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NINETEENTH YEAR

OCTOBER 1974



Steve Anthony and his big band will entertain on Italian Night, Saturday, Oct. 19. Dinner will be from 7:30 to 8:30 followed by dancing from 9 to 1 a.m. All ticket reservations must be picked up one week before the party. Ask at Post or contact John Vogel.

EDITOR'S DESK

On the subject of amnesty, an Albany newspaper reported that veterans organization affiliated, older persons are "idealistically regimented" and have elected officers who "parrot positions" of national headquarters. One exception that comes to mind is the President.

Back in 1953, McGraw Hill published "It All Started With Columbus" written by Richard Armour who advised that America was founded by Columbus in 1492. He identified this as an easy date to remember because it rhymed with "ocean blue" which, he said, was the color of the Atlantic in those days.

In addition to honoring the great navigator and discoverer this month it is fitting to mention in passing that the Post's annual Italian Night Dinner and Dance is scheduled for October 19. Details are elsewhere in this issue.

In reviewing the initial Ten Forty Times issue under the current stewardship the only name spelled incorrectly was the editor's. The day we delivered the September edition to the Delmar PO we followed Al Woehrle and a handsome but very large dog up the steps. At the top level, before entering, Al turned to the dog and with the full ring of authority commanded "SIT." The dog and all within hearing did just that.

Later, when we delivered the extra copies from the printing overrun to the Post bar, we passed them over to Tip Nelson and commented to Tip that his picture was in that particular edition. A nearby patron inquired, "How much is the reward?"

Our nomination for quote of the month, by the former personal secretary to the Representative from New York's 20th District: "I can hardly say that Bella was ever a gentleman, let alone a lady."

Representative F. Edward Hebert, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has spoken out against amnesty for Vietnam deserters and draft-dodgers. The 1974 Congressional Directory, 93rd Congress, 2nd Session, lists the following upstate Congressmen on the committee: Samuel S. Stratton, 28th District; Carleton J. King, 29th District; and Donald J. Mitchell, 31st District.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

- Oct. 5 West Point Football Trip
- Oct. 12 Sports Day
- Oct. 19 Italian Night Dinner Dance
- Oct. 26 20 Week Club Dinner Dance
- Nov. 16 Hawaiian Night Dinner Dance
- Dec. 7 Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- Dec. 15 Egg Nog Party
- Dec. 21 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 25 German Night Dinner Dance
- Feb. 1 Indoor Sports
- Feb. 8 Ice Skating Party
- Feb. 15 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
- Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
- Mar. 23 Back to God Breakfast
- Apr. 5 Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
- Apr. 19 Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
- May 23 Installation of Officers
- May 27 Memorial Day Parade

FOOTBALL

October 5 will be the date for our annual trip to West Point to see the parade and museum and later watch the game between Army and Penn State. Bring everyone in the family. They will sure have an enjoyable day. Price is \$14.00 per ticket which includes ticket to game, bus fare and box lunch. Bus will leave 8:00 a.m. sharp. Call Bill Campbell at 439-3398 or see Art Quinn for your reservations.

Regular monthly meetings every first and third Monday at 8:30 p.m.

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The following committee chairmen have agreed to serve for 1974-75:

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continued next month

Robin Broom Mattice and husband, Bob, have moved to Virginia Beach, Va. She graduated as a physical therapist this summer and has a position at the Norfolk General Hospital.

We are happy that Belle Harris is recuperating at home after major surgery and Joan Stowers is feeling better after a summer on the sick list.

Date to Remember—Saturday, Nov. 2 is **MASQUERADE DANCE**.

Come in costume or casual dress. Prizes will be awarded for most original and funniest costumes. Music will be provided by the Mack Brothers. A buffet will be served at 7:30 and dancing will follow from 9 to 1 a.m. Price is just \$6 per person. Make your reservations with Barbara Whitney. The reservations must be paid by Friday, Oct. 25. Marcia Turner and Barbara Whitney are the co-chairpersons for this event. Last year's dance was such a success in terms of fun if not number of members attending. Let's all get tickets and invite our friends this year.

Sick Call

In addition to those listed in the September issue who were hospitalized during the summer months, there were also the following: Bert Thelander, Al Lahm, Joe Bauhofer and Hank Voorhees. Our greetings for good health were sent to all and hopefully all have recovered.

If someone knows of sick or hospitalized comrades, please notify the Commander or Art Quinn or Hugh Stowers at 431-3848.

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► Past Commander Robt. J. Smith on his election to County Vice Commander.

► E. Gordon Burleigh of Hague, N.Y. on his election to Dept. Commander.

► Edward Klimek from Albany's Zaloga Post on his election to Department Vice Commander.

► James W. Wagoner of Lancaster, Ohio on his unanimous election as the new National Commander of American Legion.

► Past Commander Alexander J. Woehrle on the public recognition of his services and Americanism award emblem by the Department of New York Americanism Chairman.

► Post Commander Doc Simon of White River Junction, Vt. for receiving the Hearst Americanism Award at the Legion National Convention.

► Sergeant-at-Arms Robt. W. Schenk who has been appointed Captain of the Color Guard.

► Past Commander Charles O'Hara, for his efforts on behalf of the annual Legion-sponsored book cover program.

► Earl Hoffman who has accepted a transfer from the position of International Bureau Chief of Ten Forty Times to the post of Science Editor.

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To the Membership

Our Post made its membership quota this year, not through my efforts as the membership chairman but through the efforts of each of you. My thanks to all who talked Legion, brought in new members, retained membership and encouraged others to do so and in general supported the Legion and our Post.

Edward M. Korp
Vice Commander

REMINISCING

From October 1959 issue of *Ten Forty Times*:

For the hard work and time offered by all those who helped to prepare Blanchard Post's float in the Bethlehem, Hudson - Champlain Parade, Commander Al Greenwood expresses warm thanks and appreciation to all the Post members.

From October 1964 issue of *Ten Forty Times*:

Activities Chairman/Vice Commander Bill McGoey has arranged for an added treat for the Friday night gathering of our members and their guests at the Post. It is the organ playing of Chet Albright who has a portable instrument he brings with him.

From October 1969 issue of *Ten Forty Times*:

Committee members are attentively working toward the success of the Fall Card Party and Fashion Show by Dorothy Lynn. Esther Cook and Leonore Smith remind the members to bring the delicious tea sandwiches for serving the guests.

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Having been asked by the Duster to fill his shoes during the coming year while he performs the more important position as *your* POST COMMANDER, I'll do my best to follow in his footsteps with a little lighthearted nonsense of POST DOINGS & PERSONALITIES.

FIRST and FOREMOST—let's all get behind KEN & his COMMITTEEMEN—put our shoulders to the wheel and make this year one of the best and most memorable in POST HISTORY.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS—congrats to CHM'N ED KORP—put us over the top for '74 and has taken the reins again for 1975. We are now the LARGEST POST IN THE COUNTY—LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY BY GETTING YOUR DUES IN EARLY AND ALSO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS.

BUSY BEAVERS—Bill and Jane Alwell—helping out daily and on Friday nights, Barb and Rollie WHITNEY—always busy and working hard, Jack SELIG und FRAU pitching in to help, the BLANCHARD FAMILY—pinch-hitting in the taproom, Tip NELSON for his Friday night assists, Bill CAMPBELL and his mop squad cleaning up after the most recent deluge—SEEMS SOMEONE COULD COME UP WITH A SOLUTION—how about a sump pump being installed at the bottom of both outside stairwells—food for thought?

HAPPY HARVEY, a welcome addition to the Post, Bill BLIVEN ditto—JOLLY JOKERS—P.C. HUGHIE and many others who always have a smile and friendly comment and continued good progress to wifey Joan who had been hospitalized. KORP's KERNELS—

wife PEG and BUKER, EGAN, DYBAS and OATES, LOVEABLE LADIES—the GALS of the LADIES AUXILIARY for the many assists and helping hands.

MELODY MEN—GLEN HABER and TRIO and TONY PEZZULA and THE ARISTOCRATS furnishing music for our FRIDAY NIGHT PARTIES—well attended with fellowship, fun and food enjoyed by all, OPPORTUNITY OPERATOR—P.C. CAMPBELL hustling tickets for BALL GAMES, BUS RIDES, BUSY WEEKENDS, POST PARTIES and EVERYTHIN' ELSE—boy, what a promoter! Need more like him.

Milt Andre

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TO THE COLORS

If we are to believe all of the news reports these days, then things are getting stranger and stranger. One of the latest gems to come to the notice of your correspondent has to do with the current campaign to grant amnesty to a breed of scoff-laws masquerading as martyrs. The subject report quoted one of President Ford's sons as saying that the matter of amnesty was one of the first things he had made it a point to discuss with his father after he had been sworn in as President. The son was further quoted as saying that his father reacted favorably, or words to that effect, to the suggestion that some form of amnesty was in order for deserters and draft-dodgers. This response evidently surprised even the son, along with the majority of the American people. If this interview was correctly reported the nation may be in for a period of "reconstruction" where policy determination could reach ridiculous stages, such as maybe even "let's discuss it with Jane Fonda." One of the tragedies of our times is that the American people have

been and are being manipulated by individuals and groups preaching "salvation" but obviously bent upon destruction, wittingly or otherwise.

Another example of the type of mentality in our midst seeking "vindication" is that preaching the exoneration of convicted traitors of the like of the Rosenbergs and Alger Hess. Here, too, the theme is that they were the victims of a fiendish plot hatched by Communist haters in this country. To seek to clothe these traitors, and the pathetic specimens who deserted the service or suddenly conjured up a conscience, in a cloak of innocence, is to mouth the Fascist-Communist line. And to refer to any action as "revenge" is to do a disservice to anyone who has ever served his country and to the American people at large.

Let us trust that the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars continue to adhere to the principles they have so often expressed on these matters.

Charles J. O'Hara

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 1974

The regular meeting of the Post was opened at 8:46 with 26 members present.

Commander Burns called for the following committee reports:

Finance: All bills paid; balance \$1,676

Post Activities: Oct. 26 is the 20 Week Club Dinner Dance. John Vogel reports that Oct. 28 is New Orleans Night. Still have tickets for \$100 raffle on that night.

Special Activities: Bill Campbell says that there are still seats open for the Dolphins-Patriots game. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. on Sept. 15. Tickets \$20, including bus, ticket, and beer. Sept. 8 is the family game to West Point.

Americanism: Charles O'Hara says book covers are being distributed in the local banks and also in the Post.

Color Guard: The Post welcomes Bob Schenk as its new Captain.

Baseball: Ernie Gall reported that the season was very successful for Blanchard

Post. It finished first in its division. He requested that the Legion sponsor a dinner for the team members.

Unfinished Business: Bill Alwell introduced the thought of Post and the bowling team going half-and-half on shirts. The Commander asked him to look into prices before further discussion.

New Business: Bob Edwards made a motion that a communication be sent to Knickerbocker News protesting cartoon appearing Aug. 28 edition, depicting war veterans in a derogatory manner. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Hugh Stowers and passed.

Good of the Legion: Hank Voorhees requests volunteers for a G.I. party.

The meeting was closed in memory of John McKenna and Joseph Reohr, Sr.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur P. Blanchard
Adjutant

1974-1975 COUNTY DELEGATES and ALTERNATES

Delegates

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A WW2 veteran, he served aboard the Coast Guard's U.S.S. Storis on convoy duty in the North Atlantic.

Ollie and his equally active and charming wife, Barbara, live in Elsmere and have two daughters, Cindy and Terry. He is employed by the Tobin Packing Company where he is a 25-year member. We are also told that he had been an auto race track driver.

If you have the opportunity at any of the social or official functions, say hello to Ollie who you will find is not only a nice guy but an interesting one.



1974-1975 Permanent Committee Chairmen

Americanism	Charles J. O'Hara
Oratorical	Daniel G. Lantz
Baseball	Ernest W. Gall, Jr.
Publicity	Robert J. Smith
Color Guard	Robert W. Schenk
Mountaineers	William J. Blanchard, Sr.
Sick Call & Relief	Hugh W. Stowers
Meeting Refreshments	Albert T. Davis, Jr.

Memorial Day:

Parade Chairman	Ronald Hofaker
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Parade Deputy Chairman	Robt. W. Schenk
Refreshments Chairman	Roland Whitney
Deputy Chairman	Robt. F. Edwards
Deputy Chairman	John A. Vogel

Bowling	Milton Andre
Boys State	Frederick Trombe
Flag	James Blanchard
Grave Registration	Harvey Hasen
	Robert J. Smith
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Legion Grass Roots

Voorheesville and Blanchard Posts got together again on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, for a softball doubleheader and a most pleasant social visit at Voorheesville. A buffet followed the game with hot dogs and the usual with salads supplied by the ladies.

Congratulations to Jack Brady, winner of the 20 Week Club on Sept. 13 and to John Vogel, winner of the 50/50 Club on the same Friday night.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 Hamburgers Start
- 5 West Point Football Trip
- 7 Child Health Day
- 12 Sports Day
- 14 Columbus Day
- 19 Italian Night Dinner & Dance
- 26 20 Week Club Dinner & Dance
- 27 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 28 Veterans Day
- 31 Halloween

Taps

We extend our sympathy to their families and mourn our departed comrades: Richard F. Laraway, Joseph H. Reohr, Sr. and William W. Kerrigan, who passed on during the summer months.

Sleep, soldiers! still in honored rest
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