches from 4 pm until 8pm in the lounge followed by KARAOKE from 8 pm til midnite. So stop in after the St. Patrick's Day Parade. On Saturday March 24 we will be cooking and serving dinner for the 20 Week Club. Dinner is around 6 pm. The Sunday Breakfast Buffet is the next day on March 25. We end the month on March 31 with a concert by HAIR OF THE DOG at 7:30 pm. **We need every member to step forward and help out at just one of these events.**

We communicate frequently with our members by e-mail so please make sure your e-mail is registered with us. Send a note to nabpost1040@gmail.com. That's also the easiest way to be reminded and to sign up for events. That's all for now.

Robert Wagner
Commander

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

Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander	Bob Wagner
1st Vice Commander.....	Neal Brady
2nd Vice Commander.....	Barry Bedrosian
3rd Vice Commander.....	Danny Williams
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Historian	Mike Coffey
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Legion Auxiliary News

Hello to all members and welcome to our new members. Fresh ideas, new innovation, participation and leadership are always valued commodities. We are a Veterans service oriented national program with the ability to function on a local level, guided by our membership, unit, county, district and state department officers. What we achieve, the programs we support, the local community involvement, actual volunteerism at local veterans' institutions and out reach centers only happens if our members are active and participating in some fashion. When you have an organization that is all volunteers one unsatisfactory side effect is that usually the same small group of individuals continually does most of the "work". I am seeing that happen here. Please don't let your patriotic support be limited to joining the Auxiliary. We aren't asking for a lot; a few hours once a month, baking cookies, donating to a raffle, coming to a meeting, sending in your reports in a timely fashion, making phone calls, knitting, crocheting, mailing out cards or boxes to our military members on deployment, heading up a committee or chairing an event. We want this auxiliary unit to thrive and continue to grow but we need you to participate to make things happen. Please, take a moment and think about what you could offer, be it time or talent, we need you!

Please remember your February handmade quilt raffle tickets and please be generous. The actual raffle for the 4 hand made quilt items will be on March 3rd at the March Madness, Trash 2 Treasure, indoor garage, craft & small vendor sale. Baked goods, food & beverages, popcorn, multiple basket raffles with varied themes, and of course garage sale tables right along with a few vendors and some crafter tables. Volunteers are needed, tables are still available. All are welcome!
Dates to remember:

March 3rd - March madness, trash 2 treasure indoor multi source sale (volunteers needed)
March 20th - 700pm meeting @ post
March 28th - Breakfast Buffet - (volunteers needed)
April (meeting date TBA) - 700pm meeting @ post
April 29th - Breakfast Buffet (volunteers needed)
May's meeting date to be determined by vote.

Service not self,

Francine Waldron
President, Auxiliary Unit 1040



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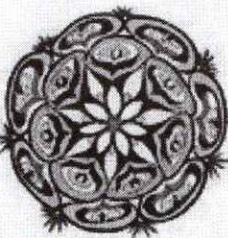
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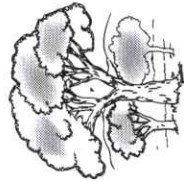
March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>  <div> Concert to Benefit the Post Open to the Public March 31 at 7:30pm Please spread the word!!! </div> </div>						
4	5 7:00 PM Post Affairs 7:30 PM Legion Meeting 	6	7 7:00 PM 7pm - 1st CoEd Round Robin	8 1pm - 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive Please participate!	9 Fish Fry Dinner 4:30pm - 730pm 	10 10 am Auxiliary Craft Fair
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18	19	20 7:00 PM Auxiliary Meeting 	21 7:00 PM CoEd Round Robin	22	23	24 20-Week Club Dinner Cocktails @ 5:00pm Dinner @ 6:30pm
25 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet 	26 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting 	27	28 7:00 PM CoEd Round Robin	29	30 Fish Fry Dinner 4:30pm - 730pm 	31 7:30 PM Hair of the Dog 

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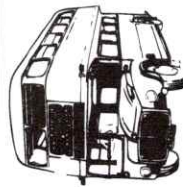
BREAKFAST BUFFET OPEN TO THE PUBLIC MAR 25 & MAYBE APRIL 29

9am - Noon --- Adults \$7, Kids 12 & under \$4
Pancakes, French Toast, Omelettes,
Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Ham
Sausage, Fruit, Juice & Coffee

Menu subject to change

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 PM Post Affairs 7:30 PM Legion Meeting	3	4 7pm CoEd Round Robin	5	6 Passover Begins	7
8 Easter	9	10	11 7:00 PM SAL Meeting 8:00 PM CoEd Round Robin	12	13	14
15 7:00 AM Mohegan Sun Bus Trip	16	17	18 7:00 PM CoEd Round Robin	19	20	21 8:00 PM Karaoke w/ Marie
22 3:00 PM Past Commanders Dinner Cocktails @ 3 Dinner @ 4	23	24	25 7:00 PM CoEd Round Robin	26	27 5:00 PM Deadline for Memorial Day Parade Program Ads	28
29 Tentative Breakfast Buffet - Look for e-mail or call the Post to confirm	30 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting	Mohegan Sun Bus Trip Leaves April 15 Only \$20 • Limit of 50 people Includes gambling, food vouchers & beverages on the bus. Sign up at Lounge Today or you'll just be pullin' tickets at the bar!				



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Memorial Day Parade Program

Last year we published the first ever Memorial Day Parade Program Book and raised \$3800 to support Veteran's Programs in the Capital District. Advertisers are now reserving their ad space for the 2012 book. In addition to ad space for local businesses, there are several articles about Veteran's Organizations, patriotism and community support.

There is also special space reserved for you to remember your deceased veteran with a message on the Wall of Honor Page or the Patriot Page. Wall of Honor spaces are \$10 while a plaque with a full color graphic on the Patriot Page is \$25. If you are interested please pick up an order form in the Lounge and return it before April 1, 2012. Any questions, please call Barry Bedrosian at 437-1199.

Legion Auxiliary Officers

President - Francine Waldron
Vice Pres. - Harriet Minick

Treasurer - Tracy Risko
Secretary - Dale Lukatschat

HOFFMAN CAR WASH TICKETS

The Son's of the Legion still have a few Hoffman Car Wash Ticket packages left to sell. Please continue to support the SAL organization and purchase one of the remaining tickets; \$9 for an exterior wash or \$18 for a full service inside and out wash. Call Barry Bedrosian at 437-1199 for details.



20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

10/28 - Dorothy Aupperle	12/30 - A. Rickard
11/4 - Judy Dearstynne	1/6 - Tracy Risko
11/11 - Bill Townsend	1/13 - Rene Sherman
11/18 - Tina Mancusu	1/20 - Nancy Wickham
11/25 - Joann Vandeloo	1/27 - Scott Anson
12/2 - John Rees	2/3 - Dick Drew
12/9 - Butch Levine	2/10 - Shirley Simon
12/16 - Matt Downey	2/17 - Liz Dole
12/23 - Greg Dole	

LADIES AUXILIARY MARCH MADNESS TRASH 2 TREASURES EVENT

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March 3 from 10-3 **KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR
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Ladies Auxiliary Quilt Raffle

1st Prize - Hand Crafted Quilt
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3rd Prize - Decorative Wall Hanging
4th Prize - Decorative Table Runner

Drawing Date: March 3, 2012

\$1 per ticket
12 tickets for \$10
(same person)
20 tickets for \$15

**Tickets available from members
or in the Lounge.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Legion - John Feil, Brett Seibert

Auxiliary - Lydia Brockley, Elaine Ciulik, Beverly Gregory, Jenny Strohecker, Tegan Haxleton, Eileen Labarge, Kristine Ohanlon

SAL - Gary Oliver, Christopher Chadraoui, Seth Dupuis, Peter Santiago, Timothy Penk, William Conti, Wesley Hotailing, Paul Hotaling, Mike Blanchfield, Kevin Furlong, Matthew Devlin, Brian Sack, Ronald Weisheit, Richard Weisheit, John Audino, Michael Mosher, Stephen Kraz, Jonathan Vanderpoel, Charles Sgroi, Robert Martia, Mark Cookfair, Marc Marcucci, Barry Redmond, Vincent Ganley, Todd Roberts, Montgomery Flagg, Gregory Mulligan, Paul Gallacchi, Fred Alvore, Charles Devane, Monte Vacarelli, Matthew Damico



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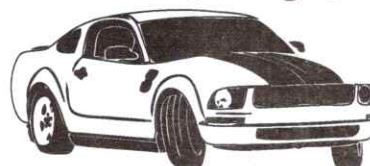
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Around the Post

January and February were fantastic months at Post 1040. From the football playoffs right to the NY Giants winning the Super Bowl, the Blanchard Post had record Sundays each week. Many thanks to our food service coordinator Butchie Levine and his crew for the outdoor barbecues with all the trimmings. Thanks to all who brought their specialty items and desserts for all to enjoy.

The pancake breakfast was equally successful, with the crew serving over 180 people. The food just keeps getting better and people keep asking when the next one will be. The next one is scheduled for March 25. The First Friday of the month is always a surprise.. The food served is always different and can be anything from hot dogs to grilled chicken sandwiches. As always, there is no charge for the food, we just ask you leave a donation to help offset the cost.

The pool tournaments on Tuesday keep on going, with Dave Alexander the leading shooter. The coed Round Robin tournaments will begin on Wednesday March 7th.

I keep getting asked, when is the next Mohegan Sun Trip. The answer is Sunday April 15th. The cost is only \$20. The first 50 people paid will be able to go. The trip includes, coffee and danish at the post at 7:30 AM, with the bus scheduled to leave at 8:30 AM. Your \$20 also includes gambling and food vouchers. As always, beverages on the bus will be provided for by the post.

If you haven't been, you should stop by the post. You never know what's going on. A lot of events happen spur of the moment. You never know when the Juke Box will come rolling out, and you can play your favorite songs from the fifties and sixties, for free. The winter has been good to us so far, but we are looking forward to our post cruise on April 26th. There are still cabins available.

Hope all our happy and safe, see you soon,

Phil Giacone
Chairman of the Board

Board of Directors

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20 WEEK CLUB DINNER

March 24

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April 15

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Spend a Minute with a Member

Bob Getner says, "It's a great place." A member of the Blanchard Post since 1967, Bob is coming up on 45 years as a member and has enjoyed some great times. Born in Passaic, NJ, Bob grew up in Fair Lawn and attended Patterson East Side High School. For those that remember, this was the setting for the 1989 film *Lean on Me* starring Morgan Freeman.

Bob didn't make an appearance in the film because on his 19th birthday he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and headed for Boot Camp at Manhattan Beach. He then served two years running 83 foot sub chasers between New York, Cape May and Norfolk. Following that Bob headed to Coast Guard school at Groton, CT followed by diesel school in Flint, MI. Then back to Cape May and then Camp Bradford near Norfolk where he was assigned to a Coast Guard Amphibious Team. Following that assignment Bob completed ten weeks of training on LST887 and headed through the Panama Canal and up the western coast to Seattle - - - headed to the Aleutian Islands. However, while in Seattle, the ship was repainted and assigned to the South Pacific. Bob saw Pearl Harbor, Guam, Guadalcanal and Okinawa. While in Okinawa his ship was deployed to rescue Ernie Pyle who was pinned down with a Marine unit. Unfortunately, Pyle was killed before they arrived but they rescued the Marine unit and returned them to Okinawa. After that mission, Bob was promoted to Chief Motor Mechanic and remained decommissioning LST's until his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard in June 1946.

Back in Fair Lawn, Bob skippered a yacht to Florida his first year and then was hired as a Maintenance Foreman at Watson Flagg Machine Co. He went on to sell as a manufacturers representative. In 1951 married his wife Grace. They raised two children; Abigail and Robert and in 1965 they moved to Delmar where Bob started Mid-Hudson Controls in Fuera Bush which he sold in 1989. In 2001 Bob's wife Grace passed away but Bob continues to be surrounded by his wonderful children and grandchildren.

While spending 45 years at the Blanchard Post, Bob saw the current facility built and was instrumental in cooking many dinners and working many bingo games which helped pay off the \$170,000 mortgage in only two years. So next time you watch the movie *Lean on Me*, hear the name Ernie Pyle or sit in the great lounge at the Blanchard Post and enjoy a beverage, think about Bob Getner's service to his country and to the American Legion.



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