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

September-October 2012

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## Always Helping Our Servicemen

Over eight years ago, the Ladies Auxiliary, guided by Harriet Minick began sending care packages to servicemen overseas. Donations of money and personal items came from family, friends, schools, Girl Scouts, local businesses and the Legion family. Recently, Mary Ann Kresge took up a collection at work which helped fill several care packages. As of today, a total of 175 boxes have been sent to Iran, Afghanistan, Korea and Japan.

A short time ago the Ladies' adopted a platoon of 20 men in Afghanistan and each received a care package. Postage alone for each care package is \$13.45. Harriet estimated that each soldier received over \$25 in personal care items, convenience items, food and games. The Auxiliary recently received a thank you letter from Lt. Col. Henry Pettit from the Regional Command Center which is proudly displayed in the glass case at the Post Lounge. Please take a minute to read it. Nice job ladies!



*I wish to thank all of the men and women who stood in rain and sun to collect donations for the 2012 Poppy Program prior to Memorial Day.*

*The success of this program would not be possible without your dedication.  
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*Doris Watters - Chairman*

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## From The Commander

Hope you all had a great summer, now its Welcome Back time. While many of you spent the summer enjoying the outdoor activities the Legion remained quite busy. We made a \$3000.00 donation to the Stratton VA Medical Center for the benefit of the patients there. Also, donations were made to the Patriot Flight organization of \$6175.00 and the Sons held a fund-raiser for the Home for Joe that raised \$3000.00. Thanks to the effort of Steve Haggerty who put the event together with 2 bands and food all day. It could have been even more successful with more attendance but every bit helped. Joe's home is actually being built as this goes out.

After a rough start the Golf tournament surpassed our goal of \$1000.00 and we had plenty of news coverage on the incident that almost scrapped the tournament but John Rees stayed the course and donations came in from all over to make this a huge success. I also had the opportunity to present two checks to BCHS seniors. One to Hannah VanWie at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park and one to Connor Rohan for the return of the American Legion Scholarship at BCHS.

It is my privilege to have been re-elected as your Commander and we have much more to accomplish and with your support we can continue to grow. Coming up will be our Welcome Back Party, the 20 Week Club Dinner, a chicken dinner for the Bethlehem Seniors and SAL will again be holding a drive thru Chicken BBQ and the monthly Sunday Breakfast .

There will be some coming changes around the Legion shortly as we were again tagged by the NYSLA. We will be replacing our old keycard entry system for access into the Lounge. So when you hear about that you will understand the reasons. Each member of the three organizations will be getting a card for entrance. If you don't have your card you will need to ring for admittance and asked for your membership card if you are not a known member by the bar staff. Please do not take this out on the staff they are just following the direction of the Board of Directors. If you bring a guest (non member) we ask that you sign them in at the front door. Guest's must have their sponsor with them while they are at the Legion. If you leave the guest must leave with you. That is NYS Law.

Our Junior American Legion Baseball team won first place in the District and placed 2nd for the Region. Congratulations to the Team and the coaches for a great season.

Our Legion Post is making great strides in it's "come-back" and it has to do with our membership and many dedicated Volunteers from all three organizations. Thank you all. I look forward to leading this Post for the next year and working with the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. I know we are going to have a great year. Stop on down and enjoy the camaraderie.

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.....Todd Rosenfield  
3rd Vice Commander.....Jeremy Martelle  
Adjutant.....Mike Kanuk  
Finance Officer.....Joe Vandeloo  
Chaplain.....Merle Oliver  
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Pete Gilbert  
Historian.....Ollie Palmer

## Welcome Back Party

September 9 • 4pm - 9pm

**R.S.V.P. is absolutely required.  
No admittance without a reservation!**

**Please call the Post today to  
reserve your space and let us  
know what dish you're bringing!**

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**It's 2012!  
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# Sons of the Legion News

Hope everyone had a great summer!!!!

Welcome back SAL members to another busy year at the post. For example just in September alone we start with the Welcome Back Party on September 8th followed by a Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ on September 14th and the 20 Week Club dinner on September 29th. We end the month with the first of three last Sunday of the month breakfast buffets on Sunday September 30th.

Most importantly, don't forget the first SAL membership meeting of 2012-2013 year on Wednesday September 12th @ 7:00 pm.

Just a reminder the dues are now \$20 and are payable at this time. You can leave your dues at the post to the attention of Neal Brady. If you are interested we will laminate your membership card for you after any monthly meeting!!!

So with all this going on we will definitely need your HELP!! I hope to see you all at one or all of the events, that's all for now.

*Robert Wagner*  
Commander

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

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## 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

I am honored to serve as the new Auxiliary President of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion. I am committed to strengthening the core values of the Auxiliary by ensuring that all Veterans, current military service members and their families in need of service are provided with the resources necessary to help guide them through challenging times. I am pleased to be part of a strong Executive Committee all who exemplify good will and patriotism in honor of the sacrifices made by our fellow service men and women.

Auxiliaries are a backbone to all Legion posts and our unit does not fall short from that testament. We are looking forward to working in collaboration with other entities of the Post, fostering relationships, providing service and respecting individuality. We will remain steadfast in demonstrating our mission and values, and we will never waver to adversity. We will not lose sight of our purpose - helping to shape an optimistic future in an environment that embraces fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

To all Auxiliary members, thank you for your support and dedication. It is because of people like you we are able to accomplish the work we do on a regular basis.

There is still much work that needs to be accomplished and we need your help. I am appealing to all Auxiliary members to reach out to friends, neighbors and the community and share with them your involvement with the Auxiliary. Encourage their participation by endorsing their membership. It simply takes a meaningful conversation and an extension of goodwill. This effortless gesture will strengthen our ability to garner the resources needed to continue investing in our service men and women.

Regards,  
*Evelyn Valentino*  
President

## Legion Auxiliary Officers

President - Evelyn Valentino . . . ehv01@health.state.ny.us  
Vice Pres. - Harriet Minick . . . grammy12209@hotmail.com  
Treasurer - Tracy Risko . . . . . trisko@nysba.com  
Secretary - Dale Lukatschat . . . .lukats@aol.com

## Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, 9/22 - 6:30 pm-11:30 pm

Dinner: \$25 p.p.

Baked Ham w/ brown sugar and raisin sauce  
Scalloped Potatoes, Green beans w/slivered almonds  
Toss Salad w/ house dressing, Rolls & butter  
Cake & Ice Cream, Coffee & Tea, Cash Bar all evening.

Actors roam the dining area prior to dinner dropping hints/clues as to "who did it." The evening proves to be a scream and has more laughs than the Sunday comics!

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# September 2012

**Correct date for the Welcome Back Party is Sept. 9. Your MUST have a reservation to attend.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Board of Directors 7pm	28	29	30	31	1
2 NFL Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	3 Labor Day	4 Post Affairs 7pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm Legion Meeting 7:30pm	5	6	7	8
9 <b>Welcome Back Party!</b> <i>Reservations are absolutely required.</i>	10	11	12 SAL Meeting 7pm	13 Bethlehem Seniors - BBQ at The Post	14 Chicken BBQ 4pm - 7pm	15 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm KARAOKE
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30 Breakfast Buffet 9am - Noon	<p><b>The next issue of the Ten-Forty Times will be available on-line at least a week before you receive it at home. All information that is shared between issues is sent by e-mail. Sign up by 9/15 for a free drink. Send your name and membership organization (RL, SAL, AUX) to: nabpost1040@gmail.com.</b></p>					

# LEVINE'S LANDSCAPING

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30  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	1 Post Affairs 7pm  Legion Meeting 7:30pm	2  Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	3	4	5	6 <b>WEST POINT FOOTBALL</b> Bus leaves at 9am
7  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	8	9	10  SAL Meeting 7pm	11	12	13
14  Sunday Football Games Bring a dish.	15	16 <b>FREE DRINK,</b> today only, for all e-mail list members. Must have coupon. Send e-mail to: <a href="mailto:nabpost1040@gmail.com">nabpost1040@gmail.com</a>	17	18	19	20 Karaoke w/ Marie 8pm 
21 <i>Bus Trip to</i>  Mohegan Sun a world at play	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## The Editor's Corner

Well summer is about over and it's back to another exciting year at the Post. Think back to June and look at all we did over the summer. Then take a look at this issue and look at all the events happening in the next two months. Many of these events were decided last minute. That's the way it is. As a result the 1040 Times is not the only way we communicate with our 700+ members.

Over the past year I have emphasized over and over, the need for each of you to join our e-mail list. Yet as of today less than 150 of 700 members have signed up. That is very disappointing. It is likely that as you are reading this paper copy of the Ten-Forty Times, an electronic version has already been posted on our web site for several days.

Oh yea! By the way we plan on using the web site to post the Ten-Forty Times and current information but, in order for you to get notified of updates you need e-mail. Did you see the posts on the web site about the Golf Tournament and the donation to the VA Hospital?

So look, here's the deal and it's a one time deal. Sign up for e-mail by 9/15 and you are guaranteed the following:

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*Barry E. Bedrosian*

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Auxiliary** - April Rowley, Kimberly Denton,  
Josephine Massie, Theresa Gagner, Elizabeth Olsen,  
Danielle Landi and Christine Barber.

**Legion** - Leon Bormann Sr., Leon Bormann Jr.,  
Michael Knott, James Loux, Dennis Palow and  
Rick Rudofsky.



## LOUNGE SECURITY COMING TO POST 1040 SOON

Within the next month access cards will be issued to all members who have paid their current years dues. This card will be required for access to the lounge.

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# The House Chairman's News

Welcome back to all. I hope you had a terrific summer and are getting ready for a exciting fall. The Board of Directors has appointed Tom DeRouville as House Chairman in June and Tom and I, have been transitioning his take over this summer. Tom will be in charge of all the Food and Beverage duties in the Post. Tom has some new ideas, will be putting on more personnel, and posting new Lounge hours. The transition will be complete by the Welcome Back Party.

I want to thank all of you who have made the past 3½ years a complete success. I want to wish Tom the best of luck and let him know that I have his back. Thanks again, and I hope to see you all at the Welcome Back Party.

*Phil Giaccone*  
Chairman of the Board

As Phil said, the lounge will be undergoing some changes. We are contemplating changing our hours and making some changes in personnel. All this is so we can continue to provide good service to our members. We will keep you updated. The best way to stay updated is to sign up for e-mail news so send your e-mail address to us at nabpost1040@gmail.com.

## Ladies Auxiliary - - - In the Know

- Auxiliary meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Post;
- Dues have increased from \$20 to \$25;
- Please refer to the calendar of events for upcoming socials, fundraising opportunities, and dedications;
- Volunteer a small portion of your time, the smiles of appreciation from our military and Veterans are priceless.

## Board of Directors

Steve Corson	George TenEyke
Dick Drew	Tom D'Rouville
Steve Riedel	Al Hofaker
Larry Justice	Mark Wahl
Joe Vandelloo	Phil Giaccone <i>Chairman</i>

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On 13 September, our Post will be hosting a Chicken Barbeque for the Seniors of Delmar. It will be held in our 2nd floor dining hall and we are looking for volunteers. We have also asked for some assistance from the VFW 3185. They have an annual picnic/barbeque but, because the Slingerlands Fire station is under renovation, they had to forego this year's barbeque.

This is not replacing their efforts that have gone on for over 25 years. But we decided we would have one at our facility. The title is Senior Barbeque put on by the "Veteran's of Delmar" and held at NAB Post 1040. Since this is a good cause, we might continue with our Barbeque in the fall as the VFW holds theirs in the summer. Time will tell. The important people here are the seniors. Tickets can be obtained through Senior Services, Town of Bethlehem. You must be a senior (like Phil and Joe) and have a ticket to attend. We are expecting 80 to 100 folks. So, come out and lend a hand. We as usual are relying on the multi talents of our SAL, for support.

Lastly, I need to reiterate what you will see elsewhere in this newsletter. You must make reservations for all events held at this Post. With the high cost of food we need to be conservative and that means we will only prepare food for the number of people who made reservations. Unfortunately, that means if you fail to make a reservation, you will not be admitted to the event. So, when you see and event billed as "Reservations Required" it means just that.

*Tom DeRouville*  
House Chairman

# 20 WEEK DINNER

**September 29**

**5:00 pm Cocktails ♦ 6:30 pm Dinner**

**Turkey Dinner**

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## Spend a Minute with a Member

Lee Martin was born in Albany, NY in 1922. His family moved to Delmar when he was a year old and he's pretty much been a fixture in the community since then. A graduate of the Bethlehem school system, Lee worked as an electrician for his dad upon graduation from BCHS.

In 1942, Lee enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed basic training in Ft. Eustas, VA where he was trained on 90mm anti-aircraft guns. Lee stopped at Camp Rooker, AL and Camp Stewart, GA before being shipped to North Africa to join a Naval Cargo Carrier. In North Africa Lee's troop took position to protect the shore line from German planes. From there he travelled to Italy to help train French soldiers on US anti-aircraft guns. Lee joined the 99th Chemical Mortar Battalion. He suffered the loss of a finger tip while there but was not forgotten when his unit was moved out. Lee's Captain went to the hospital to pick him up and bring him to his troop, now boarding a ship for France. In France he joined the 3rd Armor Division and helped clear the way for infantrymen before the Battle of the Bulge. They then moved into the mountains toward the

Hitler hideout at Burgess Garden. Soon after that move the war appeared to be drawing to an end and Lee and his comrades helped liberate a prison camp.

Back home Lee was featured in the Knickerbocker News at the controls of a 50 caliber water-cooled machine gun. From Germany to France and then on to Boston for a one month furlough. Reporting back to Fort Dix Lee received orders to report to Camp Chaffee for training and then on to the Pacific, but before that assignment was executed the war ended and Lee was back home.

Lee returned to work with his dad and in May 1947 he married Patricia Tosh. They had two boys, Paul and Mark. Paul served as a Seabee. Paul's son Shawn served in the USMC and was killed in combat in Iraq. West Poplar Drive has been dedicated in his honor. Mark's daughter Amanda is currently in the US Army. Lee and Pat have travelled the country attending numerous Army reunions. They hosted on such reunion here in Albany back in 1946 which is about when he joined the American Legion. He continues to frequent the post to enjoy a glass of wine and chatting with his many friends.

So, next time you see Lee in the lounge, thank him for his service to our country, ask him about bathing in his Army helmet or the three Army comrades he keeps in contact with.