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TEN-FORTY TIMES

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PARADE SHIRTS AVAILABLE- ORDERS NEEDED BY MAY 6TH

We are taking orders for Professionally Embroidered Polo Shirts to wear during parades and special events and just around town too. Each organization, Legion, Auxiliary and Sons will have a different color shirt and their appropriate emblem embroidered on the left chest. T-shirts are also available. All shirts are Made in the USA. Samples are available at the Post so you can get yourself into the correct size shirt. Order forms are available at the bar; payment must accompany your order.

AROUND THE POST

Spring is finally here, and it's all happening at the post. The Memorial Day parade is shaping up to be one of the best ever. Bingo will begin again the last Sunday of the month starting in September. Stop by the post for MLB and NASCAR packages, your favorite baseball game, or auto race. We've added another 42-inch flat screen to the lounge. It's a slide show that runs open til close. Come see if you're in one of the 2000 pictures on the screen. It's a lot of fun watching. We've also sponsored a 50 years or older softball team. Anyone interested please contact Mark Wahl. We had a tremendous year at the Post, with numerous renovations and functions. The Board of Directors wants to thank everyone who volunteered his or her time to make this all possible. Have a safe and great summer

Phil Giacone - Chairman of the Board

WHAT'S YOUR E-MAIL?

The Post is collecting member e-mail addresses. This will allow us to communicate with you between issues of the 1040 Times. In order to receive these e-mails you need to be registered. You can either complete a form at the bar or send an email to: nabpost1040@gmail.com. Please type "e-mail" in the subject line. In the body of the email please type your first and last name followed by the organization you're a member of: Legion, Auxiliary or Sons.

20 WEEK CLUB, The March dinner was a huge success. Many thanks go to all who made this event happen. The food was excellent, and the dancing went on til 1:00 in the morning. The next drawing will be on May 6th, so please get your money in as there is a waiting list. The next dinner will be Sept. 17th, with Prime Rib and all the trimmings.



Sons of the American Legion
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Welcome New Members

George McHugh • Earl Winchester • Jeff Winkler • Michael Nevin •

Final Salute
Willis Vogel

Want to Submit an Article or Information to be Printed the 1040 Times? Email the Editor Jeremy Martelle at jeremy@martelle.us or Call the Post at (518) 439-9819. Next Print Deadline is August 15, 2011.

FROM YOUR POST COMMANDER...

Spring is here and summer will soon follow. It was a long winter and it's finally over. I want to thank Phil and the Twenty Week Club for another great dinner and fun evening. We have two great events coming up in May. First, the Past Commanders Dinner Sunday May 22nd, with cocktails starting at 4:00PM. The dinner will be prepared by the Bobby Wagner crew at 5:30. Our annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30th. I hope to see you all at these events. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

For the Legion,

Joe Giacone, Commander, POST 1040

Auxiliary Unit 1040 News and Updates

Happy Easter! Thank goodness spring is here! Hope this note finds everyone in good health and bright spirits.

The Auxiliary has many areas of service in need of volunteers; VA hospital out-reach, VA Fisher House, homeless Veteran house (Albany), coupon collection, pull tab collection, and a host of Unit Auxiliary 1040 events and committees. Please think about sharing your time by volunteering. Speaking of volunteers, thank you to all of the auxiliary volunteers that helped with the Indoor Garage/Craft sale, Bingo, and last Sunday Breakfasts. Unit 1040 Auxiliary is happy to be sending Harrah Bearup, an AP honors student and junior at Albany high school, to Empire Girls State in Brockport NY. She will be a wonderful representative for public education in Albany County. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** April 30th "clean up the post" day, 9:00 AM till? Poppy distribution in May – contact Doris Watters, Poppy Chair, to volunteer; **Memorial Day Parade, Auxiliary marchers needed; Auxiliary Unit 1040 shirts are available to purchase, white for Auxiliary – stop in the lounge and see samples and check for size place order and pay \$29.00.** The Auxiliary perennial plant sale is Sunday June 12th, 9:00 am to 1:00pm; set up Saturday, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please donate perennials from your garden, we also need various sized pots; we can come dig up the plants for you; **volunteers needed** – contact Kathy Riedel 439-0281. **SIGN UP SHEETS FOR ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS ARE IN THE LOUNGE.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in **your** auxiliary unit. Look forward to seeing you at the April 19th Auxiliary meeting and mark your calendars for the May 17th and June 14, meetings.

God Bless, Francine, Harriet, Tracy & Dale

American Legion Aux new members are as follows: Tracie Roberts, Josephine Bowen, Kristen Jones, Samantha Hunt, Joanne Murphy, Jessica Wurtenberg, Cynthia Young, Lyne M. Malinowski, Nancy Woehrmann. ALSO On behalf of Bingo I personally would like to thank everyone who came forward and helped and worked the bingo to try and make it a huge success. Please keep in mind we will be starting Bingo in September and again I will need workers to help. Thank you again as I couldn't do it by myself Harriet Minick

As always, God Bless America and guide us forward.

Francine Waldron, President, Harriet Minik, Vice President & Membership, Tracy Risko, Treasurer, and Dale Lukatschat, Secretary.

Sons of the American Legion- Bryan Poole Commander, Bobby Wagner 1st Vice Commander, Danny Williams 2nd Vice Commander, Jared King 3rd Vice Commander, Don Buist Treasurer, Don Geurtze Adjutant

Other Post Trips and Events

Caribbean cruise next Spring, Paul Roberts has agreed To chair a 10 day trip to the Caribbean on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Dates, details, and payment plans will follow soon.

Annual Golf Tournament at Sunny Hill, June 17th. Price is still only \$50.00. Includes, GOLF, CART, LUNCH, DINNER, BEVERAGES, and PRIZES. Space is limited, so call the post for your reservation now. Money must be in by June 10th. Kurt Kent, Chairman

Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags: Post 1040 collects retired or worn out American Flags and they are retired with respect at the Annual Flag Burning, with assistance from Boy Scout Troop 58 and the Elsmere Fire Company A Inc.

Display of our Stars and Stripes

When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.

Did You Know?

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

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