



# Ten-Forty Times

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

March - April 2014

## Veteran Homelessness Declining

Mark Walker, deputy director of the Legion's Veterans Employment & Education Division, recently traveled to Chicago to attend the Veterans Access to Housing Summit hosted by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV). The Washington, D.C.-based NCHV and the Legion are united in an effort to end chronic veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 – a goal set by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. Shinseki first announced the initiative at the Legion's 2009 national convention in Louisville.

Walker attended the two-day event on behalf of the Legion to "obtain relevant info on housing challenges and successes, and to continue to cultivate relationships with NCHV and other stakeholders who assist homeless veterans and their families." He too emphasized that Shinseki's self-imposed deadline is approaching relatively quickly. "To some, the end of 2015 might seem distant," Walker said. "But when you're tackling a problem as large and serious as chronic homelessness, the time we have left – two years – can pass very quickly.

"Still, substantial progress has been and is being made. The number of homeless veterans has declined steadily since 2010, despite an influx of new veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the fact that we have been experiencing some of the most challenging economic conditions since the Great Depression. Given this, a decline in veteran homelessness can be viewed as remarkable."

Government statistics indicate that 57,849 veterans were homeless on a single night in January 2013 with 60 percent of them in shelters or transitional housing. The remaining 40 percent were in unsheltered locations. About 8 percent of the homeless were female veterans. By contrast,

By contrast, more than 75,600 veterans were counted as homeless when Shinseki's five-year campaign was launched.

The Veterans Access to Housing Summit was the third annual gathering of its kind. The organizer, NCHV, was aided by sponsorships from the Home Depot Foundation and Citi Salutes, a veterans' support program of Citigroup. "It is the enthusiastic and generously offered combined efforts of private enterprise, NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and community volunteers that are helping to make this federal government inspired campaign really work," Walker said. "It is a perfect example of how the public and private sectors can work together to make a positive difference. The organizer, NCHV, was aided by sponsorships from the Home Depot Foundation and Citi Salutes, a veterans' support program of Citigroup.

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## Final Salute

Mario Gallacchi

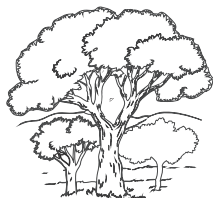
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## From The Commander

Another month has rolled around and one less month of winter. First I would like to thank everyone who are lending a hand to help me with the Commander position, without your help I couldn't do my job. THANK YOU ALL.

I also would like to thank everyone who made such a great showing at the wake of Mario Gallacchi. This was very impressive and we have gotten a few NEW members because of it. Lets keep up the good work.

We have some upcoming events and hope we have some great support to make them a great success, as without your support our Post wouldn't survive.

See you around the Post.

For God and Country

*Al Hofaker*

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Legion** - Jennifer Ettleman, Brett Bush, Paul Reinhart, Douglas Hasbrouck, Kyle Flynn and James Sheldon.

**Auxiliary** - Angelina Newell, Cathleen Seyler and Clara Rainis

**Sons of the American Legion** - Michael McCormick, Timothy West, James Lindsay and Andrew Hasselbach.

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## Legion Officers

Commander.....	Al Hofaker
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2nd Vice Commander.....	Cliff Thompson
3rd Vice Commander.....	Scott Anson
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Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Steve Riedel
Historian.....	Merle Oliver

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## Sons of the Legion News

Think Spring!

January and February have been a very busy two months - we had a chili fest, Super Bowl Sunday and breakfast. Everyone seemed to have a fun time at the chili fest. We also had Italian Night. In March there will be a Fish Fry and on St. Patrick's Day there will be corned beef sandwiches.

As Commander of the Sons, I am disappointed in the turnout of members at events. I hope to see everyone at upcoming events in March.

I would like to thank Joe Giacone for his donation of sausage for the last two breakfasts.

*Butch Levine*  
*Commander*

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

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The Legion needs assistance for the upcoming firing detail for the Memorial Day Parade. The commitment would require all members to attend a couple of practice sessions. This requires no previous experience and new uniforms for the for each member of the detail will be provided. If you would like to participate in this important part of our remembrance of those who have died serving our Country. Please contact Jeremy Martelle at: [jeremy@martelle.us](mailto:jeremy@martelle.us) or (518) 439-3829.



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## From The Chairman

Congratulations to the Sons of the Legion for a wonderful Italian Night. The food was delicious, as well as plentiful. The night continued on with singing and dancing til 2:00AM in the morning. Thanks to all who attended, and worked on the kitchen staff.

There are plenty of upcoming events,so please check your legion calendars, and mark them accordingly. The Mohegan Sun trip is a sell out, with a waiting list still growing. Should the list go to forty people or more, we will order a second bus. Besides our regular annual events SAL Commander Levine tells me we are going to have some new events to bring everyone together.

Our general manager, John Rees, has done a fantastic job with the downstairs renovations. If you have not seen the new outlook please stop by. We are ahead of schedule and will start on the restrooms in early March.

Many thanks to Bob Shultes, and Bob Hummel for donating their time to build the new store room in the lounge.

We are off to a great start this year, with plenty more to come. As always, we can always use more volunteers. If you are interested in being a chairman of a party or have a new idea please see myself or our activities chairman, Cliff Thompson.

The Legion cruise is leaving on March 11th, and hopefully return to warm weather. I wish all a safe and healthy spring. See you at the Post.

*Phil Giacone*  
Chairman of the Board

## Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander.....	Butch Levine
1st Vice Commander.....	Bob Wagner
2nd Vice Commander.....	John Weidman
3rd Vice Commander.....	John Reese
Adjutant.....	Don Geurtze
Treasurer.....	Michael Giacone
Historian.....	Mike Coffey
Sgt. at Arms.....	Eric Swett
Chaplain.....	Johnny Osterhout

## Legion Auxiliary News

Harriet Minick and I attended the mid-winter conference at the Marriott. We found it most rewarding. Our Auxiliary theme of "Spirit of Services, not Self" was evident all around us. Our National President was unable to attend, but we had a groundbreaking first - Skype - it was awesome. Her theme is "Pass it on" - very noteworthy. We can all benefit from this.

You are members are the most important part of our organization and we cannot function without you. Our January breakfast with the Sons was well attended. Your help was appreciated. We would like more helpers so that we can rotate. Many hands make light work!

We will be joining with the Sons on the Fish Fry Dinners on March 28th and April 11th. If you can help out or want to be included in other projects, please call me at 439-1361. A contact list can then be established.

Our Super Bowl Basket Raffle was also a success, thank ou to all who helped. Until next time.....

Regards,  
*Roseann Lohrey*  
President

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Annual Awards  
Ceremony  
Bethlehem PD/FD  
5pm

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Auxiliary  
Meeting  
7:00pm

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SAL  
Meeting  
7pm

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Karaoke  
w/ Marie  
8pm

Corned Beef  
Sandwiches  
4:30 - 7:30



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Fish Fry Dinner  
4:30pm - 730pm



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Breakfast Buffet  
9am - Noon

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Board of  
Directors  
7pm

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Scrambled Eggs,  
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# April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm 	2	3	4	5  Party at 7pm
6	7  Post Affairs 6:30pm Legion Meeting 7:00pm	8	9  SAL Meeting 7pm	10	11 Fish Fry Dinner 4:30pm - 730pm 	12 <b>20 WEEK DINNER</b> 5:30 pm RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19 Mohegan Sun Bus Trip Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
20  Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Past Commanders Dinner - 4pm 	28  Board of Directors 7pm	29	30	 <b>GotLOGOstuff?</b> What ever you need printed, we've got it! Screen Printing • Embroidery Promotional Items • Printing <b>281-7568</b> <a href="http://GotLOGOstuff.com">GotLOGOstuff.com</a>		

## The Editor's Corner

As we moved through 2013 we concentrated on electronic communications to keep all of you up to date with everything that has been happening at the Post. We received a lot of positive feedback and with your assistance e-mail's have helped us spread the word regarding our events, especially between issues of the Ten-Forty Times.

SAL Members Pete Olsen and Jeremy Kondratt have been managing our web site for over a year and have done a great job keeping it current. 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 continues to increase. It's not unusual to get 300 hits on some days and over 5000 per month is now the norm. We recently posted a video that is a must see for every American. Please click on the "I fought for you" picture. Share it with all your friends.

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.

The Board of Directors has also decided to resume the mailing of the Ten-Forty Times to all member homes every two months. We will still continue to notify you when the electronic version is published, usually around the 20th of the month. You can expect your paper copy by U.S. Mail between the 1st and 8th of the month, depending on where you live.

I am always looking for volunteers to contribute articles. If you are interested please contact me at: nabpost1040@gmail.com.

*Barry E. Bedrosian*  
Editor

## 20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

11/23 - Bob Shultes	1/11 - Sue Crounse
11/30 - Joe Vandeloo	1/18 - Nancy Wickham
12/7 - Nancy Wickham	1/25 - Roger Butliff
12/14 - Jo Massie	2/1 - Debra Downey
12/21 - Ken Curry	2/8 - Kert Kent
12/28 - Vicki Giaccone	2/15 - Ray Bender
1/4 - Frank Wickham	winners as of this printing

*There are seats available for the  
Board of Directors and  
The American Legion leadership.*

*Interested candidates should see  
Mark Wahl or Phil Giaccone.*

*Nominations will be held  
during the April meetings  
of both organizations.*

## Legion Auxiliary Officers

President - Roseann Lohrey  
Vice Pres. - Harriet Minick . . . . grammy12209@hotmail.com  
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**C.Guard:** Alice Corbett, Reggie Sauer, Madeline Oliver

### Season High Scores

#### Division 1:

Bob Toploski: 258	Bob Topolski: 692
Madeline Oliver: 225	Dolly Stornelli: 583

#### Division 2:

Ron Selkirk: 222	Ron Selkirk: 527
Dolores Zeh: 192	Pat Gagliardi: 495

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