



Ten-Forty Times

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

May - August 2014

Honoring The Dead Of Unknown

As Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. said in his Memorial Day address in 1884 at Keene, Memorial Day 'celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a national act of enthusiasm and faith.' With changing times, Memorial Day is more celebrated as a holiday than the glum occasion it was meant for. We must remember that the day means to honor of America's defense personnel who lost their lives in various wars. Though, people used to honor the graves of the war dead even before the Civil War, the National Memorial Day holiday, originally known as 'Decoration Day' was first observed on May 30, 1868.

The concept originated in the mind of General John Alexander Logan, who dedicated this day to decorate the graves of the American Civil War dead. Later, it encompassed all those who sacrificed their lives for their nation, from the Revolutionary War to the present. May 30th every year was celebrated as the Memorial Day until 1971. Later, the federal government issued the orders of holding the Memorial Day on the last Monday of May. Alabama celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the fourth Monday in April while the states of Mississippi and Georgia celebrate it on the last Monday of April.

Seeing the Memorial Day losing its importance in the minds of younger generations, the concept of the National Moment of Remembrance was hatched by a national humanitarian organizations known as the 'No Greater Love, based in Washington, D.C. It was introduced in 1997 and is recognized by the President and Members of Congress. Since then, 'Taps' is at 3 p.m. throughout America to honor the contributions of our dead soldiers.

All Americans are encouraged to pay respect to them by keeping silent for one minute in their memory at 3:00 p.m.

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From The Commander

Greetings Legionaries and Legion Family Members:

Spring has finally arrived and we can say good-bye to a very bad winter. Now that the nice weather hopefully is upon us I hope to see new and old faces around our Post enjoying our upcoming events.

You need to stop in soon to see our new and bright bar area with the new paint job.

Hope everyone keeps in mind the support we need to keep our Post running. Just stop by to socialize and have a drink or some friendly conversation.

Since this is the last Ten-Forty Times until September, enjoy your summer and hope to see everyone at the Parade.

For God and Country

Al Hofaker

Commander American Legion - N.A. Blanchard Post 1040

Post 1040 Annual Golf Outing



**FRIDAY, JUNE 20
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WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR



American Legion Post 1040 is conducting interviews for the position of Editor, Ten-Forty Times. The Ten-Forty is published bi-monthly in September, November, January, March and May.

Job Duties: Typical work on an issue begins one month before the publication date. You will spend about 4-6 hours developing ads and calendar entries and obtaining proper content for a front cover story. Leaders supply their columns by the 15th of the month. You will spend another 2-3 hours putting the finishing touches on each issue. Total production time is about 8-10 hours. The press ready electronic version needs to be at the printer by the 20th of the month.

Candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Word. The ideal candidate should be proficient in Adobe Acrobat and either Adobe Illustrator or Adobe InDesign.

Interviews will be held in June 2014. Please call Barry Bedrosian or Phil Giacone if you are interested.

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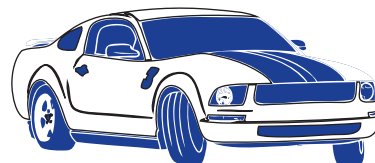
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Sons of the Legion News

Spring has sprung, we hope! I would like to thank all the members who helped with the breakfasts, fish fries and the 20 week dinner. The Sons of the American Legion have donated over \$8,000 this year to different organizations.

John Rees did a great job with the Luau - it was a huge success. His renovations down in the bar are beautiful. We hope to see you at the Legion!

Butch Levine
Commander

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Historian.....Mike Coffey
Sgt. at Arms.....Eric Swett
Chaplain.....Johnny Osterhout

Legion Auxiliary News

Dear Friends:

During a recent meeting it was suggested that I outline some of the programs that our organization accomplishes. Our **Community Service** includes donations made to various missions, food pantries and charitable organizations. **Children & Youth** consists of donations to assist our youth. **Education** includes box top and soup label donations, school supplies, cash register receipts, etc. VA&R covers donations for veterans or military personnel. Currently our donations are lap robes, hats and magazines.

In order to receive credit for our organization, I need to know what you as a member are doing. Bring a list to our monthly meeting or call me at 439-1361. Then when I go to the County Meeting I can report what we all accomplished. Quarterly a report is submitted to County, who reports to Department, who reports to National who reports to Congress which gives our organization more clout.

I am currently collecting tabs from cans for the Shriners Hospital and manufacturers coupons for military commissaries. I am starting to collect cancelled stamps to send to disabled veterans. Apparently this is a project initiated by the Lions Club and a dear friend who handled this died recently and I am taking this on. If you have any used stamps, please put them with the coupons.

May is poppy month when we collect money for our welfare budget. Please consider donating an hour or so - - - it's rewarding. March in the Memorial Day Parade if possible or line the streets to honor those who served.

Until next time, keep well.

Your President,
Roseann Lohrey
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

American Legion - Dennis La Grange and Robert Stanek, Sr.

Legion Auxiliary - Laura Junco, Nicole Levine, Lindsay Cusumano and Amy Hunziker

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25	26  Memorial Day	27  Board of Directors 7pm	28	29	30	31

June 2014

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The Editor's Corner

In 2012, I was asked to assume the editing and design work for the Ten-Forty Times. I has been an enjoyable venture in bring it to the next level. I planned on holding this position for two years which has now approached. I have however, decided to stay on for one more year in order to train a successor. My last issue will be published in May 2015.

The Board of Directors has asked that I head a search committee to find a replacement. With well over 700 members, I am absolutely certain that there is a qualified member willing to assume the responsibility and honor.

This issue of the Ten-Forty Times was delayed by several days because we were busy designing the 2014 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

Want to know what's happening at The Post during the Summer? Visit the web site to find out. Go to: www.nabpost1040.us

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From One Vet To Another

Bob Hunziker recently shared this email. The full name of the recipient & author were removed at the author's request.

Bayard,

I just did a Hospice Veterans Appreciation Award that I want to share with you and all your other Semper Fi guys.

A former US Marine called Albert B. G. [Hospice rules preclude telling names] was located in a personal care home by my Hospice organization based in Sebring, Florida. I live 10 miles farther south in Lake Placid, and I'm the go-to volunteer guy for the old veterans and military retirees. He's been in a small hospital terminal care unit right near my house for about a month. A Vietnam-era veteran, Albert is blind in one eye, and the other eye sees just a little. He is deaf in both ears, nearly stone deaf. His body looks like photos from the German extermination camps in World War II. Albert's family has disappeared from the scene. For a month he has communicated with care givers by grunting. He is alive one day at a time, and the doctors give him only pain medications palliative care, as they call it.


With 7 female caregivers of various kinds watching, I wrote "MARINE" on his magic marker board. I leaned low and said "Marine" loudly in his ear. He nodded, after a while. He pointed at me. I wrote "ARMY" and "HONOR YOU" on his board. I barked "Army" in his ear, and he pointed at me. I barked "HONOR YOU" in his ear, and he pointed at himself. I pinned the Hospice Veterans Award on his PJs. I saluted him. His hand came out from under the covers and he saluted me. Twice. I shook his hand. Several huge tears rolled down his face. I added a few to his.

I said, into his better ear, "We love what you did for us. God loves you the most because of how you served our country as a Marine." He looked at the 7 watchers-on and spoke for the first time in a month. In a clear voice, he said, "I'm a Marine!"

There were 8 people making a lot of tears, and several more staff crowded into the room to hear what was happening.

Semper Fi, and grip hands,

Russ



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From The Chairman

Spring is finally here, and the long cold winter is gone. Summer is just around the corner and the three organizations (AL, LA, SAL) have many events planned. Please save your *Ten-Forty* calendars, so you're sure not to miss anything. The next issue of the *Ten-Forty* will not be out until Sept 1st.

Many thanks to John Rees and his sister Libby Cruise for the great job they did decorating the Post for the 20-Week Club Dinner and the Luau. Both events were very successful. The music was great, and the food plentiful. I would also like to thank the Sons and Ladies for all the work they did on these parties. Both organizations have been very busy with these parties and the Fish Frys and Breakfast Buffets.

The Legion Golf Tournament will be in June. Make sure you sign up soon or you will miss out. The golf outing has been a sell out for the last three years.

The Legion Cruise was enjoyed by all and my thanks to Paul Roberts for all his work on the cruise. Paul and staff are starting to work now for the next one. If you have any ideas of where you would like to go, let Paul know. People have expressed interest in going on the Alaska Cruise in the Summer of 2015.

The renovations in the lounge have been completed, and work will begin shortly on the rest rooms. Plans are also in the making, for updating our entrance. The entrance needs to be painted and have the carpet replaced.

Your patronage is well appreciated and the more you participate, the faster we can complete Post projects. I wish everyone a safe summer and hope to see you at the Post.

Phil Giaccone
Chairman of the Board

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REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

SAL Election of Officers

It's time to start planning for the 2014 - 2015 officers elections. The current officers are listed below. We are currently looking for nominations for a slate of officers for next year. If you are interested in stepping up to be a leader in the Sons please contact Eric Swett or Frank Wickham.

A preliminary slate of officers was presented at the April meeting with a final slate presented at the May meeting just before elections.

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