



Ten-Forty Times

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

May - August 2013

The Final Inspection

The Soldier stood and faced God,
 Which must always come to pass.
 He hoped his shoes were shining,
 Just as brightly as his brass.
 'Step forward now, Soldier,
 How shall I deal with you?
 Have you always turned the other cheek?
 To My Church have you been true?'
 The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
 'No, Lord, I guess I have not.
 Because those of us who carry guns,
 Can't always be a saint
 I've had to work most Sundays,
 And at times my talk was tough.
 And sometimes I've been violent,
 Because the world is awfully rough.
 But, I never took a penny,
 That wasn't mine to keep...
 Though I worked a lot of overtime,
 When the bills got just too steep.
 And I never passed a cry for help,
 Though at times I shook with fear..
 And sometimes, God, forgive me,
 I've wept unmanly tears.
 I know I don't deserve a place,
 Among the people here.

They never wanted me around,
 Except to calm their fears
 If you've a place for me here, Lord,
 It needn't be so grand.
 I never expected or had too much,
 But if you don't, I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the throne,
 Where the saints had often trod.
 As the Soldier waited quietly,
 For the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you Soldier,
 You've borne your burdens well.
 Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
 You've done your time in Hell.'

Author Unknown

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 Steve Corson

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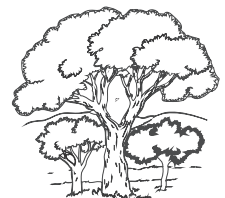
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From The Commander

Greetings Legionaries and Legion Family Members:

This will be my last column to you and I would like to thank you for your support over the past two years. Our next meeting on May 6th we will be holding elections for the offices of The Legion. It is that time to again assist in helping The Legion move forward. We have made a great deal of progress over the past few years and its all thanks to you the membership. I hope you will continue to support the next slate of officers as you have supported me and my team over the past two years.

Currently for nominations we have: Stephen Corson for Commander, Al Hofaker for 1st Vice Commander, Jeremy Martel for 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander is open, Joe VanDeloo for Finance Officer, Mike Kanuck for Adjutant and Chaplain and Sgt at Arms are both open. Nominations will continue from the floor for the meeting.

My last official duty will be the Memorial Day festivities. We begin at 10:00 with the Ceremony at Bethlehem Cemetery honoring Nathaniel Adams Blanchard who was killed in WWI. The parade steps off at 11:00 with the Memorial Day Ceremony at the conclusion of the parade at Veterans Memorial Park next to Stewart's. We hope to see you there.

There are many events taking place in the following summer months like the Golf outing (which I believe is full) and much more to come. If you haven't sent in your e-mail address you will be missing many of the summer events as this will be how we get the word out.

The Squad Room will soon have two new flags which will be donated to The Legion in memory of

Legionnaire Donald Geurtze. The American Flag and Legion Flag will take a place of honor in the Squad Room donated by his son Don Jr. Thank you Don.

Remember that on Flag Day we will retire all the unserviceable flags that we have collected since last year. So bring us your flags for disposal. We also sell great quality American Flags at reasonable prices (we make no money).

The 20 Week Dinner was excellent and the kitchen crew did an outstanding job as usual getting the meal ready and John Rees did a great job of organizing the event. John has been doing an outstanding job as our new General Manager coordinating events and keeping the hall booked.

As we continue to grow we have requested that you make reservations for the events that are held here. This is working well as we have to have numbers to order the food and other supplies. We don't want to turn anyone away but an RSVP deadline is just that. If you don't make the reservations we can not accommodate you. If we did the staff will not be able to eat.

We are getting back into the fold with Albany County Legion and have been represented at many of their functions and meetings and this will continue. They have asked us to host the next Albany County Legion Golf Tournament and we have accepted that challenge. It will be in September.

Remember that we meet in June then take the summer off and return to Legion business meetings in September, on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Always remember that this is your legion and we are here to serve you. And by the way, I'll still be around.

See you around the Post.

For God and Country

Steve Riedel

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

Legion Officers

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

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Sons of the Legion News

Hello All!

Spring has final Sprung! and we are starting to slow down here at the Post. At our May 8th monthly meeting we will be having election of Officers for the upcoming year which starts at the June 12th meeting. So, mark your calendar and come out and VOTE!

As I write this letter, which will be the last one as Commander of the SAL 1040, I have no idea where the year has gone! I would to thank all that has helped me make it a GREAT YEAR!

The month of March was a good profitable one for us with Two Fish Fry Nights, Corned Beef Sandwiches on St. Patrick's Day and the Last Sunday Breakfast Buffet. Next year the Last Sunday Breakfasts will begin on Sept 29th and they will run from 8:30 until 11:30 am.

Again this Spring we will be having a Drive Thru Chicken BBQ Dinner for \$10. Watch your e-mail for the date and time. On Sunday April 28th the Post held the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dinner and at this dinner three SAL members received the Diamond Pin. So I would that this time congratulate all three for stepping up.

Again as I depart from Commander, I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!!!! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!

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.....Butch Levine
Adjutant.....Don Geurtze
Treasurer.....Don Buist
Historian.....Mike Coffey
Sgt. at Arms.....Eric Swett
Chaplain.....Steve Haggerty

Legion Auxiliary News

Dear Friends:

Spring is in the air and summer is at its heels, what better time than now to thank all of our Auxiliary members who worked very hard throughout the year to help with so many meaningful causes. Your unselfish acts of kindness helped move the Auxiliary forward and we could not have done this without your support. Thank you!

A deep appreciation also goes out to the Sons of The Legion for spearheading fundraising activities which involved the Auxiliary. Together we have accomplished so much, and much of this was achieved with the support and contributions of the Sons.

Collectively we were able to accomplish the following:

- ◆ Raise thousands of dollars to support veteran related causes;
- ◆ Send care packages to troops overseas;
- ◆ Collect food items that helped feed veterans at our local veterans home;
- ◆ Send not one but two girls to Girl State; and
- ◆ The list goes on!

As I end my term as Auxiliary President I wish to thank all the ladies who have made this such a great experience. In looking back, I remember the importance of a positive transition, such as I was afforded with the help of my predecessor when I took office. As such, you can fully expect my support and assistance on matters that pertain to the transition of the new incoming President.

I encourage us all to continue our meaningful contributions and support of the Ladies Auxiliary organization, with the greater purpose of helping Veterans, their families, and improving and strengthening our community and patriotism.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for the privilege to have served within this role, and best wishes to the new incumbents, that they should have success with their endeavors.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Regards,

Evelyn Rosenfield
President



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28	29	30  Board of Directors 7pm	1	2	3 TROOP 58 CAR WASH 9AM - 2PM	4
5	6 Post Affairs 7pm  Legion Meeting 7:30pm	7  Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	8  SAL Meeting 7pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  Memorial Day	28  Board of Directors 7pm	29	30	31	1

June 2013

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26	27  Board of Directors 7pm	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Post Affairs 7pm  Legion Meeting 7:30pm	4  Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12  SAL Meeting 7pm	13	14  Chicken BBQ 4pm - 7pm	15 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
16	17	18	19	20	21  Post 1040 Golf Outing (sold out)	22
23	24  Board of Directors 7pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>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!</p> </div>					

The Editor's Corner

We continue to concentrating on electronic communications to keep all of you up to date with everything that has been happening at the Post. What puzzles me is that with nearly 800 members in all three Legion organizations, we have e-mail addresses for less than half of you.

This is the first edition that will be sent by postal mail to only those members with no email address or to those who has specifically requested a paper copy. Not having to mail about 300 copies saves the post on printing and mailing costs of about \$1500 per year.

During this summer there will likely be several events going on at the Post and there will be a need to communicate with all our members. That will be done exclusively through e-mail. So, if you don't want to be left out in the cold (or the hot sun) send us your e-mail today. Drop me a note at: nabpost1040@gmail.com and let me know what organization you belong to so I can add you to the list. We do not share your e-mail with members. All e-mail communications are sent with member e-mail addresses hidden.

I would like to again thank, SAL Members Pete Olsen and Jeremy Kondradt for assuming the responsibilities of managing our web site. They have done a great job keeping it up to date.

This issue of the Ten-Forty Times was delayed by several days because we were busy designing the 2013 Memorial Day Parade Honor Roll. I would like to thank Janet Morris and John Osterhout for all their hard work in renewing advertiser contracts and obtaining several new advertisers. The Honor Roll has grown to 48 pages and has made a boat load of money for Veterans Programs in the Capital District. If you want to receive a copy of the Honor Roll or find out how much money we raised for the Vets this year, you will have to come to the ceremony after the Memorial Day Parade.

Thank you to everyone who assisted me in the past year and shared your comments which make our communications to members the best they can be. Have a safe summer.

Barry E. Bedrosian
Editor

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!!!

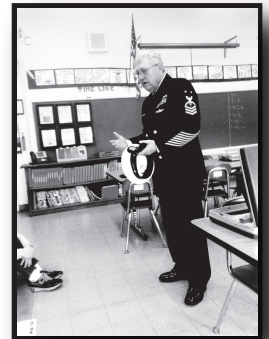
Please call the post at 439-9819, if you're interested in coming to a New Years Eve Party to welcome in 2014. This will be a gala event, and going back to the old way of doing things. We need to make plans now for this event which is 8 months away.

This will be a semi formal event, with an open bar downstairs from 6pm to 7pm and a prime rib dinner upstairs at 7pm. A live band will play until 12 am when we will bring in the year 2014. The 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, we need 140 people to make this work.

Service Officer Delivers Message to Children and Helps Veterans in Need

MCPO Thomas DeRouville, Ret. visits local schools on a regular basis educating children on the duties of our servicemen and patriotism. In addition he assists veterans with navigating the VA system. If you are a veteran and need some assistance with the VA, please reach out to Tom by calling the Post at 439-9819.



Legion Auxiliary Officers

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Vice Pres. - Harriet Minick . . . grammy12209@hotmail.com
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Secretary - Dale Lukatschat lukats@aol.com

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From The Chairman

The Post has come along way in the past four and a half years, from the complete renovation of the upstairs to the rebuilding of the business downstairs. Membership is nearly 800 members between the three organizations. We are still receiving many new applications and transfers. These results are all because of all of you. I can't thank you enough, for all those who gave their expertise and valuable time to make the Blanchard Post the finest in the area, and the place to be.

If elected again, this will probably be my last year as Chairman of the Board. As you may or may not know, the Board of Directors, has appointed John Rees, as the Post General Manager. John is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Post. His duties include all of the daily activities of the bar and banquet facilities. John is in charge of all employees and only answers to the Board of Directors. I have assured John that I'll have his back, as he assumes my duties. Please give John your respect and any help he may need from you. My congratulations to John on his new position and the best of luck to him.

We have quite a few events in the upcoming months, so please keep your 1040 calendars handy so you wont miss anything. The Welcome Back Party will be in September and I hope to see everybody there to meet the new officers from our three organizations.

By the time the 1040 goes to press, the recipients of the Diamond Pin and Legionnaire of the Year Award will have been presented. My congratulations to the recipients of these special awards.

I wish everyone a healthy and wonderful summer, and hope to see you at the Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to everybody again for making our Post what it is.

Phil Giacone
Chairman of the Board

Board of Directors

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