



# Ten-FortyTimes

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

September-October 2011

## Memorial Day Program Book Benefits Many Vets

This past Memorial Day, parade spectators received our first ever Memorial Day Parade Program. Initially planned for only 20 pages the book grew to 36 pages thanks to 68 local advertisers. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop #58 for handing out the programs before the parade kick off. If you did not get one, extra copies are available at the Post.

In addition to advertisements the book contains important phone numbers, letters from the VFW and Legion Commanders along with a letter from the town supervisor. Of special interest to all readers were stories on The Poppy, Veteran Organizations, the U.S. Flag, Memorial Day and most importantly - - - Flag Etiquette. The centerfold feature story Honored Blanchard Post Member and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. Francis Currey.

The program book helped raise \$3000 to benefit Veteran's Programs. Thanks to SAL Members John Weidman for pounding the streets for ads and Barry Bedrosian for graphic design and printing. Read Commander Riedel's column for more details on the proceeds.

This year the parade line up changed in that the Veteran's took the lead in the parade, Grand Marshalled by our own Joe Bruno. Special thanks to Don Gurtze for coordinating the many participating organizations in the 2011 parade.

## Final Salute



**Donald Kelly  
Ray Salman  
James B. Strowd, Jr.**

## What's S.A.L. all about?

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs.

Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their Posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects, and fund raising.

Here at The Blanchard Post the SONS are always looking for more active members to step up to the plate and help out with the many different activities they are involved in. If you are a member of the SONS and have not attended a meeting in a while, please make the time to attend the next meeting which will be on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Squad Room.



## CASINO TRIP to Mohegan Sun

**Sunday, October 23**

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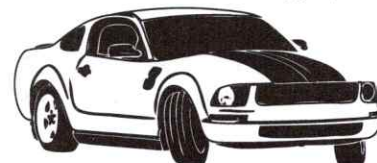
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## From The Commander

Well, it's September and we welcome all back to the Legion for another exciting year. Look for our Welcome Back Party info in this newsletter.

First off I would like to thank Past Commander Joe Giacone for an outstanding year. Thanks Joe, great job.

To bring all up to speed on Memorial Day we had a program book made and handed it out to the crowd. We raised \$3000.00 on that book and I'm happy to say we donated \$1000 to the Patriot Flight Organization. Then we donated the remaining \$2000 to the VA Hospital for use in patient programs - - - a retreat for Vets and the Adaptive Sports Clinics. Barry Bedrosian, Mark Wahl and myself were able to present the check to Linda Weiss, Director of the Stratton VA Medical Center in mid July.

We need your help. I was disappointed that we could not muster four persons for a Color Guard for the Parade, but that gives me something to work on. Any one interested in becoming a member of the Color Guard (flags) or Honor Guard (rifle detail) should leave their contact info at the Post and someone will contact you. Honor Guard is only used on Memorial Day. The Color Guard is also very infrequently used. We will pay for the uniform for you to wear. Lets get the Blanchard Post back out into the community.

We also helped to send 32 Boy Scouts to summer Camp. The largest number they have taken for many years. We wanted to ensure that no Scout who wanted to go, could go regardless of family finances.

## Legion Officers

Commander.....Steve Reidel  
1st Vice Commander.....Al Hofaker  
2nd Vice Commander.....Ralph Ambrosio  
3rd Vice Commander.....Jeremy Martelle  
Adjutant.....Steve Corson  
Finance Officer.....Joe Vandeloo  
Chaplain.....Merle Oliver  
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Pete Gilbert  
Historian.....Ollie Palmer

 **Continues**  
**Karaoke All Fall Long!**  
**Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 18**

MLB package is a big draw at the Lounge. Any team, any game. Stop by and watch. Check it out.

A little about me. Elsmere born and raised. 1975-83 served with the US Marines. 1988-93 Served with NY Army National Guard. 1993-present serving with the US Navy as a Seabee. Currently holding the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (E9). I will retire from the Navy this Nov with 30+ years of military service. Married 33 years with 2 children.

This Post has many events and we are continuing to add new events. I hope you all take advantage of these events and the camaraderie of our members. If not you don't know what you are missing. Remember this is your post, come on down and help support us. By supporting our events you help ensure the N.A. Blanchard Post will be around for many years to come.

Membership notices for the 2012 year have gone out. Yes, you have until 30 Dec to return them to the Post but why wait, renew now so you don't forget or misplace your form.

I look forward to this coming year and for those that don't know me I hope we have a chance to meet.

For God and Country,  
*Steve Riedel*

## Poppy Program A Success

I wish to thank all of the men and women who stood in the heat and rain to collect donations for the Veterans Poppy Program prior to Memorial Day. We would not have been successful without your dedication.

A special THANK YOU to Roseanne Lohrey who spent 6 days faithfully at Four Corners Marketplace. God Bless You All.

Doris Watters, Poppy Chairman



Post 1040

## WELCOME BACK PARTY

Saturday, September 10  
Cocktails: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
DJ at 7:30 p.m.



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From Braddeals homepage, type discounts in the search box, and then click Search. Scroll to the bottom of the next page and then click the links for: military discounts, teacher discounts, student discounts or senior discounts. Here's a sample of some of the great deals you will find: 10% off at Amtrak, 20% off at Boston Market, and discounts at Apple, Dell, Disney and more.

There are over 200 businesses offering discounts to military personnel, over 110 offering discounts to seniors and over 40 offering discounts to students. Be sure to print the full list and keep it handy for ready reference.

In addition, the Albany County Veteran's Service Bureau is launching their "Return the Favor" program which will bring discounts from area businesses to Albany County Veterans. Be sure to visit: [www.albanycounty.com/veterans/](http://www.albanycounty.com/veterans/) for more information and to see if you qualify.



## Legion Auxiliary News

### Where has the summer gone?

We hope everyone has enjoyed the warm and sunny days and hope they continue for a several more months. A major "thank you" to all who have helped out over the past year - a little or a lot - thanks. We can't do this without you!

Welcome to all of our Auxiliary members, new & old. We want you all to know that you are a vital part of this auxiliary unit. We need your support, ideas, volunteer time, donations, presence and participation to sustain our unit and serve our veterans and their families as they deserve. The American Legion Auxiliary has many worthwhile programs and services that our unit supports. Please volunteer! All are invited to attend our monthly meetings which take place on the third Tuesday of the month and are at the Blanchard Post at 7:00 pm.

We had a busy year, finishing with the Perennial Plant sale, Girls State, New York State Convention, and a baby shower for veteran Tiffany, who by now has had her little girl.

Upcoming events: Fall conference (waiting for info); mailboxes for our troops, the Auxiliary will be working with the Legion and the SAL as we bring back the LAST SUNDAY BRUNCH & BINGO! You got it - we need volunteers for Sept, Oct & Nov 2011 and Jan, Feb, Mar, 2012.

So much more - come to your meetings!  
Service not self!

## Post 1040's Annual Italian Night

Prosciutti wrapped Melon · Chicken Parmigiana · Salad & Bread · Marinara Bolognese · Meatballs & Sausage · Dessert

Contact Bo Acquario for Information: 518-527-0309

Last year this event sold out. Reservations are limited.  
Sign up and pay at the lounge for guaranteed seating.

Prepared by:  
Chef Sean Davies

Saturday, October 8, 2011  
Cocktails at 5:00 p.m.

Legion Members & Seniors: \$25  
SAL, AUX and Guests: \$30

### Sons of the Legion Officers

Commander ..... Bryan Poole  
1st Vice Commander..... Bob Wagner  
2nd Vice Commander... Barry Bedrosian  
3rd Vice Commander..... Danny Williams  
Adjutant ..... Don Guertze  
Treasurer ..... Don Buist  
Historian ..... Mike Coffey  
Sgt at Arms ..... Butch Levine

### Legion Auxiliary Officers

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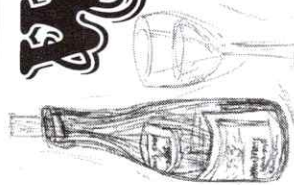
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# Wine Tasting

Friday, September 16 at 5p.m.-8p.m.  
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Members & Guests Welcome



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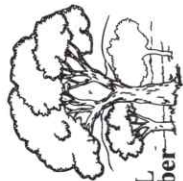
## September 2011 Events

| Sunday                                      | Monday                                    | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                              | Thursday                                    | Friday                                       | Saturday   |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|   |   |                                |  | 1   | 2<br>First Friday<br>Franks<br>4-8pm         | 3  |
| 4   | 5<br>Labor Day                            | 6<br>Legion Meeting<br>7:30pm  | 7                                      | 8   | 9  | 10<br>Welcome Back<br>Party<br>Cocktails<br>4-5pm                                  |
| 11  | 12  | 13                             | 14<br>Sons of Legion<br>Meeting<br>7pm | 15<br>Third Thursday<br>Lunch<br>12:30 p.m. | 16<br>Compilmentary<br>Wine Tasting<br>5-8pm | 17<br>20 Week Club<br>Dinner<br>Cocktails @5pm<br>Dinner @ 6pm<br>Karaoke @ 8:30pm |
| 18  | 19<br>Car Wash Ticket<br>Orders Due Today | 20<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7pm | 21                                     | 22  | 23   | 24   |
| 25<br>Breakfast Buffet<br>9 am<br>Bingo 1pm | 26<br>Board of Directors<br>Meeting 7pm   | 27                             | 28                                     | 29  | 30   |  |

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## October 2011 Events

| Sunday                                      | Monday                                  | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                              | Thursday                               | Friday                       | Saturday  |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|---|
|   |   |                                |  |  |                              | 1   |
| 2   | 3                                       | 4<br>Legion Meeting<br>7:30pm  | 5                                      | 6                                      | 7                            | 8<br>Italian Night<br>Cocktails & Dinner<br>Music to follow |
| 9   | 10<br>Columbus Day                      | 11                             | 12<br>Sons of Legion<br>Meeting<br>7pm | 13                                     | 14                           | 15<br>Karaoke with<br>Marie<br>8pm                          |
| 16  | 17                                      | 18<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7pm | 19                                     | 20<br>Third Thursday<br>Lunch<br>12:30 | 21<br>Friday Franks<br>4-8pm | 22  |
| 23<br>Mohegan Sun<br>Bus Trip<br>7:30 am    | 24                                      | 25                             | 26                                     | 27                                     | 28                           | 29  |
| 30<br>Breakfast Buffet<br>9 am<br>Bingo 1pm | 31<br>Board of Directors<br>Meeting 7pm |                                |  |  |                              | Coming in November<br>Hair Dog                              |



## The Editor's Corner

Welcome to the new *Ten-Forty Times*. We've taken on a new look and hope you like it. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Please let me know what you think. You can call me at 437-1199 or e-mail: [barryb@theskylinegroup.com](mailto:barryb@theskylinegroup.com).

You will notice that with our new format, the monthly event calendars are now in the centerfold. Please keep them handy for ready reference during the bimonthly newsletter cycle.

We are limited to the space available to publish news and events. The bimonthly distribution is costly. There are printing costs, addressing costs and the necessary postage costs to get the news to you. In order to control costs we really want to begin communicating news via e-mail.

Earlier this year I began to solicit e-mail addresses for our members. There are over 700 members in the three organizations and I only have 70 SAL, 29 AUX and 26 RL members signed up for e-mail. A few days ago I sent an e-mail to everyone on the list alerting you to watch for this issue of the *Ten-Forty Times*. The e-mail was from "American Legion Post 1040". If you did not receive that e-mail you are not on the list. **Now is the time to sign up.** Send an e-mail to: [nabpost1040@gmail.com](mailto:nabpost1040@gmail.com). Put 1040 in the subject line and your full name and RL, SAL or AUX next to your name to indicate which organization you belong to. Thank you.

*Barry E. Bedrosian*

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Auxiliary** - Nancy Woehrmann, Jessica Higgins, Toni Nuccaroto, Erin Steevers, Elizabeth Gallacchi, Sarah Dearstyne, Georgiana Smith and Kathleen Clyne.

**Legion** - Chris Hanifin, Lee Kindlon



## FIRST FRIDAY FRANKS 9/2/11

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## The Chairman's House News

**WELCOME BACK, WELCOME BACK,  
WELCOME BACK, and I don't mean KOTTER.**

I hope everybody had a wonderful summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all, at the Welcome Back Party on Saturday September 10th. There will be an Open Bar from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. *Please RSVP the post, we don't want to run out of shrimp, and please let us know if you're going to bring a dish or dessert.*

By the time you receive the *Ten-Forty Times*, the walk in cooler should be installed upstairs. This will complete the upstairs renovation. Now we need a committee to put on the finishing touches, such as decorations, paintings lights, etc. The post is in excellent shape - - -, from the outside grounds to the inside facility. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this possible.

We have many events planned for the up coming year. The **Third Thursday** luncheons will also begin on Thursday September 15th. There will be a guest speaker at the luncheon in September. The **20 Week Dinner** will be on Saturday, September 17th. Please call us if you're coming. The **Breakfast Buffet**, and **\$1000 Jackpot Bingo** will start again on the last Sunday of the month starting in September 25th. The **Mohegan Sun trip** will be on Sunday, October 23rd. Keep your activity calendars, which are enclosed, to make sure you don't miss any meetings or events. My gosh, we need a scheduling coordinator with all these activities.

(cont'd . . . next column)

Between our three organizations, AL, LA and SAL we have almost 700 members. We are growing at a rapid pace and we really need everyone's help. Please use your expertise to work on what you do best. There are a number of Veteran's Organizations that need our help. We can only help them if you help us. Thank you.

## HAVE A GREAT FALL!

*Phil Giaccone*  
Chairman of the Board

## 20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS

**Shirley Simon  
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Joe Vandeloo  
Steve Riedel  
Al Hofaker  
Larry Justice  
Mark Wahl  
Joe Giaccone**

## 20 WEEK CLUB MEMBERS

**Dinner Saturday Sept. 17**

Cocktails at 5:30

Dinner at 6:45

Drawings at 8:15

Dancing & Karaoke at 8:30

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**Next 20 WEEK CLUB**

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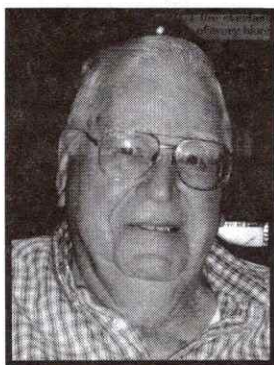
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**Al Hofaker**

### DUES ARE DUE!

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## Spend a Minute with a Member

From tool maker, to aviator, insurance executive to legionnaire, Al Hofaker is still running strong. Born in Brooklyn in 1921 Al is one of four children of a wagon maker. When he was nine years old his dad left the family business in Brooklyn and move the family to Hubbardsville (Madison County), New York to open a gas station and garage in a small town of 200. A few years later in 1935 they moved to Albany which has been home for Al ever since.

A graduate of Albany High School, he became a machine apprentice at the Watervliet Arsenal. After four years as a tool maker and with three brothers-in-law in the Army, Al enrolled as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Force in September 1943. In 1945, he earned his wings and was deployed to Fort Meyers, FL. Encountering a 10-day delay before he could report, he called his fiancée, Eileen Nolan and said, "Let's get married." "That was a Wednesday", Al recalled. On Saturday she had everything in place and they were married. "I don't know why it takes these kids so long to plan a wedding today", he chuckled, during his interview at the Blanchard Post.

From Fort Meyers, in short order Al saw Lincoln, NE, Detroit, MI, and then settled at Bradley Field in Connecticut. While at Bradley, Al retired war-weary aircraft to various air fields throughout the country. He was honorably discharged in October 1945. From there he held a couple of tool making positions before receiving his insurance license from the State of New York. In 1949, he opened the A.L. Hofaker Agency which continues to operate today under the leadership of his daughter Janice.

Al joined the American Legion in 1947 at a Post in Loudonville, NY. In 1959 after moving to Delmar, he transferred his membership to the Blanchard Post where he has served as membership chairman since 2001. Al enjoys the camaraderie, friends and good times at the post. He says the activities and good times keep him active. Next time you see Al at the post stop and say hi and thank him for moving all those planes.

*Al's most memorable day in American History: December 7, 1941. He was riding back from Pittsfield, MA with friends and heard the news on the car radio.*