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OCTOBER 1977

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

By the time of my second meeting as Commander on September 6, the butterflies had left my stomach and things seemed to go well. I won't dwell on the attendance as much has been said about this in the past, but it did leave a lot to be desired. Two new members were inducted at the meeting, both of whom immediately indicated that they wished to become active and wanted to know how they could do so. Frank Futia, Senior Vice Commander in charge of social activities, had some ready answers to that question. Good old Frank, always alert to grab a volunteer.

Our Bingo program was highly successful during the summer months thanks to Chairman Dick Dalton and his very fine committee, with an able assist from our air conditioning plant.

There may be some minor changes in our annual Party Night schedule, listed elsewhere in this issue, so check the 1040 Times each month. Visiting the Lounge, particularly on Friday nights, will keep you up-to-date on our social calendar, but attending meetings is still the best way to show your interest and support for all of our activities.

We are looking for a new Flag Chairman. The present chairman, Harvey Hasen, has taken on new duties as Secretary of the Board of Directors and has asked to be relieved as Flag Chairman. He will, however, function until a new chairman is appointed. Anyone interested should call me at 439-3901 or Harvey at 439-2561.

Speaking of committees, the following are the chairmen for the 1977-78 year, all of whom are having their terms extended from last year, with the exception of Ollie Palmer who is taking over the Mountaineer post and Al Woehrle moving into Oratorical. Why make many changes when you have a smooth running crew?

Americanism.....Charles J. O'Hara
Baseball.....Ernest W. Gall
Bowling.....William J. Mitchell
Boys' State.....Frederick C. Webster
Color Guard.....William J. Campbell
Flag.....Harvey H. Hasen
Memorial Church Service.....Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss and Warren D. Moessner

Graves Registration
Harvey H. Hasen, Robert J. Smith
Mountaineer.....Oliver H. Palmer
Oratorical.....Alexander J. Woehrle
Sick Call.....Hugh W. Stowers

That's about it for this edition, so I'll close until next month with the hope that we have a good turnout at our October meeting.

Yours in comradeship,
BILL BLANCHARD, *Commander*

Proposed Change to By-Laws

The Constitution of Blanchard Post mandates that written notice be given to each member of proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws prior to such proposals being voted upon, at a regular or special Post meeting.

Article II, Section 4, of the By-Laws now reads:

4. The Board of Directors may make such expenditures from funds other than those set aside in the Post Affairs Fund as it shall deem advisable for the conduct of the business of the Post and the maintenance or replacement of its physical properties or facilities, provided, however,

it shall make no expenditure or incur no obligation in excess of \$300 without the approval of the membership at a regular Post meeting.

The Board of Directors has now passed a resolution to be presented to the membership for their consideration and vote requesting that the \$300 limitation be increased to \$750, to be more realistic in view of the greatly increased costs of building repairs since the \$300 figure was established.

A second publication of this proposal will appear in the November issue of the 1040 Times with a notice of the date to be voted upon.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 (Mon.) Regular Post meeting, 8 p.m. refreshments follow
- 5 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 7 (Fri.) Battle of Saratoga (Bemis Heights) 1777
- 10 (Mon.) Columbus Day (by Act of Congress)
- 11 (Tue.) WW1 Luncheon at La Casa Restaurant, noontime
- 12 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
Columbus Day (traditional)
- 15 (Sat.) Sports Day at Post, 1 p.m.
- 17 (Mon.) Post Affairs Committee meets at 8 p.m.
Surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga, 1777
- 19 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 20 (Thu.) WW2 Luncheon at the Post, noontime
- 22 (Sat.) Italian Night/Dinner Dance
- 26 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 31 (Mon.) Board of Directors, 8 p.m.
Hallowe'en

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

Luncheons

Win Robinson and the World War 1 group of "boys" will gather for their monthly luncheon at LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Then on Thursday, Oct. 20 at noon, the monthly luncheon sponsored by the World War 2 vets will be held at the Post. The luncheon will be buffet style and again prepared by Dottie, with Vic serving up your favorite libations. Come try it, we guarantee you'll like it. All Post members and their guests invited.

Football

Bill Campbell reports that all tickets for the Patriots-Colt game of October 23 have been sold. Bill also states that unfortunately arrangements could not be made this year to run a football bus to West Point. He hopes to have both again next year.

BLANCHARD POST

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 Vice Commander Milton F. Andre
 Vice Commander Arthur P. Blanchard
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 Judge Advocate George F. Wenger
 Service Officer Frank Zini, Jr.
 Historian George J. Butman
 Sergeant-at Arms Thomas J. Oro
 Public Relations Robert J. Smith
 Editor, 1040 Times Charles J. O'Hara

MEMBERSHIP

27 % of members paid to date

Receipts of 1978 dues have been very encouraging for the first three weeks of our '78 campaign—231 paid to date!

Let's keep up the good start and keep those dues checks rolling! In the event you didn't read your last month's issue of the 1040, YOUR DUES REMINDER WAS ENCLOSED INSIDE. Be sure to dig them out and return with your check.

New members since our last report are Charles DiSanto, Charles Waggoner, Marvin Koonz, Michael Stafford and Victor Maki.

By the number of returned 1040 Times there's been a great deal of moving by the members: Frank Caswell, Don Lane, John King and Len LeFevé (all to Fla. and warmer climes!); John Boykin to Greensboro, NC; Tom Harris to Saratoga; and other local moves. We try to keep in touch with you all—let us know when and where you are moving!

AGAIN TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO FAILED TO REMIT 1977 DUES. Remit your 1978 dues checks PRIOR TO OCT. 20, SO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO REMOVE YOUR NAMES FROM OUR MAILING LIST!

Enjoy a healthy and happy fall season and we'll be keeping you up to date in the coming months.

Milt Andre, *Chairman*

Uncle Miltie Says

Mail your dues today. You'll feel better for it tomorrow.

Taps

Edward Marsh of Delmar, a member of Blanchard for quite a few years, died suddenly at home on September 11. This was a tragic happening for the family as his wife had died not too many weeks before.

An expression of sympathy was sent to the family by Commander Blanchard.

THE 1040 TIMES GAINS NATIONAL HONORS

As shown on top of the front page, the 1040 Times is a member of the National American Legion Press Association (NALPA). Each year prior to the National Convention the Press Association makes its awards for excellence to Legion publications nationwide. In July of this year, 1040 Times was honored with an Honorable Men Award in Category 2 (Posts with fewer than 2000 members). We were thus on nine publications (three winners and six honorable mentions) out of better than 1000 to be so honored. In addition, your Editor was one of five nationwide to receive an Honorable Mention for Best Editorial. Incidentally, the three winners were Department publications, namely, Georgia, Texas and Arkansas.

This is a great tribute to our Post and was made possible through the loyalty and hard work of our contributors. Thanks to all of you.

The following is the editorial from our February 1977 issue which is the basis for the Honorable Mention Award for best editorials, and is reprinted herewith as a matter of interest to the membership.

PLAINS, PEANUTS AND PARDONS

The following resolution was adopted by the 58th National Convention of The American Legion two days after President Carter's appearance before that Convention, an appearance during which he displayed poor judgment and bad manners, to put it kindly. Using the rostrum of the Legion Convention, where he was by tradition an invited guest, to insult those present and every veteran who has ever honorably served this nation, was as totally unbelievable as requesting forgiveness of Adolph Hitler before a convention of B'nai Brith.

58th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AUGUST 24-26, 1976

RESOLUTION 434
 COMMITTEE: National Security
 SUBJECT: DRAFT EVADERS AND/OR
 DESERTERS

Whereas, young men throughout the history of the United States have patriotically answered the call of their country and defended its lands and ideals; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of those young men volunteered for, or accepted, duty in Vietnam and served with honor and distinction; and

Whereas, thousands of these young men lost their lives, or were gravely wounded; and

Whereas, thousands were captured by the enemy and were imprisoned and/or tortured for long periods of time; and

Whereas, the question of amnesty for those who have fled the country to avoid induction into the Armed Services, or have deserted their as-

signed military units to avoid military obligation during the Vietnam conflict has been again raised; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled August 24-26, 1976, in Seattle, Washington, that we reaffirm our opposition to general amnesty for draft evaders, draft dodgers and military deserters and urge that each case be tried on an individual basis, and each deserter be dealt with as prescribed by the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and, be it further

Resolved, that we urge the United States Government and its courts of justice to prosecute to the full extent of the law, all individuals charged with evading the military draft; and, be it further

Resolved, that all members of The American Legion are urged to publicize our stand on draft evaders, deserters and blanket amnesty.

Since it was clear at our press time that President Carter would move with all possible speed to effectuate a pardon for military draft evaders, it would be appropriate for him to fulfill another of his campaign promises, namely, to open the doors and windows to let fresh air in and to listen to the suggestions of American citizens.

Appropos of this, it would be most timely for the President to provide information on the qualifications and other background data on staff members who have been most active in pushing the pardons. This is very important since the leader of this movement appears to be a David Berg, who at age 29 is very much within the age group, and very likely of the same persuasion, as those to be pardoned. Just exactly what President Ford was accused of after the Nixon pardon—a lack of objectivity. Further importance is attached to the need to know who these people are because the press now says that they are pressing for pardons for military deserters.

In view of recent developments in the case of Mr. Lance, our suggestion in the above editorial that the President provide background information on members of his staff, particularly Mr. Berg in this instance but also on other staff members holding sensitive jobs, makes sense. There are many people in positions of power on the staff of every President whose appointments do not require confirmation by anyone but the President himself. As the Indian says, "If you speak with a forked tongue, men will learn not to believe you."

Sick Call

We're happy to report that George Butman, Joe Cummings and Richard Rudolph who have been ill are coming along nicely. It's always a pleasure to report good news.

Sports Day (Stag)

Saturday, October 15
 1 p.m. until (?)

Just \$7.00... What a buy!
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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lillian Blanchard

OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

President	Pauline Ouderkirk
First Vice President	Carol Cummings
Second Vice President	Lillian Blanchard
Recording Secretary	Rose Ann Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Karla Burns
Treasurer	Dorothy George
Chaplain	Celeste Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gloria Broom
Historian	Freda Sherman

1977-78 COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN

Americanism	Rose Mary Blanchard
American Legion Mountain Resort	Paula Ouderkirk
Auxiliary News—1040 Times	Lillian Blanchard
Cancer Control	Phyllis Mattice
Chaplain	Celeste Blanchard
Children and Youth	Lee Hurley
Civil Defense	Della Brady
Communications	Karla Burns
Community Service	Marcia Turner
Constitution & By-Laws	Lenore Smith
Coupons	Rose Ann Levy
Education & Scholarships	Marcia Rosenfield
Empire Girls' State	Marcia Rosenfield
Empire State News	Marian Oro
Finance	Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith and Barbara Whitney
Foreign Relations	Norraine Cooke
Historian	Freda Sherman
Hospital Workers	Barbara Palmer
Membership	Barbara Whitney
Music	Kathy Dorn
National Security	Carol Cummings
Past Presidents' Parley	Marie Burns
Poppies	Della Brady
Poppy Arrangements	Marcia Turner
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Dorothy Lantz
Hostess—Covered Dish Suppers	Marcia Turner
Bingo	Ronnie Moessner
Delegates to Albany County Committee:	
	Rose Mary Blanchard
	Carol Cummings
	Pauline Ouderkirk
	Barbara Palmer
	Lenore Smith
	Marcia Turner
	Barbara Whitney

October 18 is our next regular business meeting at 8 p.m.

November 2 is Bingo at the VA Hospital and 7 p.m. is when the fun begins.

Reminder: If you haven't paid your dues yet, send or give them to Carol Cummings, 234 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

Sorry to hear that Esther Cooke is hospitalized and that Jennie Herber was on the sick list. Our best wishes to both of you.

Blanchard Auxiliary's Girls' Stater this year is Elizabeth A. O'Leary, daughter



of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Leary, Delmar. Elizabeth is a senior at BCHS. Her mini "bio" follows:

School Activities

Freshman Year: Work on Career Fair, Foreign Exchange Program

Sophomore Year: Faculty-Staff Editor of Yearbook, Co-editor for Advertising section, Co-chairman of props committee for Bicentennial Extravaganza

Junior Year: Advertising Editor for Yearbook, Junior Class Council, Co-chairman of Junior Prom Decorations Committee, Homeroom Representative, contributed to the *Thinking Reed*, tutored student in Biology

Outside Activities and Hobbies

Member of Explorers, piano, guitar, skiing, swimming, reading, correspondence with foreign penpals, photography and art

Achievements

First-Class Girl Scout, Certified First-Aider, Honor Roll (three years)

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Uncle Miltie Says
Don't let a few pennies
a day keep you away

BOWLING

The 1977-78 season is under way. On opening night, John McDonald rolled a nice 210-565 series and was apparently the only kegler who came to bowl. We won't mention any of the other scores at this time. We had a good time even though the scores were *not so good!*

Bud Viele, Phil Giaccone, Jr., and Fred Buker returned to the league along with newcomers Bill Karins, Doug Kreh and Dick Bedford. We all will miss George Butman, Jules Aupperle, Joe Cummings, George Feiden and Bill Volk.

If any of you are interested in "filling in" when the regular bowlers are absent or joining the league, leave your name at the Post or call me at 434-6904. We rarely have perfect attendance and it's a good time to meet some of your fellow members, relax and have some fun.

Milt Andre, Secretary

GOLF ROUND-UP

Under perfect skies about 50 devotees of the ancient and honorable Scottish game of golf teed off in the ninth annual Blanchard Golf Tourney at Tall Timbers Country Club on September 7. From what we heard, about 50 also finished.

An unfortunate happening occurred the day prior to the affair when Joe Cummings, co-chairman with Tip Nelson, was taken ill and unable to join in the fun. However, Joe is coming along in great style, and will soon be back in there swinging a club.

Mary Callagan, in memory of Ray for whom the tourney is now named, donated his clubs to be raffled off.

Results of play:

There was a three-way tie for winner of the tourney, Ken Morris, John Ennis and Hank Voorhees with a Calloway score of 71.

Vic Maki had low gross of 81, Ed Vogel the longest drive and Mike Gies was nearest to the pin on the 18th.

As an anticlimax to a great day of golf, Vic Maki and Bill Vogel played an extra 9 holes for a cash wager and a leap in the lake for the loser. Vic pocketed the cash and Bill took a flying jump for himself.

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

• OCTOBER 5 - 12 - 19 - 26 •

\$1,000 IN PRIZES EACH WEEK!

Games start at 8 p.m. SHARP

Bingo Report—August

In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Bingo Law, following is a financial report for August:

Five occasions—970 players

Total receipts\$7,377.25

Prizes 5,000.00

Gross profit.....\$2,377.25

Expenses

Equipment and
supplies\$193.15
Services 102.00
License fees 110.57
Misc. (postage) 13.00

418.72

Net profit.....\$1,958.53

Sports Day Tickets

Now available at the Lounge or from Vic or Jake . . . or at the door on

October 15 — only \$7.00

(What a deal!)

For further information, call

Bill Campion at 765-2756

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RECENT NEWS ITEM

(Chicago Daily News)

Q. What do 26 governors, 57 U.S. senators and 293 congressmen now in office have in common with every President since Harry Truman? A. They are all members of The American Legion.

It may have been fashionable recently—especially among liberals and the young—to “yuck” at the sight of a Legionnaire proudly wearing his blue overseas cap with gold piping.

But it hasn't been true of most politicians. They still smile warmly at the sight of Legionnaires, especially when there is more than one around.

And when a politician speaks to a group of them—if he's entitled—he puts on his Legion cap before he opens his mouth. It's almost like putting on a yarmulke before entering temple.

You remember, over the years those news pictures of presidents and presidential candidates—caps on head, arms outstretched, addressing Legion conventions? They all did it—from Truman right down to Carter.

They couldn't afford not to, even though the Legion's political clout has slipped considerably from its heyday after World War II, when its membership peaked at 3.3 million. But after an early drop from that high, its membership has held fairly steady. Its low was in 1960 when membership dipped to 2,679,000. It now has climbed to 2,715,000, despite a drop in big city membership and a loss of half a million members by death. (The death loss now runs 60,000 a month.)

According to Legion figures, its 2.7 million members include 615,000 of the nation's 7.8 million Vietnam veterans, 500,000 of the 4.7 million Korean vets, 1.3 million of the 13.2 WW2 vets and 205,000 of the 825,000 WW1 vets. The average age of today's Legionnaire is 50. By wars, the average ages of Legionnaires—and all veterans—are: WW1 82, WW2 57, Korean 45, and Vietnam 29.

As always, the Legion has remained strongest in the Midwest and South, but has lost membership in New England and California. (Before World War II, the Legion claimed about 45% of California veterans. Now it has about 5%.)

Its biggest loss of members has been in larger cities where the Legion failed to follow the shifting populations to the suburbs. In Chicago, for example, membership was at a record high in 1947 of 90,000. Today it's down to 47,000.

Public Relations

Keep in mind that Bob Smith is now handling public relations on a community-wide basis. All publicity releases intended for local or area news media, TV or radio stations or to organizations or individuals outside of the Post should be given to Bob for handling. He is eager to help in bringing Blanchard Post to the attention of people in our Town who may not be aware of the many service activities conducted by the Post.

Bob's activities do not relate to the 1040 Times but he will at times be in consultation with your Editor on matters of mutual interest.

Italian Night

Chairman Gus Williams has set Saturday, Oct. 22 as the occasion of our annual Italian Night. Dinner will be served at 7:30 following the traditional cocktail hour at 6:30. Tickets are \$7.50 and are available from Gus, Frank Futia and Vic or Jake in the Lounge. Music will be provided by The Godfathers, a very popular local group.

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

ANNUAL CALENDAR

- Oct. 15 Sports Day
- Oct. 22 Italian Night Dinner Dance
- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day Luncheon
- Nov. 12 20 Week Club Dinner Dance
- Dec. 10 Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- Dec. 17 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 18 Egg Nog Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner Dance
- Jan. 14 Skating Carnival
- Jan. 21 German Night Dinner Dance
- Feb. 4 Indoor Sports Day
- Feb. 18 Dinner-Theater Party
- Mar. 11 Irish Night Dinner Dance
- Apr. 14 Past Commanders-Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
- May 19 Installation of Post and Auxiliary Officers
- May 29 Memorial Day Parade
- June 3 20 Week Club Dinner Dance

Thanks to Frank

While your Editor was cavorting in Las Vegas, Hawaii and points west of the moon, Frank Futia was filling in to produce the September issue of this gazette. Frank performed in his usual excellent and inimitable style to turn out a fine issue of 1040. The very sincere thanks of Commander Blanchard and your Editor go to Frank for a great job.

Grave Markers

A clarification is in order concerning the furnishing of grave markers by the Post as stated in our September issue. One grave marker will be furnished on request of the family of a deceased Post member—replacement markers, if so desired, must be purchased by the family, and such purchase can be arranged via the Post.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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Uncle Miltie Says

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