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## AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS

Our new Post must have all the activities that have been so successful since we opened the doors and it has been so, BUT we need all the help we can get from our membership. These affairs have done well but we can't have the same group of members donating their time forever. It isn't hard to help on any activity—you can be a waiter, work in the kitchen, be a bus boy—just help. We all enjoy the privileges of the Post but we must pay for this building. Please offer your assistance by calling Art Quinn or Mike Mele, the activities chairmen and tell them you are willing to help. It is truly fun to work on these committees. There is no better way to get to know your fellow members than participating in Post activities. Try it, won't you?

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## RECIPE FOR A FULL LIFE

Take the early days of life and add a generous portion of the joy of a gay heart, blended with the wonder of a radiant-eyed child.

Add truth, honesty, and faith — with which a sparkling of sweetness has been sifted.

Next, take some fresh air, moonbeam, and the blush of early morning sunlight. Cream these ingredients until the day tingles with expectation.

Gently fold in the soft touch of a friend's hands. Set this aside for a moment while you catch a bit of laughter. Marinate this in love before you add it to the above mixture.

Slowly form all ingredients into a warmth of good will and set aside to bubble. Keep this bubbling in a surrounding of happiness for days while you prepare for the day when it is to be served on a platter of lasting memories.

Then, surrounded by a generous heart, garnish the above mixture with thoughtfulness, kindness, sense of humor and sunshine seeds, which have been dipped in love of mankind. Serve every day with a smile after you have offered a prayer of gratitude.

*Cora Lee Smith*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

In accordance with the Resolution of the Town Board of Zoning Appeals which permitted us to erect our new building, we must restrict parking to the end of the building toward Elsmere Avenue. Only when parking in that area is exhausted can the opposite end of the parking lot be used.

In no event can the front of the building be used for parking. We have recently reiterated our agreement to conform with these provisions before the Board. Please help by parking in the proper areas and seeing to it that your guests do the same.

**Phil Lee, Chairman  
Board of Directors**

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## Dues, Members, Dues!

To all of you members of Blanchard Post who have paid your dues, Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Joe Cummings is indeed grateful for helping him mark a record of such high proportions in the early months of the new Legion year, which began last October.

This record is good but there still remains the task of getting all the dues-paying members paid up.

Our community continues to grow and with the new Post building, many newcomers are eligible American Legion members. If you know of any, and you need membership applications, see Art Quinn or Joe Cummings to give them to you and sponsor a new member.

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## Valentine Dance

On Saturday, February 13, Blanchard Post will be having a Valentine Dance. Joe Von Ronne is chairman while Bud Mosmen is co-chairman. The committee claims that this dance will be quite a bit different from the usual. There will be fun and games... plus prizes. The recommended attire for the gals is pants suits or slack sets, says our chairman. A buffet will be served after the games. Tickets are \$3.95 per person. Remember the date: Saturday, Feb. 13 at 9:00 p.m.

## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Jan. 4—Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.; Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 18—Regular Post mid-monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.; Board of Directors meets at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 23—German Night

THURSDAY, Jan. 28—Counting Meeting at Bucci-McTague Post.

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## HOW LONG WILL YOU STAND ASIDE?

I have stood aside and watched the proudest civilized nation in history degenerate to a jungle.

I have stood aside and watched while a stream of perverted idealism became a river of dissension.

I have stood aside and watched while the sorcerers of appeasement conditioned this free nation to peace at any price.

I have stood aside and watched while the cages were unlocked and the animals of crime were unleashed.

I have stood aside and watched despicable little men spawn violence, lawlessness across the land.

I have stood aside and watched American cities being sacked and pillaged.

I have stood aside and watched while our universities have been taken over by children who can hardly manage their own lives.

I have stood aside and watched while the filthy, the abnormal have taken over our television and motion picture screens.

I AM BUT ONE,

BUT I SHALL STAND ASIDE NO LONGER.

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU STAND ASIDE?

*Joseph R. Holmes*

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### ★ AUXILIARY NEWS

By MAY SMITH

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Chairman Della Brady wants to thank her helpers, Ruth Burns, Joan Stowers and Marcia Turner who served the men's County Meeting in November, since she herself could not make it due to illness.

Auxiliary members want to thank refreshment chairman Shirley LeMoy who provided and served the refreshments at the November meeting.

A great big thank you for all who worked for the enjoyable Christmas Party held last December 15. President Marcia, reservation chairman Maud Hafley and her helpers Zen Campbell, Marcia Turner and Della Brady; decorations, Diane Grasser; entertainment, Santa Claus (Ollie Palmer) who came to hand out gifts; music, Marie Burns; John Brady and Don Smith who helped set up tables, just to name a few. Seventy-two members came to enjoy the delicious roast beef dinner. Guests were Sophia Kaminski, County Chairman and Helen DeMazio, County Membership Chairman.

Chairman Noreen Giaccone wishes to thank all who helped sell chances for the annual drawing at the Tinsel Ball held December 12. Her co-workers were Zen Campbell, Laura Howard, Bernice Lawson, Ann Lee and Barbara Palmer, First Vice President at the Ball were among many others who helped make this a very successful affair with a net profit of \$342.50. Ron Grenier won the basket of "spirits" and Ann Lee the case of champagne. Thanks again Normanside Lunchette, Frank Maio, proprietor, for sponsoring the chances.

Chris Barkhuff and Maud Hafley attended Open House at the VA Hospital on December 6. Maud Hafley and May Smith spent all day Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Gift Shop, which was very successful.

Coupon chairman May Smith reports that 9521 coupons and stamps will be turned in at the January County Meeting, as a result of everyone bringing some to the Christmas Party. Keep them coming and let's hope even more may be collected next year.

Membership Chairman Barbara Palmer is happy to report that our membership quota was reached by December 19, but all new members are still welcome. The more, the merrier.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Betty Costigan upon the death of her mother.

Lenore Smith had a bout with a miserable cold but has finally managed to shake it.

SAVE all your white material (sheets, pillowcases, shirts, etc.) for the making of *cancer* bandages. There will be a container at the Post Rooms around mid January for collection. There are plans for other containers to be at various stores throughout the village.

There will be more news of activities and plans after the Executive Meeting.

Don't forget the Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 19.

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### Speaking of Activities

The children's Christmas Party was very well attended, and chairman Sid Kaplan, co-chairman Hugh Stowers, as well as their helpers deserve a lot of thanks for their efforts in making this holiday season party one to remember.

and

Wally and Roxie Erlichman, chairmen of the Tinsel Ball wish to thank all of the members who helped to make this party one of the most successful Tinsel Balls ever—this was the first ever held in our new Post and without a doubt all that attended agreed it was the finest ever held at Blanchard Post.

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## A SOLDIERS' POEM

PFC Stephen Offhaus, 21, son of Carl Offhaus, a cable splicer at New York Telephone's Lancaster office, has been stationed near the Cambodian border since the latter part of July, 1970. Steve and a friend of his, Red Payne, have collaborated on several poems that express some of their feelings about the war in Vietnam. In the poems the two soldiers express resentment about the peace protestors at home, sadness at the death of friends in battle, and bitterness over the lack of recognition of the soldier in the field. Here is one of their poems:

### *The Ballad of "Fire Support Base Warrior"*

Here in the middle of nowhere  
"Warrior" is now the spot  
We come to serve our time  
In the land that God forgot.

Here with the snakes and lizards,  
Here where men are blue,  
Here in the middle of nowhere  
And thousands of miles from you.

We bake, wither and sweat,  
It's more than any man can stand.  
I feel as if I'm a convict,  
Not a defender of our land!

Living with our memories,  
Thinking of our pals.  
Praying every night  
That they won't steal our gals.

We are Men of United States Army.  
Earning our easy pay;  
Protecting those men with millions  
For a measly three dollars a day.

Few people know we're living,  
Fewer don't give a damn.  
So far away we're almost forgotten.  
We live with Uncle Sam.

When our days on earth are over  
And St. Peter rings his bell;  
He'll say, "Men of Fire Support  
Base Warrior: Fall in!"  
For you have spent your time in Hell!

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Our appreciation to Bill McKeough for the thirteenth consecutive year donating the Christmas tree to the Post for all our yuletide functions. Many thanks, William.

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## Individual Standings

	Pins	Games	Av.
1 Loftus E .....	6918	39	177
2 Unser R .....	4120	24	172
3 Andre M .....	6062	36	168
4 Larkin S .....	6433	39	165
5 Bender R .....	6368	39	163
6 Johnston W .....	6759	42	161
7 Berry W .....	6692	42	159
8 Pugliese A .....	5715	36	159
9 Tangora A .....	6621	42	158
10 Mitchell W .....	4740	30	158
11 Lantz G .....	6090	39	156
12 Hanrahan E .....	6521	42	155
13 Lenseth R .....	2305	15	154
14 Aupperle J .....	5520	36	153
15 Beckmann A .....	5512	36	153
16 Foy T .....	4064	27	150
17 Volk W .....	5368	36	149
18 Brady J .....	6186	42	147
19 Eagan V .....	5283	36	146
20 Roach W .....	5664	39	145
21 Pauquette J .....	6007	42	143
22 Bollman E .....	5974	42	142
23 Cole R .....	4698	33	142
24 Mosmen B .....	5505	39	141
25 Roach D .....	5497	39	141
26 Butman G .....	5053	36	140
27 Alwell W .....	5840	42	139
28 Haker J .....	5401	39	138
29 Buker F .....	4560	33	138
30 Wiley C .....	5721	42	136
31 McCabe L .....	5221	39	134
32 Burns K .....	5407	42	129
33 Monette L .....	5296	42	126
34 Campbell W .....	5306	42	126
35 Fanning J .....	3617	30	121
36 McDermott J .....	3667	32	114
37 Stowers H .....	3984	42	95

## Team Standings

	Points	W	L	%
Infantry .....	34	25	17	.595
Coast Guard .....	32	24	18	.561
Army .....	31	23	19	.537
Engineers .....	30	24	18	.561
Tanks .....	28	22	20	.524
Marines .....	27	21	21	.500
Artillery .....	22	15	27	.357
Navy .....	21	16	26	.366

## THE EXTRA FRAME . . . .

How about the duel going on between father Ray Roach and son Doug? Looks like only three pins average separate the two, with father Ray leading proving he made a good recovery from that leg injury last year—and did you know that Doug is the third generation to bowl in this league—his grandfather Charley Carlsen also bowled with the league . . . Larry McCabe might not have the leading average in the league but one look at his occasional Friday night cheer leader and you know that his eyesight has to be the best in the league . . . Is it true that Fred "Artillery" Buker regularly counts on winning most of the Hi-Lo Tourney money to help pay for his vacation? . . . Another recent father-son duel was when young Jim Berry had leave from the U.S. Navy and bowled with us one Friday night. Capt. Walt "Engineers" Berry took the honors from son Jim that time I believe, but had to borrow son Jim's bowling glove to do it, and of course you all know that Walt was one time Albany City Champion . . . And would a certain party have their headache cured if they knew who the Engineers were trying to recruit for their position—they'd really drop a brick . . . And when two of our ever improving-on-their-average bowlers were asked their success secret Jim "Infantry" Fanning stated, "I'm just a natural athlete" while Larry "Coast Guard" Monette answered, "I'm planning on going on the Pro Bowler Circuit." . . . And I bet that part of Capt. Al "Marines" Pugliese's good average this year is due to the fact that he demoralizes the opposition with those cigars . . . And did you ever hear anyone call Skip "Tanks" Larkin by his first name? . . . And Dick "Army" Cole is as good a score keeper as you'll find—when our president is totting totals he keeps those keglers ready to crash the pins . . . And whadda ya know—we did manage to get a mid-year shindig for our league and the price was right . . . Close the bowling bag for this issue.

*The Gutter Duster*



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## OVERHEARD AT THE FOUNTAIN...

Why does Ray Callagan keep singing "time on my hands" at the fountain? He insists he can't read the time on our Post clock at the oasis. Wonder if it's the clock or Ray...

What's between Bill (Moose) Davidson and Bob Getner passing notes across the mahogany to one another? Bills says that Bob doesn't spell too good when he writes his notes, but believe you and me I think he does very well with a "U."

Never knew that Ken (Gutter Duster) Burns was such a heat artist until we all sit around and have soda following the monthly meetings and listen to his discussions about the world and the Brady Clan—not the ones on TV.

Fun to watch Pierce Green and Beth take on all comers on the shuffleboard. They may make a new rule and let the women play on Thursday nights. That will be the night! but I would like to see the lovely ladies challenge the high men on the team. Here they are: Mesdames Nelson, Green, Andre, Switzer, McKeough...had enough! Watch them "shuffle" some time.

Things I would love to see: Ollie Palmer with Fred Grasser on Ollie's snowmobile racing against Ray Callagan and Ralph Derby. Who's going to drive? ... Bill Mitchell on the toboggan run at Lake Placid racing against Jack Brady. ... Sid Kaplan on racing skates challenging Jim Fanning. These would all have to take place on a Saturday after a good get together at the fountain.

## THIS IS TODAY

Today is here. I will start with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others—time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, hours.

Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time making things happen.

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted, and I must not be found lacking.

Today I am determined to do things I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

Today I begin by doing, and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

Today I will stop saying, "If I had time," for I never will "find time" for anything—if I want time I must take it.

Today I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes. *Anon*

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Over 50 years ago, in May of 1919, at Duesseldorf, Germany, the Allied forces obtained a copy of some of the "Communist Rules for Revolution." Now, 51 years later, the Reds are still "following the rule." As you read the list, stop after each item and think about the present-day situation where you live—and all around our nation. We quote from the Red Rules:

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view of confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

Take time to think seriously of the above and draw your own conclusions.

That was quite a list, wasn't it? Now stop and think — How many of these rules are being carried out in this nation today? I do not see how any thinking person can truthfully say that the Communists do not have any part in the chaos that is upsetting our nation. Or is it just one big coincidence? I doubt it!

## WHICH ARE YOU, BROTHER?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list.  
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock.

Do you take an active part and help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong.  
Do you ever go to visit a brother who is sick?  
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique.

There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about  
And we'll sure appreciate it if you'd come and help us out.  
So attend each meeting and help with hand and heart  
Don't be just a member but take an active part.

Think it over, fellows, we all know right from wrong.  
**ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

## How About It?

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Finally, I ask that your government allow correspondence between prisoners of war and their families and that these requests be granted, not for political gain, but for the consideration of basic human rights, that should be afforded all men.

Sincerely,

*the above letter was  
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The American Legion  
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The Hon. Ton DucThang, President  
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Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed packet of letters which nearly 100 veterans of recent wars in which the United States participated have signed carries with it sentiments much more than the typed words directed to you.

These signatories have experienced the hazards and excruciating experiences of war. They have every reason to express their hatred of war. That hatred, however, becomes mis-directed with the awareness of the behavior of your government in its treatment of the Americans, and presumably other nationals who share the misfortune of being involved in the Vietnamese conflict, who have had the greater misfortune of becoming prisoners of your government. Perhaps with similar action that is currently occurring across our nation, will cause a surge of public opinion which soon will change the position of North Vietnam on the issue of our people who are being held as your prisoners of war.

The enclosed letters were signed tonight mostly by the delegates to the Albany County of New York Department of the American Legion at its monthly meeting at this post.

In addition I enclose an editorial from yesterday's Albany, N.Y. *Knickerbocker News-Union Star* to reflect the strength of the multitude that truly care about the Americans in your country.

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**3rd Day: Lisbon** — Full day sightseeing, which begins with a morning motorcoach tour of artistic Lisbon. Driving through the narrow streets of the old town, you visit St. George's Castle, the Royal Coach Museum with over 50 richly decorated ceremonial coaches, and Jeronimos Monastery, Lisbon's finest example of the Manuelin style of architecture. Following lunch, drive to Queluz and Sintra, former summer retreat of the royal family. Return to Lisbon via the fashionable resort town of Estoril.

**4th Day: Lisbon/Badajoz** — Lisbon morning at leisure. Afternoon departure for Badajoz. Check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

**5th Day: Badajoz/Madrid** — Morning departure for Madrid. Travel through the villages and market towns of Western Spain to Oropesa to have luncheon at the old castle. Arrive in Madrid for dinner.

**6th Day: Madrid** — Morning sightseeing of Madrid includes visits to world-famous Prado Museum, the unique Plaza Mayor, charming Retiro Park, Puerto del Sol, geographic center of Spain, elegant Jose Antonio Avenue, and the impressive Plaza de Espana. The afternoon is free for shopping or any independent activity.

**7th Day: Madrid** — Full day at leisure in Madrid, the gayest European capital.

**8th Day: Madrid/Granada** — Morning departure for Granada via La Mancha, land of Don Quixote. After lunch at Valdepenas, continue to Granada, arrive in time for dinner at the hotel.

**9th Day: Granada/Torremolinos** — In the morning visit the magnificent Alhambra with its beautiful gardens. Afternoon departure for Torremolinos. Drive via the historic city of Malaga and continue along the Costa del Sol to Torremolinos.

**10th Day: Torremolinos** — Day at leisure. Enjoy sun, fun and bathing at Europe's fastest-growing beach resort.

**11th Day: Torremolinos/Seville** — Morning drive along the Mediterranean coast via

coastal resorts of Marbella and Algeciras to Puerto de Santa Maria for lunch. The Rock of Gibraltar dominates the country with its stark beauty. After lunch proceed to Jerez de la Frontera. (Visit a local wine processing plant and cellar.) Continue via the Guadalquivir Valley to Seville, capital of Andalusia, in time for dinner.

**12th Day: Seville** — Morning sightseeing includes visits to the Giralda Tower, the Alcazar, the impressive Cathedral, the narrow streets of the famous Santa Cruz Quarter, and the beautiful gardens of Maria Luisa Park. Afternoon at leisure for your own activities.

**13th Day: Seville/Evora** — Morning departure from Seville and Spain to return to Portugal. Stopover at Elvas for lunch, then to Evora, former seat of the royal court and once the cultural center of Portugal.

**14th Day: Evora/Lisbon** — Morning walking tour of Evora. In early afternoon commence your return to Lisbon. Your journey will take you via Sesimbra and then on to newly constructed Salazar Bridge across the Tagus River. Arrive at Lisbon in time for dinner.

**15th Day: Lisbon/New York** — Morning is free for last-minute shopping or sightseeing in the Portuguese capital. Transfer to the airport in mid-afternoon for seven-hour flight by SWISSAIR or TAP Portuguese Airways jet to America, arriving in New York late afternoon. (Lunch served on board.)

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