



Ten-Forty Times

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

May - August 2015

Memorial Day and Special Dates to Remember for the Summer

As Spring and Summer approach, we use these months to share with family and friends. The season starts with the special commemorative recognition of Memorial Day.

Other commemorative dates during the summer have historical and military significance. Many of our lives have military stories to tell, some so touching, some never told. Are you around Veterans and military people on these commemorative days?

The word memorial is defined as "Created or done to honor a person who has died or to remind people of an event where many people died". Memorial Day googled on your computer is "a holiday observed on the last Monday in May that is meant to honor and remember those who died in the military while serving their country."

- Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed on May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery when flowers were placed on the graves of fallen Union and Confederate soldiers

- 260,000 small American flags are placed by U.S. soldiers on the gravestones of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery

- On Memorial Day, at 3 p.m. local time, all Americans are asked to pause wherever they are for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to our nation

Since you will not receive another 1040 Times until September, here are some other military commemorative dates. Have an enjoyable summer. These dates may have a special meaning to you. Share the day with a Veteran.

May 8 is honored in Europe and commemorated as VE Day. Victory in Europe on May 8, 1945 when Germany uncondi-

tionally surrendered 70 years ago bringing an end to WW II in Europe.

May 15 is Armed Forces Day. Since 1947 this day celebrates and honors all branches of the US Armed Forces.

June 6, 1944 D-Day. The largest amphibious invasion in US history. It was instrumental in liberating Europe and 11 months later brought an end to WW II in Europe.

June 14 Flag Day. In 1777 the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. Also on this date in 1775 the US Army was established.

July 4 Independence Day. The signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776

July 21, 1969 Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon

July 27, 1953 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. It ended the three year Korean War

August 7 is Purple Heart Day. A day to remember and recognize the Purple Heart recipients

August 14 known as VJ Day, Victory in Japan. It brought a total end to World War II in 1945. "Going Home"

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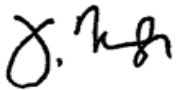
From The Commander

Fellow Legionnaires, Son's, and Auxiliary Members. This will be my last column as Commander of the Blanchard Post. I can't express what an honor it has been to work with such a great group of people. I'm always amazed by the way we come together and do such great work for the Veterans in our community. As we look forward to another year with new Post leadership, I would ask that we continue this great work for the good of the Post and good of the Legion.

One of the challenges we have in the coming year will be to increase our membership. Unfortunately our membership is slowly dwindling which makes it more difficult for us to support our programs and keep our organization strong. I would challenge each Legion member to encourage one fellow veteran to join our Post. This is not only to help us sustain our organization but also help our national Legion lobby on behalf of the men and women who served and are still serving. The American Legion is one the largest veteran's organizations with nearly 3 million members and 14,000 Posts worldwide. We need to keep our organization strong!

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Legionnaires, Son's of the Legion, and the Auxiliary for all their support and hard work throughout the year. With all our organizations working together we can accomplish almost anything! Thank you for a great year and I will see you around the Post!

For God and Country,




MSGT Jeremy P. Martelle, USAF (RET)
Commander



Poppy time is almost here. If anyone is interested in handing out poppies the week before Memorial Day please contact Maryann Enrico at 763-5678 or email Maryann at Maryann.enrico@yahoo.com. This is a very rewarding experience. We will be handing out poppies at McCarrolls and the Delmar and Glenmont post office. Thank you for volunteering!!

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POST 1040 Annual GOLF OUTING



Friday, June 19th
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Sons of the Legion News

Has spring finally sprung? Let's hope so. The Sons of the American Legion purchased a new stove and dishwasher for the downstairs kitchen. We have some events coming up that will need some volunteers. Memorial Day parade - May 25th; drive thru Chicken Barbeque - June 5th; Clambake - August 15th. Hope to see you at these events



Butch Levine
Commander

SAL Officers 2014-2015

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SAL - Annual Election of Officers

It's time to start planning for our 2015 - 2016 officers elections. 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 (438-9500) or Frank Wickham(fwickham@ieee.org or 573-2764).



A final slate will be presented at the May meeting for election. See the listing of the Sons Officers in this edition of the 1040 Times.

Legion Auxiliary News

Spring is finally here following a rather harsh winter. It's time for our Annual Poppy Drive. Please give us an hour or so during the week of May 18th to help with the Poppy Drive. Please call Maryanne Enrico at 765-5678. If you have already signed up I want to Thank You.

Remember to continue to save soda tabs, box tops, soup labels, manufacturer's coupons, cancelled stamps, items for soldiers' boxes and yarn that helps us serve our military families.

I look forward to seeing you at the parade on May 25th. The summer will be busy with graduations, weddings, garden parties and other events. May you all have a great summer.



For God & Country, Roseann Lohrey
President Legion Auxiliary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Past Commanders Dinner Cocktails at 4pm Dinner at 6 pm	4 Post Affairs 6:30 PM Legion Meeting 7 PM	5 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	6 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Sons of The Legion Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	14	15	16 Karaoke with Marie 8 PM
17	18 First Day of Poppy Week 	19 Poppy Day 	20 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM Poppy Day 	21 Poppy Day 	22 Poppy Day 	23 Poppy Day 
24 Poppy Day 	25 Memorial Day Parade 11 AM 	26 Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	28	29	30



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	1 Post Affairs 6:30 PM Legion Meeting 7 PM	2 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	3 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	4	5 SAL Chicken B-B-Q 	6
7	8	9	10 Sons of The Legion Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	11	12	13 VFW Steak Roast 
14 	15	16	17 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	18	19 Golf Outing Thunderhart CC 	20 Karaoke with Marie 8 PM
21	22	23	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29 Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	30				

All are invited to attend the Capital District Patriot Flight Send Off Ceremony, May 16, 2015 at the Christian Brothers Academy School at 6:30 am.

The program starts at 7 am. Support and meet the Veterans of WW II, Korea & Vietnam making the trip to Washington DC.

Free coffee, donuts and bagels. Bring your cameras, the Send Off is a memory in itself.



Sunday, September 13

Welcome New Members

Legion William Best, Matthew J. Keller, Shane Kennedy, Melvin W. Lamphron, George F. Supan, Lawrence J. Pittman, Gary J. Maher, Henry J. Spina, Scott Mara, Burl Grupe, Scott Reaves, Timothy Leahy and Arnold Townsend

SAL Andrew J. Baker, Colin P. Baker, Christopher R. Baker, Russell A. Crounse, Frederick F. Fielder, Michael J. Murphy, Brian J. Pluckrose, Stanley Jasinski, Thomas F. Andriano

Aux Linda Widelski, Roxy Barber, Carey Barber, Deborah Stanek, Deanna Nardolillo, Justina Seavey, Kate Pope, Jennifer Menagias, Helen Payne, Sandy Crouse and Kelly Nisiewicz

The 20-Week Club Continues!



For those members in the last club, you are entered in each week's drawing and you are paid in full. The dinner will be October 10, 2015.

All new members are invited to join for \$30. This gives you a chance to win up to \$1,100.

Each week we have a drawing with a chance to win \$30. You have the same chance each week. The last time, one member won in three different weeks - \$90!

At the October 10 dinner, we will draw two \$50 winners, two \$100 winners, one \$300 winner and a grand prize winner of \$500. Sign up today with the bartenders or mail in your check to the Post. It's the best deal in town!



SAL
3rd Annual
CLAMBAKE
Saturday
August 15th

Lunch 1 pm 'til 3:30 pm
Burgers /Hot dogs/ Sausage, and clam chowder soup
Draft Beer & soda, water - Cash Bar Also all day.
Raw Clam Bar - Opens from 2:30 'til 4:30 pm
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From The Chairman

Winter is finally over and the warm weather is here. Mark your calendars for the Legion Golf Tournament and the barbecues. Please watch your e-mails for Friday night meals which includes music entertainment

The Legion Cruise is up to 36 people. Our goal is to have 40 people attend. See more information on this page. Hope you are interested in going on this special event.

The Queen of Hearts Tournament is doing well. The drawings are every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. The jackpot was over \$2000 on April 15th. The proceeds from the Queen of Hearts game helps with Post expenditures and charitable donations.

Post elections are in May for all of our organizations. Please attend your meeting. Voting is important and your voice is heard as we elect our new officers.

The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday May 25th. Details will be available in the 1040 Times and sent to you via e-mails.

Our new fiscal year starts June 1st. Our new post officers take their positions on this day. I wish them all the best and continued success for the Blanchard Post.

I wish everyone a healthy summer. Hope to see you at the Welcome Back Party in September.

Phil Giacone, Chairman

Board of Directors

Cliff Thompson	Dick Drew
Joe Vandello	George Decker
Jeremy Martelle	Mark Wahl
Mike Kanuk	Steve Riedel
Al Hofaker	Larry Justice
Phil Giacone, <i>Chairman</i>	

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



**MONDAY
MAY 25**

**STEPS OFF AT
11 A.M.**

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Your Dues are Due!

Membership dues for 2015 for Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion and the Auxiliary were due on 1/1/15. If you are past due, your lounge privileges may be suspended. Please pay your 2015 dues to your membership chairman today. Thank you!

Cruise the Caribbean for Ten Nights! - April 8, 2016-

Depart NJ - April 8, 2016 on Royal Caribbean's Anthem of The Seas

Yankee Trails has reserved 12 balcony rooms that will be held for sixty days. If we have 24 people, round trip bus transportation from Delmar to Bayonne, NJ will be provided.

Balcony Rooms are \$1669 per person, including fees and taxes. There are some interior and ocean view cabins that should be available (price to be determined).

Your \$450 deposit should be paid as soon as possible. Yankee Trails accepts credit cards and will offer a payment schedule.

If you have questions, please call Paul Roberts at 465-6874 or Phil Giacone at 439-1011.

This cruise is open to the general public so feel free to spread the word to your family and friends!



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