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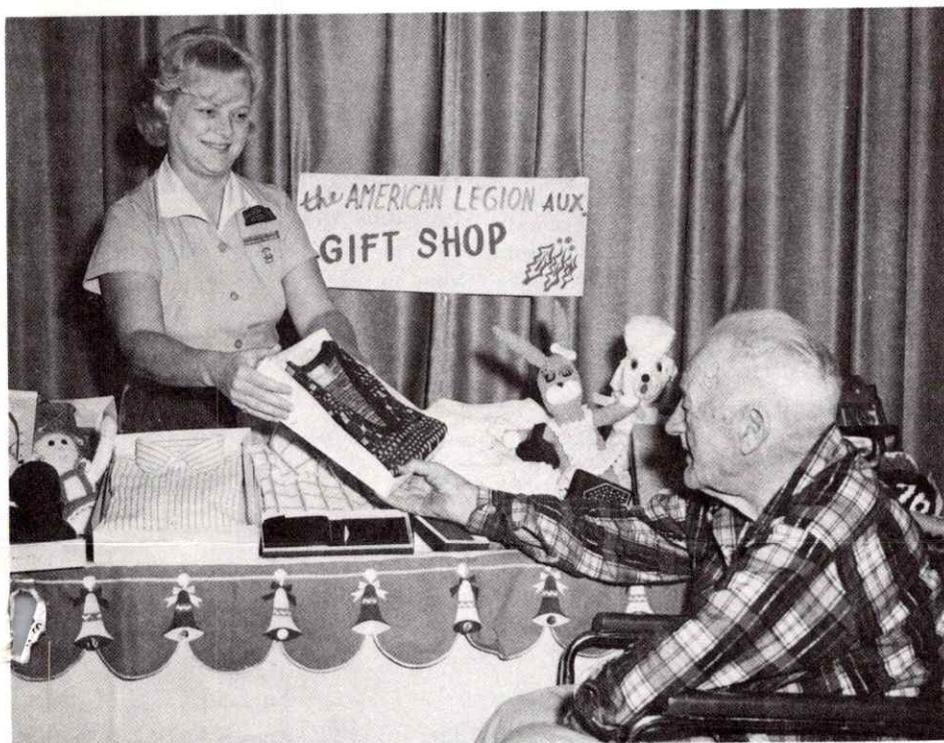


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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP GIVING AT VA HOSPITAL



Our own Barbara Palmer, who has been Gift Shop Chairlady for the past two years, is shown presenting a gift to another of our own, Guy Smith, Sr. At press time Guy was still in the VA Hospital (4th floor) from whence he sends greetings and thanks to the Post and Auxiliary. He would welcome a visit from his many friends at Blanchard Post.

For those unfamiliar with how the Gift Shop functions, the actual gift giving is the culmination of about six months work in preparation and financing. The bulk of the funds comes from American Legion Posts in the Third and Fourth Districts, while all the pick and shovel work is done by the Auxiliaries in these Districts. A gift is given to each veteran in the hospital and to each member of his or her family if so requested.

The girls of the Auxiliaries who have worked so hard over the years on this project, and the Posts who have contributed so generously in money and time can be very proud of 25 years of caring.

GERMAN NIGHT

Kraut time is here again. On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Post will hold its 12th Annual German Night. Mein Herr Wilhelm Krausmeier (sometimes spelled Campbell) assures one and all of an evening unexcelled in food and music. Tickets at \$7 will be snatched up "toot sweet" so don't lose any time in getting

yours. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30 and dancing from 9 until ? George Clothier will again do the cooking and those collector item beer mugs will once again be available. Tickets—which may be picked up by January 16—are available at the Lounge (see George or Jake) or from Wilhelm Campbell, 439-3398.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- Jan. 1 (Thursday)—The opening day of our 200th Anniversary year. Fly the Flag.
- Jan. 5 (Monday)—Post Affairs Committee to meet at 7:30, followed by regular Post semi-monthly meeting at 8:30; refreshments to follow.
- Jan. 12 (Monday)—Monthly luncheon, WW 2 veterans, 1 p.m. at the Schrafft's Motor Inn, Route 9W.
- Jan. 13 (Tuesday)—Monthly luncheon, WW 1 veterans, noon at the LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk.
- Jan. 19 (Monday)—Regular Post semi-monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.; refreshments to follow.
- Jan. 24 (Saturday)—German Night and Dinner-Dance.
- Jan. 31 (Saturday)—Children's Winter Carnival, 1 p.m. at Town Park, Elm Avenue, Delmar.

WORLD WAR 2 VETERANS LUNCHEON

Monday, Dec. 8, a group of Blanchard World War 2 veterans held a luncheon get-together at Schrafft's Motor Inn Restaurant on Route 9W. While it was thought possibly 30 would attend, actually 44 showed up, to our pleasant surprise. Due to this initial response and on the vote of those present, it was decided to continue the luncheons on a regular monthly basis. They will be held on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at Schrafft's.

The menu will vary each month at a cost of \$3.25 per head, including tax and gratuity. Also, attendance is not limited to Blanchard Post members, in fact inviting non-members who are WW 2 veterans could be a good source for recruitment. The next luncheon will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12. "What's his name" promises that there will be no speeches. Hope to see another fine turn-out.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

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Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a very healthy, happy and prosperous 1976.

With reference to birthday cakes for veterans in our December issue, we wish to acknowledge our thanks to Freda Sherman who prepared a special basket of fruit in lieu of a birthday cake for a diabetic veteran. Due to her personal initiative in this matter, we were not generally aware of the circumstances, she made this veteran's birthday a celebration he will always remember. Thank you, Freda.

Many thanks to all the members of the Auxiliary who sold tickets for the Basket of Cheer drawing held at the Tinsel Ball on December 6. The event, as usual, was a success. The winners are as follows:

Basket of Cheer: Jane Frasier, 2025 Tenth Street, Rensselaer; ticket sold by Carol Cummings.

Case of Champagne: Adele McLoon, 6 South Lake Avenue, Albany; ticket sold by Rose Marino.

Case of Beer: Thomas A. Rowan, 11 Kellogg Street, Clinton, N. Y.; ticket sold by Kay Hayes.

We would like to extend sincere thanks to the Auxiliary members and Legionnaires who worked many hours on the VA Gift Shop project: Carol Cummings, Ronnie and Warren Moessner, Barbara Palmer, Freda Sherman, Lenore Smith and Barbara Whitney. I feel certain all the veterans who selected gifts for their loved ones also extend their heartfelt thanks. Auxiliary volunteers gift-wrapped and mailed these selections to the loved ones. This is truly a very worthy Auxiliary project.

Thanks to all the ladies for the tasty and attractive hors d'oeuvres they supplied for the annual Egg Nog Party on December 14. A fine time was had by all.

A reminder ladies, our next regular meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 20. Let's get 1976 off on the right track with a big turnout. 100% would be terrific! Why don't you come so you can say, "I did my part."

Sick Call. Sorry to hear that Gloria Broom was in an auto accident. Glad to report she was treated at the hospital and sent home to recover from her injuries. Hope they are all just a memory now and you are back to your normal way of life, Gloria. Marcella Gorman was reported hospitalized. Hope she is home as we go to press and well on the way to recovery. Death took two members of our Auxiliary during the month of December: Christina Barkhuff and Sue Drew. We extend our sincere sympathy and condolences to their families.

BASEBALL DINNER

The annual dinner honoring our Post baseball team took place on Saturday, Nov. 29. As always the Post was proud of the boys who represented us on the baseball diamond. This year the team won the County and Districts 3 and 4 Championships and were barely edged out in the State Semi-Finals.

A fine crowd was on hand for the dinner to witness the awarding of individual and team trophies. In addition, the Post was presented with an excellent framed photograph of the team. Guest speaker of the evening was Rich Hebner, third baseman for Pittsburgh Pirates, who captivated his audience with his baseball lore and personal interest in American Legion baseball. Ernie Gall, Manager, who did such a fine job as always, thanks one and all who helped in any way to make this night a memorable one for the boys and their parents and friends.

BINGO PROGRESS REPORT

For some time the matter of having a weekly bingo night at the Post has been receiving serious consideration by the Post Commander and the Board of Directors. To conduct an in-depth study of this source of revenue, past Commanders Butman and Dalton were asked to be of assistance. Their findings will be discussed at the regular Post meeting on January 19. Since a vote will be held following the discussion, all members having an interest in whether we have bingo or not should attend.

WINTER CARNIVAL

January 31 is the date of this year's Children's Winter Carnival, which, in keeping with the Spirit of '76, will have a Bicentennial flavor. There will be no rain date; there will be a program on the 31st "whether the weather" cooperates or not. As in past years there will "beaucoup" hot dogs and hot chocolate. Those children who can are asked to come in Colonial costumes or uniforms.

There will be races, games, prizes and most importantly this year, snow sculpturing. Since the person to handle the details of the sculpturing had not been designated at press time such information will be available at the Post by the time this publication reaches you, or can be gotten by telephoning Commander Palmer at 439-5385.

January in the Revolution

- Jan. 1, 1776—George Washington flies the first American Flag of 13 red and white stripes.
 Jan. 3, 1777—American victorious in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.
 Jan. 9, 1776—Publication of Thor Paine's "Common Sense" urging us to break with England.
 Jan. 16, 1778—France becomes the first country to recognize an independent U.S.
 Jan. 17, 1781—British forces wiped out at the Battle of Cowpens, North Carolina.
 Jan. 20, 1783—Revolution Ended

Shuffleboard

AS OF 12/11/75

Teams	Won	Lost
Campbell/George	13	5
Adams/Hanrahan	13	5
Whitney/Marino	12	6
Jorelemon/Quinn	9	9
Engel/Greene	9	9
McKeough/Brady	7	11
Cleary/Kevlin	6	12
Hoffman/Yagel	6	12
Benton/Benton	4	14

Obviously the most improved team is that of McKeough and Brady. As was expected, Bill and John are beginning to make their stretch run. The ultimate winning team at this point appears to be anybody's guess.

DUSTING AN OLD YEAR

.....and it was good to see Peg and George BUTMAN down at the Plaza, plus a big cheer to George for engineering the very successful WW2 luncheon at which 43 attended.Doff of the old chapeau to Mike MELE, Hank VOORHEES & CO. for the very great Tinsel Ball.T was nice to see Jenny & Herm WAHL at the Post t'other P.M.and surely a pleasant gent behind the mahogany is Bob BALLANTINE.and we're gonna miss our Editor when he takes off fer hiz well deserved southern vacation.Whatta great affair headed by Ernie GALL at which the Blanchard Nine was honored—Richie Hebner was great! and I never realized that he was such a good friend of Walt "Cookie" VANWORMER.and it was great to see Barbara PALMER right on the cover of the Helderberg Sun—the VA Gift Shop article.and it was nice to meet Lucy & Angie TANGORA at the supermarket the other week.and Jean & Bob DUGAN dancing up a storm at the Tinsel Ball.and I wonder who our Commander & Editor will have their picture with in this issue of the 1040 Times?'n I had a dandy poem left for me at the Bar—wish we had room to print it. At any rate it sure speaks well for the Post Lounge fireplace advocates!Dottie & Dan CONNORS are sure a pleasure to watch dancing kinda give Ginger & Fred a run for their money)'n we've had some great singers at the Post, but we reel-ly had an angel at the last party—whatta beautiful voice that girl has!Did'ja git wot ya wanted fer Christmas? If not, better luck next time.'n Lee HURLEY is always a fun gal at a party—as is that glamour kid Madalyn SCHMITZ.and do you think we'll go Bingo, Bango, Bungo?Kathryn & Artie BLANCHARD always put life into a party.'n past Commanders, don't forget Jan. 12th (Monday) at 8 p.m. to pick a Diamond-Pin winner!and when ya see Bob ROSENFELD he is always busy with a project. Good for Bob!'n we know who Miss America of 1996 will be! Barb & Jack SELIG had young Miss Selig out the other night and this young lady has the championship sewed-up!and hail to Voorheesville Post. They reel-ly did whomp Blanchard at bowling, but the Blanchardites 'r demanding a re-match that's wot!'n I'm proud of me-self fer not saying, after I see Ray BENDER up on a hi-ladder Christmas decorating, "Good to see ya gittin' up'n world, Ray"and Gloria BROOM and all of her helpers did a fine job of Christmas decorating.and to Gay RUKWID, it was yo Error who was the culprit that changed Gay to Guy in Dec. 1040 Times.

....Think people are remembered long? Okay, quickly name the first, middle and last name of each of your four grandparents!and surely a nice two-some to chat with 'r Lucille & Richard COLE.and, by golly, we haven't met Lois and Larry MONETTE at the super-duper in quite a spell.and to that special person, I'm glad it was a merry Christmas for you, girl!and, hey, that Christine & Bob HOFFMAN are sure a nice dancing couple.and remember the athlete's motto, "It matters not who won or lost, but did I GET SOME FAME!"

Farewell till the little month!

The Gutter Duster

	TEAM					
	HS	HT	PTS.	W	L	PINS
Air Force	859	2423	36	28	14	31249
Marines	843	2456	34	24	18	30061
Navy	885	2382	32	25	17	31412
Coast Guard	837	2375	28	22	20	31044
Infantry	861	2421	26½	17½	24½	30397
Tanks	908	2490	26	20	22	30951
Sea Bees	891	2332	25½	18½	23½	30464
Army	804	2279	16	13	29	29160

	INDIVIDUAL					
	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.	
Havill	226	572	6267	36	174	
Johnston	207	530	5054	30	168	
DiSanto	232	548	4988	30	166	
Tangora	225	557	6961	42	165	
Palmer	210	566	5967	36	165	
Aupperle	202	525	5358	33	162	
Bender	211	519	6757	42	160	
Miller	209	515	4304	27	159	
Whitney	212	534	6589	42	156	
LaForge	186	527	6062	39	155	
Lantz	208	565	6481	42	154	
Cummings, Jim	224	521	6445	42	153	
Foy	200	530	5519	36	153	
Mitchell	204	529	6436	42	153	
Cummings, Joe	191	507	4554	30	151	
Larkin	199	521	4541	30	151	
Vail	183	503	6342	42	151	
Volk	219	525	5858	39	150	
Andre	213	509	6305	42	150	
Oates	194	491	5846	39	149	
Pauquette	201	501	4898	33	148	
Marino	201	474	5263	36	146	
Pugliese	205	522	5721	39	146	
Hasen	211	493	5257	36	146	
Beckmann	193	517	4797	33	145	
Brady	179	497	5996	42	142	
Ristau	193	477	5556	39	142	
Mosmen	168	452	4562	33	138	
Eagan	171	482	5827	42	138	
Dybas	178	463	4092	30	136	
Haker	187	479	5737	42	136	
Feiden	169	468	4321	32	135	
Burns	200	466	5655	42	134	
Monette	202	488	5109	39	131	
Campbell	207	493	4669	36	129	
Buker	145	388	3488	27	129	
Cole	163	426	5188	42	123	
Alwell	161	404	4381	36	121	
Butman	153	407	4613	39	118	
Stowers	165	404	3472	30	115	

GOOD NEWS

We are happy to report that Ed Ahern, who did such an outstanding job as editor of the 1040 Times for 1974-75, is now back to work and feeling fine after extensive surgery and medical treatment. Getting back into harness after a long spell of hospitalization and recuperation is always a great feeling and it sure is nice to know that Ed has been fortunate enough to experience it.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

COUNTY QUOTA	855
CHAIRMAN'S GOAL	900
PAID TO DATE	745
New Members 12/15/75	37
Reinstated 12/15/75	15

My sincere thanks to all of you for your response in OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! As can be seen from figures above, BOTH OUR QUOTA AND OUR GOAL can easily be reached!

It's Up to Each and Everyone of You!

Department Membership Award Pins have already been awarded to: JACK BRADY, KEN BURNS and BOB SMITH, and pins ordered for COMMANDER OLLIE and HARVEY HASEN, all of whom have signed up FIVE new members for 1976.

Let us keep up the excellent work. Membership is the LIFE BLOOD OF EVERY ORGANIZATION! GIVE THE TREASURY A TRANSFUSION... and follow up with your checks.

Welcome aboard to the following new members:

- James Benton III
- John J. Benson
- Charles Adalian
- Bob Burns
- Vince Compione
- Dave Danker
- Gary Geraldson
- D. H. Gregory
- Charles Figel, Jr.
- Douglas MacRae
- John Sullivan
- Fred Webster
- Ralph Tipple
- Mike Norton
- Bob Moak, Jr.
- Ben Keezer
- Dr. John J. Ostrowski
- Ed Weisel
- Charles Petinato
- Tom Oro
- Anthony Lomonico
- Pauling Quinlan
- John Kelley
- George Weylett
- Josephine Bollman

Don't be strangers; come out to the meetings; get acquainted and be active in our programs. Countersign your membership cards; they must be shown to gain admission to our Post and to all other Legion Posts around the world.

My sincere thanks to past Commanders SMITH and BURNS for getting me off on the right foot and to ever helpful, the one and only JACK BRADY for his great help with the processing and mailing of your cards.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, PLEASE LET'S HAVE YOUR NEW ADDRESS.

A Healthy and Happy New Year to You and Yours
Milt Andre

ANGLERS' MIXED BOWLING

At the halfway mark, we find three teams tied for first, with two others only two games away. They are:

Perches	Jim Berry
Muskies	Jim Mitchell
Barracudas	Franklyn Harris
Piranhas	Frank DiSanto
Bullheads	Wes Albright
Holding up the league are:	
Guppies	Larry McArthur
Smelts	Gus Franze
Flounders	George Mayer

At Thanksgiving time we bowled for turkeys—the persons with the most pins over their average winning. They were won by Millie Albright and Franklyn Harris, winning in a very close contest, beating out Eleanor McArthur and John Moran.

The scores are starting to pick up and high scores bowled during November and December were:

Jim Berry	568	217
Gus Franze	536	191
George Mayers	561	214
Joe Marino	521	185
Bill Mitchell	547	202
Franklyn Harris	519	213
Vern Eagan	520	185

Special honors have to go to Wes Albright for his big 279 game on Nov. 9.

Women bowling fine scores were:		
Grace Franze	487	190
Millie Harris	463	172
Sandy Moran	452	181
Millie Albright	455	168

We welcomed John and Karin McDonald into the league, replacing Don and May Smith.

COLONIAL BALL

Saturday, Dec. 14, is the date which the Post will continue its participation in our Bicentennial Year celebration with a Colonial Ball. Joe Marino, Chairman, will get the ball rolling with a happy hour at 8 p.m. and followed by dancing at 9. Costumes in a Colonial motif are encouraged, home-made when possible, or come in civvies, but please *do come!* There will be prizes for costumes. More on this next month.

Attention Past Commanders

On Monday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m., a meeting of past Commanders will be held at the Post for the purpose of selecting the 1976 recipient of the American Legion Diamond Pin Award given annually to the Post member who has served the Post unstintingly over a long period of time and who has demonstrated those qualities of loyalty characteristic of a dedicated American Legionnaire. Past Commanders are urged to be present.

Tinsel Ball and Egg Nog Party Post Mortems

If you missed them, you'll have to wait until next year to find out just what you did miss. The food, the service and the band at the Tinsel Ball were terrific. Mike Mele, our very affable chairman, humbly acknowledges the very capable help he received from Gloria Broom, Milt and Marion Andre, Helen Quinn, Ray Bender, Jack Brady, Harvey Hasen, Jim and Rosemary Blanchard, Hank Voorhees, Mary Mele, Ginny Wahl, Bob and Lenore Smith, Art Prue, Ollie and Barb Palmer, Rollie and Barb Whitney, Jim Tebbutts, Ken and Ruth Burns, Joe Marino, Ernie Gall and all the Blivens. Bob Ballantine's handling of the Egg Nog Party was also tremendous. Great job boys!

ELECTED

A long-time member of the Post was recently honored by another veterans organization of which he has also been a long time member. Bob Ballantine, who has served our Post often, including the chairmanship of the Memorial Day Parade for several years, has been elected an officer of a very exclusive veterans group: the Pearl Harbor's Survivors Association. Congratulations, Bob, and good luck in your new job and may you be the last survivor some day.

DECEASED

Commander Palmer, on behalf of the Post, recently extended sympathy to the families of two Auxiliary members who had passed away: Chris Barkhuff and Sue Drew; and to Win Robinson on the death of his mother. Chris was the widow of Harold Barkhuff, past Post and County Commander, and Sue was the wife of Herb Drew, past Commander. Win, of course was our first Post Commander and a faithful Legionnaire since 1919.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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WILL HISTORY REPEAT?

One of the most widely read books of all time is "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Written in 1788 by Edward Gibbon, it sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died. These were:

- ▶ The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.
- ▶ Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.
- ▶ The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.
- ▶ The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility.
- ▶ The decay of religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.

The oft-heard warning that "history repeats itself" has an ominous meaning in the light of the above.

IT DEPENDS ON YOU

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this pattern:

*From bondage to spiritual faith
From spiritual faith to great courage
From courage to liberty
From liberty to abundance
From abundance to selfishness
From selfishness to complacency
From complacency to apathy
From apathy to dependence
From dependence back again to
bondage.*

Next year the United States will be 200 years old. This cycle is not inevitable—IT DEPENDS ON YOU.

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