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COMMANDER'S CORNER

FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES:

I trust that each member and his family had a joyous Holiday Season. Ours was a particularly happy one as we joined the two grandchildren in Springfield, Mass.

December proved to be a very active and successful month at the Post. December 1 kicked off our bingo program, which proved profitable for the three nights prior to press time. After three weeks of initiation, the bingo team operates like 'pros.'

On December 5, I attended the Gift Shop opening at the VA Hospital. Here are displayed the gifts that have been purchased from the annual contributions of our Post and other Legion Posts and to be given to the patients for their use.

Our second pre-meeting dinner was again well attended on December 6, this time by 48 members. The gals of the Auxiliary served another delicious dinner which was enjoyed by all, along with the foamy fire-water. To those members who are unable to come and enjoy the dinner, I ask that you please try to make our meetings. At the meeting of December 6, following the dinner, it was voted by the membership present that all future monthly Post meetings start at 8 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, Joe Marino chaired our annual Tinsel Ball. To Joe and to chefs Hank and Bob, a special thanks for a job well done.

The weekend of December 18-19 found the walls bulging with merry-makers of all sizes. On Saturday the 18th, Bill Blanchard, Santa and Jerry Romano put on as fine a Children's Christmas Party as you'll ever witness. My sincere thanks to them and to Frank Futia and the Post Affairs Committee for an outstanding annual Egg Nog Party on the 19th. Also heartfelt thanks to Roger DiNucci for an afternoon of romantic background music.

Forty-six young old-timers attended the buffet luncheon at the Post on Thursday, Dec. 9. Charles O'Hara and George Butman once again were busy on the phone. It's good to see so many coming out to these affairs.

Dick Dalton, our Bingo Chairman, made the statement recently that he could see days of old coming back to the Post. Through Dick's efforts in organizing bingo, he has brought together a team of 30-plus fellows who are really enjoying their chores.

To those of you who have not been to the Post lately, why not drop in some time and meet a great group and become active. We can always use help with our programs and I feel sure that you find at least one activity you will want to work with. As the sayings go "the more the merrier" and "many hands make work light."

To all a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

See you at the Post

Daniel G. Lantz, *Commander*

JANUARY CALENDAR

- Jan. 1 (Sat.) New Year's Day
- 3 (Mon.) Regular Post meeting at 8
- 5 (Wed.) Bingo, 8 p.m. at the Post
- 11 (Tue.) Luncheon, WWI Veterans at noon, LaCasa Restaurant.
- 12 (Wed.) Bingo, 8 p.m. at the Post
- 13 (Thu.) Noon luncheon at the Post
- 15 (Sat.) Children's Ice Skating Party at noon, Town Park, Elm Ave. Rain date: Sat., Jan. 22.
- 17 (Mon.) Post Affairs Committee is to meet at 8 p.m.
- 19 (Wed.) Bingo, 8 p.m. at the Post
- 22 (Sat.) German Nite Dinner-Dance
- 23 (Sun.) Oratorical Contest
- 26 (Wed.) Bingo, 8 p.m. at the Post
- 27 (Thu.) County Meeting at 8 p.m. at Blanchard
- 31 (Mon.) Board of Directors meet at 8 p.m. Dept. Dinner at Hyatt House

ATTENTION

The regular monthly Post meeting now starts 8 p.m.

GERMAN NIGHT

Chairman Bill Campbell is preparing another kraut extravaganza for our 13th annual German Night on January 22. This has been an extremely popular affair since its inception in January 1965, being rivaled possibly only by our Irish Night. So if you don't want to be disappointed, get your tickets early and break up those winter blues.

The evening will start with the usual cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30, dinner at 7:30 and dancing following till 1 a.m.

Bill has announced that the dinner will be prepared by our famous German chef, George Clothier, and beer mugs will again be available to start or add to a collection. Tickets are available from Bill (439-3398) and from George or Jake in the Lounge and must be picked up by January 14. The cost is only \$7.50 per person. Quite a buy for a great night of fun.

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Mail in your dues today

BLANCHARD POST

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 Vice Commander _____ Milt Andre
 Adjutant _____ Ernest Gall
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 Judge Advocate _____ George Wenger
 Sergeant-at-Arms _____ John J. Brady, Sr.
 Historian _____ George Butman
 Service Officer _____ Frank Zini
 Editor, 1040 Times _____ Charles J. O'Hara

MEMBERSHIP

Quota: 910 Paid to press time: 715

Dues payments have been lagging behind last year since our report in the November issue of 1040. At that time we were 100 ahead of last year. As of press time this month we were 30 behind. Counting members who have not paid we have a potential of 921, which of course does not include any new members that we may get. Thus we need the cooperation of all members of the Post to remit dues if not yet paid and also to solicit new members. The new member is a necessary transfusion to replace the losses which are bound to occur each year. So let's all cooperate and help regain the record-setting pace of last year.

Returns from our out of state members has been excellent. Only six had not paid by press time. To paraphrase the election night commentators, returns are still being awaited from the following states ... Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida and New Jersey.

The following were welcomed as new members during December:

James Hahn
 William Mooney
 Alfred J. Quinn

And we also welcomed back Al Bokie who reinstated his membership.

Your membership chairman again points out that we are not signing up new members in sufficient numbers at this time. With what Blanchard has to offer in the way of facilities and programs we should be able to sell many of our local brethren. So let's get out and talk it up—we have something to offer everyone!

Your 1976 membership expires on December 31, so include your dues when paying those other holiday bills. You'll feel better all over for doing it, and your membership chairman will start the new year with a happier outlook on life.

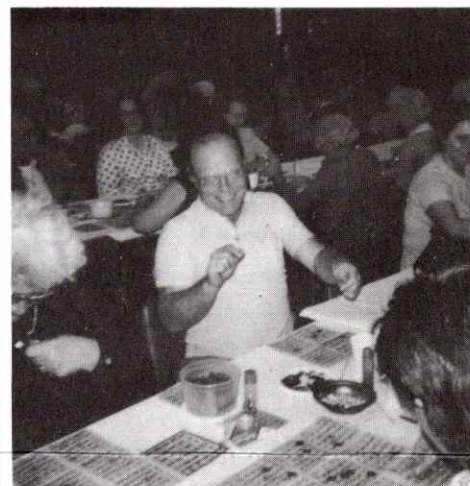
A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

Milt Andre, *Chairman*

BINGO — GOOD WEATHER, GOOD CROWDS

In spite of the competition provided by the holiday season, with all its demands upon the pocketbook, our initial venture into the realm of the mysteries of bingo was highly successful. All those who worked the first two nights were very happy with the results, coming as they did at a time of the year when it could have been very hazardous to have started such an ambition program. Dick Dalton is to be congratulated on the fruits of his efforts, and he in turn sends his sincere thanks to all who helped in getting the project off the drawing board. Also to be thanked is Mother Nature who kept the snow away on the first two nights, which might also have been due in part to the incantations of our "prayer squad" under the able leadership of Brother Butman.

The first winner on opening night was a young lady by the name of Catherine Wood; the first man to win was Bill Dedrick; and Marilyn Canabush was the initial \$250 jackpot winner.

Three Winners: Mike Mele, Catherine Wood and Bill Dedrick

In compliance with the Bingo Law of the State of New York, the following report is published covering the operations of the game of bingo at Blanchard Post on the nights of December 1, 1976 and December 8, 1976. Totals shown cover both nights.

Total attendance: 373

Bingo receipts\$2305.75
 Sale of supplies 17.75

Total receipts\$2323.50
 Less prizes 2000.00
 Gross profit\$ 323.50

Other expenditures:

Bingo supplies/equipment\$421.60
 Dec. license fee (4 nights) 50.00
 Badges 12.00
 Outdoor sign 37.00
 Services 28.00
 Total\$548.60

Since it is obvious that some of the "Other expenditures" are non-recurring, they are not in reality a charge solely against the operations of the first two nights.

Anything to Say?

Once again this month we ask that any items of interest to the general membership, including photos (black and white), past or coming events, local doings, etc., are welcome for publication. Chairmen of Post social activities are reminded that it is their responsibility to furnish us with background information on their particular event so that we can give it adequate publicity.

Luncheon Dates

Another fine luncheon turnout at the Post on December 9 proved again that this is what many of the boys want, so we have scheduled another one for noon on Thursday, Jan. 13. George and Dottie will again do the catering for the nominal fee of \$3.00.

The WW1 lads will again convene at noon at LaCasa's on January 11 to dine and lift a few.

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**Don't be a "dues delinquent"**  
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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President Marcia Turner
 First Vice President Pauline Ouderkirk
 Second Vice President Carol Cummings
 Recording Secretary Rose Marino
 Corresponding Secretary Ruth Bruso
 Treasurer Dorothea George
 Chaplain Rosemary Blanchard
 Sergeant-at-Arms Celeste Blanchard
 Historian Freda Sherman

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Many thanks to the girls who worked on the men's supper which was held before their regular Post meeting on December 6. They are Barbara Whitney, Freda Sherman, Ronnie Moessner, Dot Lantz, Gloria Broom, Helen Quinn and Carol Cummings.

Anyone interested in working refreshments for Bingo on Wednesday night, please contact Marcia Turner. We need more volunteers.

We would like to thank all members of the Auxiliary who sold raffle tickets for the Basket of Cheer. I didn't have the list of winners in time for this issue but they will be in next month's article.

The Auxiliary has a new adopted veteran. He is Gerald Wasson. For anyone interested in sending him cards or notes, he is in Room 406A at the VA Hospital. I'm sure his days would be brighter if he heard from some of our members.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to the Auxiliary members and Legionnaires who spent many hours in working at the VA Gift Shop, helping veterans make their selections, wrapping gifts and mailing them to their families.

As usual, the ladies did a splendid job on hors d'oeuvres for the Egg Nog Party held December 19.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Lucille Cole.

NOTICE: Amendment to the Constitution. This concerns the raising of our dues from \$4.50 to \$6.00 per year. This amendment will be voted upon at the January 18 meeting. All members will be notified by the calling committee.

LEGISLATIVE WATCHTOWER

The following letter was sent to U.S. Senator Jacob Javits and U.S. Senator-elect Patrick Moynihan.

Dear Senator,

Tonight at the regular monthly meeting of this Post with a 900-plus membership it was, with a single negative showing, expressed that you be advised of the wish to retain the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and not, as is now being proposed, transfer its responsibilities to a Committee on Human Resources.

Having expressed the general sentiment of this Post I want to add my personal explanation for seeking your support in this matter.

It is appreciated the intent of the proposed committee change is in the interest of budgetary considerations. From past experience we learn that the removal of the name of a subject in short time brings about its demise. Certainly, this is what would occur if the "Veterans" committee was to be made a sub-committee of another body. The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs has served too long and too well the purpose for which it was formed. To now shunt it aside would be a terrible disservice to the millions of America's veterans who may have need for future legislative developments which could become lost in the maize of another overall committee.

I trust you will take a stand against the abolishment of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and that you will use your influence in having it retained in the form and for the purpose it now exists.

Respectively,

Alexander J. Woehrlé
Post Legislative Chmn.

Oratorical Contest

John Gypson, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, will be our entry in the 1977 Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest. Chairman Bob Edwards reports that John is an excellent student who is a National Merit Award winner, and a member of the school's Model Congress. The contest is to be on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. at St. Teresa School, New Scotland Avenue in Albany.

FEBRUARY 12

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Be a winner... treat the little lady to a barrel of fun night!

DOWN THE ALLEY

By virtue of back-to-back whitewashes of the Air Force and Marines, Tom Foy's Tankers (Bill Campbell, Bill Donnelly, Dan Lantz and Rollie Whitney) took a 5½ point lead at near the halfway mark of the season. Nice going, Tankers!

Frank DiSanto's 255 high single and Tom Foy's 586 threesome were bright spots of kegling the night of Dec. 10.

Another bright spot was the return to action of Ken Havill after a layoff of several weeks because of a bad knee—housemaid's knee perhaps? And we're looking forward to having our President, Hank Ristau, back when play is resumed this month.

Once again, a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

Milt Andre, *Secretary*

TEAM

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Tanks	866	2453	37	28	14	32422
Air Force	881	2380	31½	23½	18½	32174
Coast Guard	875	2500	29	22	20	32210
Navy	930	2404	29	21	21	30925
Army	873	2365	28½	20½	21½	31410
Infantry	823	2403	27	20	22	31296
Marines	851	2291	24	19	23	29243
Sea Bees	851	2359	18	14	28	31307

INDIVIDUAL

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Fentzke	214	580	3173	18	176
DiSanto	255	624	6841	39	175
Havill	215	577	4666	27	172
Bender	204	539	7152	42	170
Johnston	216	579	5052	30	168
McDonald	203	565	7018	42	167
Palmer	213	567	6012	36	167
Mitchell	215	550	6963	42	165
Whitney	211	538	5880	36	163
Marino	222	547	6836	42	162
Lantz	228	554	6282	39	161
Larkin	200	523	6746	42	160
Vail	213	539	6681	42	159
Foy	212	586	5552	35	158
Oates	221	543	5629	36	156
Cummings, Jim	205	518	5615	36	155
Cummings, Joe	190	523	3272	21	155
Andre	206	554	6057	39	155
Tangora	242	572	6036	39	154
Pugliese	209	544	6028	39	154
Pauquette	225	526	6456	42	153
Aupperle	200	510	5072	33	153
Hanrahan	202	520	2735	18	151
LaForge	190	507	5386	36	149
Eagan	213	520	5379	36	149
Donnelly	197	520	4442	30	148
McCabe	224	548	6187	42	147
Ristau	197	484	1765	12	147
Campbell	185	512	5725	39	146
Volk	178	490	5021	36	139
Brady	223	537	5788	42	137
Haker	168	456	5349	39	137
Hasen	186	463	5760	42	137
Mosmen	166	446	2708	20	135
Feiden	169	448	3207	24	133
Cole	167	460	5096	39	130
Burns	174	448	5405	42	128
Monette	177	438	4464	36	124
Butman	155	410	3695	30	123
Alwell	154	431	3872	33	117

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Be a booster with your dues

POST TO VOTE

SECOND NOTICE

At the regular meeting of November 1 a motion to establish the office of Assistant Finance Officer was passed. Thus it now becomes necessary to amend the By-Laws of the Post after due notice to the full membership that such action will be voted upon at a regular or special Post meeting. Therefore, the following proposed change to Paragraph 1, Article IV of the By-Laws will be voted on at the regular Post meeting of February 7.

Paragraph 1 now reads: "The officers shall consist of a Commander, three Vice Commanders, an Adjutant and a Finance Officer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Post and shall hold office for the ensuing fiscal year or until their respective successors have been chosen and shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their respective offices. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Commander and Finance Officer shall also be members of the Board of Directors."

Proposed change to Paragraph 1 (addition in italics): "The officers shall consist of a Commander, three Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Post and shall hold office for the ensuing fiscal year or until their respective successors have been chosen and shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their respective offices. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Commander and Finance Officer shall also be members of the Board of Directors."



"General Tom" Sykes says: "See you at Bingo, I'm just crazy about it. Of course I'm also crazy about other cats."

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Blood Pressure Clinic

For the information of those who may be interested, and unaware of its existence, there's a free blood pressure clinic at the Coffee House on Adams Place in Delmar on the third Tuesday of each month. The hours of operation are 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. This program provides a very important service to our community since irregularities in blood pressure can be serious if undetected and left untreated.

Taps

Milt Andre reported at the December 6 Post meeting that he had received a belated notice of the death of a member, Edward Hehre, who died sometime ago but unfortunately was sent a dues notice for 1977. The meeting was closed in his memory. May he rest in peace.

Changing Your Address?

Please let us know as soon as you do —by phone, mail, in person or whatever.

Pay your 1977 dues now

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION
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ICE SKATING PARTY

Jim Beck and his committee have put together a program for our annual Children's Skating Party on January 15 that will top anything our Town has seen on ice. The Post is grateful for the co-operation and assistance given by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Bethlehem Elks, the Ridge Runners and Trail North.

The Bingo Prayer Squad, Brother Butman leading, will pray for plenty of good ice and good weather, so that the Jan. 22 alternate date will not be needed.

Sculpturing of snow and ice figures under the guidance of Hank Eckhardt will begin in the morning, while the ice skating races supervised by Sid Kaplan will get underway at 1 p.m. Concurrently there will be cross-country ski demonstrations, snowmobile rides, a Snow Queen contest and an old-fashioned family skating party in the evening.

Harvey Hasen will oversee the "chow line" which will dispense free eats to participants, and food at a nominal cost to spectators. In addition, the Elks will provide cider and doughnuts.

Let's have a large turnout of members to demonstrate to the Town once again that Blanchard Post is a community-minded organization. Maybe you can help with some of the goings-on ... and wear your Legion Cap.

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