



# Ten Forty Times

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Twentieth Year

SEPTEMBER 1975

## American Legion Champs for Albany Co., 3rd and 4th Districts



Back Row (left to right): ERNEST GALL, Manager, MARK KLEINKE, STEVE CEBRY, BILL BROOKS, MARK KERRIGAN, ANDY ROSE, MIKE CEBRY, BOB DONLON, KENNETH GALL and JOHN TERKO, Coaches. Front Row (left to right): SHAWN FITZGERALD, DAN BARCLAY, DAVE LITTLE, BILL TOFFENETTI, ED ELDFELDT, JOHN FUREY. Missing for picture: BILL DONLON, MALCOLM FIELD.

The Albany League Championship was won with a record of 13-2. North Albany and Scully were then beaten in the playoffs for the County Championship. The District 3 Title was won with victories over Melvin Roads and Hudson while Schuylerville was shaded for the District 4 Title.

Then in the State Semi-Finals at Newburgh, we lost to a strong team from Mondello Post of Brooklyn by a score of 3 to 1 on August 12. Thus, the final season record stood at 21-4.

The Post offers congratulations to an outstanding team and coach who had the finest season since our 1964 team—which lost to Staten Island in the semi-

finals at Poughkeepsie. Those New York City teams are tough. Manager Gall adds his thanks for the great support of the Post and families and friends of the team. Also to Russ Denegar (scorekeeper), Tom Toohey and Dan Furey (collections), and to his two fine young coaches, Ken Gall and John Terko.

### A Reminder to Art's Friends

Just a little reminder to the many of Art Quinn's friends that the Arthur J. Quinn Memorial Education Fund is still open. Now that vacations and summer are over, please give this matter your attention if you wish to contribute. We don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to give but would like to wind things up in November with a snack dance. Watch the October 1040 TIMES for details.

### Thanks, Blanchard Post

Just a heartfelt thanks to the Post for their giving me my County Adjutant American Legion Hat. It is a source of gratitude to know that I can count on my Post for support. Let me assure you that I have and will continue to work to bring credit and recognition to our Post.

Thanks again  
Bob Smith

### Advertising Eliminated

After reviewing the financial statement of the 1040 TIMES for the 1974-75 year, Post Commander Palmer decided that there would be no advertising included at this time. This past year was typical of recent past years, rapidly rising costs with a corresponding diminishing net return from advertising. In taking this step we want to thank all of our loyal advertisers who have supported us over the years.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

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## OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

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Congratulations to our new President Barbara Whitney and her officers. Let's give them our complete support for a successful and prosperous year for the Auxiliary.

Many heartfelt thanks to our retiring President Marcia Turner and all the officers who presided over a successful year.

A covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. on September 16 will inaugurate our fall season. The supper will be followed by our first regular meeting. Two things to bring please: yourself and your own place setting.

Members may pay their dues to Pauline Ouderkirk, Membership Chairman, if they so desire, at the meeting. Dues may also be sent to Pauline at home: 359 Elm Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054. Please make checks payable to the N.A. Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040.

Marion Andre will also be on hand with a fine assortment of greeting cards and Christmas cards to aid the Auxiliary. Make your selection now instead of waiting until late December.

Another important date is Sept. 23. A retirement steak dinner is planned for Junior Past President Marcia Turner. Planning for the event is under the chairmanship of Barbara Palmer. Reservations are being handled by Rosemary Blanchard. Preparation and serving of the dinner will be handled by our boys in the Legion, who always do an outstanding job. One of our telephone committee members will contact you for your reservations.

County meeting will be at Blanchard Post on Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Nov. 1 — Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar!! Please make or donate as many items

**ANNUAL CALENDAR  
Blanchard Post Happenings**

Sept. 4	Book Covers Distributed
10	Golf Day
Oct. 11	Sports Day
25	20 Week Club Dinner Dance
Nov. 8	Italian Night Dinner Dance
Dec. 6	Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
14	Egg Nog Party
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31	Ice Skating Party
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Mar. 13	St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
April 3	Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
May 21	Installation of Officers
31	Memorial Day Parade

**GOLF DAY  
Wednesday, Sept. 10**

Blanchard Post's Annual Golf Day is to be held again this year at the Tall Timbers Country Club. Tee-off times: 10 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. The price of \$20 includes greens fees, an open bar from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., dinner and prizes. Members and guests can sign up on bulletin board in the Post Lounge. Ray Callagan is again the chairman of the event and advises that the Callaway System of computing handicaps will be used. Jackets aren't required for dinner.

as you can to assure a successful event. Betty Worden is donating a hand crocheted afghan. This will be raffled off. Tickets for the raffle will be available at our September meeting. Important! Volunteers are needed to assist at the bazaar, so please contact Marcia Turner at 439-5819.

Barbara Whitney wishes to express many thanks to all the girls who addressed and filled 2661 envelopes for the March of Dimes in July: Rose Marino, Rosemary Blanchard, Celeste Blanchard, Theresa Blanchard, Lenore Smith, Rose Ann Levy, Pauline Ouderkirk, Diane Grusser, Carol Cummings, Christine Hoffman, Gwen Grusser, Lori Whitney, Marcia Turner and Christina Barkhuff.

Sick Call: Deceased, Mrs. Elizabeth (Belle) Harris. Condolences were sent to the family and a contribution was given to the Cancer Society by Ladies Auxiliary. Sue Drew in the Albany Medical Center. A card and a plant sent on behalf of the Auxiliary. We hope Sue is better and at home by the time you are reading this.

Come on ladies, put a little life in your life, support the Auxiliary!

**TO THE COLORS****THOMAS JEFFERSON—  
A MAN FOR THE PEOPLE**

Beside the Tidal Basin, close by the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., is an impressive colonnaded memorial in white marble. This monument is dedicated to the third President of the U.S., Thomas Jefferson. In the Black Hills of South Dakota the faces of four men have been carved into the rugged granite side of a mountain. One of those immortalized is Thomas Jefferson. Both of these monuments reflect a nation's way of paying homage to one man whose greatness defies description.

Although Jefferson's contributions to his country were many, he wished future generations to remember him as the "Author of the Declaration of Independence; of the Statute for Religious Liberty in Virginia, and Founder of the University of Virginia." This is the epitaph which appears on his tomb and which he himself wrote.

Probably Jefferson's most remembered words from the Declaration of Independence are: "...all men are created equal ... they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights...among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

These mighty and oft-quoted words have thundered down through history. They express Jefferson's opinion, as well as the opinion of his peers, who were about to break ties with a monarchy, which was far-removed from the territory it governed.

As a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Jefferson drew up the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, that was intended to create a clear separation between church and state.

In 1819, when Jefferson was 75 years old, the University of Virginia was established in Charlottesville, Virginia. As its first rector, Jefferson took great interest in the academic, as well as the architectural, design of the Institution, which still bears his unique imprint.

As we celebrate our country's 200th birthday, if you should be traveling in the vicinity of Charlottesville, you might want to visit the University of Virginia, and Monticello, the beautiful hilltop home which Jefferson built.

Charles J. O'Hara  
Americanism Chairman

**Taps**

Walter Britten, a charter member of the Post, passed away during the summer. Legion services were conducted by Commander Palmer at the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.



## RECONSTRUCTING MILITARY RECORDS

As a result of a fire in the storage facility of the National Personnel Records Center at St. Louis, many of the approximately 18,000,000 Army and Air Force veterans at the time of the fire in 1973 have feared that they would be unable to obtain proof of military service. This loss of proof could result in loss of veterans' benefits to the persons involved.

However, the National Archives and Records Service which operates the St. Louis record storage facility has reassured everyone that there are alternate sources of information that enable them to reconstruct service record data lost in the fire. The nucleus of this effort are the microfilmed morning reports of all Army and Air Force units.

Other sources of information include the Veterans Administration, Selective Service System, the State Offices of the Adjutant General and military payroll records. Experience has already shown that usually following communication between the veteran and the center, reconstruction of service data is achieved in a relatively short period. With proper information the St. Louis Center has stated that it is their sincere conviction the service data for any Army or Air Force veteran can be verified and that any loss should be minimal. Your editor has happily found this to be true in his case and is bringing it to the attention of our Post membership for their future guidance.

## Lake George Party

Bill Campbell has come up with one more of those attractive social outings for which he has become famous. Saturday, Sept. 13, will be the occasion of a fun ride on Lake George on board the "Mohican." The cruise will be of three hours duration with dancing and buffet on the lake (drinks on you). All costs, including bus to and from, \$30-\$35 per couple, depending upon attendance. The buses will leave the Post at 5:30 p.m. and return by midnight or 12:30 a.m. to the Post. Boy, what an opportunity for romance!

## Book Covers

For the twelfth consecutive year the Post will distribute book covers, free of any charge, to the school children of our Town. The covers will be available at the Post and the local banks beginning on the first day of school, September 4.

## A Report from Rochester

### AMERICAN LEGION 57th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Delegates from Blanchard Post were in attendance at all sessions of this most successful convention held in Rochester on July 16-19, 1975.

It seemed like old times as the highlight of the first session of the convention was an address by former Governor Wilson. Judging from the response, I'd have to say the majority of those present still considered him as the Governor. In the State Commanders report, it was noted that this was the first year that the State Department Commander of the American Legion was unable to obtain an audience with the Governor of the State of New York. A rather sad situation to say the least.

On Friday, Senator James Buckley addressed the convention. Even though his speech was very good, he had to share the spotlight with this year's Governor of Boys State and also the Legion State Oratorical Winner. The poise and speaking ability of these young men is almost overwhelming and it makes you proud to think that you had some small part in programs that deal with young adults of such high caliber.

Many meaningful resolutions were passed by the convention, a couple of which were to again attempt to get passed and signed veterans preference in Civil Service matters. This bill was passed this year by the Legislature but vetoed by Governor Carey. Another res-

olution of much interest to many is to have it mandated that the same percentage of exemption would apply in cases of reassessment of real property.

Friday night saw your representatives in attendance as the four and one half hour parade stepped off promptly at 7:30 p.m. in 90-degree heat.

Saturday morning saw the election of our new State Commander. He is Leonard Baxter, a Korean War veteran from Central Bridge, N.Y. As last year's membership chairman, he was very instrumental in causing the New York State American Legion membership to show a gain for the first time in three years.

Two men from Blanchard Post were honored by being given District Chairmanships. Al Woehrle was appointed to chairman of the District Americanism Committee and Bob Smith to chairman of District Special Activities Committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing us as your delegates to the convention. While there is a lot of fun attached to a Legion convention, there is also a very serious side as well. We assure you that we participated in both sides to the best of our ability.

For the Good of the Legion

Oliver Palmer  
Edward Korp  
Robert Smith  
Bill Bliven

## A Blanchard Post Bicentennial Committee Report

### BICENTENNIAL KICKS OFF IN SEPTEMBER

Our Bicentennial Committee Chairman Sidney Kaplan, reports that the Town celebration of the Bicentennial moves off the drawing board and into action this month. Thus, on September 19, there is to be a commemorative celebration of the anniversary of Henry Hudson's landing on what is now Town of Bethlehem soil, in 1609. This will be held at the Cedar Hill Town Park and will include the installation of a historical plaque on a large stone boulder. Harry Sheaffer, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, will deliver a short address. The Village Fife and Drum Corps will play, the local banks will give away souvenir buttons, the local Chamber of Commerce will provide the publicity and hopefully there will be television coverage.

Further details as to times, the part the Legion will play in this event, other features of the day's celebration, etc., will appear in the local papers or be reported at our Sept. 2 and Sept. 15 regular Post meetings.

All we can add here is that everyone is invited (wear your cap). Some other events to be held at later dates are the children's colonial winter carnival on February 14, and the Legion-sponsored and run parade on May 31—Memorial Day. We will keep you advised in later issues of other planned events as they develop.

## Ten Years' Progress

In September, 1965, we were given a Post membership quota for 1966 of 735. This year, Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Ed Korp piloted the Post to a new record high of 856 members. Fine work, Ed!

Thus in 10 years we have had almost a 17 percent increase in membership. Let's all pitch in this year—with that little extra effort maybe we can hit 900. There are plenty of veterans in our community who are not members—surely some of them are waiting to be asked to join. Sign them up early and often.



## • September Calendar •

- Mon. Sept. 1 Labor Day. Fly the Flag.  
 Tues. Sept. 2 Post Affairs Committee Meeting at 7:30. Regular Post Meeting at 8:30. Refreshments Follow.  
 Wed. Sept. 10 Golf Day  
 Sat. Sept. 13 Lake George Boat Ride  
 Mon. Sept. 15 Regular Post Meeting at 8:30. Refreshments After  
 Wed. Sept. 17 "Citizenship Day"—The Anniversary of Signing of the U.S. Constitution. Fly the Flag.  
 Sun. Sept. 28 Bus Ride to Boston Patriots Football Game

## KEGLERS' KORNER

Barring a last minute "dropout," the league will start its thirty-first season on FRIDAY, SEPT. 5, at 6:45 p.m. at the SPORTHAVEN LANES. Two new captains will be at the helm this year, BILL MITCHELL and DICK OATES.

The teams have been revamped and rehandicapped and start off the season ONLY TWO PINS APART. Everyone looking forward to another BLANKET FINISH like last season.

AL BECKMANN and DOC. MILLER will be missing opening night in order to attend "SHRINE DOINS" in Virginia Beach. BILL VOLK, ditto on the 19th—in Toronto for Grotto Convention. Have a good time fellas and come back with your arms in shape. LARRY MONETTE and BUD VAIL gladly filling their slots.

League officers for this year will be:  
 Hank Ristau ..... President  
 Ray Bender ..... Vice President  
 John Haker ..... Treasurer  
 Milt Andre ..... Secretary

BANQUET DATE: MAY 1, 1976  
 LACASA in Selkirk

Mark Down the Date, Gals!!

## BOWLING ROSTER

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. ARMY                | 5. AIR FORCE          |
| Ollie Palmer           | Ken Burns             |
| Hugh Stowers           | Bob LaForge           |
| Matt Dybas             | Bill Volk             |
| Vern Eagan             | Jim Cummings          |
| Ed Korp (Capt.)        | Dan Lantz (Capt.)     |
| 2. COAST GUARD         | 6. TANKS              |
| George Butman          | Jack Brady            |
| Bud Mosmen             | Bill Campbell         |
| Joe Cummings           | Frank DiSanto         |
| Ray Bender             | Al Pugliese           |
| Ken Havill             | Dick Oates            |
| 3. SEA BEES            | 7. NAVY               |
| Dick Cole              | John Haker            |
| Ed Vail                | Henry Ristau          |
| Harvey Hasen           | Doc. Miller           |
| Skip Larkin            | Milt Andre            |
| Tom Foy (Capt.)        | Bill Johnston (Capt.) |
| 4. INFANTRY            | 8. MARINES            |
| Bill Alwell            | Fred Buker            |
| George Feiden          | Joe Pauquette         |
| Al Beckmann            | Joe Marino            |
| Angie Tangora          | Jules Aupperle        |
| Rollie Whitney (Capt.) | Bill Mitchell (Capt.) |

## DUSTING AROUND THE POST

... 'n Ernie GALL and the Blanchard Post baseball team really came through this year. ... and how da ya like that RoseMary BLANCHARD saying to Ken BURNS, "Congratulations to you, Ken and my sympathy to Ruth!" ... A big kudo to Jack BRADY for that terrific '76 plaque he made (it's in the Lounge). Is there no end to this gent's cleverness? ... and our sympathy to Tom HARRIS on his recent loss. ... and the hard working Barb WHITNEY, Rolly WHITNEY, Ray BENDER, Merle OLIVER, and other Blanchardites helping to make the Glenmont Firemens' Carnival a success as did that great gent Bill CAMPION for the Punkintown Fair. ... and a 101 best wishes to Ed AHERN on his forthcoming bout with Slugger Medico. ... and to that special person, "I hope that you had a great summer, girl!" ... Well we can't say that the lounge rug doesn't get washed frequently. ... and don't forget to mark your April 1976 calendar to attend BLANCHARD NITE. ... and it's always a pleasure to see Jack WILLIAMS and Ed TEBBUTT out to a meeting. ... and that Engelbert Humperdinck sure had some class in his audience when he had those two swell gals Pat and Colleen HAVILL listening to him. ... and Voorheesville finally did it! They defeated Blanchard at softball. ... Nice to see that young couple, "the Phil GIACONE Jr.' duo the other night. ... Glad to hear that baby-girl SELIG is doing nicely-nicely as is Barb, Jack and family. ... Dick OATES also did his bit for the Glenmont Firemen! ... Wonder if Al DAVIS made Westchester Open? ... and I wonder if Frank BLASDELL and George HAMMES will become front runners in their bowling league? ... 'n that Pauline 'n' Clarence OUDERKIRK sure are a busy couple. ... and Mike NORTON says he's glad to see the Blanchardites at his establishment. ... Ya gotta ask Joe (D.T.) RECCHIA how

he likes the Fort Erie Race Track. On that subject, I wonder how that noted equine authority Dick DALTON did at Saratoga this year? ... A gent that is always there with a helping hand is Bob STRICKLAND, that's who! ... and 3 big rousers to Ed Korp for getting Blanchard over the top again: new high in membership and of course Numero Uno! ... Another great Editor this year with Charlie O'HARA. Let's all give him a big helping hand! ... and a gent always ready to give a helping hand is Dan CONNORS, that's who! ... and I met Mr. and Mrs. Jules AUPPERLE at the Colonie Center with their beautiful grandchild. ... and to think that Hugh STOWERS has had a whole summer to stock up on jokes with which to regale the bowling league (tain't no league fer the gloomy or serious bowler type anyway!) ... and I had the pleasure of seeing Ronnie MOESSNER and Rose FOY driving by but not the pleasure of talking with either of these great gals. ... Didja get your '76 Flag yet? Some bargain! Don't delay! ... Well, gotta meet the deadline.

... Off till October.

*The Gutter Duster*

## Bus Trips

On September 28, there will be a bus trip to Schaeffer Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts, to see the Boston Patriots vs. the Miami Dolphins. The bus will leave the Legion at 8 a.m. This will be a stag bus. For more details, see William Campbell or George.

On October 11, there will be a bus trip to West Point to see Army against Duke University. This will be a family bus and will leave the Legion at 8 a.m. For more details, see Bill Campbell or George.

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## CONGRESS VOTES TO RETURN VETERAN'S DAY TO NOVEMBER 11

On September 9, 1975, the House of Representatives voted 410 to 6 to shift the Veteran's Day holiday back to the traditional November 11th date, following the lead of the Senate and sending the legislation to President Ford. The President had not gotten around to acting on the bill as of our press time.

It is interesting to note that our district member of the House—Sam Stratton—who was one of the original authors of the so-called Monday Holiday Law, was one of the six voting against the bill, terming it "unfortunate, ill-timed and rather foolish." In view of the overwhelming vote favoring the bill it would appear that Sam is a little mixed up, that what were "unfortunate, ill-timed and rather foolish" were his remarks, which can only put him in the class of a bad loser. Perhaps he has to learn how to be as good a loser as he has been a winner.

## 7th ANNUAL GOLF DAY

What weather! What a wonderful day! And what a great group of fellows to make this year the best golf day we've ever had.

We are sorry the picture of our winners is lacking in this issue, but for a good reason... it seemed all the winners had to leave early (to keep the wives happy, I guess). *Editor's note:* Thus the reason for no pictures this month.

First of all, low gross and low net were won by the mighty Dick Lenseth who had a fine round of 79. But as the rules are in such events as this, only one prize may be accepted and his choice was for low net (very good round Dick).

Our next winner was for runner-up, and with a gross score of 81 our General Ed Zaremeski was the recipient. Ed is doing alright in these Post golf days and always manages to win a prize.

Our man of the hour Tom Hasselbarth—who can swing a mean club—was the runner-up for low net. Tom played like a pro (looks like I'll never get those golf clubs now).

To wind up our winners for the golf day, hard-hitting Neil Cummings won longest drive on the 13th hole. He sure must be eating his Cherrios (never up—never in).

Next was steady Tom Golden who was closest to pin on the 12th hole. Usually good putter, he was distracted by Dick Dalton and missed the birdie putt. (Anything to collect a dime).

We had two men who tied for closest to pin on the 4th hole. They were Jim (Rembrandt) Vogel and your RCA peacock, John Meleski. No one could decide how many feet or inches they were apart.

As we understand it, no marker was visible on the 3rd hole for longest drive. That takes care of that prize (which we didn't have anyway) and that takes care of all our winners.

Many thanks are extended to Tip Nelson, our reliable handicapper who incidentally misses out on most of the open bar and has for the seven years of our golf day event. Also our thanks to George, our very capable bartender and steward who had reminded the boys to sign up for our golf day.

Ray Callagan, Chairman of the event, will be looking for help next year to make our 200th Anniversary Year Golf Day the best ever. Again, we thank one and all who participated and hope we all meet again in '76.

## Dues Are Due

Give Ed Korp a big hand and get your dues in early. It will help him and the Post, and it won't be any more painful now than later. To all of those who were instrumental in helping him meet our quota this year for the third year in a row, Ed says many thanks!

## • October Calendar •

- Mon. Oct. 6 Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30; the regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments after.
- Sat. Oct. 11 Sports Day  
West Point Football Trip
- Mon. Oct. 13 Columbus Day (fly Flag)
- Fri. Oct. 17 Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga (1777)
- Sun. Oct. 19 Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown (1781)
- Mon. Oct. 20 Regular Post meeting at 8 p.m.; refreshments after
- Sat. Oct. 25 20 Week Club Dinner-Dance

## SPORTS DAY—1975

Saturday, October 11, is the date for our annual Sports Day, which in a way says our farewell to baseball until April extends our greetings to football and all those other fall and winter sports. This year's chairman is Bill Campion who promises that he and his committee will turn out "a day to be remembered." Let us give him great support and reward his efforts with a record turnout. The tickets are \$6.00 and may be secured in the Lounge from George or Jake, or at the door the day of the festivities. The happening will begin at 1 p.m. and go on until—well who knows when? Included for your 6 bucks will be steamed clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, salads, beer and soda. There'll be raffles, door prizes, activities (sorry no go-go), and a day filled with fun and good fellowship. Where else are you going to get all that for that money?

## October in the Revolution

October was a fateful month during the American Revolution. This month witnessed two battles on widely separated fronts which changed the course of history, first in the decisive battle of Saratoga in 1777 culminating in Burgoyne's surrender, and then the battle of Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781 ending with the surrender of Cornwallis. Saratoga is considered one of the world's decisive battles, while Yorktown signaled the end of the war and assured our independence.



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Refreshments	Peggy Pulfer, Irene White
Spirit of 1776	Marcia Turner
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Barbara Palmer
Leadership	Rosemary Blanchard

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Get your pencil and write this down: OCTOBER 21st. Regular monthly meeting with a treat! Allison Bennett will present a slide show of our old Town of Bethlehem. For those of you who are new to the area, a condensed history of our past; and, for those of you who helped make the history, a chance to reflect on fond memories. Don't miss it!

Mark NOVEMBER 1st on your calendar. *Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar!* The time is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donated items will be appreciated, whether new or used. Marcia Turner is still looking for volunteers. Call her at 439-5819 if you have time to donate to a worthy cause. Some of the items of interest will include: hand-made Christmas decorations, gift ideas, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and baked goods. Our *White Elephant Sale* may prove to be a treasure chest in disguise. Gold is where you find it!

BINGO! BINGO! November 5th, at the Veterans Hospital. Time is 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be available for a nominal amount. Come and have an enjoyable evening.

Sick Call: Last we heard, Jean Lynk was hospitalized. Our best wishes to Jean for a speedy recovery. Hope she is out of the hospital by press time.

Support the Auxiliary ladies, you are all we have!

**REFLECTIONS**

About two decades ago I became active Legionnaire. Before then for most a decade I was among the duck paying only members.

Looking back over those years I am reminded of some basic changes which came to the American Legion. For example, there was the post-World War II and the post-Korean period when we envisioned the Legion expiring perhaps by the early twenty-first century.

But then came the Vietnam era which changed the picture. The prospect now is closer to the mid-21st Century for the need of an American Legion as it is now structured to cease. Let us pray for the good of future generations that only the spirit of the American Legion lives on; that there be no future wars from which to recruit members for the American Legion.

Year 2050 sounds far away. It is far away. Too far for most of us to think about. While we're here there is much to ponder. We can take pride that Blanchard Post is now the largest in Albany County; that our American Legion baseball program this year has shone very brightly. But is that enough? No!

For the 1975-1976 American Legion year and our nation's bicentennial year let us have a program of which we: Blanchard Post members may take additional pride. Community service is calling for much that should and can be done. Our Post Commander and the Post Activities Committee are eager to have innovative ideas that will bring credit to our Post. If this reflection arouses anyone to bring a suggestion to Commander Oliver it will have served its purpose.

Al Woehrle

**Art Quinn Memorial Fund**

Please keep in mind that your opportunity to donate to the Art Quinn Fund expires November 30, 1975.

Please also keep in mind, the last Art Quinn Snack Dance is to be held on Saturday, November 22. Marv Hirschburg will furnish the music for dancing from 9 till 1. The same format for snacks used at the first dance will be followed. Reservations at \$3.50 per person may be made with William Campbell, Kenneth Burns, Robert Smith or at the bar. Tickets will be available early in November.

**Book Covers**

There are still some school book covers available for free distribution. A one interested can ask George or Jake ... the Lounge or call Charles O'Hara at 439-4076.



## To the Colors . . .

## EDWARD RUTLEDGE — YOUNGEST SIGNER

Edward Rutledge was 26 years of age when he signed the Declaration of Independence.

Born in 1749 in Charleston (earlier called Charles Town), South Carolina, Edward was one of seven children. His early education was by private tutors. However, when he was old enough, he gained a great deal of experience working as a clerk for his brother, John, who was a prominent attorney and politician in Charleston.

His more formal education was at Middle Temple in London, England, where he studied law. When he was finished, Edward was called to the English bar, but instead, decided to return home to practice law where he married Henrietta Middleton, the daughter of the wealthiest planter in South Carolina.

In 1775, Rutledge became a delegate to the second Continental Congress. In 1776, at the time Richard H. Lee of Virginia proposed national independence, Rutledge was still undecided how South Carolina should vote, and obtained a delay in the voting. Rutledge strongly believed that the colonies should first associate with foreign alliances in order to strengthen themselves for the important step of independence. So . . . when the voting took place, Rutledge disagreed with Lee's proposal, and South Carolina

balloted "no." He changed his mind the next day, and convinced the delegates of South Carolina to join the majority in the interest of a unanimous vote. Accordingly, on July 4, 1776, he voted in favor of the Declaration of Independence.

A month later, he was appointed by Congress, with John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, to confer with the British Commander Lord Howe concerning the latter's proposal for peace terms. The meeting took place on Staten Island, now part of New York, but negotiations came to naught.

As a militia captain in the artillery, Rutledge participated in a battle at Port Royal Island, South Carolina, where the British were defeated. In 1780, during the siege of Charleston, he was taken prisoner by the British, and was sent to St. Augustine, Florida. After almost a year in prison, he was freed in a prisoner of war exchange.

Following his return to South Carolina, Rutledge was elected to the State Legislature in 1782 — and every year thereafter for 16 years. Retiring from his law practice in 1798, Rutledge was elected governor of South Carolina. He died during his first term of office at the age of 50.

CHARLES J. O'HARA  
*Americanism Chairman*

## BOWLING . . . A NEW SEASON

The bowling season opened in high gear on September 5 and from all indications of enthusiasm and wild claims it would appear that something is really cooking on the lanes this year. Anyway, here are the standings as of Sept. 12th:

	TEAM		PTS.	W	L	PINS
Coast Guard	HS	HT	7	5	1	4376
Army	751	2214	5	4	2	4380
Navy	784	2271	5	4	3	4528
Tanks	797	2310	4	3	3	4466
Marines	803	2281	4	3	3	4200
Air Force	815	2384	4	3	3	4223
Infantry	807	2305	4	3	3	4364
Sea Bees	768	2194	3	2	4	4286
	753	2163	1	1	5	

	INDIVIDUAL		Pins	Games	Av.
Havill	HS	HT	1031	6	171
Aupperle	189	517	1025	6	170
DiSanto	186	523	1021	6	170
Palmer	189	528	1016	6	169
Johnston	193	517	1012	6	168
Bender	189	525	1012	6	168
Larkin	181	494	950	6	158
Tangora	172	471	917	6	152
Andre	188	492	940	6	152
Whitney	182	480	917	6	152
Cummings (Jim)	158	458	914	6	152
gan	224	499	900	6	150
tau	171	482	896	6	149
y	177	465	894	6	149
il	180	486	893	6	148
ller	166	452	887	6	147
Marino	157	443	887	6	147
Mosmen	173	466	881	6	146
Oates	168	452	880	6	146
Lantz	147	437	866	6	145
	180	439	866	6	144

Korp	163	430	430	3	143
Dybas	178	428	853	6	142
Pugliese	205	456	852	6	142
Brady	152	426	851	6	142
Hasen	165	420	839	6	139
Feiden	169	468	831	6	138
LaForge	145	416	822	6	138
Cummings (Joe)	159	422	822	6	137
Volk	163	423	812	6	135
Mitchell	150	444	807	6	134
Haker	169	402	788	6	131
Burns	148	398	767	6	127
Alwell	161	404	749	6	124
Pauquette	137	357	747	6	124
Buker	144	383	740	6	123
Cole	131	374	713	6	118
Butman	128	352	693	6	115
Stowers	133	346	656	6	109

## Sick Call

Since spring report, our members who were ill and since recovered are Gus Williams, Al Nolan, George Reeber, Don Bushey and Ed Ahern (recently Ed had additional surgery but is now at home recuperating). In September, cards were sent to Charlie Sanders and Ed Korp, who were hospitalized. Get well boys!

Please call Hugh Stowers at 439-3848, or the Commander to report any member you may know of who is ill, hospitalized, or in a nursing home.

## ANGLER'S MIXED BOWLING

The Angler's Mixed Bowling League began on September 7 but sadly to say we can't report many spectacular scores. But just wait until the cooler weather loosens things up. We greeted four new members: Don Hines, Brenda Farrell and John and Sandy Moran. We were sorry to lose Ollie and Barbara Palmer and Stan and Gerry Klett as members of the league.

High individual scores were bowled by Frank DeSanto 172-472, Larry McArthur 462 and George Mayers 171. Grace Franze had a 171-444, Geri DeSanto 165-425 and May Smith 158-437. No way to go but up!

Team captains this year are: Gus Franze, Jim Berry, Larry McArthur, Bill Mitchell, Frank DeSanto, Franklyn Harris, Wes Albright, George Mayers.

## "...even the American Legion makes Foreign Policy"

On the August 20 (1975) NBC (National Broadcasting Company) TODAY program that statement was made by fill-in co-host Edward Newman. He was remarking on the elements and factors that go into the process from which America's foreign policy derives. His comment was timely since it closely followed the address given by President Gerald Ford at the National American Legion Convention at Minneapolis.

When or under what circumstances Mr. Newman said these words is not as significant as the fact he said them. It's a thought to be remembered with pride by all Legionnaires. It is a great public recognition of the American Legion and its meaning in this bicentennial period of our nation's existence.

*Al Woehrle*

## Ten Years Ago This Month

The Committee That Cares, established in September 1965, was now operating under a full head of steam and obviously pointing to do a great job (which it most certainly did). A suggestion advanced to establish a Last Man's Club of World War II veterans, similar to the one in existence at our Post of World War I veterans, seemed not to gather too much support. Perhaps it was a bit too early at that time—anyone interested in reviving the proposal?

## Change of Address

Please advise the Post if you change your address. This will insure delivery of the 1040 TIMES and save money for the Post as well.



## BICENTENNIAL REPORT

Sid Kaplan, Chairman of our Post Bicentennial Committee and of the Memorial Day Bicentennial Parade, is moving along in high gear in the planning, coordination and implementation of our Post's participation in the overall celebration being planned by the Town of Bethlehem. The parade will be held on Monday, May 31, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Birthday of Our Nation, and is being planned for widespread community participation. The theme will be that of the American Revolution and of the Colonial times in which it occurred. Floats, tableaux, costumes, bands, etc., will provide an imaginative and interesting parade reminiscent of the Hudson-Fulton Parade of 1959 in our town.

Sid has sent questionnaires to all community organizations in the town requesting information on their plans for participation in the parade. The Town of Bethlehem will have a super celebration in 1976 and the members of the Blanchard Bicentennial Committee are determined that we will hold our end up and have the best parade ever.

We will continue to report as our planning and implementation continues.

## GRAVE MARKER POLICY OF BLANCHARD POST

The following policy regarding Legion Grave Markers was reaffirmed by the Post at a recent meeting:

"An American Legion Grave Marker will be presented to the survivors of a deceased member of this Post upon the request of the survivors. These markers are not automatically donated because some cemeteries do not allow their use and there is always the possibility that the survivors would prefer a marker from some other organization."

This policy on markers has no bearing on the Memorial Day Grave Decoration Program that has been in existence for many years. All veterans' graves, when known in the cemeteries we service, will continue to be decorated on Memorial Day with an American Flag.

## Items for Publication

Because of the printer's deadlines all items for publication in the 1040 TIMES must be in the Editor's hands by the 15th of the month. Any and all items of interest to the membership are welcomed and may be submitted by any Blanchard Post member.

## DUSTING AROUND THE POST

... and big congrats to retiring Chairman-of-the-Board George BUTMAN and retiring Secretary-of-the-Board Ed COSTIGAN for their fine work on the Board of Directors. ... and new Chairman-of-the-Board Dan LANTZ gave a great report at the first fall Post meeting, especially his text, "The two clam steamers laboreth not for the Post as long as the borrowers do not return them!" ... Glad to hear Bill CAMPION has Sports Day again. What a great job he did last year. ... 'n if you are holding a "Mr. Nice Guy" contest, you will have to include Tom PRATT, Joe FIATO, Frank FUTIA and Fred BUKER right up with the front runners. ... Say-hey, Joe VON RONNE, whatever happened to the Superstar contests? ... 'n I've missed seeing Carolyn, Cora and Bill BLIVEN around. Where have those great kids been? ... and a doff of the old chapeau to Mike MELE squelching the noise during the regular meeting. ... 'n whatta fine dancer is that gal, Irma LAWTON! ... and it will be good to see Millie and Bill KARINS and Lil and Frank ALGER out to a Post affair after their summer of living-it-up! ... Ask Bill ALWELL about a *real* unusual bowling bet! ... and congrats to May, Don, Lui, and Cindy SMITH on their purchase of Kinderhook Lake property. ... and also congrats to Editor Charley O'HARA on his great first issue of the 1040 TIMES! ... T'was nice to see that swell couple, Liz and Will SCHRAA out for the first night of bowling. ... 'n we're gonna have to call Walt ROBERTS "Iron-Man" for his six-game bowling stints! ... 'n Bill MITCHELL getting the tourney lined up in advance. ... Three rousers for the CAMPBELL CLAN, the BRADY BUNCH and all of the other youngsters who did such a great job of cleaning up the Post grounds under the able direction of George HACHIGIAN. ... Chutzpah is complaining how Post parties are run when you've never volun-

teered to help at any. ... A man with great memory for names is Gentleman Jake CAPPALLO, that's who! ... 'n Blanchard Post has three sweethearts, they've gotta be Dot SCHMIDT, Dolly FELTS and Jo PRATT. ... and listen to WABY Sat. AM to hear the gent extol, "Symphony Sid" KAPLAN. ... and boy did I feel like a klutz after the initial night of bowling. But, I guess I wasn't alone. ... So, to the turkey month!

*The Gutter Duster*

## Softball

On Sunday, September 7, a sterling Blanchard team beat Voorheesville Post on their home grounds by a score of 2-0 on a three-hitter by our own Angelo Domenico, who usually does a lot of serving, did the catching in an equally competent fashion. Features of the game also included key hits by Bill Marion and Al Whitney and a game-saving catch by Jim Cummings. Refreshments were on the losers. Congratulations to all who participated.

## Football

We still have some openings on the West Point bus to see Army play Duke University on Saturday, October 11. The bus leaves the Post at 8 a.m. The tickets are \$14, which includes ticket, bus, food and refreshments. And don't forget, this is a family bus.

## Thanks

Your Editor thanks all of his many friends at the Post who offered expressions of sympathy on the recent death of his father and the injury to his son, Charles, a cadet at West Point who has recovered and is back at school for his senior year.

## Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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