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## Post Welcomes Hy Rosen, Our News Media Winner, at September Meeting



(Pictured - Vice Commander Bob Glastetter, Past Commander Charles O'Hara, Commander Phil Giacone, Hy Rosen and Adjutant George Decker)

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

#### Fellow Legionnaires:

The first meeting of the fall season on September 2 was indeed a very special one, and well attended. After the regular order of business, we had as our guest Hy Rosen, the editorial cartoonist of the Times-Union who was our nominee and winner of the 1980 National American Legion Fourth Estate Award. Mr. Rosen thanked the Post for his nomination and gave a very detailed and interesting talk on his experiences at the National Convention in August, at which he was presented the award by then National Commander Hamilton. A bit of humor in his talk concerned the award itself, which he said he found impossible to bring with him as it weighed 65 pounds and is now semi-permanently attached to the wall behind his desk at the Times-Union.

The social season at the Post was launched on Saturday, September 27, with the 50th Anniversary Party. Since we went to press before that date, we cannot give a full report on the party but from all advance indications it was due to be a great success. More on that next month.

We know that the year ahead will continue as successfully as it has started. Basic to this success is our understanding of the philosophy, ideals and purposes of the American Legion as they are stated so well in the Preamble to the Constitution. All of those programs which mark us as a Legion Post must continue to be strong, or strengthened where need be. Social events will continue to be a very important adjunct to our Legion year but are not the principal reasons for our existence.

The social calendar for the immediate future includes only one event in October, the annual Sports Day on Saturday, October 18, which is covered elsewhere in this issue. Then, looking ahead a bit into November, we want to mention the trip to Atlantic City on November 21, 22 and 23 and to remind one and all that the \$50 deposit must be paid by November 7. Complete details are in my column for September, except that I failed to mention that each couple is to bring one bottle of spirits for the hospitality room.

That's all for this month comrades, hope to see many of you at the October meeting. We still need help in many areas of our activities. If you can see your way to volunteering to do something, please come forward and we'll be able to fit you in someplace.

Philip J. Giacone, Jr., Commander

### ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

October is a month of change, cooler days and nights, falling leaves and the last of the harvest, but also a time for "fun and games" and even a little dreaming of the pleasures of the late summer. Which brings us to the beginning of the fall and winter social season. And what better way to usher in that season than with our Annual Sports Day, a day fittingly held during the World Series and thus at the same time saying so-long to summer.

Our Chairman for the day this year is Al Vanderwood who guarantees that the fare will be equal to that of former years in spite of the fact that the price will remain at what it was last year, \$7.50 per person. This is in line with this year's policy of keeping prices as low as we can for all of our social affairs. Getting steamed clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads, soda and beer for \$7.50 makes it an unbeatable value, plus of course the good fellowship that goes with it.

So let's get out the usual crowd. The date is Saturday, October 18, starting at about 1:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 6 (Mon) - Regular Post meeting at 8 p.m.  
Refreshments follow
- 7 (Tue) - Battle of Saratoga, 1777, the decisive battle of the American Revolution.
- 12 (Sun) - Columbus Day (traditional)
- 13 (Mon) - Columbus Day (by Act of Congress)
- 16 (Thu) - Luncheon at the Post at noon.  
Members and guests.
- 18 (Sat) - Sports Day at the Post, 1 p.m.
- 20 (Mon) - Post Affairs Committee meets at 8 p.m.
- 23 (Thu) - County meeting
- 27 (Mon) - Board of Directors' meeting at Post at 8 p.m.
- 31 (Fri) - Halloween

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### MEMBERSHIP

As of press time we had not received our quota from County, but it should be about 815 which was the number of living paid-up members at the time the dues notices were processed in July. However, whatever the quota, we cannot reiterate too often that we must increase our efforts to get new members. As we have said many times in the past, there are many eligibles in our area, including many from the Vietnam era. You younger fellows just have to help us with the recruitment of Vietnam veterans. We have also said before that the membership of the American Legion nationwide is composed of about 25% of veterans of the Vietnam era. With only about 5% of such veterans in our Post, we don't compare very favorably and we have to pick up the pace in attracting them.

We have been receiving dues thus far on a steady basis since the opening of the 1981 campaign and as of press time there were 450 who had paid. This represents 54%, which compares favorably with last year at this time.

Since the dues increase by Department is now a reality, it behooves every member to get his dues in as soon as possible and in so doing, save \$1.50, which is the increase voted at the Department convention in July.

**SO BE THRIFTY AND SAVE A BUCK FIFTY.**

Eight new members have joined our ranks since the last report to you: George W. Grandy, Willard J. LaBarge, Walter F. Smith, Alan R. Whitney, Edward W. Lortie, Richard A. Cossart, Sr., William Sorgi and John M. Murdock (transfer).

Welcome aboard, and come in and get acquainted, and take an active part in our Post programs.

Good health to you all.

Milt Andre, Membership Chairman

### BOWLING

Here is the bowling line-up for the 1980-81 season:

#1 Tanks	#2 Navy
J. Quinn (Capt.)	F. DiSanto (Capt.)
C. Herber	R. Reynolds
C. Larkin	W. Mitchell
T. Foy	J. Pauquette
#3 Marines	#4 Infantry
W. Johnston (Capt.)	R. Winchell (Capt.)
W. Alwell	A. Pugliese
R. Oates	J. Haker
W. Karins	H. Acker
#5 Sea Bees	#6 Coast Guard
E. Devenpeck (Capt.)	R. Bender (Capt.)
K. Burns	A. Mosmen
W. Donnelly	G. Heilman
J. Marino	E. Lortie
#7 Air Force	#8 Army
E. Viele (Capt.)	D. Lantz (Capt.)
F. Buker	R. LaForge
R. Perry	O. Palmer
L. McCabe	E. Vail

After the first week of bowling, Jim Quinn's Tanks were out in front by one point over the Marines, Air Force and Sea Bees.

Congratulations to Bill Mitchell for a 233 single and Jim Quinn for 202 and 201 singles and a 592 triple. Other good scores were 204 and 563 by Ed Devenpeck and 211 and 573 by yours truly.

We do not have anyone on our waiting list at this time. If you are interested, please call me at 439-4888.

I'll have a great deal more to report to you next month. In the meantime, good luck to all on the alleys.

Dick Winchell, Secretary

### TAPS

Roger M. Aiken, a World War I veteran, died in Delmar in August. Roger was a long-time member of the Post and a brother of former Senator Aiken of Vermont.

Commander Giacone conveyed the sympathy of the officers and members of the Post to the family.

May Roger rest in peace with those of his comrades who have gone before him.

### HELP WANTED

1. A volunteer interior decorator (amateur or professional) or someone with ideas to offer on how we should proceed to make our meeting room more attractive to those looking to rent the hall for private parties.

2. Someone to assist your editor when he is wearing his other hat of Public Relations Chairman. Here again either amateur or professional.

### LUNCHEON

The monthly luncheon at the Post will be on Thursday, October 16 at noon. Our first fall luncheon in September was well attended. It was good to see most of our "regulars" back and particularly encouraging to see so many newcomers. The turnout bodes well for the future of the luncheons which have become increasingly popular.

One word of comment with reference to our speaker at the luncheon. We had said in the 1040 Times that the after-lunch programs were to be eliminated for the time being. That is still our intention, but when Earle Ribero said that Bill Hartigan was in town (from Saudi Arabia) temporarily, and would be happy to bring us up to date on Middle East goings-on, we felt that everyone would enjoy hearing Bill again. Those who had heard Bill last fall at one of our luncheons are well aware of how knowledgeable Bill is on the affairs of the Middle East, e.g. Afghanistan.

Try to make it on October 16 if you can, and your guests are welcome as always.

### BINGO REPORT

Four occasions - 707 players	
Receipts . . . . .	\$6,582.02
Prizes . . . . .	4,000.00
Gross Profit . . . . .	\$2,582.02
Expenses:	
Equip. & Supplies. . \$	471.00
Services. . . . .	151.00
License Fees . . . . .	73.18
Postage . . . . .	15.00
	710.24
Net Profit . . . . .	\$1,871.78

### SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

The shuffleboard season will open on Thursday, October 2. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Post Bulletin board.

We will report the complete line-up in next month's issue. If you are interested in being a substitute, sign up on the same sheet. For more information, or answers to questions, call Carol Benton, League President, at 439-2813.

### MEET ANOTHER OFFICER

When we gave you the background last month of several of our officers, Bob Glastetter, Vice Commander, was out of town, so here is a thumbnail sketch of Bob.

He is a native of the Town of Bethlehem and a graduate of Bethlehem schools. A veteran of World War II, he saw service with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater.

Bob is a resident of Glenmont with his wife Joan and three sons, Donald, Daniel and David. He is an employee of Bailey's Garage in Delmar.



## AUXILIARY NEWS

By Freda Sherman

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September 16, our first meeting of the new season was a covered dish supper, followed by the regular meeting. For many years this has been the occasion for the Empire Girls' Stater to speak to our unit. This year the Girls' and Boys' Staters were invited to speak about their respective programs, held June 22-28. Mary Bousvaros went to Cassanova College in Cassanovia, New York. Michael Nyilis went to SUNY Agricultural and Technological College in Morrisville, New York. Mary and Michael are students at The Bethlehem Central High School. When asked to give a "one-liner" comment on their experience, Mary said, "I was impressed by the fact that 300 girls who met as strangers had become very good friends in that one week while learning about politics and government". Michael said, "It was a lot of fun and worthwhile and I will remember it for a long time". The parents of the speakers were our guests, also several men of the Post. Ruth Burns, Mildred Karins and Grace Benson were hostesses.

The 3rd District Fall conference was held at The Sky Line Steak and Seafood House in Kingston on September 20. Several members from Blanchard attended: Eleanor Blendell, Lillian Blanchard, Carol Cummings, Barbara Whitney and Joan Glasstetter. Barbara Palmer, Department Community Service Chairman also attended as a guest of the 3rd District.

Past President's Dinner will be October 7. General Chairman is Rose Marino, Marcia Turner in charge of decorations and taking reservations Kathy Blanchard (439-3337). SORRY — details for the menu, price and reservations deadline were not available at press time.

A dinner to honor Mrs. George Clark, Jr. Past Albany County Chairman and her retiring officers will be held October 16 at Alteri's Banquet House on New Karner

Road, Albany. All Auxiliary members are invited. If interested please contact Eleanor Blendell (439-3445). Deadline for reservations is October 10.

October 21 is the date of the next regular meeting. It has been decided to return to serving light refreshments after meetings. There will be a sing-a-long so get your voices tuned up, we will have song sheets, no excuses so everyone join in. Tina Romanski will be refreshment hostess for the October meeting.

Our Basket of Cheer will be raffled off at the Tinsel Ball in December. Pauline Ouderkirk and Joan Glasstetter will be the committee for the distribution of the raffle books.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7	Past President's Dinner
October 21	Regular Business Meeting
November 18	Regular Business Meeting
December 16	Christmas Party

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week of October 6 through 12 is this year's Fire Prevention Week, a week during which the Fire Companies in Our Town and nationwide will bring to the attention of our citizens the need for constant alertness in the matter of fire prevention and safety. It is of course an appropriate time for all of us to reflect upon the dedication of those men in our Fire Companies who give so much of their time in the service of our community.

### 20 WEEK CLUB

Due to lagging sales in 20 Week Club membership, the weekly drawings were suspended in the latter part of August. It is hoped that the sales will pick up enough so that drawings can be resumed some time in October. The plans are then to hold double drawings each week in order to make up ground lost during the suspension.

So, if you have not joined, you now have an opportunity to do so.

William Mitchell, Chairman

## A LOOK BACK: KOREA + 30

Thirty years ago this year, on June 25, 1950, the communist forces of North Korea, with Soviet-made weapons, crossed the 38th parallel to invade South Korea. A few days later, former President Truman reversed American Far Eastern policy and ordered U.S. aircraft and ships to the battle zone. The cold war suddenly became the hot war, and General MacArthur was called upon to push back the communist hordes.

During the following 37 months, there was the daring Inchon landing, in the skies was "Mig Alley" and bloody combat for control of key points like "Heartbreak Ridge" and "Old Baldy".

Korea was an unusual war. A war then President Truman did not want to call a war. To avoid using the word, it was first called a "police action" and later referred to as a "conflict". However, five years later it was finally and officially declared the Korean War by the U.S. Army. It is now known by many as the "Forgotten War". Nevertheless, it cost 54,246 American lives and 103,284 Americans were wounded fighting in it.

The war was fought by unusually tough and aggressive fighting men. The Korean vet was self-sufficient, probably because most were born during the early depression years and were brought up to get by the best they could. Living off the land was nothing new to them. They had been doing it since they were six years old. In the air, they were fighting with modern jet aircraft, while on the ground they fought from trenches as their fathers and grandfathers had in World War I.

Those who fought in Korea won their victory. Let history record that the men who gave their lives in Korea, and the men who survived, achieved in battle exactly what their original mission had been: the North Korean reds had attempted to seize South Korea and at the end of hostilities, they had been driven out of South Korea.

General MacArthur best summed up the account of the Korean War with this tribute to the men who fought there:

"The fortitude and courage of the American soldier was never more tested than on the bleak fields of Korea. Outnumbered and sorely handicapped by the unprecedented restrictions imposed upon him from political sources, he sought by brains and brawn and blood to overcome all odds. His sacrifice was bitter. A soldier's glory enshrines his deathless memory."

(There are nearly six million living veterans of the Korean War.)



## OCTOBER PEST

*(Or Calling All Goblins!)*

— And my arch-enemy Type Error got to me in the Sept Issue and how!

1. I said Ernie GALL: It came out Ernie Ball.

2. I said it was nice to be at the same table with Bob & Elsie MONTGOMERY: It came out, "small table".

3. I said it was good to see Tom FOY, it tis: It came out, "It its!"

So to Ernie, Bob, Elsie, Tom — my apologies!

— I'll have to ask Charley HERBER and Roger DI NUCCI what that I-17 item last month (contribution of a gremlin) was all about.

— 'n a Leprechaun got in with a Confucius saying — but it wasn't bad; in fact it was pretty good!

— ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO MY VERY WITTY COLUMN?

— And tis good to see a high caliber recruit like Greg DOLE on the Bingo Team.

— Dan and Dot LANTZ posting some great golf scores at Tall Timbers according to the papers.

— Hy ROSEN making a big hit with the members at the September meeting. Lotsa pictures taken and lights flashing.  
— Fred and Lois KLAPP looking fine and dandy over at the Post t'other Fri Nite.

— V. Cmdr. Bob GLASTETTER very much on the ball getting the Post events set up for the year.

— The new address of Bob and Lenore ya ask? But right on!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Smith

Palm Lake Estates

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— and always a pleasant greeting from George & Marge TEN EYCK.

— 'n a coupla couples who are always pleasant to chat with are Art & Shirley WARNER and Warren & Ronnie MOESSNER, that's who!

— 'n a good talk with that dynamo of commerce Dan CONNORS awhile back.

— I'll have ta ask Jack MARTIN if he is still with the golf clubs or has switched to bowling — or maybe doing both!

— I don't think this here Duster is the only one who gets absent-minded and has a hearing problem! (yeah, but youse admit to it: many don't!)

— Get P. Cmdr. Joe VON RONNE to show you the swell picture of him that was drawn by Hy Rosen when Joe was Post Commander.

— Where has that rascal Bob KRAFT been lately? I'll have ta ask John & Grace BENSON, that's who!

— 'n I still think that we ought to enter John & Renna HAUF in a Ballroom Dancing Contest, that's what.

— I pride meself (especially a nosey guy like me) on not asking those gee-gee experts like Dick Patrick DALTON, Gus WILLIAMS, Jake CAPPALLO and others how they fared at the Saratoga races this year.

— Bill & Zen CAMPBELL have a fine big house being erected next door to them. I hated to see that great big tree taken down, but Bill said that he would have had to take it down anyway in a few years.

— 'n a more pleasant couple ya won't see than Paul & Carol JORALEMON, that's who!

— And a good Dutch Lunch after the last Post meeting, but the chatter around the beer misses something when Jack BRADY, Milt ANDRE, and Lou LEGLER aren't there.

— 'n isn't it a tough decision that Ollie & Barb PALMER had to make whether to spend the week-end at their swimming pool in their yard or at their summer home at a Vermont lake. Ah, these wealthy people...

— I wonder what John FULLER was muttering when he went out the door

after somebody announced that the headlights were on on a car with license plates numbered such-an-such.

— 'n Dick SMITH always has a smile on his face when he is selling those bingo tickets.

— And howza 'bout somebody to replace The Duster with happenings in — and — around the Post? I'll stay with it as long as youse put up with it — but anything gets stale and I tend to repeat-repeat-repeat — See what I mean!

— I wonder how Chick ADALIAN is doing with hiz bowling this year.

— And sometimes when I hear a joke being told and a great roar of laughter goes up it reminds me of a great guy — There will never be another Hughie STOWERS.

— 'n always a pleasant lady to see is Anna May WHITE, that's who!

— And it's kinda sad to see summer go, but there are nice things about the fall season like Post parties — seeing nice people again like Norb & Madalyn SCHMITZ, Ed & Betty BLATZHEIM, Frank & Lil ALGER, Joan STOWERS and a whole host of nice people, that's what!

— Well I guess that I rambled on enough for 1 issue. Come back and we will turkey-trot in November.

— BUT before I go let me say to the Wimp-Nerd who left the souvenir at the back door of the Post — I think that you left the best part of you there! So Be It!!

... The Duster

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