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I AM A SICK AMERICAN

There are those who claim ours is a "sick" society; that our country is sick; that we are sick. Well, maybe they are right. I submit that I'm sick . . . and maybe you are, too.

I am sick of having policemen ridiculed and called "pigs" while cop killers are hailed as some kind of folk hero.

I am sick of being told that religion is the opiate of the people but marijuana should be legalized.

I am sick of commentators and columnists canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries and criminal rapists, but condemning law enforcement when such criminals are brought to justice.

I am sick of being told that pornography is the right of the free press, but freedom of the press does not include being able to read the Bible on school grounds.

I am sick of paying more and more taxes to build schools while I see some faculty members encouraging students either to tear them down or burn them.

I am sick of Supreme Court decisions which turn criminals loose on society—while other decisions try to take away my means of protecting my home and family.

I am sick of being told that policemen are mad dogs who should not have guns—but that criminals who use guns to rob, maim and murder should be understood and helped back to society.

I am sick of not being able to take my family to a movie unless I want to have them exposed to nudity, homosexuality and the glorification of narcotics.

I am sick of riots, marches, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and the other mob temper tantrums of people intellectually incapable of working within the system.

I am sick of hearing the same sick slogans, the cries of people who must chant the same thing like zombies because they lack the capacity for verbalizing thought.

I am sick of those who say I owe them this or that because of the sins of my forefathers—when I have looked down both ends of a gun barrel to defend their rights, their liberties and their families.

I am sick of being told it's wrong to use napalm to end a war overseas—but if it's a Molotov cocktail or a bomb at home, I must understand the provocations.

I am sick of politicians with no backbone.

I am sick of permissiveness.

I am sick of the dirty, the foulmouthed, the unwashed.

I am sick of the decline of personal honesty, personal integrity and human sincerity.

Most of all, though, I am sick of being told I'm sick. I'm sick of being told my country is sick when we have the greatest nation that man has ever brought forth on the face of the earth. Fully 50 percent of the people on earth would willingly trade places with the most deprived, the most under privileged among us. Yes, I may be sick, but if am only sick, I can get well, I can also help my society get well—and help my country get well.

Take note, all of you . . . you will not find me throwing a rock or a bomb; you will not find me under a placard; you will not see me take to the streets; and you will not find me ranting to wild-eyed mobs.

But you will find me at work, paying taxes, serving in the community where I live. You will also find me expressing my anger and indignation to elected officials. You will find me speaking out in support of those officials, institutions and personalities who contribute to the elevation of society and not its destruction. You will find me contributing my time, money and personal influence to helping churches, hospitals, charities and other establishments which have shown the true spirit of this country's determination to ease the pain, suffering, eliminate hunger and generate brotherhood.

But, most of all, you'll find me at the polling place. There—if you listen—you can hear the thunder of the common man. There, all of us can cast our vote—for an America where people can walk the streets without fear.

—Author unknown

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 3—Post Affairs meeting at 8 p.m.
- Regular meeting at 8:30
- 17—Regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- 18—Auxiliary meeting at 8 p.m.
- 22—Skating Party at Town Park, 1:30
- 27—County meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- 29—German Night

OUR ADVERTISERS — THE NAMES TO GO BUY

NAVAL SEA CADETS TO PRESENT JAN. 17 PROGRAM

On January 17, 1972, personnel from the Albany Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps will present a program designed to inform our membership of the aims and methods of the Cadet program.

This program, chartered under the provisions of Public Law 87-665, is of voluntary membership and opened to boys 14-18 years old. Its basic purpose is twofold. First, to acquaint boys with career opportunities in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard with the hope that the Cadets will be motivated to enter such services and, secondly, to train these boys in such a manner that they will serve as exemplary standards of conduct for their classmates and fellow citizens of the community.

Except for minor administrative fees borne by the Cadets, the cost of the entire program is defrayed by the Naval League. The Cadets train with the use of standard Naval Reserve Manuals and in Reserve Training Centers. They are scheduled for three weekend visits a year to various Naval facilities and in addition, qualified Cadets are eligible to attend two weeks of summer training duty at a Naval installation or a two week summer course aboard a Naval vessel.

Please try to attend the Jan. 17 meeting and give these boys your support.

Ice Skating Party Again

On January 22, the Legion will again sponsor a skating party which will be held at the new town skating rink in the town park off of Elm Avenue at noon. Chairmen Bill Campbell and Ollie Palmer with the usual good help, will put on hot chocolate and hot dogs.

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Jan. 15—20 Week Club—Dinner-Dance
Jan. 29—German Night—Dinner-Dance
Feb. 5—Indoor Sports
Feb. 12—Valentine Party Dinner-Dance
Mar. 11—St. Patrick's Night
Dinner-Dance
Mar. 19—Back to God Breakfast
(Family Sunday)
Apr. 8—Spring Party — Dinner-Dance
Apr. 22—Past Commander's Night —
Dinner-Dance
May 19—Installation of Officers
May 29—Memorial Day Parade

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NOTES ON LEGISLATION PROGRAM

Bills in U.S. House of Representatives

HR460—To extend eligibility for community nursing home care from 6 to 9 months for non-service connected vets.

HR4547—To restore the traditional dates for observance of Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

HR5996—To make Flag Day a National Holiday.

HR7128—Dependents of veterans who died from service connected causes, and of those suffering from totally service connected conditions permanent in nature would be eligible to receive hospital and medical care through civilian facilities.

HR7601—To increase veteran's burial award from \$250 to \$400.

HR7604 Pension—To increase income limitations and monthly benefits, to pay an additional benefit of \$25 a month for veterans age 72 or older.

HR9265—Would authorize a treatment and rehabilitation program in VA for service men, veterans and ex-service men suffering from drug use or dependency.

HR10880—Would permit for the first time pre and post hospital medical care on an out-patient or ambulatory basis to an eligible veteran if such care would make hospitalization unnecessary. This care includes examination and treatment, optometric, dental and surgical services.

Random Notes

A few of the mandates coming out of the 1971 National Convention at Houston, Texas are:

1. Seeks law authorization direct admission of veterans to public or private nursing home care at U.S. expense.
2. Seeks legislation providing Department of Defense funds for setting Government issued grave markers.
3. Seeks to amend law to authorize lump sum VA death payments to any authorized next of kin.
4. Sponsors legislation to improve existing veterans death and disability pension benefits.
5. Urges that loyalty oaths be re-instated for all civil servants in all positions.
6. Seeks to amend Flag Code and proposes specific changes.
7. Urges law to restore traditional patriotic holidays to their original dates.
8. Seeks legislation for Universal Military training program for all physically and mentally able youths.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 11/15 AND 12/6 MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 15, 1971

- 28 members in attendance compared to 30 a year ago.
- Cmdr. Smith and Coach Gene Fitzpatrick introduced Thomas Tomlinson, our Boys Stater who gave a very interesting report on his participation at Boys State held at Morrisville State College. Tom made several very good suggestions for future Boys Staters and answered many questions that were asked of him by our Post members. He received an enthusiastic round of applause from the membership at the end of his presentation.
- 1972 membership as of 11/15/71: 450
- Vice Comdr. Mele reported that the 20 Week Club was a sellout. He further said that the Friday night 50-50 Club has been bringing in \$130-\$150 monthly for the Post Building Fund.

DECEMBER 6, 1971

- 25 members in attendance compared with 25 a year ago.
- Vice Comdr. Joe Cummings reported the 1972 membership at 570, including 30 new members as of 12/6/71.
- The American Red Cross Blood Bank will receive blood donations at our Post on Jan. 13. Vice Comdr. Joe Cummings will head up activities to provide a meal for the workers and cookies and soda for the donors.
- The American Legion Extension Institute Courses will start in our Post this coming January.
- Comdr. Smith advised the membership

- Chmn. Sid Kaplan reported on Jewish Night stating that a profit was realized and that all seemed to have an enjoyable time. Sid expressed his appreciation to all those who helped make the affair the success that it was.
- George Butman reported for the Board of Directors stating that a new maintenance man had been hired and matters are progressing in a satisfactory manner.
- Al Greenwood reported under Sick Call that Albert Lahm, a WW 1 Veteran who has been a member of the Post for over 35 years, is ill at the VA Hospital.
- Cmdr. Smith expressed the feeling of all members when he stated that it was good to see Ed Bollman back at meetings after his illness.
- Chmn. Al Woehrle reported for The Committee That Cares stating that there

were four names on the Christmas list.

- Bill Alwell requested a supply of the gold American Legion Courtesy Cards that are given to servicemen. Bill explained the purpose of the cards.
- The members attending the meeting voted to purchase four new tents for our Boy Scout Troop.
- New candidate Al Frederickson was sworn into membership by Past Comdr. Woehrle and Comdr. Smith assisted by Sgt.-at-Arms John Brady.
- Coach Gene Fitzpatrick spoke on the Swim-A-Thon sponsored by the BCHS Mens' Athletic Association on 11/26-27.
- The meeting was adjourned with the reading of the American Legion Prayer for the Prisoners of War by Past Comdr. Al Woehrle.

that American Legion Services were held for our departed comrade Ray Heckel.

- The Auxiliary was thanked for the excellent meal they served at the County Meeting held at the Post on 11/30/71.
- Several Blanchard members attended the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service held in St. Patrick's Church, Albany 12/5/71 and sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans. Among those attending from our Post were Al Woehrle, Mike Mele, Ollie Palmer, Hugh Stowers, Jack Brady, Bob Smith and Ken Burns.
- Past Cmdr. Dick Dalton was commended for the citation he received at the last County Meeting in recognition

of the great job he did as Albany County American Legion Baseball Commissioner. The citation was presented to Dick at the last County Meeting by Past Dept. Cmdr. Edward Delehanty.

- The American Legion Legislative Committee will meet at the Thruway Hyatt House on 1/31/72.
- The Third District Meeting will be held at Scully Post in Albany 1/30/72.
- On the motion of Warren Moessner, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Raymond Heckel and those servicemen who died at Pearl Harbor 12/7/41.

—Kenneth Burns, Adjutant

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Team Standings				
	Points	W	L	%
Artillery	34	24	15	.615
Infantry	33	25	14	.641
Engineers	32	23	16	.596
Coast Guard	27½	20½	18½	.526
Army	25	19	20	.487
Tanks	21	17	22	.436
Navy	18	14	25	.359
Marines	17½	14½	24½	.368

Individual Standings				
	Games	Pinnage	Avg.	
1 Unser R	34	6342	186	
2 Palmer O	9	1563	174	
3 Johnston W	24	4094	170	
4 Mitchell W	33	5564	169	
5 Bender R	36	6038	168	
6 Andre M	33	5544	168	
7 Berry W	39	6513	167	
8 Foy T	36	5932	165	
9 Korp E	36	5927	164	
10 Aupperle J	39	6299	161	
11 Lenseh R	30	4815	160	
12 Lantz G	33	5260	159	
13 Feiden G	24	3799	158	
14 Smith D	18	2833	157	
15 Donnelly W	16	2507	157	
16 Cummings J	36	5503	153	
17 Pugliese A	36	5503	153	
18 Hanrahan R	33	5056	153	
19 Roach D	33	5022	152	
20 Beckmann A	36	5454	151	
21 Sharer F	33	4981	151	
22 Mosmen B	36	5381	149	
23 Ristau H	33	4906	149	
24 Buker F	33	4900	149	
25 Volk W	30	4453	148	
26 Brady J	39	5752	147	
27 Roach W	36	5312	147	
28 Eagan V	36	5231	145	
29 Butman G	33	4739	144	
30 Cole R	30	4274	142	
31 Haker J	39	5517	141	
32 Alwell W	33	4518	137	
33 Campbell W	36	4919	136	
34 Wiley C	39	5286	135	
35 Pauquette J	39	5253	134	
36 Burns K	39	5158	132	
37 Vanderwood A	24	3025	126	
38 Monette L	39	4714	120	
39 Stowers H	36	4164	116	
40 D'Anza V	30	3445	115	

... AND it's about time that we mentioned what a darn good job Editor Ed Korp is doing with the 1040 TIMES and ya notice Ed is right up there in the top 10 bowlers... the league members all express their sympathy to Walt Ray "Coast Guard" ROACH and Doug "Navy" ROACH on the recent loss of mother and grandmother... and it was good to see our alumnus Skip "North Country Land Baron" LARKIN back for a visit—we'll git ya back next fall, Skip! and 'nother pair it was good to see again was Larry

McCABE with his beautiful ever lovin'... and needless to say a hearty welcome to the league to the gent with the big grin—everybody's buddy—Jolly Ollie PALMER... Captain Dick LENSETH's Army team really in the doldrums and sinking fast after a fine start. Jack "Artillery" BRADY said, "if the Army team would stay in their wheelchairs when they bowl they would do better!" while Captain Ray "Navy" BENDER was more charitable when he said, "there's nothing wrong with the Army team that five good trades wouldn't fix!"... the two loudest, whoop-it-up teams in the league are Captain Bill "Marines" VOLK's Gas-House Gang composed of Wild-Willy CAMPBELL, Fast-Freddy SHARER, Dynamite-Georgia BUTMAN, and Strong-man Ollie PALMER and Captain Walt "Tanks" BERRY's Rowdies composed of Wild-Bill DONNELLY, Scraper Vern EAGAN, Bullet-Bill ALWELL, and Gunslinger-George FEIDEN. The two teams met for a showdown on 12/10/71 and while the Tanks won 3 to 1, I don't think Sporthaven will ever be the same... the league is full *but* ya never can tell when an m.t. spot will occur, so if youse or yer buddy would like to get on the list of applicants, please give yer name to Prez George BUTMAN, V. Prez John HAKER, Sec. Charley WILEY or Treas. Larry MONETTE... we almost always have an m.t. spot on Friday night due to illness, vacations, or hang-overs so if ya would like ta substitute take pot-luck and come over with 14 bits in yer pocket (better bring another 2 bucks in case ya get hooked on a beer frame!)... Hammering Hank "Artillery" RISTAU sez all I wanted fer Christmas was 3 games in the same ball park be they 170s or 120s. Well, Hank, there's a brand new year ahead—maybe you'll get 'em... a/o 12/3/71 hi single Fred "Marines" SHARER, hi-triple Ron (who else) "Infantry" UNSER. Team single Artillery: Milt ANDRE, Hank RISTAU, Al PUGLIESE, Joe CUMMINGS, Jack BRADY. Team triple Engineers: Bill MITCHELL, Don SMITH, Tom FOY, Dick COLE, Ed KORP. Score for the 4 aforementioned honors 253, 615, 913, 2486... biggest up since the first night Tom "Engineers" FOY from 149 to 165 and Ron "Infantry" UNSER from 172 to 186... and Vince "Coast Guard" D'ANZA up 7 points and I'm sure Al "Coast Guard" VANDERWOOD's average is going up but I don't know how much...

... hear that Thruway retirement party held at the Post a few Friday nights ago was like another New Year's Eve... how come everybody gives Joe VON

RONNE a skeptical look when he sez that he's just a easy-going guy who gits taken advantage of in football bets?... and Art QUINN warns all that it's open season on kibitzers in the pool room... and those Auxiliary gals really put on a meal at County Meeting to say nothing of improving the scenery... and that May SMITH sures writes a heckuva column for the 1040 TIMES month after month. Keep it up, May!... and in January don't idly say, "Wadda ya want blood?"—because *they* do!

...hope we'll make it thru another month

—The Gutter Duster

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On Thursday, January 13, 1972, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at your Post. Personnel will be on duty from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. to receive blood donations. Every healthy, qualified adult in the Tri-Village area between the ages of 18-65 is urged to support this project.

Did you know that the body of the average healthy adult contains 12 to 13 pints of blood? This blood is constantly being replenished in the body. Hence, the removal of one pint calls for no special effort on the body's part. The liquid part of the blood is replaced almost immediately; the cells and minerals after a few days.

Do you want to have a good warm feeling? Then know that by your donation you will have helped restore health and even perhaps saved the life of someone who cannot help himself. You will be giving a part of yourself to humanity—a gift for which there is no synthetic substitute available—a gift with which you have been abundantly endowed and which will be automatically restored to you within a matter of days.

Since Blanchard Post is sponsoring this blood drive, we are expecting a fine response from our membership. With your help in this worthwhile community project we can make this drive the biggest and best that the Tri-Village area has ever seen.

I'll be looking for you on January 13 and if you really want to help us insure a successful drive, bring your wife and/or a friend along with you.

Warren D. Moessner, Chairman

ATTEND CHURCH THIS WEEK

OUR LEGISLATIVE POLICY

Who decides it?

Legislative policy of the American Legion is determined by elected delegates to national conventions and duly elected members of the National Executive Committee. No other person or group of persons is authorized to formulate determine national legislative policy. There are established rules of procedure concerning development and approval of such policy. Briefly, this is how it's done.

A resolution setting forth the need for legislation is presented to a national convention. If approved by the majority of the delegates it then becomes a legislative mandate to the National Legislative Commission. The National Executive Committee may, also, at its meetings between national conventions approve resolutions that become legislative directives.

How do legislative mandates originate?

A national legislative resolution may originate in any Post where one or more members believe that a law should be enacted, or existing law amended or repealed. If the resolution is approved by the Post it is forwarded to the Department Adjutant who then refers it to the Department Executive Committee or to the next Department Convention. If the resolution is adopted it's then forwarded to American Legion National Headquarters for referral to the next national convention or to a meeting of the National Executive Committee. Legislative resolutions may also originate at a meeting of a National Convention Committee in a Department Convention or at a meeting of a Department Executive Committee. They must be approved by one of the national governing bodies before becoming legislative policy.

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ANGLER'S MIXED KEGLERS

The members of the Angler's Mixed Bowling League had their annual Christmas Party on December 10, and everyone had a "jolly time." Particularly entertaining were the poems written about each person as he or she received a gift from Santa, ably portrayed by Franklyn Harris. Peg Eagan provided Christmas music while Vern Eagan entertained the group with a dramatic reading of "The Night Before Christmas." I understand that Vern's rendition might become an annual part of future parties.

As for bowling, the race for first place continues to be close, as indicated here:

Barracudas (Franze)	32	20
Bullheads (Albright)	29	23
Perches (Klett)	27	23
Guppies (Mitchell)	27	25
Muskies (Smith)	27	25
Flounders (Mayers)	25½	26½
Piranhas (Korp)	21	31
Smelts (Tougher)	19½	32½

Some high scores since our last issue were the following:

Bill Mitchell 226-608, Guz Franze 217-545, Ed Korp 198-541, Wes Albright 222, Dave McMillen 204, Bill Tougher 196-539, Grace Franze 177-472, Millie Harris 187-467, Pat LeMaitre 174-447, Marie McMillen 167 and Belle Mayers 163-470.

Bill Mitchell won a turkey for Thanksgiving for his 608. Congratulations, Bill.

Bill Tougher's Smelts have been having difficulty getting a full team on the lanes each week. First Jack Bidell was ill for three weeks, then Gerry Klett told us she would be out for eight weeks or so and last week Bill Tougher fell and broke his ankle. That leaves them with Peg Butman carrying on for the team. Stay well, Peg. She will have Bill Stickler and Giff Lantz helping her out for the next few weeks. Let's hope they start winning a few games.

LET'S DANCE!

If you yen to dance—and we hope that you do—you are responding to an urge as basic as sleeping and eating. Dancing is for everybody! For businessmen home from a hard day at the office—for wives who have had a day crowded with managing a home and family or being working wives—nothing relieves that tired feeling and puts a new spark in your leisure life like knowing the latest steps in all the current dance trends. Today, being an accomplished dancer is a necessary social asset—and what better way to start 1972 than by joining our Friday evening Dance Series—under the direction of Oscar and Gertrude Hallenbeck.

The series will consist of 10 class lessons in all the popular dances: fox trot, waltz, cha-cha, rumba, merengue, swing. The 10 lesson series will be \$60.00 per couple—with \$30.00 payable on the first lesson, January 14, and \$30.00 payable on the sixth lesson, March 17. The classes will meet on Jan. 14 and 21; Feb. 4 and 18; Mar. 3, 17 and 31; April 14 and 28; and May 12.

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Everybody's dancing these days! How about you? Start the new year off on the right foot in our Friday evening Dance Series by enrolling now, as the number of couples in each class is necessarily limited so that everyone receives individual attention. Let's dance!

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