

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

November–December 2016

#### **Pathway to Wisdom**

Pathway to Wisdom – Achieving a Balanced Life in the Sacred Circle "To stay on the Good Red Road is not always easy. But straying from its path brings obstacles in the journey of life which are harmful to self, family, friends, community and nature. Following the ancient teaching brings contentment, self-confidence and respect. Practice these in daily life and one day earn the honored feathers of wisdom."

Knowledge, Integrity, Courage, Determination, Loyalty, Experience, Leadership, Sacrifice, Sharing, Justice, Compassion, Kindness, Morality, Honesty, Meditation, Reverence, Reflection, Moderation, Respect, Cheerfulness, Humility, Appreciation, Understanding, Patience. These 24 words are written on a beautiful poster. The poster entitled 'Pathway to Wisdom' was done by a Cherokee Indian leader named Nakoma. It was given to Lois Wilson some 20 years ago. Her love of the Indians and her annual car road trip out west brought her lifelong friendships with the Indian people. Lois operated a store in Chatham many years and sold some of the Indian jewelry and keepsakes. I am so grateful to know her and thank her for the 'Pathway to Wisdom' poster.

The human qualities listed on the poster inspire and drive many to accomplish the "Impossible Dream." Wisdom comes as a mind set, a feeling, a lifestyle that is sorely lacking today. We must recognize it, must believe it and live it if we are to strive in the 21st century.

Our American history shows we had inappropriate, misguided principles and policies toward the American Indian. Our political aspirations and a philosophy of Manifest Destiny almost eliminated a people and a culture that we have subsequently come to appreciate. The Indian philosophy, culture, spirituality and beliefs survived and it helped make us a better country and people. I use the term Indian. History is so valuable that we should never change the stories, even if they are irrepressible.Our original Americans deserve the recognition and honor for they endured our primitive concepts of conquest and imprudent beliefs. My wife, Dawn's, grandmother was a full blooded Black Foot from South Dakota, therefore my children and grandchildren have Indian blood.

Now let's see the relevance of the 'Pathway to Wisdom' to our Veterans and current troops. The 24 words on the 'Pathway to Wisdom' poster are qualities of our American serviceman and Veterans. Pick a word and think of a relative, spouse, uncle, aunt, friend and see that those words and qualities apply to them. Where would we be now without the leadership of General Eisenhower? How about the knowledge and determination of President Truman and Winston Churchill? Think of Integrity, Courage, Loyalty and Sacrifices of the everyday troop. All Veterans and troops sacrificed their youth; many sacrificed their life. Meet a 91 year old World War II Veteran and feel the compassion and humility in their voice and face.

In the month of November honor our veterans next door, give thanks to our true historic American Indians and American Soldiers and thank your God for giving us the understanding, appreciation and respect for each other. Think of this as the Veterans go by in the parades, when you have breakfast or lunch with the Veterans or troops.

There is a saying on my wall "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. The 'Pathway to Wisdom' will surely be on the trail.

"A nation that forgets its history, has



**TINSEL BALL** Saturday, December 10th Cocktails - 6 PM Dinner - 7 PM



#### American Legion Breakfast Buffet

Saturday, November 27th 9 a.m. to Noon All-u-can eat - \$10 Kids under 12 - \$5

All proceeds benefit Veteran's service programs

# **From The Commander**

ope everyone is going to have a great holiday season, good health and happiness. As always we have a lot going on at **YOUR** Post and I hope to see you here.

Want to thank the Son's, Mark Burke and his guys who helped, for the work on installing new thrones in the men's and ladies' rooms. I think you will all find this to be a big improvement from the old ones. Again, without the hard work of everyone, lots of things would not get addressed around your Post so thanks to all for the help on improvement projects.

Reminder, 20 Week Club is started and you still have time to get in to this great event. Tell your friends you do not have to be a member to join and come have dinner with us. We need to get more members into this club to make it the best event possible! The date for the dinner is March 25th 2017. Send your \$30.00 in to the Post today and do not get left out.

As always, be sure to check out the calendar of events and stop by your Post from time to time so you don't miss out on the fun! Football season continues and we are open on Sundays. NASCAR too! 20 Week Club is always looking for new members to join. So stop by, check out the improvements, say hello to old friends and make some new ones AT OUR POST!

Throughout the year, but especially at this time, let's be thankful for all our blessings and remember those who have served and are currently serving our great country.

Scott Anson, Commander, Post 1040



# **Legion Officers**

Commander	Scott Anson
1st Vice Cmdr	Lyle Maddock Sr.
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## Welcome New Members

SAL: John C. Olsen Jason R. Flagg Robert G. Tougher Gerald R. Dievendorf

- AUX: Courtney Olsen Florence Thompson Elaine O"Rourke Barbara Hummel Catherine Lowenski
- Ann VanDerVort Pamela Baker Janet Shultes Susan Crounse

# **Final Salute**

LEGION: Merle Oliver

SAL: John Zboray, Jr.

AUX: Lillian Blanchard

#### Your Dues are Due!

Membership dues for 2017 for Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion and the Auxiliary are due! If you are past due, your lounge privileges may be suspended. Please pay your 2017 dues to your membership chairman today. Thank you!



# Legion Auxiliary News

ur new year has started out with a successful spaghetti dinner. We served over 100 dinners. A huge thank you to Chris McCarroll who donated meatballs and sauce and Ann from Hannaford who donated spaghetti and salad



dressing. Chris also offered her expertise to get us started. Many of our members donated supplies for the dinner and we received donations of food and money from the Legion and the Sons - too many to name and I would hate to overlook anyone.

Jennie Comi, an Auxiliary member, won the 50/50 drawing of \$78. Thank you to all who worked or participated in this venture to help our veterans. We also sold tickets for our basket raffle which will be drawn on October 29th, at our Halloween party. The outcome of this raffle will be announced in the next 1040 Times. Thank you to Mary Ann Bedrosian for her time in shopping and preparing these baskets - a great job. Also, thank you to my sister Barbara Kelly for making the Santa which was in one of the baskets.

Thanks to all those who made desserts and/or served at the Legion's County Meeting on October 27th. It is a blessing to be able to serve these veterans who enjoy coming to our Post for this annual meeting. They really enjoy the french fries, hot roast beef sandwiches and the variety of desserts.

Thanks to all who wrote cards for the troops - we must have donated and/or written over a thousand of the 20,000+ they are trying to send out this year. We also donated a number of pillows and 140 boxes of Girl Scout cookies for these boxes. We are still collecting can tabs for the Shriner's Hospital, manufacturers coupons and cancelled stamps for the troops, box tops and soup can labels for education, as well as cash register receipts from Hannaford and Price Chopper. Please report the amounts you donate so I can include it in my report to the County.

Dues are now due and are still \$25.00. If you did not receive a reminder in the mail, then National sent you an e-mail reminder. Please send your dues to Harriet Minick, 5 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054. We'd like to make our quota of 175 members as soon as possible. Do not wait until December 31st just because you can. Have a wonderful holiday season and support our military.

For God & Country, Roseann Lohrey President Legion Auxiliary



## Sons of the Legion News

ell, it certainly looks like Fall and many events are being planned for the upcoming months.



The Sons held their first pancake breakfast on October 30th and will hold another on November 27th. We will be helping with the Thank-A-Vet dinner on November 5th. Please, if you know a veteran, invite him/her to the dinner.

If anyone is interested in having a cookout, the pavilions are ready to use. Just let me know. You may have noticed new toilets in the upstairs bathrooms. Thank you to Mark Burke and crew. Stay tuned for details on future events.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Commander Butch Levine

### **SAL Officers**

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1st Vice Commander	Bob Wagner
2nd Vice Commander	
3rd Vice Commander	
Adjutant	Don Guertze
Treasurer	
Chaplain	Bob Martin
Sergeant-at-Arms	Eric Swett
Historian	

#### **Auxiliary Officers**

President	Roseann Lohrey
Vice President	Harriet Minick
Treasurer	Flo Iwaniec
Secretary	Francine Waldron
Chaplain	Nancy Wickham
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# November 2016

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

THURSDAY

AUX & SAL Members 281-/568		18			
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
			1		
			Auxiliary		
			Meeting		

		1 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	2	<b>3</b> Shuffleboard 7 PM	4	5 Thank-A-Vet Dinner Cocktails – 4:30 Seating – 6 PM
<b>6</b> Shriner's Gun Raffle 1 to 7 PM NFL Football	7 Post Affairs 6:30 PM Legion Meeting 7 PM	8 <b>Vote</b>	9 Sons of The Legion Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> Shuffleboard 7 PM	11 Veterans Day	12
13 NFL Football	14	15	<b>16</b> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	<b>17</b> Shuffleboard 7 PM	18	<b>19</b> Karaoke 8 pm
<b>20</b> NFL Football	21	22	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM	24 Thanksgiving	25 GET UP JACK! w/Mike DeAngelus Upstairs – 7 PM	26
27 Sons of the Legion Breakfast NFL Football	28 Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	29	<b>30</b> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 PM			

# December 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Shuffleboard 7 pm	2	3
4	5 Post Affairs 6:30 pm Legion Meeting 7 pm	<b>6</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	7	<b>8</b> Shuffleboard 7 pm	9	10 Tinsel Ball Cocktails 5PM Dinner 6PM
11	12	13	14 Sons of the Legion Meeting 7 pm	<b>15</b> Shuffleboard 7 pm	16	17 Childrens' Christmas Party 1 to 4 PM Karaoke 8 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Hannukah Begins
25 Christmas Day	26 Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	27	28	29	30	31



# **Annual Thank-A-Vet Dinner** For any vet & their guest

# SATURDAY NOV. 5th

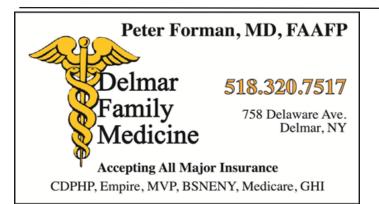
**Cocktails at 4:30 PM ~ Seating at 6 PM** Free Roast Pork Dinner & Trimmings



Dinner held at: Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 - American Legion 16 West Poplar Drive Delmar, NY 12054



You must call 439-9819 by November 1 to assure there is a plate for you. Seating is limited.





#### Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185

Veterans of Foreign Wars



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# From The Chairman

Winter is upon us, and we have many events planned for you. Please save your 1040, and watch for the e-mails.

ROUND THE HOUSE.

Our upcoming events include the following dates. Nov. 5th will be the Thank a Vet Dinner, sponsored by the Sons of the Legion. December 10th will be our Tinsel Ball. Your raffle tickets will be mailed to you shortly. Our annual Children's Party will be December17th. Janet Morris is the chairman, and she can always use help, whether its wrapping presents, or working the party. Please make sure you sign up your children by December 2nd. We want to make sure all children receive a gift.

The Queen of Hearts is doing well, but we could use a few more volunteers. Please contact the Post if you are interested. I wish everyone a safe and healthy Winter. See you at the Post.

#### - Phil Giacone, Chairman

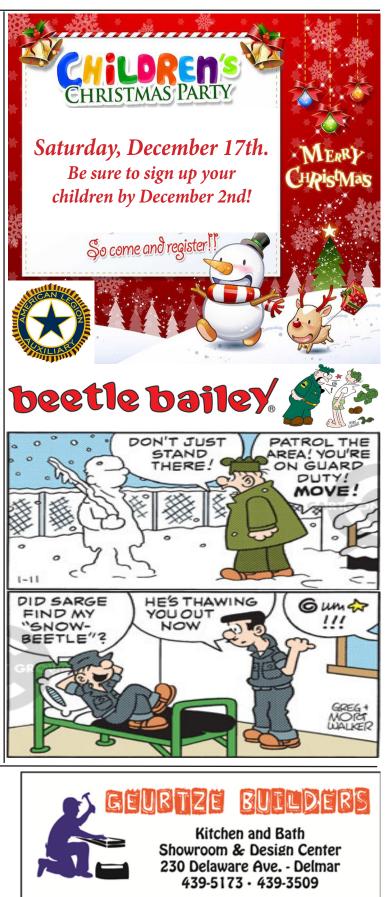
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Friday November 25th Upstairs 7 PM





# American Legion Breakfast Buffet

Open to the public! Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 16 West Poplar Drive • Delmar, NY 518.439.9819





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