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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

A little run-down on current happenings at 1040. Senior Vice Commander and 20 Week Club Chairman, Bill Blanchard, welcomed the new Post year on Friday night, September 10, with a 20 Week Club drawing and this greeting, "Welcome to the fall semester at the Post."

The business end of the new year was kicked off at the first meeting on Tuesday, September 7. The annual calendar of social activities is published in this issue. Golf Day started things going on September 15. Mark your calendar now for the events ahead of us, beginning with Sports Day and the 20 Week Club dinner next month. Again may we remind you that we are always looking for volunteers, so don't be bashful.

Our thanks to Hank Voorhees as chef and all the helpers who gave their time to serve at the three catered functions in September. With the help and cooperation of all Post members, we know that the year ahead will be a most successful one.

DAN LANTZ, *Commander*

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 (Mon.) Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.; refreshments follow.
- Oct. 11 (Mon.) Columbus Day. Fly Flag.
- Oct. 12 (Tues.) Luncheon for WW1 Veterans at noon, LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk.
- Oct. 16 (Sat.) Sports Day at the Post.
- Oct. 18 (Mon.) Meeting of Post Affairs Committee at the Post.
- Oct. 19 (Tues.) Luncheon for WW2 Veterans at Alteri's Restaurant, Glenmont.
- Oct. 23 (Sat.) Dinner-Dance of 20 Week Club.
- Oct. 25 (Mon.) Board of Directors
- Oct. 28 (Thurs.) County Meeting
- Oct. 31 (Sun.) Halloween

Taps

On September 3 we lost two long-time Legionnaires: James J. Loftus of Delmar and ex-State Senator Walter B. Langley. Commander Lantz extended the sympathy of the Post to the families of both. May they rest in peace.

BINGO

♦ The unpredictable continues to be unpredictable. It now seems likely that Bingo may not get started at the Post until November. Keep the faith folks, we'll make it soon.

LATE FLASH!

Vote on Proposed Changes (As outlined in the September issue)

All resolutions were approved by the membership at the special scheduled meetings in September. Thus, a mortgage has now been negotiated with Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank, the Post Affairs Committee will meet on the third Monday of each month, the Post will have one regular meeting each month instead of two and the annual dues shall be \$13.

'Chair' Appointments

Commander Lantz has appointed the following chairmen to serve during his term of office:

Americanism.....	Charles J. O'Hara
Baseball.....	Ernest W. Gall
Bowling.....	William J. Mitchell
Boy's State.....	Frederick C. Webster
Color Guard.....	William J. Campbell
Flag.....	Harvey H. Hasen
Graves Registration	
	Harvey H. Hasen, Robert J. Smith
Legislation.....	Alexander J. Woehrle
Memorial Church Service	
	Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss Warren D. Moessner
Mountaineer.....	George J. Butman
Oratorical.....	Robert F. Edwards
Sick Call.....	Hugh W. Stowers

"HOUSE RULES"

At its August meeting, the Board of Directors reaffirmed a series of "house rules" governing the use of the Post—many of which have been in effect for years. As a reminder to members using the building—particularly the lounge—the rules are set forth below:

- The use of profanity or obscene language is strictly forbidden.
- Pets are not allowed in the building.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the building.
- Men may not wear hats in the lounge when ladies are present.
- Card playing is not permitted in the lounge.
- The sale of raffle tickets and other solicitations for outside organizations is prohibited.
- Guests of members must leave the lounge when the member leaves.
- Children under the age of 18 are not permitted in the lounge after 10 p.m.
- Children under the age of 18 are not permitted to play darts.
- The privacy of outside parties must be respected.
- Telephone calls must be accepted. The bartender will not be permitted to indicate that someone who is present is not there.
- Proper attire is necessary. Bare feet and bare chests are not permitted.
- Only the steward or bartender is permitted to adjust the juke box.

We have instructed the steward to see that these house rules are strictly followed. He has been told that it is his responsibility to eject *anyone* from the Post who does not conform to them.

Bill Campion Says:

DON'T FORGET Sports Day

Saturday, Oct. 16 — at the Post
1 p.m. until (?)

\$7.00... A fun way to support your Post in these days of tight money.

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BLANCHARD POST

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Commander _____ Daniel G. Lantz
 Senior Vice Commander _____ William J. Blanchard, Sr.
 Vice Commander _____ Robert Ballantine
 Vice Commander _____ Milt Andre
 Adjutant _____ Ernest Gall
 Finance Officer _____ Robert Hoffman
 Chaplain _____ Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
 Judge Advocate _____ George Wenger
 Sergeant-at-Arms _____ John J. Brady, Sr.
 Historian _____ George Butman
 Service Officer _____ Frank Zini
 Editor, 1040 Times _____ Charles J. O'Hara

Changing Your Address?

If so, please advise us at once. Your Post Office has "Change of Address" cards for this purpose.

MEMBERSHIP**25% PAID TO DATE!**

Thanks to an early response to our "EARLY-BIRD APPEAL," 25% of the members' 1977 dues cards have been processed as of this writing. If we keep receiving your dues at the same pace, **WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH 1976.**

One Thing of Note — Very few new applications are coming in! **GET OUT and SELL LEGION and get your friends and neighbors or fellow workers interested! WE NEED NEW BLOOD! Sign up a new member!**

Reporting **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** prior to your moving is very helpful for mailing your 1040 Times costs 2¢—if we get it back with a new address shown thereon it costs 25¢. *Not good business!*

When mailing your checks, **PLEASE** make them payable to the Post and mail to: **MILT ANDRE**

Box 9028

Albany, N. Y. 12209

and *enclose your dues notice* with your remittance. **DON'T PUT THEM AWAY IN "FILE 13" AND FORGET THEM!**

Thanks again for your cooperation.

MILT ANDRE, Chmn.

Boy's State

Because of our great Bicentennial Memorial Day Parade we went to press extra early with our June edition. Thus, at that time we did not have the name of our Boy's Stater for the year. Subsequently, David L. Herman of 30 Center Lane, Delmar, was chosen and represented the Post at Boy's State in June. David will be with us at a regular Post meeting later in the season to report on his experiences as a Boy's Stater.

**AMERICAN LEGION
LIFE INSURANCE**

The American Legion Life Insurance Department has announced that an increase in benefits is being provided to all insured Legionnaires. The benefit increase, amounting to 10%, became effective July 1, 1976 and will be extended through December 31, 1976 on all losses during that period. The increase applies across the board and comes without additional cost. With the newly instituted Six Unit Maximum benefit, the increase means that the maximum benefit is \$66,000, payable to a beneficiary of an insured member under age 30 (26 in Ohio), up from the previous \$60,000.

The average age of the Vietnam War Veteran is now 28. There are 7,244,000 of them with a lifetime ahead. The future of not only our country but The American Legion rests in their hands. This outstanding Insurance Plan, offered only to Legion membership, can provide a real piece of security for the insured member's loved ones.

The 10% Bonus will provide a maximum of \$52,800 in lieu of \$48,000 for the age group 30 through 34. Currently, the Plan is paying an average of \$200,000 a month to beneficiaries and before the end of 1976 over \$21,000,000 will have been paid since its inception in 1958.

We think there is an excellent chance the Bonus will continue at least through 1977 (more on that later this year). It is strongly believed that each American Legion Post can benefit immensely by advising their members of the value of the Legion Insurance Plan that's available at a cost that has never changed. How can you beat it?

Any further information desired, relative to this Plan, may be obtained by communicating with Gene L. Fattig, Director, The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, 222 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Frank Zini, our Service Officer, will also be happy to assist any Post member.

Sports Day (Stag)

Saturday, October 16
1 p.m. until (?)

Just \$7.00 . . . What a buy!
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Explain This One

Modern technology has developed a 15¢ soda can, which, when discarded, will last forever—and a \$5,000 car that, when taken care of, will rust out in two to three years.

AMERICANISM

The National Americanism Commission, reporting to the 58th Annual National Convention in Seattle, touched on many issues of importance to not only Legionnaires, but all Americans. Among the more important resolutions offered to the delegates, which were acted upon unanimously include:

To resolve that The American Legion continue to support the Federal Bureau of Investigation as it continues to intensify its legal and proper programs of lawful surveillance and reporting upon parties and groups and individuals whose actions are inimical to the domestic security of the United States.

To resolve that The American Legion seek appropriate legislation which will restore May 30, and "only that date" to be designated and proclaimed as "Memorial Day" throughout our land and observed as a national holiday.

Resolved, that The American Legion go on record as being unalterably opposed to any change in our (America's) National Anthem.

Resolved, that The American Legion opposes the enactment of "A Declaration of INTERdependence" by the United States of America, and further opposes the introduction of same into the school system as part of a 13-year-long Bicentennial program.

The National Children & Youth Commission in reporting to the 58th Annual National Convention in Seattle, said that since the founding of The American Legion, more than \$330 million had been expended by the Legion in supporting children and youth activities.

The Children & Youth Commission also reported resolutions dealing with youth problems and which were adopted unanimously. Among the more important is issues were the concern of the Commission over the deteriorating control over the spread of venereal disease with the youth of America. The Commission also reaffirmed the Legion's support of the necessary legislation to assist financially those individual families faced by catastrophic illness of one of their children in order to maintain the integrity of the family.

School lunch programs also came under the scrutiny of the Children & Youth Commission, which was unanimously endorsed by the delegates. The Commission recommended action by the U. S. Congress and various state legislatures to appropriate sufficient funds for school nutrition programs to reflect the increased cost of food and to provide for needed facilities and trained personnel for the purpose of conducting an adequate school lunch program.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouderkirk
Second Vice President	Carol Cummings
Recording Secretary	Rose Marino
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bruso
Treasurer	Dorothy George
Chaplain	Rosemary Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Celeste Blanchard
Historian	Freda Sherman

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN FOR 1976-77

Americanism	Barbara Whitney
American Legion Mountain Camp	Celeste Blanchard
Cancer Control	Dorothy Lantz
Chaplain	Rosemary Blanchard
Children & Youth	Lee Hurley
Civil Defense	Della Brady
Communications	Ruth Bruso
Community Service	Joan Stowers
Constitution & By-Laws	Lenore Smith
Coupons	Rose Ann Levy, Teresa Blanchard
Education & Scholarships	Marcia Rosenfield
Empire Girls State	Marcia Rosenfield
Empire State News	Wanda Whitney
Finance	Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith and Isabella Greenwood
Foreign Relations	Paula Ouderkirk
Historian	Freda Sherman
Hospital Workers	Barbara Palmer
Leadership	Norrine Cooke
Legislative	Eleanor Blendell
Membership	Pauline Ouderkirk
National Security	Della Brady
Past President's Parley	Barbara Whitney
Poppies & Poppy Posters	Kay Hayes, Karla Burns
Spirit of 1776	Marcia Turner
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Ronnie Moessner

Delegates to the Albany County Committee for the year 1976-77 are: Marcia Turner, Pauline Ouderkirk, Carol Cummings, Rosemary Blanchard, Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Barbara Whitney.

Our next regular business meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m.

Have you paid your dues yet? If not, you may give them to Pauline Ouderkirk at the meeting or send them to Pauline at 359 Elm Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. Make checks payable to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040.

Don't forget that November 6 is the day of the Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar. All donated items — new and old — will be appreciated, as will volunteers to help. Lunch will be served, so come and bring a friend!

Mark your calendar for November 3, 7 p.m.—that's the night for bingo at the V.A. Hospital. If you've never worked bingo at the hospital, please try to come. You will receive as much enjoyment out of it as the men do.

Don't forget October 5 is the night of Barbara Whitney's retirement dinner. Be sure to make your reservations with Lenore Smith.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

Oct. 16—Sports Day at the Post
Oct. 23—20 Week Club Dinner-Dance
Nov. 13—Italian Night
Dec. 11—Tinsel Ball
Dec. 18—Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 19—Egg Nog Party
Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Party
Jan. 22—German Night
Jan. 29—Skating Party
Feb. 5—Indoor Sports Party
Feb. 19—Monte Carlo Night
Mar. 12—Irish Night
Mar. 27—Go To Church Breakfast
Apr. 16—Past Commanders -
Blanchard Night
May 14—Bowling League Banquet
(not at Post)
May 20—Installation of Officers
May 22—Memorial Day Church Service
at St. Stephen's Church

20 Week Club Dinner Dance

Chairman Bill Blanchard has set Saturday, October 23, as the evening of the Dinner-Dance for the 20 Week Club. All books must be fully paid for by Oct. 16 to give Bill time to complete all arrangements. Cocktails will be at 6:30 and the dinner at 7:30. Each Club member may bring one guest at a cost of \$7.

Jerry Romano will play for dancing after a delicious dinner prepared by that very capable chef, Hank Voorhees.

Friday Nights

Music is again being provided on Friday nights for the listening and dancing pleasure of our members. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the music of popular local groups. Hope to see a lot of you there. This is another delightful way to assist your Post.

October 13 will be our first Donation Day at the A&P Store in Elmsmere. Any Auxiliary member shopping there that day will have 5% of her total purchase amount donated to a worthy charity (to be determined later) in the name of Blanchard Post. Jane Alwell is Chairman and can answer any questions you may have. Please plan to shop at the A&P on that day.

Sick Call: Johanna Deneger is in the hospital. Our best wishes are sent to Johanna for a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy to Marcia Rosenfield on the loss of her mother and to Marion and Adelaide Coburn on their loss of husband and father.

Until next month—keep smiling!

GOLF DAY

Blanchard golfers and their guests celebrated their eighth annual golf day and dedicated it to the Bicentennial Year Celebration. Ray Callagan reports that it went off like a big firecracker (whatever that means) and all that was missing (not that anyone cared) were British redcoats. Red faces, yes, but redcoats, no.

Some of the late starters had difficulty finishing 18 holes but no problem getting to the 19th hole. Ray Callagan and his brilliant committee were quick to reject all such patently phony excuses as, "we went aground in the Delaware; an Indian war party was trailing us; or we joined a coffee party at Albany harbor."

Seriously, the day was a great success with great weather and 66 great guys. A gripe here and there but, as Benjamin Franklin would say, "So what." Prizes this year were also a casualty of the tight money market, and we had to trim our sails accordingly. Bingo should most certainly restore us to a position of financial stability in the immediate future.

Ed Zaremski took the prize for low gross, Bob Neaton for low net, Frank Miller for closest to the pin on the 18th hole and Bob Vogel for the longest drive. George Hachigan was prize chairman and Ray Callagan, general chairman. They both thank everyone who had any part in making the day the great success that it was. They look forward to seeing you all next year.

Sports Day Tickets

Now available at the Lounge or from George or Jake . . . or at the door on October 16 — only \$7.00
(What a steal)

For further information, call Bill Campion at 765-2756

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Items of Interest

We again remind all members that we welcome for publication any items, pictures, etc., which would be of interest to the membership as a whole. This is your publication so please feel free to contribute copy to it.

Shuffleboard

The southwest corner of the Lounge will again resound to the weights, and moans and groans, of the Shuffleboard League beginning on Thursday night, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. There were still vacancies for players at the time we went to press—a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

A THOT FOR ALL SEASONS

Bob Hoffman, our Finance Officer, was reminiscing through the May 1963 issue of the 1040 Times and came across the following poem published in that issue. Your editor agreed with Bob that it was worth reprinting at a financially critical period in the history of your Post.

Are You An Active Member?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?
When the business session comes around
Do you pretend to be sick?
And leave the work to just a few
Then talk about the "clique"?
Thing this over, members,
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

Anonymous

So, if you would be able to help in any way, please let it be known to us. There are some who cannot, and we understand. That they "just belong" is sufficient for us to know that they care for the Legion.

Attention CBers

It has been suggested that we publish for the information and guidance of our member CBers, the CB "handles" of our members. For the uninitiated, CB stands for Citizens Band and handles are the code names used by CBers when transmitting. Phil Lee is currently compiling a list of the handles he already knows and suggests that anyone wishing his handle published in the 1040 Times to send it in or bring it to the Post. We'll publish each month those we receive.

Flag Kits

American Flag kits, both the 50-star and the bicentennial, are available at our cost, \$7, at the Lounge. Ask George or Jake or contact Harvey Hasen, the Flag Chairman, at 439-2561.

Bicentennial Oddity

It cost the Post \$19.76 (1976) to mail 988 copies of the September issue of the 1040 Times at two cents each.

Sports Day Menu

Hot sausage sandwich
Peppers and fried onions
Hot dogs and hamburgers
Clams—raw/steamed/casino
Corn on the cob
Beans
Potato and macaroni salads
Beer

(We know it's hard to believe, but we're only asking \$7.00 for all those groceries — plus something to wash them down with.)

PROGRAM

Includes raffles, baseball, pool, elimination game, door prizes and the TV showing of Series game of that day.

That's all folks

Luncheons

The monthly luncheon sponsored by the WW2 veterans of Blanchard Post will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m., at Alteri's Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont. We'll have our own room in this rebuilt restaurant, and have a choice of ham sandwich and soup, or veal and peppers with spaghetti, or spaghetti with meat balls/sausage, plus coffee. The cost only \$3.00 (including tip and tax).

WW1 veterans will meet for lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at noon, at the LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk.

Who Done It?

We know a few who did but we're not telling. Not telling what? Who the culprits are who have dumped ash trays from their cars onto our parking lot. I suppose we should say, "If you do it at home, etc., etc.," but we don't think it's funny. So please cooperate and help us keep the area clean.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

BOWLING

Season started on Friday, Sept. 10th, with several members absent on late vacations. ANY POST MEMBERS INTERESTED IN GETTING YOUR NAMES ON THE BOWLING LIST, or wishing to "fill in" and get some practice, either leave your name at the Post or phone me at 434-6904.

Angie Tangora's Air Force team made a clean sweep of their games on opening night. The first meaningful returns will be reported to you next month.

MILT ANDRE, *Secretary*

Items from American Legion National News Service

As a member of the National American Legion Press Association we now regularly receive releases from the Legion National News Service. Following are items from that service which should be of current interest to American Legion members.

MANCHESTER, N.H.—The Santa Monica Bay Cities Post 123 of Santa Monica, Calif., is the 1976 Champion of American Legion Baseball with a 7-6 win over the Des Plaines Post 36 of Des Plaines, Ill., in the fifteenth and final game of the double elimination tourney ending here on Monday, Sept. 6.

INDIANAPOLIS—For the first time in the history of The American Legion, a person who is a candidate for nomination or election to, or an incumbent of any remunerative elective public office, may hold any elective office or any appointive remunerative office in The American Legion at any level.

Delegates to the 58th Annual National Convention in Seattle voted favorably to amend Article II, Section 2, of the National Constitution and Article I, Section 8, of the National By-Laws, which had excluded elected paid public officials from serving in positions of leadership within The American Legion.

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