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YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Whether or not changes occur in the Post Constitution and By-Laws will be determined at the mid-monthly meeting on January 16.

The formal call for the action to vote on the changes was issued last month by Commander Cannizzaro and published in the TEN FORTY TIMES.

The issues to be decided were determined after a series of meetings under the chairmanship of Past Commander Charlie O'Hara.

There are four specific matters on which a vote will be taken. These have to do with (1) formalizing the admission of Viet Nam war-time veterans into the American Legion; (2) limiting the term of service on the Board of Directors; (3) eliminating a meeting for each month; and (4) the method in which nominations for office in the Post are made known to the membership.

One way to defeat these issues is by default — staying away from the meeting. Twenty are needed for a quorum. This means about each of the quorum represents 3 1/2 members of the Post. This would be a good time to be your own representative and attend this meeting. Remember, whether or not you agree with the recommended changes, your vote counts.

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VIET NAM WAR DEATH

The death of a Delmar U. S. Navy officer in Viet Nam last month gave Blanchard Post its initial experience in meeting such sad occasions in this war.

The dead officer is Lieutenant (jg) Henry Irving Klein, Jr., whose father is the assistant postmaster in Delmar. Lieutenant Klein while in command of a river boat patrol met his death December 2, from an enemy bullet.

The deceased officer's parents personally expressed their appreciation for the participation by Blanchard Legionnaires in the funeral tribute to their heroic son. Blanchard Post members through the Committee That Cares, cooperated with the funeral directors, Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons, in the funeral arrangements. From James G. Tebbutt, Jr., this letter was received:

"We at Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Committee That Cares for the warm-hearted co-operation and untiring effort on your part in arranging for the funeral of the late Lieutenant (jg) Henry Irving Klein, Jr. Our associate, Raymond La May, my brother, and I are deeply grateful to you and all the members for helping to pay tribute to a fine young officer."

During the period of mourning when the late Lieutenant Klein was returned to Delmar on December 8 and his burial two days later there were three specific ceremonies in which Blanchard Legionnaires joined with members of Bethlehem Memorial Post of the VFW to do honor to the Navy officer. These were the flag-lowering ceremony at Bethlehem Memorial Park; the honor guard at the casket in the funeral home, and the funeral procession from the funeral establishment to St. Thomas Church.

Before the funeral departed from Tebbutt's, the Post Commander recited prayers for the deceased. The procession to the Church was led by the chairman of the Albany County joint veterans Organizations Chairman, George Gibson. As escort commander he led two single lines of those veteran members who reported with their veterans' organization caps to join the funeral march. The veterans were followed by a contingent of military members from our town who are serving in units of the New York Army National Guard, and New York Guard.

Preceding the hearse were the body-bearers furnished by the New York Army National Guard. The hearse was flanked on both sides by an honor guard

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BLANCHARD CALENDAR

TUESDAY, Jan. 3—The Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post monthly meeting, 8:30

SATURDAY, Jan. 7 — Children's Ice Carnival (weather permitting) at D. Cady Herrick's pond in Slingerlands; 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 10—World War I Vets luncheon at Elsmerian Restaurant, Elsmere, 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 16—Mid-monthly Post meeting, at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 17 — Auxiliary meets.

SATURDAY, Jan. 21 — German Night Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dance: 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 26—County Legion meets at Fort Orange Post, Albany, at 8:30 p.m.

GERMAN NIGHT HERE

They haven't been able to enlarge the Post since last year. So let this be a warning to get your tickets early for the German Night dinner and dance. It'll be Saturday, January 21. Dinners, at \$3 per plate will be served between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 o'clock. Roast pork will be the main fare.

Chairman of the event is Joe Bauhofer. He's arranged to have dinner preparations by Herman Habich. After the dinner the Bavarian Barons, of which there are ten will fill the air with music for dancing and singing from ten p.m. until two a.m. Some lady that night will be made happy with the presentation of a diamond cocktail ring.

Assisting Joe and Vice Commander-Activities Chairman Hugh Stowers with the arrangements for the event are George Butman, Bill McGoe, Bill Campbell, Bob Warner, Al Greenwood, Ken Simpson, Sr., Ken Simpson, Jr., Sid Kaplan, Joe Von Ronne, Bud Mosmen, Fred Mosmen, Fred Buker and Lou Legler.

Sick Call

A new member, Charles F. Walsh, was reported ailing in Albany Hospital last month. Vice Commander Hugh Stowers who also serves as Sick Call & Relief Chairman has sent our sick member a "Get Well" card.

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Auxiliary President's Corner

Christmas is now but a memory but I am sure that we all still remember the lovely Christmas dinner party that we enjoyed on the night of December 20th. Having expressed our appreciation last month to the committee that arranged the dinner, we have one more person to thank. A delicious roast beef dinner was served by Anna Mae White and her committee. "Thank You" Anna Mae.

This is the time of year when we are never through saying thank you. In connection with "Gift Shop" we want to thank the women who worked at the hospital wrapping and tagging presents for the veterans. Working from our Unit were: Maud Hafley, Chris Barkhuff, Helen Reynolds, Edna Rooney and Margaret McGuirk. And another big thank you to all our members for their contributions and gifts that were taken to the hospital. In a news-brief that I received this month from National Headquarters I found the following astonishing fact. Last Christmas the American Legion Auxiliaries conducted over 200 Gift Shops in the hospitals at a cost to the Auxiliaries of over \$520,000.00. This money provided gifts for the veterans to send to their families and also gifts for the veterans themselves on Christmas Day.

On Saturday, December 17th, the Post held their annual Egg Nog Party and Tinsel Ball. For the third year in a row, Kay Lenseith was in charge of the hors d'oeuvre table. At such a busy time of the year (and for such a busy gal), we thank you also Kay, for contacting the members for donations. Many thanks also go to all who contributed the delectable array of hors d'oeuvres.

Have you made a resolution for the New Year? A fine resolution would be to attend all the regular monthly meetings this year. A good place to start is with the January meeting. We will have a guest with us. The Community Ambassador, Tim Thornton, will speak on his trip to Poland this summer and will also show slides to accompany his talk. A good showing of members will not only make your officers feel more comfortable but will also make the presence of our guest worthwhile. Resolve to be there January 17 when our new Community Service Chairman, Marcia Rosenfield, introduces Tim at 8 o'clock.

President Betty Costigan reports that the sale of our Kathryn Beich candies is going very well. By this time, all members have been contacted and asked to try and sell some of the tins or else to buy some themselves or for gifts to friends. Having tried each kind (with five candy-eating children in the house) I can sincerely say that they are all scrumptious. If you haven't tried them yet, buy some soon and see what you've been missing.

Next month I will give you the details of another important date. Our Birthday Party which will be held in February. Ann Carroll has again agreed to be chairman this year. After the beautiful job she did last year, we know you will be with us that night.

Anyone who knows of any sick or shut-ins please contact Chris Barkhuff so that she will be able to send a card to them.

As 1967 begins here's wishing everyone happiness and good health in the coming year.

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OUR ORATORY ENTRY TO BE TED SMITH

The excellent, we think, performance given last year by Edward "Ted" J. Smith, Blanchard Post's-sponsored entrant in the Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest will be given a repeat performance this month.

Contestants will vie for the County Legion honor and the opportunity to advance in the American Legion regional, department and national contests. As in recent years the contest is being held at St. Teresa of Avila Auditorium on New Scotland Avenue in Albany. The time is 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 22.

This is Ted's final year at Bethlehem Central Senior High. His home is at 22 Pinewood Avenue, Delmar. He's president of the Debating Club at school.

The Constitution of the United States of America is the subject of the oratory. This the American Legion keeps standard to encourage the youth of the nation to study the Constitution and be prepared to compete for a place in the oratorical contest.

Russ Deneger is Post Chairman for the contest and co-operated with Bethlehem Central Senior High School's English Department Supervisor, Robert Lambert, in the selection of Ted Smith to represent Blanchard Post.

Post Commander Joe Cannizzaro joins with P. C. Harold Barkhuff, who for many years has been serving as the zone chairman for the Department Contest, in urging Blanchard Post members to attend the Albany County Legion Oratorical contest to give morale support to our entrant. If you have your Legion Cap, wear it—come anyway, even if you have no Legion Cap.

Welcome

These new members in Blanchard Post were formally accepted into the Post last month: Charles F. Walsh who was sponsored by Past Commander Charles O'Hara; Robert Broom sponsored by Art Quinn; and Roland E. Kerken was transferred into our Post from Post 176 in San Fernando, California.

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The first Viet Nam war-time vet to join Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion in Delmar is Kenneth Simpson, Jr., who has just completed four years Navy service.

An American Legion pin is being affixed to his lapel by Post Commander Joseph L. Cannizzaro in the presence of the young vet's father at right in photo. Happily watching the event at left is Blanchard Post Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Thomas C. Patterson.

Members' Youngsters In the Armed Forces

These Blanchard Legionnaires are seeing their next generation serving with the Armed Forces: Jimmy Day, son of Royce and Agnes Day, is on duty with the U. S. Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey; Rick McGoey, son of Bill and Anne McGoey is a midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; and Perry Smith has a daughter, a major in the Army Nurse Corp in Korea.

On duty with the U. S. Navy in the Viet Nam war zone is Neil Simpson who is the son of Ken Simpson, Sr., and the brother of Ken Simpson, Jr. (our newest Post member).

(Note: Let's hear from you other Post members who have children in the Armed Forces).

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If only I had a better education, I could compete.

It's my mother's fault that I'm not married.

If the people in this town were more friendly and congenial, I wouldn't be so lonely.

Good idea — if only I had the time.

If my parents only had money, I could have good times, too.

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If you have reason to wonder where your \$7.50 dues goes, or that portion of it which does not go forward to help defray county, state and national levels, this December 13 letter from our own Maud Hafley, Rehabilitation Chairman for our Post's Auxiliary and past Department of New York Auxiliary President gives a hint:

"Dear Commander Cannizzaro:—

Will you kindly express our thanks to the members of the Post for their generous contribution to the Auxiliary Gift Shop Program (at the VA Hospital).

I am sure you will be interested to know that I purchased jewelry (wholesale) with the check which you sent to me.

I am also very grateful to the Post members who attended open house on Sunday. I only wish more members were familiar with the program.

With best wishes to each of you for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year."

Harold Barkhuff who is the National American Legion's Veterans Administration Volunteer Services representative at the Albany VA Hospital raised eleven hundred dollars from area posts for the Christmas Party for the patients at the hospital.

Available

At nominal prices there are available at the Post a small supply of American Legion caps (maybe in your size); American Flags to display in front of your home, and the *American Legion Story*, a good history of the Veterans' organization to which you belong.

A KEY FACTOR

Typical of the thank you notes received for the Christmas packages Blanchard Post sent for the Committee That Cares is the following:

416th TAC FTR SQ
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15 December 1966

Dear Committee,

I'd like to convey my sincere appreciation for the Christmas package you sent to myself and the other servicemen of the Tri-Village area. The support and thoughtfulness of people such as yourselves is a key factor in the morale and spirit of the American fighting man. The importance of our knowing that we are fighting for a way of life and a system of government that we believe in, instead of just a piece of land far from home, cannot be over-emphasized. Your presents, and the thought behind them, serve as a timely reminder of these ideals we are striving for.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Lt. Henry E. McCauley

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Albany County To Welcome Department Commander

Albany County American Legion will welcome Department of New York Commander James P. Heneghan next month with a dinner in his honor at the Scully Post, 348 Central Avenue, Albany. Chairman for the event is his possible successor, Edward R. Delehanty. Saturday, February 4th is the date. The time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50. A dance follows.

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BOWLING

Here's the way the scores stood as the Post's Bowling League neared the half-season mark:

TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Infantry	33	24	18	.571
Tanks	32½	23	19	.548
Marines	30	23	19	.548
Engineers	28½	22	20	.524
Artillery	28	21	21	.500
Army	28	20	22	.476
Navy	27	21	21	.500
Coast Guard	17	14	28	.333

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

	Pinnage	Games	Avg.
1. Loftus, E.	7492	42	178
2. McCarthy, B.	6352	36	176
3. Cleary, J.	5265	30	175
4. Stinson, K.	6769	39	174
5. Johnston, W.	4699	27	174
6. Andre, M.	6144	36	170
7. Larkin, S.	7058	42	168
8. Tangora, A.	6840	42	163
9. Mitchell, B.	5865	36	163
10. Beckmann, A.	5396	33	163
11. Williams, V.	5608	35	160
12. Roach, R.	5244	33	159
13. Voelmle, O.	6632	42	158
14. Williams, H.	3311	21	158
15. Strickland, R.	6148	39	157
16. Stephany, S.	6101	39	156
17. Lenseth, R.	5468	35	156
18. Flint, W.	5156	33	156
19. Greenwood, A.	4692	30	156
20. Lantz, G.	5566	36	154
21. Klett, S.	5536	36	154
22. Cole, R.	5993	39	153
23. Heilmann, G.	6390	42	152
24. Geurtze, G.	5875	39	150
25. Smith, P.	6275	42	149
26. Wickert, A.	5816	39	149
27. Haker, J.	5805	39	148
28. Butman, G.	5561	38	146
29. Mosmen, B.	5221	36	145
30. Stahlhut, F.	5641	39	144
31. Battisto, M.	5067	36	140
32. Schmidt, L.	5862	42	139
33. Pugliese, A.	5783	42	137
34. Hanrahan, E.	5767	42	137
35. Buker, F.	4952	36	137
36. Monette, L.	4929	36	137
37. Wiley, C.	5711	42	136
38. Feiden, G.	5205	39	133
39. Costigan, E.	4788	36	133
40. Woehrl, A.	5069	42	120

The mid-season dinner is scheduled for this month at Joseph's in Ravenna.

HOW TRUE IT IS!

We must learn patience and love, work with people on their level, not expecting them to have the same attitudes and reactions as we have, if we expect to win the most important world war we have ever fought, the war against human misery.

A. L. MT. CAMP

Commander Cannizzaro has received from President Walter P. Sokolowski of The American Legion Mountain Camp Inc., at Tupper Lake, New York, an appeal to solicit your help in raising funds for the camp.

In his letter, Walt states: "Since its inception in 1923 the men's infirmary at the Camp has given 203,937 hospital days completely free of charge to those disabled veterans less fortunate than ourselves. This year, to help raise funds to meet rising operating costs, we are asking for your support by using American Legion Mountain Camp seals on your mail. Won't you please help support your Mountain Camp by contributing your dollar for each sheet of 64 stamps."

A supply of stamps are available at the Post and may be secured from Art Quinn at the bar. Your contribution is an allowable income tax deduction. If you wish to write away for a supply of stamps, send letter to Mr. Sokolowski at the Tupper Lake address of the American Legion Mountain Camp.

This campaign is a supplement to the Mountain Camp membership drive for which Bud Mosmen is chairman for the Post. Dues is a dollar. If he can't get to you — you get to him!

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of U. S. Naval Reserve officers from our community.

At the graveside ceremony a firing squad from the U. S. Navy executed the customary volleys. A Navy bugler sounded the sorrowing tone of taps.

After the funeral Commander Cannizzaro expressed these sentiments: "I pray we shall not have another such sad event from this war but I am satisfied that we have set a pattern that is in keeping with the occasion."



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PRAY FOR ICE

Plans are all set for a Children's Ice Carnival.

It'll be Saturday, January 7, at D. Cady Herrick's estate, 119 McCormack Road, in Slingerlands.

Carnival chairman is Fred Stahlhut. If his agreement with the Chaplain is fulfilled the ice will be hardened for the events to commence at one p.m. Last year the ice carnival plans had to be cancelled because of warm weather. This will be the first time the Post's skating party for the kids of the community is being held at the Herrick pond. Previously it has been at the Von Ronne pond for many years. The water there has drained away. Both Legionnaires Von Ronne and Herrick are to be commended for their generosity in making available these facilities to the Post for this program.

The Ice Carnival has always drawn a large number of youngsters. This year is expected to be greater than ever.

Fred has a cadre of aides organized to launch the carnival. He's still looking for everyone else who wants to help in this great work the Post is doing for the youngsters. For one thing he's got a call out for a few station-wagons to be at the Post about 12:30 p.m. on Carnival Day to transport the food, utensils and prizes to the skating pond.

Here's some of the assignees and the jobs they've taken for the day:
Snow removal: Ed Costigan;

Food Preparation: Sgt.-at-Arms John Brady, Jim Tebbutts, Ollie Palmer, Vice Commander Hugh Stowers and Past Commander Al Greenwood;

Grounds supervision: Past Commander Dick Lenseth, Dan Lantz and Viet Nam Vet (our newest Post member) Ken Simpson, Jr.;

Starting Line: Adjutant Warren Moessner, Dave Parr, Sid Kaplan;

Finish Line: Past Commander Rodger Fryer, Past Commander Charlie O'Hara, Gene Fitzpatrick;

Prizes: Joseph Cannizzaro

For an idea of the attendance at the carnival, Chairman Fred estimates a need for sixty pounds of hot dogs (10 to the lb.) which will be encased in hot dog rolls; 75 quarts of hot chocolate garnished with marshmallows and sixty prizes for the boys and girls.

Races scheduled are for four-year olds and under; and from five to thirteen years old.

An application for a pari-mutuel booth is being considered by the Ice Carnival committee.

(P.S.: Remember to wear your Legion cap, if you have one).

179 NEEDED

Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Tom Patterson has done a great job so far in bringing the Post membership to 75% of its quota (as of Dec. 19). He's had some help but not enough. With the holiday rush out of the way those of you among the 179 who have not paid their 1967 dues should take this note as a reminder to get your dues into the Post. To make the quota we can't wholly depend on the unpaid members. There is a strong potential of members among our acquaintances who've never been asked to join the American Legion. You should be the one to break through this barrier of un-asked. And with the membership roll now open to Viet Nam war-time vets we're looking for more of them to keep our freshman member, Ken Simpson, Jr., company. Do your part in encouraging them to join.

GET A NEW MEMBER

Noon Dates For WW1 Vets

Here is the schedule of luncheon gatherings for the next four months for the fellows of the "Doughboy" era. They've been set up by Past Commander Win Robinson whose been doing an admirable job in keeping his World War I buddies together. The luncheon-meetings will take place at the Elsmirian Restaurant in Delaware Plaza in Elsmere at 12:30 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month the dates are:

January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9.

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If the truth were only told,
Don't say it.

If you know some dreadful scandal,
Such as gossips always court,
And could add a few words to it
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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICAN LEGION LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM . . . 90th CONGRESS

The National Legislative program for the first session of the 90th Congress, which convenes January 10, 1967, has now been established. The legislative portfolio consists of 120 resolutions adopted by the 1966 National Convention and by the National Executive Committee at its October meeting. Set forth below by number and short title is but a sampling of our legislative objectives which we believe will be of interest to you.

AMERICANISM

Res. 6-66 Urges to continue House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee without any curtailment of their jurisdiction or appropriations.

Res. 46-66 Supports legislation which would make it a crime to desecrate the United States Flag.

Res. 134-66 Supports Constitutional amendment to permit recitation of prayer in public buildings.

CHILD WELFARE

Res. 395-66 Seeks legislation to effectively control sale and distribution of dangerous drugs.

Res. 677-66 Supports legislation to expand treatment and rehabilitation of persons addicted to narcotics.

ECONOMIC

Res. 11-F-66 Asks for extension of delimiting dates of GI Home Loans for WW II and Korean veterans for period of three years.

Res. 102-66 Supports Federal and State Veterans Employment Services.

Res. 295-66 Supports the Veterans Preference Act of 1944.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Res. 230-66 Urges legislation to prohibit financial aid to any United Nations fund or other international program which will aid countries or foreign institutions dedicated to overthrow of U.S.

Res. 340-66 Opposes "general and complete disarmament" by U. S. and insists that defense posture remain unimpaired.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Res. 260-66 Urges Congress to establish National Cemetery System.

LEGISLATIVE

Res. 411-66 Calls for establishment of a Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Res. 127-66 Opposes inclusion of Peace Corps and Poverty Corps in draft program and exemption of such members from service in Armed Forces.

Res. 288-66 Asks extension of Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, to June 30, 1971.

Res. 426-66 Supports maintenance of National Guard and Reserve components.

Res. 686-66 Opposes proposals to reduce benefits for Armed Forces personnel and supports pay increase.

Res. 688-66 Supports adequate funds for continued United States supremacy of the high seas.

REHABILITATION

Res. 174-66 Sponsors and supports legislation to increase monthly pension rates, expand income limitations, and provide improvements in pension program.

Res. 236-66 Opposes hospitalization of non-veterans in VA hospitals.

Res. 414-66 Urges Congress to provide adequate funds for VA services and facilities.

Res. 453-66 Seeks for veterans of service in the Vietnam area a benefits program comparable to that provided other wartime veterans.

Res. 510-66 Sponsors and supports legislation to increase the monthly rates of disability compensation.

Legislative Conference Dinner

The Department of New York annual legislative conference takes place February 20th and 21st at the Ten Eyck Hotel. Various committees of the Legion will meet to discuss new and proposed legislation. Usually the national commander attends the dinner at which the Legion hosts many members of the legislation. Dinner tickets are \$7.50 per person. The dinner is preceded by a reception. Dinner Chairman is Steve Maney of Capitol City Post.

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installed. The price also affects the setting of a new aerial to improve the set's reception after it has been installed. The present set will be relocated in the squad room until an acceptable offer is made by someone who may wish to buy it. The approved floor action on the new TV now goes to the Board of Directors for its action in carrying out the expressed motion of the voting membership of which there were about thirty.

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