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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL COMMANDER GALBRAITH AND CONGRESSMAN TEAGUE

Every American and particularly all American Legionnaires should be made aware of the following letter to the National Commander and through him to you from Congressman Olin E. Teague, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Dear Commander:

Our country is in a horrible and dirty war in Vietnam. The American men fighting there deserve the full support of the American people. They are not receiving it.

Our Government has made a decision. Regardless of whether we personally

think it is wrong, it is our Government's decision; and every American should support our fighting men who are carrying out this commitment.

The veterans of other wars are the natural leaders in building the needed support. I know that the American Legion has already done much to bolster public support for our Vietnam commitment, but I am calling upon you now to renew and reemphasize those efforts.

I have been to Vietnam three times, and I visited the Infantry, Artillery, the Marines along the DMZ line, hospitals, hospital ships, the Air Force and the aircraft carrier, the USS Bon Homme Richard. In a recent eight-month period twenty-six thousand of our men in Vietnam have extended their tours. They believe in what they are doing.

Every honest dissenter, dishonest dissenter, draftcard burner, peacenik and draft-dodger is prolonging the war; and these efforts are organized. They are encouraging our enemy to continue to kill more Americans, as clearly established by the excerpts from the Communist press and radio set forth in the attachment to this letter.

I believe we should use whatever force is necessary to get this war over with and bring our men home. We must give them our full support.

If you agree with me, won't you make your views known in every local form, in wires and letters to your elected representatives and the President so they will know our men fighting in Vietnam have your support. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

OLIN E. TEAGUE

Member of Congress

FIRST IN THE COUNTY

At the November County Legion meeting Blanchard again found itself as leading all thirty Posts with memberships when the roll was called by County Membership Chairman Jim Farrell.

Post Membership Chairman, Vice Commander Bill Campbell, has seen his hope of making the quota by New Year's fade. He can take satisfaction that with 565 paid-up members he had neared the 75% mark. With less than 200 renewals or new members to put on the roll it would appear to be easy to make our quota. But it's never easy.

To you who have not yet paid your 1968 dues let this serve as a reminder to do it now.

"With the increasing discharge of Armed Forces personnel each month, who are now eligible as Vietnam war period vets, be on the alert to sign them up for membership in the American Legion and Blanchard Post. Make certain you have checked their separation papers to assure they meet the requirements of Legion membership", advises Chairman Bill.

Last month a half dozen new Blanchard Legionnaires went through the ceremony of induction into the American Legion. They were sworn in by Commander Sid Kaplan with County Vice Commander Al Woehrle of our Post officiating as the installing officer. The new Legionnaires are Ken Burns, Dick Davis, Henry Ristau, Bernard Skaskiw, Donald Smith and Bruce Swayze.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

TUESDAY, Jan. 2 — The Post Affairs Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Regular Post Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 13—Bowling League Dinner.

MONDAY, Jan. 15 — Mid-monthly Post Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 16 — Blanchard Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 20 — German Night at Blanchard Post.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dancing 9:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, Jan. 21 — County American Legion Oratorical Contest at St. Teresa Auditorium, Albany, 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 25 — Albany County Legion meets at Fort Orange Post, Albany.

MONDAY, Jan. 29—Board of Directors meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Taps

The December 4 meeting was adjourned in memory of Fred Smith, Jr., of Delmar, whose death was reported at that meeting.

German Night This Month

Under the continued chairmanship of Joe Bauhofer the German Night Dinner and Dance takes place on January 20.

With all the color and mirth with which this event has become known the dinner, at three dollars per plate, commences at five-thirty p.m. Servings will continue for the next three hours. The main dish is German style roast fresh ham and sauerkraut and other vegetables; dessert is apple kuchen. Imported German beer will be served in mugs which will be offered as souvenirs. The diners will be entertained by a strolling accordionist.

After the dinner the hall will be cleared to make way for the dance which follows. The music is being provided by a five-piece Germanic band.

German Night has become a looked-for function at Blanchard Post. It is certain to be another enjoyable night. For the dinner get your tickets early. They are available through Joe and his committee and at the Post Bar from Art Quinn.

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Auxiliary President's Corner

A gala, successful evening can describe the Egg Nog Party under the co-chairmanship of Joan Stowers and Irene Van Wormer. Where, oh where did these girls find the time and energy to prepare, decorate, serve and do the necessary K.P. afterwards for this festive event considering the fact that they were the entire committee of two, assisted by only one other part time helper? The members of the Legion and the Auxiliary mutually thank you.

Zen Campbell, Membership Chairman, didn't break her New Year's Resolution when she promised to enlarge our membership. The Auxiliary has grown from 105 to 143 members. Good work, Zen!

Anne de Heus, Legislation Chairman, urges all members to write to the Honorable Daniel E. Button and the Honorable Jacob K. Javits requesting their endorsement and aid to pass Bill S355 which would establish a committee on Veterans Affairs in the Senate.

On February 3 the Auxiliary will prepare and host the Indoor Sports' Day Luncheon in co-operation with the Legion, which sponsors this affair.

President Helen Reynolds, Officers, Membership Chairman: Zenith Campbell and members of the Auxiliary cordially invite wives, daughters and sisters of Legionnaires to attend our first meeting of the New Year which will be held at the American Legion Post on Poplar Drive, January 16, at 8:00 p.m.

Marcia Rosenfield

Sick Call

An informal get-well note was signed by all those attending the December 4 Post meeting and sent to our Number One Commander Win Robinson who has been recovering from a recent operation.

Sick Call and Relief Chairman Hugh Stowers reported Jim Voorhees, Jr., had been injured in a fall and was confined to Albany Hospital.

Jack Oakley was released from Albany VA Hospital.

Scuttlebutt

Hats off to Perry Smith, President of the Blanchard Post Bowling League, one-time pro football player.

How formal Tip Nelson looks with his bow tie!

For Friday night late treat we suggest those tasty hot pepper and veal sandwiches which Art Quinn has lately been preparing. (Betcha his silent partner, Helen, has a hand in preparing this delicacy).

It's difficult to believe but it is reported a recent Saturday afternoon Dick Dalton tangled with a case of ale and forgot to go home.

That's it, folks. Thanks for your interest. See you around.

The Thinker

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ADVANCE is issued primarily as a bulletin from National Headquarters to Post Commanders. It serves to guide the local heads of the American Legion on Legion policies and principles.

The FIRING LINE is also distributed to the Post Commanders. In addition it is available at a \$3.00 annual subscription rate with special rates for bulk quantities. Our Americanism Chairman, Charlie O'Hara (Past Commander) enjoys a subscription to this important Legion paper issued through the National Americanism Commission.

In the light of recent national developments Chairman O'Hara brings to our attention this recent guideline from the FIRING LINE.

ATTENTION ALL POSTS

From time to time, other organizations contact American Legion Posts, requesting support of that organization's programs. Some organizations solicit The American Legion's assistance in securing signatures to petitions. Post officers are cautioned that, whenever contacted by other organizations, the position of such organization, or the securing of signatures on petitions, should not be supported unless a check is made to see what the mandated position of The American Legion is on such a subject. If The American Legion does not have a position on a subject, a post should not lend its support to another organization's position in the form of an endorsement by The American Legion.

The above statement is based upon the authority embodied in Resolution No. 6 adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in October, 1952, and the resolving clause of that Resolution reads as follows:

"RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 10-12, 1952, that The American Legion shall not be a member of, or affiliated with any organization, committee, association, council, or group whereby The American Legion might be committed to a policy contrary to that adopted by The American Legion."

He's too fat to play golf. If he puts the ball where he can hit it, he can't see it, and if he puts it where he can see it, he can't hit it.

Good Causes, All

For those who wonder where the \$7.50 dues goes about 50% is forwarded for the County, Department and National administrative operations. The portion that remains with the Post is shared among such worthy causes as the Albany Veterans Hospital Christmas Fund and the White Christmas Festival which in turn bring letters of thanks to your Post Commander who is pleased to let you know about these programs through this report.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Al:

Just finished reading your biography in the TEN FORTY TIMES. Enjoyed it immensely. I'm sure it was the 36th Tank Bn. that won the war. Our Bill landed home from Vietnam the day we stopped off at Norfolk. It was a great thrill for us. He flew in from Japan to Norfolk in less than 48 hours. Military hitch-hiking, he called it. All well and pretty well settled now for the winter. See you in June.

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BLANCHARD'S ORATORICAL ENTRANT

A Bethlehem Central High School senior, Roger Ekirch, this year will represent our Post in the Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest.

The event takes place at two p.m., on Sunday, January 21. It will occur at St. Teresa of Avila Auditorium on New Scotland Avenue in Albany. The subject is on the American Constitution.

Roger is the son of Professor and Mrs. Arthur A. Ekirch, 24 Tierney Drive, Delmar. His father teaches at State University in Albany. An avid reader, Roger looks forward to a career of teaching with an eye toward politics. Among his out-of-school interests is helping at the Trinity Institution in Albany.

The selection of Roger was announced by our Post Oratorical Chairman Russ Denegar through whose co-operation with Robert Lambert head of the BCHS English Department our Post once again is honored with presenting a candidate for this program. This is the seventh consecutive year Blanchard Post has sponsored a contestant for this American Legion activity.

"For his continued interest and action in this outstanding Legion program for the youth of our Country, I am deeply thankful to Chairman Russ", says Commander Kaplan. "In our contestant I have full confidence that he will well represent Blanchard Post. Whatever the outcome we are proud to be an active participant in this worthy cause and we are especially glad to have Roger as our representative."

From Russ Denegar we have an appeal for attendance at the program. "For the past several years I've had the honor of serving as your chairman for this committee. It's been a distinct pleasure for me. It could be much more gratifying, however, to have a better attendance of members from Blanchard Post at the contest. Attending this program offers relaxation and enjoyment but most of all it is inspiring to see and hear these young people express their thoughts on a most vital subject. I urge you to come to this American Legion program. If you have a Legion cap, wear it. But do not let the lack of a Legion cap keep you away from this event."

A SALUTE TO OUR SERVICEMEN

The project Commander Kaplan launched last month with Ray LaMoy is making progress in which all Blanchard Legionnaires can share satisfaction.

This has to do with making available to members of the Armed Services from our community, and from families of members of our Post an introduction card. The cards with blue lettering on a gold background bearing the American Legion emblem is now ready for distribution. Its purpose is to introduce bearer to American Legion posts throughout our Nation and abroad.

Ray has initiated steps to secure the names of persons entering the Armed Forces to whom the cards will be issued. Names coming to him from Post members and other sources will be especially welcome as it will make it easier for him to handle the distribution of the cards.

WANTED

Old white shirts and sheets for use by the Cancer Control Committee under the leadership of Mary Conner.

Also

Used books (hard cover and paper backs) and magazines which will be distributed to the patients at the Veterans' Hospital through the volunteer program headed by Maud Hafley.

Grab an armful of these articles and bring them with you to the next Legion or Auxiliary meeting. If you're a 'Friday Nighter' deposit the shirts, sheets, books and magazines into the hands of our friendly bartender.

This a continuous project so please don't stop with one armful. Remember these articles each month or as often as you come to the Post. Thank You.

Post Commanders' Log

from Dec. 1967 American Legion "Advance"

Jan. 8: Closing date of special holiday blood drive.

February: Americanism Month.

Feb. 4: Four Chaplains Day.

Feb. 4-10: Religious Emphasis Week.

May 15-17: 49th Birthday of the American Legion.



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BOWLING NOTES

The mid-season bowling dinner takes place on Saturday, January 13. It will be at Joseph's on Route 9-W in Ravena. Social hour commences at seven p.m. Jack Cleary is chairman for the event.

What effect it will have on the scores remains to be seen now that more than half the team members have bowling shirts. The appearances of the shirts, if only for fifty percent of the team, culminates a discussion of many years. League President Perry Smith inherited the discussion from his predecessors. He put the idea into action, making Al Woehrle chairman to get the shirts. Al did with each team member buying his own shirt. Blue with white trim they do much to brighten the alleys between 6:45 and 9:00 on Friday nights at Sporthaven Lanes.

A Century Club patch has been won by Walt Van Wormer for making a hundred points over his average. A first-season bowler at Blanchard, he's been battling Ken Stinson for first place in the league.

Here's the way the League looked in mid-December:

TEAM STANDINGS

	Points
Tanks	31
Coast Guard	30
Marines	28
Engineers	26½
Artillery	26
Army	25½
Navy	25
Infantry	15

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

	Avg.
1. Van Wormer, W.	179
2. Stenson, K.	178
3. Loftus, E.	176
4. Tangora, A.	173
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In the spirit of the season the Egg Nog Party last month was another enjoyable time at the Post. For all who helped, Activities Chairman and Vice Commander Walt Van Wormer has a warm thank you for participating in this and the other Yuletide events.

The meeting hall in which these events were held was swarmed with members and their guests. The same room on meeting night, two days later, had not even a sufficient number for the transaction of business. The quorum number is twenty. For the past half decade it has been among the worries of the post commanders how to encourage better attendance at Post meetings. Every member can't be expected to attend every meeting. But if everyone would try to attend some of the meetings it could serve to have sufficient present to pass on actions which are important to you as individual members and to the Post as an organization. It may be that the meetings are found unstimulating — and they frequently are when no important issues are being discussed. Anyone having an idea to stimulate the meetings should make his or her (we do have some female members) thoughts known to the Commander. Make attendance at Blanchard Post meetings among your 1968 resolutions.

National Commander Coming to Albany County

National American Legion Commander William E. Galbraith is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the Department Legislative Dinner at the Ten Eyck Hotel on Tuesday, February 21. This is usually a sell-out affair. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Post Commander Sid Kaplan or County Vice Commander Al Woehrle.

On February 20 and 21 the Department of New York American Legion Committees formulate their legislative programs for the New York State Legislature to consider. These sessions are open to all Legionnaires and it is an opportunity to see the Legion at work (even playfully).

Mountaineers

Chairman Bud Mosmen reports the responses to the membership drive for Mountaineers has been gratifying. He looks to forwarding to the County Legion Chairman as an even larger number of members than last year which was thirty-eight. Dues are a dollar. For it you get the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a worthy American Legion cause. It goes toward the support of the Tupper Lake American Legion Rest Camp. When you see Bud give him your dollar before he asks you!

INDOOR SPORTS AHEAD

True to its traditional role as host to Indoor Sports our Post on the afternoon of Saturday, February 3, will be the party place for this event.

Commander Sid Kaplan has again called upon Mike Norton to be the chairman for the occasion.

For you who are unfamiliar with Indoor Sports this is a title given to an organization dedicated to making life brighter for those who, due to physical incapacitations, are restricted to their homes. The American Legion co-operates with Indoor Sports by once each month, from October to May, serving as host at a party for the Indoor Sports "members." Blanchard Post has become accustomed to setting aside the first Saturday in February for this occasion.

Under the guidance of Chairman Mike there will be a program of entertainment and refreshments. For his work in this event in past years he has been awarded the Blanchard Post Past Commanders' diamond studded American Legion lapel pin and a citation from Indoor Sports. Transportation is a prime factor for this program and Mike will be looking for volunteers with station wagons who can transport our guests from their homes to our Post and return to home. Anyone wishing to serve as a chauffeur make your wish known to Commander Sid, or leave your name and phone number with Art Quinn and Mike will add you to his committee.

Flag Service

Chairman George Reeber reports a thank you note from Boy Scout Troop 262 for the gift of an American Flag from Blanchard Post. The Troop is sponsored by the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

MUSE AWHILE

Blessed is the mother who understands her child, for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.

Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort, for she shall possess a child's devotion.

Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness, for she shall be proud of her offspring.

Blessed is the mother who is never shocked, for she shall receive confidences.

Blessed is the mother who teaches respect, for she shall be respected.

Blessed is the mother who emphasizes the good and minimizes the bad, for in like manner the child shall make evaluations.

Blessed is the mother who treats her child as she would be treated, for her home shall be filled with happiness.

Blessed is the mother who answers simply the startling questions, for she shall always be trusted.

Blessed is the mother who has character strong enough to withstand the thoughtless remarks and resentments of the growing child, for again, in due time, she shall be honored.

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- 2b. Lloyd R. Wilson, Jr. 7771434
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- 3a. Sgt Victor Loveday RA 21989119
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