



# Ten Forty Times

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SEVENTEENTH YEAR

OCTOBER 1972

## Old Timers To Be Honored

*We are repeating this notice and would like to see some response. Please!*

Blanchard Post would like to honor its long-time members. At a meeting in late fall or early winter, time will be set aside for honoring our veteran members.

In order to make this effort a success, we must have the cooperation of the long term members involved.

Commander Mele has asked Bob Smith to try to obtain a list of old timers and their length of Legion membership. In order to aid Bob in his job, please tell him personally, drop him a card, give him a call or leave a notice with Artie stating your name and years of membership. We are primarily interested in the members with 20 or more years of continuous membership. Please give us your cooperation as that is the only way this program can be successful in honoring those members deserving of recognition.

## MAMA MIA

October 21 will soon be upon us. This means Italian Night Dinner Dance. This is one of the most successful nights of the year at 1040 and it looks like this year is going to follow in the old tradition. I strongly urge that tickets be purchased as soon as possible, for this affair is always a sellout. The donation is only \$5.50. Dinner will be served from 7 to 8:30 promptly.

The menu starts out with a tasty old fashioned antipasto. The main course is cheese manicotti baked in meaty tomato sauce, with meat balls and sausage on the side. To wash all this down we have home-made VINO ROSSO DE ITALIA. Ice cream, cookies and coffee will follow.

After dinner, for your dancing pleasure we are negotiating with one of the most popular musical groups of the area. You may obtain your tickets from Frank Futia, Gus Williams, Mike Mele or Ken Havill. Get your tickets early and have your self a good time.

## Next Meeting

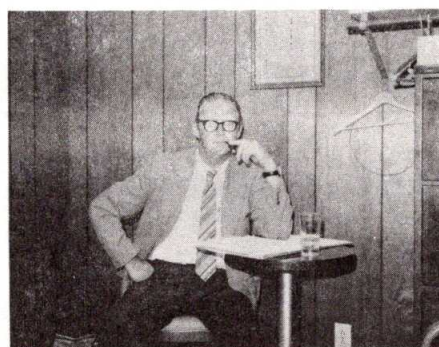
A very interesting movie will be featured at the October 2 meeting. All Post members should plan to attend. It will be worth your time.

## Meet Your Officers

Many Blanchard Post members do not recognize our current officers (on the street, at the bar or at meetings) so beginning with this issue and in subsequent months we shall print their pictures for all to see.



KEN HAVILL, *Vice Commander*



ROBERT EDWARDS, *Adjutant*

## Help!

The Post is still looking for volunteer help. Do you want to cook, make salads, wait on tables, or make yourself useful? Then please volunteer. The activities for the coming year cannot be successful unless we have your cooperation. All aspirants get in touch with Commander Mele, Ken Havill or Frank Futia for volunteer service.

Do it now!

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 2 — Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- 14 — Sports Day
- 16 — Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- 17 — Auxiliary Business Meeting at 8 p.m.
- 21 — Italian Night Dinner/Dance
- 23 — Board of Directors Meeting at 8 p.m.

*Regular meeting every first and third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.*

*Board of Directors Meeting last Monday of each month at 8 p.m.*

## ANNUAL CALENDAR POST ACTIVITIES • 1972-73

- Oct. 14 — Sports Day
- 21 — Italian Night Dinner Dance
- Nov. 11 — All International Night Dinner Dance
- Dec. 9 — Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- 17 — Egg Nog Party
- 23 — Childrens' Christmas Party
- 31 — New Year's Eve Party Dinner Dance
- Jan. 13 — 20 Week Club Party Dinner Dance
- 20 — German Night Dinner Dance
- Feb. 3 — Indoor Sport Day
- 10 — Valentine's Day Party Dinner Dance
- Mar. 15 — Back-to-God Breakfast Family Sunday
- 17 — St. Patrick's Party Dinner Dance
- Apr. 7 — Welcome Spring Party Dinner Dance
- 21 — Past Commanders Party Dinner Dance
- May 25 — Installation of Officers
- 30 — Memorial Day Parade

## Covers

Charles O'Hara (the text book cover man) reports a tremendous success. He says he must have covered every book from here to "H" and back. The kids say thanks, Charlie.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

By MARCIA TURNER

**OFFICERS 1972-1973**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
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First of all, may I apologize to those of the Executive Committee whose names I omitted in the last issue. The committee reads as follows:

3 Years: Norrine Cooke, Peg Korp and Marcia Rosenfield.

2 Years: Helen Quinn, Maud Hafley and Shirley LaMoy.

1 Year: Zen Campbell, Ruth Burns and Mabel McCredie.

County Committee: Lenore Smith, Maud Hafley, Barbara Palmer, Marcia Rosenfield, Della Brady, Helen Reynolds.

Remember, DUES ARE DUE. Della Brady will be happy to accept your \$3.50 and issue your new membership card at our next meeting. Let's try to get our membership 100 percent first!

By the time everyone gets this issue, we will have honored Barbara Palmer with a retirement dinner at Tall Timbers. The committee for the dinner was chairman, Maud Hafley; decorations, Helen Kemnitzer and Lee Hurley; reservations, Zen Campbell and Jean Stowers.

Card Party Chairman Laura Howard says final plans are under way for the Card Party on October 3. Tickets are sponsored by Myers Travel Agency and

will be available from members or at the door. Fashions will be from the Fashion Wheel on Western Avenue. Auxiliary members who will be modeling are: Gail Vanderwood, Marcia Rosenfield, Bernice Lawson, Ruth Jorgenson, Marcia Turner, Noreen Giacone, Gwen Grasser and Diane Grasser. Hair styles will be by John's. Betty Costigan and Ann Williams will be hostesses; Joan Campbell and Cindy Palmer will take care of the coat-room; and Barbara Palmer and Zen Campbell are in charge of tickets.

Norrine and Esther Cooke will be more than happy if each member will bring one book of trading stamps to the covered dish supper, so they may buy door prizes for the card party.

Guess this is all the news for this issue—looking forward to seeing you soon.

M

**Two on Furlough**

Air Force Lieut. Richard Seidenstein (Sid Kaplan's nephew) was home on leave this September. Lieut. Seidenstein is a 22-year-old command pilot of four engine jets, stationed on Okinawa. Sid is as proud as a peacock.

Keith Hulslander was home on furlough after a tour of duty in Vietnam and Korea. Sergeant Hulslander is married to Regina Futia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Futia.

**Winner**

The winner of the 50-50 drawing on Friday, Sept. 15 was Mr. Earl Hoffman of East Greenbush, N. Y.

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**ON MEMBERSHIP****▶ ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS**

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If you have never been inducted into membership or received your pin, now is the time to do it? If you know of any members who have not, please urge them to present themselves for induction.

**▶ REFRESHMENTS**

A free "Dutch lunch" always follows our regular meetings. These lunches under the direction of Chairman Al Davis are famous. You are missing a good deal by not attending meetings and enjoying the lunch.

**▶ NEW MEMBERS**

We intend to list the name of every new member in the 1040 *Times* this year. We are proud of our new members and want all other members to get to know them.

**▶ RECRUITING**

Your Membership Chairman appreciates the great efforts extended by all in getting new members. Keep it up! Bring prospective members to visit our Post. Attend a social function or a meeting. One visit will convince most that a ten dollar a year membership in Blanchard Post has got to be one of the biggest bargains around today.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING

Twenty-two loyal Legionnaires met at the Post for the first regular meeting of the new season. After the opening ceremony by Post Commander Mele, and the usual reports, Bill McGoey pleaded for more support of the "September 21st Saratoga Night," pointing out the joys of the evening at the track and promising all the winning horses for the night. He's sure to be right in one of eight tips.

The new Chairman of the Board, George Butman, talked about the need for committee chairmen to take a more active part in selling and distributing tickets for Post affairs. He asked for new faces and bodies as volunteer workers at these same affairs as waiters, kitchen help, etc.

Ed Korp asked that the Board of Directors' annual report to the members be read at an early, coming meeting. Our chairman responded affirmatively to the request.

Bill Blanchard, speaking for the green table sportsmen, asked that a radio be bought for their favorite room. The membership agreed to provide the soothing music to shoot by.

Members were pleased to hear a letter read aloud from David Houghtaling of Greenock Road in Delmar, thanking the Post for making possible his participation in Boys State at Morrisville.

Our Chairman of the Board directed some remarks particularly to the young members, asking for their participation in the activities and affairs of the Post. He invited Bill Blanchard Jr., who championed the case for lower prices at the bar to attend the next board meeting to better understand the needs for funds to continue the fine operation of the Post.

Past Commander Al Woehrle asked for a resolution in support of changing Veterans Day back to the fixed date of November 11. This was supported by Ed Korp and will be presented to the membership for their approval at a future meeting.

Our chairman talked about a weekend enjoyed by a group of our members and their brides at Paradise Point at Tupper Lake. He reminded the membership that this resort, operated by and for Legionnaires, is open from June 1 to Labor Day and offers excellent facilities at reasonable prices. He recommended support of this excellent facility. B. E.

### Taps

We extend our sympathy to their families and mourn our departed comrades: Frank E. Turner, Armon H. Livermore and H. Kenneth Geurtze who passed on during the summer months.

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## WHO'S THE JACK NICKLAUS OF BLANCHARD POST?

Below are the names of Post members and guests who are competing for that honor at the Normanside Country Club. See the November issue for results. R. C.

|                |                 |                |                |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Al Adams       | Tom Hasselbarth | Hank Voorhees  | Dick Lenseth   |
| Bill Hazel     | George Kass     | Bill Flint     | Johnny Meleski |
| Pete Schaming  | Dan Lantz       | John Ennis     | Ed Korp        |
| Al Rowe        | J. Spencer      | Ken Stinson    | Al Beckmann    |
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| John Brownrigg | Bill Tougher    | Bill McDermott | Joe Cummings   |
| Bill James     | Bud Mosmen      | Bud Viele      | Kevin Cummings |
| Bill Vogel     | Mike Pina       | Jim McDonough  | Jim Cummings   |
| Bob Sowers     | Pete Sowers     | Matt Klapp     | Bob Fraim      |
| Bruce Wayman   | Cliff Van Dyke  | Ken Decker     | Rusty Miller   |
| Bill Reed      | Spence Fredicks | Fred Clas      | Tom Neary      |
| Dick Sowers    | Dan Cumo        | Dom Camineti   | Gus Williams   |
| John Hamberger | Bill Johnson    | Mike Mele      | Dick Dalton    |
| Bud Kriedler   | Bob Gentner     | Tom Golden     | Bob Neaton     |
| Ed Steffler    | Bob Broome      | Ray Gaworski   | Royce Day      |
| Bob Miller     | R. Parkinson    | Fred Lincoln   | D. Hutchinson  |

Ray Greenquist and Bob Shulkin

## S-Q-U-A-W-K B-O-X

The 1040 *Times* would like to start a new wrinkle in their monthly publication. There are many members in this Post (over 800) and I am sure there are also many ideas, views, or squawks that should be brought to everyone's attention. We will call this the "Squawk Box" and each issue we will print any comment that any member would like to air. The only requisite to be met is that he must place his signed views in a sealed envelope marked to the attention of the Editor of 1040 *Times* and left at the bar.

To start the Squawk Box going for this month, I will make a comment. Why can't arrangements be made so that a sandwich may be purchased on a Friday night? I don't mean anything fancy but something simple like hamburgers, ham and cheese or cold roast beef. I am sure that the Friday night crowd would really "eat this up."

I realize that volunteers are difficult to come by, but if a time schedule for serving were set up (like between 10:30 and 12:30) the problem would be minimized and would keep the working time of volunteers to a minimum. The two working hours could be divided between two volunteers so that neither would lose out on the festivities for the rest of that evening.

Fellow members, what do you think? Let's have some response. What do you say, Commander, will you look into this?

## 20 Week Club

There are ticket books still available for the 20 Week Club. In case you have forgotten, this club is for the building fund. You not only get a free dinner on dance night, but approximately 25 opportunities to win some money. Stop in and pick up your ticket book.

## Shuffleboard

The Shuffleboard League starts October 12 at 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to play should sign up now. Check the bulletin board at the Post Rooms for registration.

## SPORTS DAY

October 14, 1972 is Sports Day. Al Vanderwood is the chairman and would like to see this day be a big success. The cost is \$5.50 and listen to what you get:

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## POST BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS AND OCTOBER ALE-TALES

### THE EXTRA FRAME

... and a double-shot welcome to the league to Matt 'Army' DYBAS, Joseph 'Tanks' MARINO, Gary 'Marines' ROACH, Rollie 'Coast Guard' WHITNEY and a big welcome-home to Angie 'Marines' TANGORA... and it's sure good to see Big Phil GIACONE, Jr. back at the Post after his long hospital siege... glad to hear our noted alumnus Ed BOLLMAN is back in action after going ten rounds with Slugger Coronary!... and the strong man himself—Big Bill MITCHELL had a bout with a little hospital (maybe a lot) in-patient care. Glad to have ya back in action, Bill!... and how about that Dick DALTON! He won bowling tourney money at the State Legion Tourney in Cortland in '71 and comes right back in '72 to win even more money at Hempstead... good to see Bryant McCARTHY around the other Friday P.M. Didya ask, "Don'tcha think Bryant and Dick Dalton resemble each other?" And why shouldn't they! They are both Celtic Lads with roots in the Auld Sod!... and a big congratulation to Francis A. (Fightin' Frank) FUTIA for his very successful debut as Editor with his first issue of the 1040 Times... and believe me there are a lot of hard feelings because nobody from our league was picked for the U.S.A. Olympic Beer Drinking Team — methinks genial Al BECKMANN let us down somewhere in not getting at least two of us on the team... c'mon, fellas, let's git those new members in the Post! You too, gals, give us a hand... the way young John Owen SMITH is growing I think he's going to top Al VANDERWOOD... we've started off this year with so many battles and disagreements that we're just gonna have the greatest Post year ever... and a guy who's always 100 percent for Blanchard is our former Cmdr.—that WW 1 Vet Norm BENDER that's who!... heh! heh! just think, I got not one, not two, but *three* in the ROACH family to pick on this year... and who's that couple in the Post on so many Friday nights who really put on some dancing show? Congratulations to you both; I just don't know your names... and a gent who does so many favors for so many Post people is Sid 'The Alpine skier' KAPLAN, that's who! If anybody tops Sid it's that lovely lady with all the clothes—Mary KAPLAN!... and howja like the fairness of those Eastern European judges when they were judging American athletes in the Olympic games? (Oh, Duster, how you drip with sarcasm, you DRIP!)... and don'tcha feel like hollerin' "Right On, Lad!" when you see John Law putting the arm on Joe Hot-Dog

after he was fogging in-and-out of traffic at 90 M.P.H. and almost causing steen accidents... and a big buncha orchids to Marcia TURNER for her initial 1040 Times column... and maybe ya don't think that field goal specialist Joe 'The Colonel' FIATO feels that he was born a few years too soon when he sees these place-kickers making 75 grand a year... so Big Ed KORP was "Do You Know" when all the time I thought it was Bill ALWELL!... a place in the Tri-Village has four houses in a row daily displaying our American Flag. A bald, bearded-type comes by and thumbs his nose at all four flags. Guess what candidate's name he had on his bumper sticker?... want to start an argument? Ask a State worker about the five bucks parking charge... and we certainly got a pro this year as advertising chairman in Bill McGOEY!... and if ya wanta see Ed KORP turn three shades of purple ask 'em how he likes the name of his team, 'The Medics.'... and Ann and Gus Williams are a couple for Blanchard Post 100 percent... and a big round of applause to Helen REYNOLDS on being chosen No. One County Auxiliary Gal... and how about Gloria and Bob BROOME—not only do they have an all-star baseball player in the family this year, but a wedding, too!... and another wedding of importance was the MARINO-BERRY occasion — bringing together two of our illustrious families... how about some bowling, ya ask? Well, we have to go to press so early hang-ten until next issue, O.K.!... wish I could make a smart-aleck comment on Ron and Warren MOESSNER, but I haven't seen them for quite a spell... come back in November and see what trivia I'll give-ya! (Duster, I think yer sick!) and remember, when in doubt, bid the suit nearest yer thumb!

*The Gutter Duster*

### FREE EYE EXAM

The Bethlehem Lions Club will conduct a Glaucoma Clinic at the Blanchard Post on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All members, and in fact all residents of the town, are invited to take advantage of this very important eye examination.

Remember, glaucoma can result in blindness if not treated in time. The procedure takes only a few minutes and is quite comfortable. Coffee "and" will be served by the Legion. This will be the second time the Post Rooms have been made available for the Bethlehem Lions Club's Glaucoma Clinic.

Take advantage of this opportunity. Forewarned is forearmed! S. K.

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Dear Sir,

I would like to thank your Post of the American Legion for the opportunity which you made possible to me. The Boys' State program was one which I feel is worthwhile to every boy in attendance, and I was no exception.

During the week on the Morrisville Campus, I met many people from all over New York. The counselors were both interested and willing to help make the week fun as well as educational. I feel that the staff which ran the activities and those who worked behind the scenes on the program did a wonderful job.

This week should be continued for the good of the thousand boys that will have the chance to go next year. They will consider it just as wonderful as I do after each one of them works in that program for one week.

I was grateful to the people who gave of their time to talk to us in a preliminary meeting prior to our departure date. If at all possible, this meeting should be continued because it benefits the Boys' Stater greatly. Tom Tomlinson was the 1971 representative from Elmere, and he was able to give good suggestions to me, which I feel only a previous Boys' Stater could give.

If there is a time when I would be able to explain my experience to the members of your Post, I would be happy to do so. Also next June, prior to the Boys' State week, I would be willing to talk with the boys going to Morrisville for their week.

I would again like to thank the American Legion for this opportunity, and particularly the members of Blanchard Post for sending me to the Morrisville Campus from June 25 through July 1.

Sincerely,  
David Houghtaling

### Sick Call

Ed Bollman, George Brown, A. Kendrick, Bill Mitchell, Jim Corns and Fred Trombe have been hospitalized over the summer months. Greetings of good cheer were sent and we all hope by now they are on the road to recovery.

If anyone knows of sick or hospitalized comrades, please notify the Commander, Art Quinn or Hugh Stowers.

### I Apologize

We made a mistake in spelling Milt Andre's name last month. I'm sorry Milt ... it won't happen again. (Ed.)

### \* Gem of the Month

It is nice to be important, *but* it is more important to be nice.

## TIME AGAIN

Our Post activities are beginning for 1972 and 1973, and as your Commander I assure you one and all that I will do all I can for a successful year. I know many of the members cannot be too active, but every little bit will count, by trying to attend meetings or by attending our Post social affairs.

We are always glad to have new members, so try a bit harder this year and perhaps you can find them. Many will join, if you ask. Also, we need workers and chairmen for social events.

So, if you want to get your feet wet, let us know—and by the way, if you have any complaints, I'd like to hear them also.

Again, thank you for your help and confidence.

Mike Mele

## GOLF DAY

Blanchard Post Golf Day took place at Normanside on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, and even though we had two strikes again us, RAIN, many of the members and guests took to the links. Some played just six holes, but many played nine, including "yours truly," and a few had guts to go eighteen. Wow!

Ray Callagan, Golf Chairman, said that over 60 came despite the rain; also Ray assured us all no one would get sunstroke (funny, Ray).

Many prizes were given to all those men that had low net, low gross, and closest to the pin. So ALL THAT TALENT didn't go to waste. Also door prizes were awarded. Ray Callagan did a great job. Good luck, next year—and Ray—check the almanac again for your next Golf Day. (Maybe it will be right for a change.) M. M.

## Convincing

The way to convince another is to tell your case moderately and accurately. Then scratch your head, or shake it a little, and say that is the way it seems to you, but that of course you may be mistaken about it; which causes your listener to receive what you have to say, and as like as not, turn about and try to convince you of it, since you're in doubt. But, if you go at him in a tone of positiveness and arrogance you only make an opponent of him. B. Franklin

## Happy Columbus Day

*In fourteen hundred ninety-two,  
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.*  
Oct. 9 is Columbus Day. Fly your Flag.

## A Winnah!

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## REPORT OF 1972 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 54th Annual Department of New York Convention at the War Memorial Auditorium in Syracuse on July 19-22 had these highlights: (1) addresses by N.Y. State Lieut. Gov. Malcolm Wilson, Congressmen John H. Terry and James M. Hanley, 1972 Oratorical Contest winner Robert Garrison (with a brilliant presentation), Past National Commander and now head of the Veterans Administration Donald E. Johnson and Air Force Maj. Gen. Daniel 'Chappie' James, Jr., Deputy Exec. Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs whose 45-minute talk was interrupted a dozen times with applause and standing ovations (he spoke about racial equality, the Vietnam War and the need to re-instill a spirit of patriotism); (2) the five-hour parade in which our Post Colors were carried; (3) election of officers for the coming year.

Only two resolutions met defeat on the convention floor. They had to do with the method in which positions in the parade are made (presently membership standing is the criteria); this year our District, the Third, was sixth in a ten division line of march with Albany Co. placed fourth in the seven county lineup; and the majority of delegates rejected a move for a special section in the *American Legion* magazine to be set aside for Americanism Committee activities. The argument which won the rejection is if

this is done for one it will prompt other functions to seek equal treatment.

The name of Albany County led the list of the small percentage of counties which had a 100 percent reporting of Posts (Albany Co. has 30) for Americanism. (The County Co-chairman of Americanism is a Blanchard member.)

There was no opposition for the election of Herman G. Harrington as Department Commander. He is from our neighboring county, Rensselaer, also in the Third District. Also elected were five Department Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Treasurer and Chaplain. There was a contest for Historian which ended with a unanimous vote for the present officer.

Anyone who wishes, may see a Convention Program at the office of the Post Commander. Later in the year the Department furnishes Posts with minutes of the convention.

It should be noted your elected delegate, Post Commander Mike Mele was unable to attend. His place was filled by Alternate Delegate Al Woehrle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Smith, Delegate  
Alexander J. Woehrle

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