

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

March - April 2013

#### **Give and You Will Receive**

Butch Levine (below left), Vice Commander of the Sons of The American Legion and Chairman of the recent Italian Feast Night presents a check for \$1150 to Joseph Sluszka (below center) and Glenn Read (below right) of the Albany Housing Coalition. The Albany Housing Coalition cares for 32 homeless veterans in a home at 180 First Street in Albany. Visit their web site at: www.achvets.org. The check represents proceeds from the Italian Feast Night and a donation from the Ladies Auxiliary who sponsored the basket raffle that evening. Butch wishes to thank all those members who helped out at or supported the event.

Brian Tiernan (*right*) plays the Baby Grand Steinway, a recent addition in the Post Lounge. The piano was a gracious gift in memory of William M. Walsh. If you are interested in auditioning to play at the Post, please contact John Rees at 439-9819.





#### **Final Salute**



Virginia Cavanaugh Elsie Montgomery Eleanor Blendell

# LEVINE'S LAND SCAPING

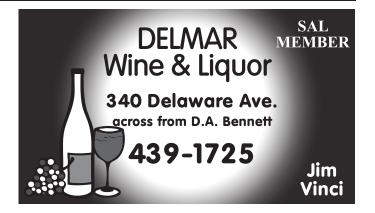
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#### From The Commander

It's now March and spring is just around the corner. Hope you all had good winter. Your Post has been very busy. On Friday nights it's becoming hard to get a seat at the bar. We have tables scattered around for you to relax at as well. It's a great feeling to see the lounge busy again as many of you know that was not the case a few years ago. We were wondering who was going to lock the doors. Thanks to all who participate and come down for a few minutes out of your day.

The Sons have been spending much time in the Kitchen and it is appreciated. Super Bowl party was excellent as well as the Sunday breakfasts (also staffed by the Auxiliary and Legion). Last breakfast we served over 260. Keep inviting your friends and family. Also on the schedule was the Italian Night Buffet. Butch and his crew went all our and the event was a real success.

As you may have seen in recent newspaper articles we are getting our message out to the public on what the Legion is all about. Yes it's a place to get together and socialize but it's also a hub of the community. Not one officer of the Post receives any financial compensation, we are all volunteers so we can better support this community and the Veterans that live here in the community.

## SHUFFLE BOARD STANDINGS Final First Round

Wins/Points

Missy Wagner & Kurt Kent 16/286
Debby Gallacchi & Phil Giacone 12/260
Harriet Minick & Mark Crounse 12/255

# **Legion Officers**

Commander	Steve Riedel
1st Vice Commander	Steve Corson
2nd Vice Commander	available
3rd Vice Commander	Jeremy Martelle
Adjutant	Mike Kanuk
Finance Officer	Joe VanDeloo
Chaplain	Ralph Rahm
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pete Gilbert
Historian	Ollie Palmer

The March membership meeting is the meeting that we recognize the first responders with the Fireman of the year from each of the Fire Departments in the Town of Bethlehem as well as the Police Dept.In April, we start the process of shaping the Post officers as we begin the nominations for officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the Post let one of us know and we can inform you what the duties of each position are. A committee will be put in place after the March awards meeting. Here's your chance to help shape the Post for the next year.

And as always continue to look for new members for the Legion. Seems as if we loose more each year than we gain. But for now we are holding our own. Also keep in mind the Auxiliary and Sons are looking as well. If you know of someone who would make a good member in any of the Legion Family give them an application.

See you around the Post

For God and Country

Steve Riedel

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

## From The Chairman

# NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!!!

Please call the post at 439-9819, if you're interested in coming to a New Years Eve Party to welcome in 2014. This will be a gala event, and going back to the old way of doing things. We need to make plans now for this event which is 10 months away. It would be a semi formal event, with a open bar downstairs from 6 to 7 and a prime rib dinner upstairs at 7. A live band will play until 12 am when we will bring in the year 2014. The open bar will remain open until 1am. At 1am the party will continue downstairs where a light buffet will be served. The Post will provide drivers to pick you up and take you home so this will be a perfect evening. Just think, all of this for only \$50.00 per person. Again, please call if you're interested, I need 140 people to make this work.

Phil Giacone
Chairman of the Board

Peter Forman, MD, FAAFP



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## **Sons of the Legion News**

WOO! Can you believe the first two months of the New Year are gone. That's because we have been so BUSY here at the Post. We have remodeled the Squad Room ,which got a much need face lift. New ceiling, freshly painted walls, and a new floor. It looks like a BRAND NEW ROOM.

The breakfast on Jan. 27th was a smash with over 250 hungry people showing up to eat. I'm hoping we can repeat that in February and March. The SAL Superbowl Tailgate Party had a great turnout of over 100 people. Alot of good food and good times were had by ALL! Thank you to all of the SAL members who showed up to help out with the Squad Room.

The SAL Italian Night Feast was on Feb.16th with around 130 people at the event. Again this year we will be doing two Friday night Fish Frys with help from the Ladies Auxiliary. They will be on March 8th and 22nd from 4-7 pm. Fish Frys are available Eat In or Take Out for \$8.00. On March 16 SAL will be serving Corned Beef Sandwiches that the Post from 4:30 pm till 7:30 pm also for \$8.00, Eat In or Take Out. Just because Football is over that no reason not to stop in our lounge on Sundays to catch a NASCAR RACE!!! I would like to SALUTE Bill Griffiths for all the hard work he has done at the Post in the past two months. Bill,THANK YOU!

Robert Wagner Commander

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

Membership Dues are PAST DUE! Please send your payment to your membership chairman immediately!

# Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander	Bob Wagner
1st Vice Commander	
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	

## **Legion Auxiliary News**

Wow! What a busy winter we've had at the Post. Lots of great work was accomplished as we passed the winter months fairly unscathed with the smell of Spring soon to be tapping our senses.

In the spirit of service and volunteerism, and the significant impact our hard work has had on Veterans, sometimes we are left with little time to sit back and appreciate the many lives we have touched. What better time than now to have a moment of silence and appreciate all of God's blessings? We are all truly blessed in one fashion or another and we should never lose sight of that.

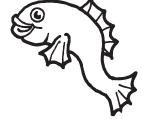
With your support and the support of the community we were able to garner resources to benefit the homeless veteran's home in Albany. These resources were generated from activities such as the Sunday breakfasts, the fish fry, and Superbowl Sunday and Italian Night basket raffles, to name a few. This was truly a great job done by all and a special appreciation goes out to the Sons for spearheading many of these efforts.

The Auxiliary was the host site for the County meeting and it was a great success. Thank you to all who volunteered your time and/or donated food for the meeting. Our guests were pleased with the warm reception they received.

Looking onward and forward to Spring, we will be working on some special events so stay tune and enjoy!

Regards, **Evelyn Rosenfield**President





March 8 & 22

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# **March 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	The Ladies Auxiliary continues to send care packages to our troops overseas. Your donation of \$13.45 will cover the cost of postage for a care package to a soldier. Send your check for \$13.45 to the Ladies Auxiliary today. The soldiers thank you!				1	2
3	Post Affairs 7pm  Legion Meeting 7:30pm	Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	6	7	Fish Fry Dinner 4:30pm – 730pm	9
10	11	12	SAL Meeting 7pm	1pm to 6pm	15	Corned Beef Sandwiches 4:30 - 7:30 Karaoke W/ Marie 8pm
17	18	19	20	21	Fish Fry Dinner 4:30pm – 730pm	23
Breakfast Buffet 9am - Noon	Board of Directors 7pm  Passover begins at sundown	26	27	28	29	30
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# **April 2013**



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	Post Affairs 7pm Legion Meeting 7:30pm	Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	SAL Meeting 7pm	11	12	WEEK DINNER 5:30 pm RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED	
14	15	16	17	18	19	Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm	
8:00 AM Mohegan Sun Bus Trip	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Past Commanders Dinner - 4pm	Board of Directors 7pm	30	GotLOGOstuff.con	What ever Screen Printing	GotLOGOstuff? What ever you need printed, we've got it! Screen Printing • Embroidery • Promotional Items • Printing 281-7568 AUX & SAL Members		

#### The Editor's Corner

As we move through 2013 we have been concentrating on electronic communications to keep all of you up to date with everything that has been happening at the Post. That seems to have been going well and with your assistance e-mail's have helped us spread the word regarding our events which have been open to the public.

On February 1st, SAL Members Pete Olsen and Jeremy Kondradt assumed responsibilities of managing our web site. They have done a great job keeping it up to date. If you know someone interested in joining, they can download a membership application for any of our organizations. If you have not visited the web site lately, please do. Traffic to the web site has increased tremendously. As I write this column I noticed that we've had over 30 hits in the last three hours. There are days when we receive over 200 hits. I know that number will continue to increase as we move forward and make the web site our primary method of distribution for the *Ten-Forty Times*.

The cost to print and mail this publication to almost 800 members has increased considerably over the past few years. The last three issues of the *Ten-Forty Times* were posted on the Post web site 10-15 days before it was received in homes, just like this issue.

If we have your e-mail address on file you received an email on 2/25/13 informing you that the March 2013 issue was available online. If you are unable to access it online because of the type of internet access you have please send me an email at: nabpost1040@gmail.com and I will make sure you receive a printed copy. If we have your e-mail on file,

YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE THE TEN-FORTY TIMES BY MAIL. INSTEAD, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN E-MAIL LETTING YOU THAT IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE POST WEB SITE.

If you have an email address and did not receive an e-mail from us on 2/25/13, please send us your email address **immediately** so we can keep you up to date with what's happening at the Post.

Barry E. Bedrosian Editor

#### **20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS**

11/2 - Jennifer Smith 11/9 - J. Thibabeau

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11/16 - Dot Kahnie

11/23 - Tina Sheehan

11/30 - Pat Stever

12/7 - Matt Downey

12/14 - Joseph Smith

12/21 - Juli Giacone

12/28 - Joe Giacone

1/4 - Harriet Minick

1/11 - John Dearstyne

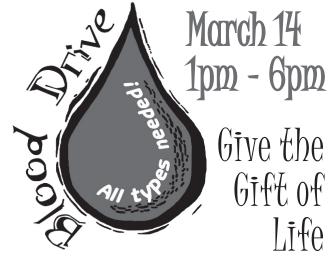
1/18 - Elsworth Hall

1/25 - Theresa Haggerty

2/1 - Barb Palmer

2/8 - Harriet Minick

2/15 - Mike Giacone



# Blood Drive at the Post 16 W. Poplar Drive

# Legion Auxiliary Officers

Members are welcome to bring guests to the lounge. The guest MUST sign the guest book at the door. The member must be in the lounge with their guest at ALL times. There areno exceptions. Members can loose lounge privileges for failing to follow this requirement.





# **Gregory A. Swift**Certified Public Accountant

SAL MEMBER

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# **Blanchard Post Mixed Bowling League Results**

#### First Half Winning Team

**Air Force:** Phil Heckler, Betty Cifarelli, Bill Reusswig & Doug Hasbrouck

#### Other League Teams

Army: Dick Haverly, Victor Carrk, Dick Green & Bill McCormick
Navy: Alice Corbett, Phyllis Kennedy, Kurt Kent & Bob Topolski
Marines: Reggie Sauer, Ken Ford, Delores Zeh & Dolly Stornelli
C.Guard: Ben Castle, Rose Marino, Gerry Schimanski, Bill Cronin
Seebees: Jeannine Fissette, Fred Burdick & Toms Scanni, Sr.
Infantry: Shirley Simon, Roger Sutliff, Madeline Oliver, Mary Ellis
Artillery: Florence Iwaniec, Marilyn Hasbrouck, Pat Gagliardi, Clark Zeh

#### **Second Half Standings**

3-way tie between Navy, Air Force and Army.

The league wishes to remember our recently deceased members: Ed Dominelli, Bud Kubisch, Joe Marino, Elsie Montgomery, Joe Simon and George Ten Eyck



The league has openings, and welcomes new members as regular members or subs. Call Doug Hasbrouck at 439-9484 to join or for more info.





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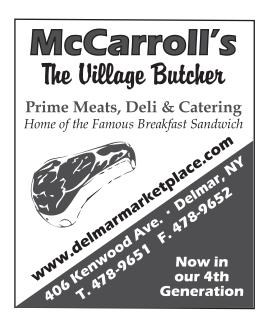
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# **Memoral Day Parade Honor Roll**

For the past two years we have published a Memorial Day Prade Program which we are retitling the "Honor Roll" this year. The book is published in full color and contains historical information, business advertisements, memorial ads and information helpful to both veterans and non-veterans in the community. In the past two years we donated over \$8000 to veterans programs at the Stratton VA Hospital. Please help us make this year's Honor Roll a continuing success. Here's what you can do to help:



- If you own a business, support the Honor Roll by advertising your business.
- If you are a descendent of a veteran, consider placing an Honor Roll ad in his/her memory.
- If you have a non-veteran family member who is deceased, consider placing an Honor Roll ad in his/her memory.
- If you know someone who owns a business and may be interested in supporting The American Legion, please call Janet Morris at 461-6811 or Barry Bedrosian at 437-1199.

Advertising forms for both business ads and memorial ads are available at the Blanchard Post. They are located on the small table right inside the lounge door. Advertising forms are also available for download from the Blanchard Post web site at: www.nabpost1040.us. Deadline for advertisements is April 15.

There are only two words that describe the meaning of Memorial Day: "Thank you."