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BLANCHARD POST PRESENTS MAJOR ANDERSEN - U.S.M.C.

As a service to the community our Post is setting aside the mid-October meeting for an address by U. S. Marine Corps Major Andrew E. Andersen. An advisor to the Vietnam Marines before his assignment last March to the Marines Reserves in Albany, the major has an impelling report to give on the southeast Asia situation. His subject is "America's Commitment in Vietnam.'

The forcefulness of his talk has caused this Vietnam War Vet to be in demand. He is worth hearing over and over again. His thoughts are worth repeating. For those who have heard him it is to their credit to encourage others to come to Blanchard Post to hear him." urges our Commander, Sid Kaplan.

The marine major is a native of Providence, Rhode Island, from where he received a degree in political science at Brown University in 1953. He is a Phi Delta Theta. His marine duties brought him to many parts of the world. He served in Korea, was a company commander in the Lebanon crisis, and a member of the Honor Guard and demonstration groups at the Quantico Marine Base. In the Dominican Republic he was a Spanish Interpreter for Major General J. P. Berkeley, U.S.M.C.

For his Vietnam service he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross for gallantry twice, and most recently our Nation's Legion of Merit. He has the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. Also the Navy-Marine Parachute Wings as well as the Vietnamese parachute wings.

His assignment locally is Inspector and Instructor for Marine Reserve H Company of the 25th Marines at the Reserve Center, Washington and South Lake Avenues, Albany. He and his wife and their three children reside in New

So that the full impact of Major Andersen's talk will not be lessened for loss of time, Commander Kaplan will dispense with the business portion of the meeting. The meeting is set for 8:30 p.m., on the minute, and you are urged to be present at least fifteen minutes before the meeting. The date is Monday, October 16. The speaker is scheduled to be introduced by Post Adjutant Merwyn K. Atwood.

"This is an open meeting," Commander Sid announces. "The importance of Major Andersen's talk is so great that we want our members to bring their wives and guests. The Auxiliary has been invited to participate with us in this meeting. Adjutant Atwood, representing the Town of Bethlehem, Supervisor Bert Kohinke at the last Committee That Cares meeting, urged that group to go back to their respective organizations with an invitation to come to our October 16 meeting to hear Major Andersen.'

Major Andersen has an exceptionally fine set of slides to present with his talk. It is hoped they will supplement his presentation. It is expected a question and answer period will conclude the Major's talk.

Refreshments under the supervision of Refreshment Chairman Al Davis at the close of the meeting will lend a social atmosphere to the occasion.

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World Series Day

Hopefully the baseball champs will be scheduled for Sat., October 7 to coincide with the Post's annual World Series Day.

For the event Vice Commander and Activities Chairman Walt Van Wormer has called on Hank Voorhees to be chairman for this year's B/B Day. We know what a fine job Hank has done for this program in past years. Walt says, "Come on out to the Post and soak in a little of the good old American pasttime. Win, lose or draw, this one should be a dandy." (at the time he announced the event, Walt gave his prediction as "Detroit in six").

Sick Call

It would be most helpful and appreciated if Post members would take the time to notify Hugh Stowers (439-3848) of any Legionnaire who is sick or disabled. Equally important is to inform Post Commander, Sid Kaplan or Hugh Slowers of the death of a member of the Post to enable an assembled group to pay

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Oct. 2 — The Post Affairs Committee meets, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Oct. 7—World Series Day (starts at Noon) at Post

SATURDAY, Oct. 14 — Harvest Moon Ball at the Post, 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Oct. 16 — Mid-monthly Post Meeting; U.S.M.C. Major Andersen, Guest Speaker; 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Oct. 17 — Blanchard Post Auxiliary meeting, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Oct. 26 — County Legion meeting, Voorheesville Post, 8:30 p.m. MONDAY, Oct. 30-Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

KEEP UP WITH WILEY

Among the first to pay his 1967-1968 dues is World War I Vet Charlie Wiley an old-timer around Blanchard Post and for a long time secretary of the Bowling League. In 1964 he was Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade in the Town of Bethlehem. He and his wife, Katharine, now reside in Colonie.

Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Bill Campbell has sent out the first dues notices for this year. Our quota is 761, the highest ever — through the efforts of last year's chairman, Past Vice Commander Tom Patterson — and Blanchard Post is now second largest in Albany County.

With the eligibility of Vietnam war time vets for membership in the American Legion it offers a greater opportunity to increase our membership roll. The newest date for membership is, after honorable discharge, from August 5, 1964 through today and until cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States. Thus membership is open to all members of the Armed Forces, after honorable discharge from current duty - not only these serving in Vietnam.

Chairman Campbell calls upon all members of the Post to be on the Membership Committee for two specific purposes. Says Bill, "You can help yourself and the American Legion by paying your own dues now and getting at least one new, or re-instated, member into the Legion through our Post. You're all good Legionnaires. Be a better one by doing this."

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Auxiliary President's Corner

The first news item dates back to September 15 when our Auxiliary was host to the Albany County Delagates. Representing Blanchard were President Helen Reynolds, Past President Betty Costigan, Past Department President Maud Hafley, along with Murey Flanigan, Mary Conner and Zen Campbell. Maud also headed a committee which was busy in the kitchen preparing and serving refreshments. Her co-workers were Lee Hurley, Ann de Heus, Chris Barkhuff, Mabel McCredie and Anita Schaming. Over 75 County Delagates were served.

On October 20 President Helen Reynolds and the following Committee Chairmen: Membership, Zen Campbell; Child Welfare, Lee Hurley; and Rehabilitation, Maud Hafley, will travel to Kozel's in Columbia County to attend the Third District Conference. This conference will essentially serve the purpose of a planning committee. President Helen will report the conclusions of the conference at the November meeting of the Auxiliary.

October is the dateline for dues. If you forget to pay or were sidetracked by a busy schedule, please send the check (\$3.50) to our Membership Chairman: Mrs. William J. Campbell, 264 Kenwood Avenue, Elsmere. Checks and money orders should be payable to Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary. Zen will be collecting dues at the next general meeting of the Auxiliary, October 17.

Any kind of store stamps and coupons from Mrs. Filbert's Margarine and Betty Crocker and Borden products will be gratefully received by Anita Schaming. Those old stamps and coupons which are too few to be redeemed by you can add up to high cash for the State Auxiliary. Anita informs us that the stamps and coupons collected by our Unit are sent to the County Chairman who, in turn, sends them to the State Chairman. Last year, throughout the whole state, the stamps and coupons collected were redeemed for \$3,000. This money, as that collected in previous years, has always been used for the most worthwhile causes. Don't throw away those coupons and stamps. Save them! Anita will collect them at every meeting.

What two patriotic organizations have common interests and goals? The answer is easy and logical. The Blanchard Post American Legion and its Auxiliary. The members of both groups, under the leadership of Post Commander Sidney Kaplan and Auxiliary President Helen Reynolds are uniting their efforts to continue the high ideals and standards already prevalent here in the Blanchard Post. During the year Commander Kaplan and the Post Affairs Officers will call upon the Auxiliary to assist at their meetings and other organized programs. Cooperation and coordination are the key words for both organizations.

Pages 14 and 15 of the National News has an article which is most gratifying to me. The National American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the building of a two-room school in the barrio (village) Malinta, Dasmarinas, Cavite. I know this area well having served as an overseas teacher for the Department of the Navy. In the Republic of the Philippines I was stationed at Sangley Point, which is a Navy — Coast Guard Base, just outside the city of Cavite. I was fortunate to be able to visit many of the schools in this area to exchange educational and cultural experiences with the Philippino teachers. My third graders had a most memorable trip when we spent a day in a Cavite classroom of the same grade level. Now through the united efforts of the Unit Auxiliaries to the National Headquarters we have contributed to the growth of a nation, whose welfare will be multiplied as countless children pass through these classrooms. God bless the American Legion Auxiliary.

Marcia Rosenfield

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WATCH THOSE DISCHARGE PAPERS

A re-newed warning to the importance of keeping track of the papers issued to members separated from the Armed Forces comes to us from several sources.

Membership Chairman-Vice Commander Bill Campbell alerts us to carefully check the Honorable Discharge certificate of anyone applying for membership in the American Legion. This certificate, according to American Legion regulations, should be seen by the sponsor of the new or re-instated member and an officer of the Post is responsible for confirming that there has been an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces issued to the American Legion applicant.

VAVS Chairman Harold Barkhuff reminds us of the importance of having your Armed Forces discharge available in the event you require medical treatment at a U. S. Veterans Hospital.

Service Officer John F. Caliendo, Jr., echoes Harold's advice for when it becomes necessary for the veteran to seek the services of the Federal or State agencies for veterans' aid.

Honors For Our Post

Blanchard Post was among the nine Albany County posts to be awarded the American Legion Child Welfare Citation at the County Legion meeting last month. The award is a tribute to our last year's commander, Joe Cannizzaro.

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The Daltons (Ruth and Dick) went to Tupper Lake on vacation and it was so cold they had four blankets for each bed. Dick was still cold.

Commander Sid Kaplan and his daughter, Lisa, planned to do some swimming during their Labor Day weekend stay at Tupper Lake, but couldn't find an implement to cut the ice!

They tell me the only time you see Hank Voorhees at a meeting is when he has something to say — Is that right (Hank)?

If you ever go to the track with Ed Tyman don't expect conversation. He's too busy with bookkeeping — trying to balance the books with all the doubles, parlays and other bets he took up for his friends — and no 10% either Ed.

Al Woehrle is on his way up in the American County Legion. We all wish you good luck, Al. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Art Quinn is back at the bar and we're all glad to see him full of pep, vigor and in better health.

I hear Friday nights are going to be lively again with entertainment—(maybe hamburgers and fried onions again, Art?)

Hope all the members are enjoying the *new* stools at the Post bar. You should—they caused enough commotion (WOW)!

Ex-Commander Joe Cannizzaro was reading a newspaper during the Post meeting when the Commander asked him a question. You guessed it — he wasn't listening. Twenty lashes for you ex-Commander.

I hear the shuffle board league will be off with a bang. According to Gene FitzPatrick (our Financial Secretary), it's been greased and the track is clear and fast.

Three cheers for the fellows who handled the bar in Art's absence. Also I hear Bill Campbell now buys pens by the three dozen lots — why? — because every time someone borrows his, it never comes back.

The Thinker

ATTENTION TO THE FLAG

Past Commander William Johnston, Jr., who is also County Legion Chairman for Boys State last month sent this letter to the Editor of our community newspaper, The Spotlight. The letter has an important message for all of us and we deem it a public service and our duty to reprint it here:

By this time, many of our Town residents have seen the "Stars and Stripes," on display, during the night hours, in Veteran's Park, on Delaware Avenue. The flag is dramatically lighted by auto-

matically controlled spotlights.

Dear Sir:

Because it is generally believed that it is not permissable to fly the flag at night even though it is illuminated, an inquiry was addressed to the office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. We were informed that, in our situation. "It would be appropriate to illuminate the flag so that passersby will be aware of its display."

The Adjutant General, Kenneth G. Wickham, supported his comment by quoting from Section 174(a) of Title 35 of the United States Code as follows: "It is the universal custon to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, the flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect."

We believe it is quite fitting and proper to include the flag in the illumination of the veteran's monument in Veteran's Park.

Sincerely
William Johnston, Jr.
Chairman, Town Park Comm.

Harvest Moon Ball

On Saturday, October 14, the Post's annual Harvest Moon Ball takes place. Activities Chairman and Vice Commander Walter Van Wormer has appointed Fred Grasser and Bill McGoey as cochairmen for the event.

Starting at 10:00 p.m., music will be provided by Johnny Van. A "Square Dance Contest" highlights the evening with prizes for the two winning couples.

Coffee and donuts will be served at midnight — "fun night" is assured for all attending.



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Carrying on the business of the Post is of utmost importance. Without it our existence as a group ceases. Therefore, on the first and third Monday of the month there is a regular meeting of the membership at the Post rooms. The scheduled time for this meeting is 8:30.

We have not been getting started promptly at 8:30. The net result of this is that in order to accomplish the order of business we are not adjourning as early as some of the members (and their wives) would like.

Therefore, Commander Kaplan, in the future, will start the meeting promptly at 8:30. For the benefit of all he also asks that everyone try to keep their discussions brief and to the point.

If this is done we will have more time for enjoyment of the buffet and other refreshments provided at the close of the meeting. The regulars know that at this time "good fellows get together" and that a great amount of both formal and informal business of the Post is carried out.

Something To Do For Old Timers

Late this month there will be an orientation program for volunteers at the Albany Veterans Hospital. Past Com-mander Harold Barkhuff, who is the representative for the National American Legion at the Hospital, calls on us to show our interest in this project. Especially he directs his appeal to retired persons, men or women, who are most likely to have free time on their hands to become active in this extremely helpful and important American Legion activity. Anyone interested in this project should contact Harold. If you don't see him at the Post call him at home, 439-1135.

LEADERS

Leaders are never men who stress their hardships. The explorers who opened this country to development did their work against heart-breaking odds. They had to fight the wilderness, storms, and often saw all their supplies swept away when their ships went on the rocks, or their canoes hurtled down rapids, or their storehouses burned. They wasted none of their time and energy complaining. They were too busy creating something.

Hear Hal

For your pleasure the Activities Committee has engaged the services of organist Hal Geurtze to entertain us on Friday nights at the Post. Hal's dance-time music and easy-to-sing-to tunes are adding much to the social atmosphere for which Friday night at the Post has become so well known.

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SHUFFLE BOARD

The season starts Thursday, Oct. 12. Chuck-off time is 8:30 p.m. If you don't choose to play come anyway and root for your favorites — or unfavorites. Join in the fun.

So far signed up for the two-league play are:

Al Adams, Bill Campbell, Bob Coburn, Dick Cole, Jim Cornes, Dick Dalton, Royce Day, Russ Denegar, Henry Engle, Jim Fanning, Bill Flint, Fred Grasser, Red Kernahan, George Laird, Bruce MacDonald, Mike Mele, Bill Mitchell, Pop Morrison, Charles O'Hara, Andy Rooney, George Spawn, Bob Strickland and Norm Thwing.

The players will divide themselves into the American and National League. As the season progresses a Shuffle Board dinner or two will take place if the pattern set by the last few years is followed.

MUSE AWHILE

Timmy, a small boy of six, dearly loved his pet white lamb. Every free moment the boy and his pet would play in the fields. One day the lamb became entangled in a thorny bush. The more it struggled to free itself, the worse became its plight. It bleated mournfully until the child was at last able to free its wool from the thorns. The boy ran to his father, carrying the bleeding animal in his small arms.

"Daddy," he begged. "Please cut down the wicked bush that caught my lamb."

The father inspected the pet, cleansed the wounds and set the lamb free to play again. Then, taking his son by the hand, he bade the child point out the bush. Just as the boy did, a small bird came and perched on the offending branch. The bird lifted its voice in song, seemingly serenading father and child who listened enthralled. Then they watched as the bird gathered in its beak tiny pieces of lamb's wool that were caught on the thorns and flew away.

"The thornbush caught the wool that will be used to warm the bird's nest," explained the father. "Do you still want me to cut down the 'wicked' bush?"

"Oh, no," cried the child as new awareness lit up his face. "It's a good bush." And with that he ran off to play again.

Many times we ask Our Father to remove obstacles from our path, only to discover—upon listening closely to Him—that what we need is not less hurdles, but more love and understanding of His world.

--- Chase Walker

HEARD 'ROUND TOWN

By the time a man finds greener pastures, he can't climb the fence.

It costs so much for wine, women and song there's little left for luxuries . . . A paradox of the age is a \$3,000 boat being pulled by a \$300 car.

Husband: "I'm wearing my golf socks today."

Wife: "What golf socks "

Husband: "You know, the ones with 18 holes in them."

LAW & ORDER ACTIVITIES

The bumper strips carrying the American Legion emblem and the words "Maintain Law and Order" are now available from Americanism Chairman and Past Post Commander Charles O'Hara. The Post has paid for these strips and they are available for the asking. Chairman O'Hara calls on Post members to show their interest in this Legion program by contacting him for a sticker for their car and help give these bumper strips the widest possible distribution.

Also in the promotion of respect for law and the law enforcement officials Commander Sid Kaplan has called on Legionnaire John Bidell to distribute a supply of American Legion issued cartoons, captioned "Your Friend - the Policemen" among the youngsters of the community. The cartoons are for coloring. It shows a policeman with up-raised hand holding traffic while a pair of kiddies with their dog are crossing the highway. The pictures carry the American Legion seal, signature of last year's national commander, John E. Davis, and has these rules: — "Know your policeman — Trust him — Obey all laws Be a good citizen."

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VETERANS PENSION & READJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1967

Increase in Veterans' Pensions

This increase provides an average over-all cost-of-living rate increase of 5.4 percent for all veterans, their widows and children, receiving pension under public law 86-211, as amended, and a substantially greater increase for widows and widows with children in the lowest income categories (approximately 8½ percent). In addition, the bill grants certain wartime benefits not previously provided to veterans serving in the armed forces on or after August 5, 1964, provides increased educational allowances for veterans receiving training under the provisions of public law 89-358, and makes certain changes in laws relating to guaranteed and direct loans for veterans of World War II and later wars.

Pension Provisions

Amounts of pension increase are outlined in the charts which appear below.

Amounts of pension inc	crease are out
VETERAN, NO DEPEN Annual Income Other Tha	DENTS n. Pension
More than	
	1,200.00
But equal to or less than	\$ 600.00
	1.200.00
	1,800.00
Monthly Pension	2,000.00
New-\$104.00	Old-\$100.00
79.00	75.00
45.00	43.00
10.00	45.00
VETERAN, WITH DEPEN	NDENTS
Annual Income Other Than	Pension
More than	
	2,000.00
But equal to or less than	\$1,000.00
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	3,000.00
Monthly Pension	-,
Veteran and one deper	ndent
New-\$109.00	Old—\$105.00
84.00	80.00
50.00	48.00
50.00	40.00
Veteran and two depen	dents
New-\$114.00	Old—\$110.00
84.00	80.00
50.00	48.00
50.00	40.00
Veteran and three or more of	lependents
New-\$119.00	Old—\$115.00
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50.00	48.00
50.00	40.00
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But equal to or less than	¢ 600.00
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	1,800.00
Monthly Pension	1,000.00
New—\$70.00	Old—\$64.00
51.00	48.00
29.00	27.00
29.00	27.00
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	2,000.00
But equal to or less than	\$1,000,00
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	3,000.00
Monthly Pension	0,000.00
New-\$86.00	Old—\$80.00
67.00	64.00
45.00	43.00
-0.00	10.00

NO WIDOW, ONE OR MORE CHILDREN Annual income equal to or less than (earned income excluded)

\$1,800.00

Monthly Pension
New—\$40.00 (for one child) Old—\$38.00
\$16.00 (for each additional child) \$15.00

Pension Increases for Veterans and Widows of Spanish-American War and Prior Wars:

Widows of the Spanish-American War, Civil War and Indian Wars who have been receiving a pension of \$65 a month will receive a basic pension payment of \$70 a month and will be eligible to receive an additional \$50 a month if a patient in a nursing home or if in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person.

Directs the administration of veterans' affairs to pay aid and attendance veteran pensioners of Spanish-American War and Indian Wars under provisions of public law 86-211, as amended, where it would result in their receiving a higher pension payment. These veterans, if they have not elected to receive under provisions of public law 86-211, currently receive \$135.45 monthly, but will be eligible to receive as much as \$209 (in a case where the veteran's wife is still living and he has income other than pension of \$1,000 a year or less).

Special Provisions for Veterans and Widows With Severe Disabilities:

Veterans who continue to receive pension payments under laws effective on or before June 30, 1960, because of failure to elect to receive pension under laws effective after that date, and who are housebound because of the severity of their disabilities but unable to qualify for the aid and attendance allowance, will receive pension in the amount of \$100 a month. These veterans now receive \$78.75 a month if on the pension rolls 10 or more years or if 65 years of age or older, or \$66.15 if under 65 or on pension rolls less than 10 years.

Widows of veterans of all wars will be eligible to receive a monthly allowance of \$50, in addition to pension otherwise payable, if a patient in a nursing home or if in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person.

Veterans of all wars, now eligible to receive aid and attendance allowance only upon a showing that they were helpless or blind or so near helpless or blind as to require aid and attendance of another person, will be presumed to be

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in need of regular aid and attendance if a patient in a public or private nursing home. This presumption also applies to widows in determining their eligibility to receive aid and attendance allowance discussed in paragraph immediately preceding.

Veterans who have attained the age of 65 years will be presumed to be totally and permanently disabled. These veterans must now be determined by VA to have a 10% disability.

The special allowance paid in addition to pension otherwise payable to veterans who are housebound because of the severity of their disabilities and who are receiving pension payment under provisions of law effective on and after July 1, 1960 (public law 86-211, as amended) is increased from \$35 to \$40 a month.

Permits the furnishing of therapeutic or rehabilitative devices, medical equipment and supplies (except medicine), when indicated, to veterans receiving pension based on the need for regular aid and attendance.

Requires the furnishing of drugs and medication, when ordered on prescription of a physician, to aid and attendance pensioners receiving payments of pension under provisions of law in effect on or before June 30, 1960.

Miscellaneous Pension Provisions:

A widow of a deceased veteran is permitted to exclude amounts paid, before or after the veteran's death, for the last illness and burial of a child of the veteran, when computing annual income for pension purposes, and is permitted to exclude expenses of the veteran's last illness which she paid prior to his death.

Eligibility for pension is extended to veterans with service on or after August 5, 1964, and their widows and children, on the same basis of World War I, World War II, and the Korean conflict.

Liberalizes marriage requirements for a widow of a veteran to receive pension. Present law requires that the widow be married to the veteran prior to certain specified dates applicable to each war period; or for five or more years; or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage. This amendment changes the five-year alternative requirement to one year, and clarifies the provision relative to a child born to the parties to the marriage.

John F. Caliendo, Jr. Your Service Officer

Service Pin Award

Post member, Bill Pearsall, has fulfilled twenty-five years of continuous membership in the American Legion. Presentation of his service pin will take place at the next Regular Post meeting.

BOWLERS LINE-UP

Two new faces this year are on the alleys at Sporthaven for the Blanchard Post Bowling League. They are Walt Van Wormer, our Vice Commander for Activities and Bob Willsey, both high-score bowlers. Here's the line-up and how they average out:

Team No. 1 — Marines	
	178
Al Woehrle	124
	146
	164
Bob Smith	166
	778
	118
Team No. 2 — Engineers	100
	175
Ed Hanrahan	$\frac{136}{147}$
Fred Buker Ray Roach	
Bill Mitchell	164
DIII MICHOI	101
	777
Team No. 3 — Infantry	-
A STATE OF THE STA	174
Charles Wiley	138
	150
Dick Cole	155
Gifford Lantz	161
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	778
Team No. 4 — Army	
Jack Cleary, Captain George Feiden	174
George Feiden	139
Ed Costigan	147
Perry Smith	155
Dick Lenseth	102
	777
Team No. 5 — Navy	
Bryant McCarthy, Captain	172
Len Schmidt	
Bob Willsey	
Otto Voelmle	163
Doc Klett	
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	777
Team No. 6 — Tanks	
Skip Larkin, Captain	168
Larry Monette	140
	154
George Heilmann	157
Al Beckmann	159
_	778
Team No. 7 — Coast Guard	110
	160
	$\frac{168}{145}$
	154
Bill Flint	160
Bud Mosmen	151
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	778
Team No. 8 — Artillery	
Angelo Tangora, Captain	167
Al Pugliese	145
Andrew Wickert	154
	154
Walt Van Wormer	158
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Bidell U. N. Week Chairman

Town Supervisor and Past Commander Bert Kohinke has called upon Blanchard Post to assist in the United Nations Week observation. For the occasion he has enlisted the services of Blanchard Legionnaire John F. Bidell to be chairman. October 24th is to be proclaimed United Nations Day in the Town of Bethlehem.

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