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VA REVIEW

A subject of vital interest to many of our members and their non-member veteran friends will be the topic of discussion at the mid-November meeting at the Post hall on Monday, Nov. 21. The topic will be presented by George Vadas of the Veterans Administration Agency who has accepted the invitation of meeting chairman Phil Lee to speak at our Post. For those of you who have questions about veterans' benefits and claims it should be worth your while to set this evening aside to attend the meeting which should bring enlightenment to many of us about the recently revised VA program.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. After Mr. Vadas talks, he will hold a question and answer period.

For the same meeting, arrangements have been made for the showing of a 20-minute film from the New York Telephone Company.

Harvest Ball A Comin'

The first November Saturday, the 5th, is the date for the Post's annual Harvest Ball. Activities Chairman Doc Klett has named John Blanchard as Chairman of the Ball with Don Coombs and Bob Roth as Co-Chairmen. Of course we know who will really do the work—their wives!

Joe Cosco and his band will provide the music with the downbeat given at 10 p.m. and the off-beat at 2 a.m.

Come two, come all to the Harvest Ball.

Veterans Day Parade

Blanchard Post has a quota of forty marchers to furnish for the Veterans' Day (Armistice Day, to you old-timers) Parade to be held in Albany on Friday, November 11. Vice-Comdr. Fay Walworth represented our Post at a meeting with Mayor Corning and veterans' leaders in making the arrangements for the holiday set aside to honor the nation's ex-servicemen. Consult your daily paper or check at the Post to get the time and place of assembly for the parade.

Community Ambassador

At Comdr. Hynds request, Bert Jablon has consented to continue as Blanchard Post's representative this year on the Advisory Committee of the Community Ambassador Project. Bert will have a report on the program later in the year.

FOR THE RECORD

Last month each member received a postal card from Vice-Comdr. Fay Walworth who is also the Post Service and Vets Rehab Officer. The card is self-explanatory and has a most useful function for each individual member and for the Post records. Not counting the time and effort put to it by Fay and others who worked on it, the project to be launched cost the Post more than \$50.00. If the cards are not completed and returned by you, the members, this will be a wasted expenditure. Comdr. Hynds and those responsible for the administration of the Post this year urge your cooperation in this project. If you did not get your card, or have lost it, let Fay know and another card will be sent to you. After the cards are all in it will be possible to determine which members are eligible for recognition for continuous membership in the Legion. Next month we shall report further on this project.

VOTE — VOTE — VOTE

As American Legionnaires, come Tuesday, November 8, we have a profound duty to perform. To willfully neglect to do it in these perilous times of the cold war in which the world is embroiled is as serious as deserting in the face of the enemy during a shooting hot war. More than ever before the American Legion this year is committed to getting out the vote. You have an obligation to abide by that commitment. Don't slacken from it. You risked your life at war to safeguard the privilege of voting. Now, don't forget it. Just cherish the thought that you had the opportunity of casting your vote for the candidate of your choice.

Given S. Hynds, *Cmdr.*

Legion Leisure

At the first October Post meeting, Comdr. Hynds paid tribute to one of his predecessors by congratulating Earl Jones, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement from a long and successful career in the legal and insurance fields. Earl responded by stating that now that he is retired he will try to make a better attendance at meetings.

COMING EVENTS

SAT., NOV. 5—Harvest Ball, 10 - 2 a.m.

MON., NOV. 7—Regular monthly meeting, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments follow.

TUES., NOV. 8—Election Day. *Display the Stars and Stripes and Vote!*

FRI., NOV. 11—Veterans Day. *Display the Stars and Stripes.*

MON., NOV. 14—Post Affairs Committee meets at 8:00 p.m.

MON., NOV. 21—Mid-monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m. Guest speaker, George M. Vadas from the VA will review new VA laws.

TUES., NOV. 22—Blanchard Post will host for the County Legion meeting at 8:00 p.m.

THURS., NOV. 24—Thanksgiving Day. Give thanks to the Lord and *Display the Flag.*

MON., NOV. 28—Post Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 3—Tinsel Ball from 10 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

Convention Ahead

Comdr. Given Hynds and Vice-Comdr. Pat Igoe, Judge Advocate Geo. Wenger and Max Maeder attended the initial meeting of the '61 Department Convention Committee which discussed the preliminaries for the program to take place next July in Albany. The meeting took place at the Scully Post and was directed by Ed Delehanty, the Convention Chairman who spearheaded the drive to bring the meeting to the State's Capitol. It is expected the Blanchard Post and many of its members will be called upon to aid in the preparations for the Convention.

Blanchard Post To Host

The County Legion meeting will take place at Blanchard Post on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. For those of you who do not get the opportunity to attend a County meeting, this is a convenient opportunity to do so. As the host Post, it is Comdr. Hynds' wish to offer our neighboring Posts and the County Staff a hospitable evening. To that end he has been offered the cooperation of Auxiliary President Esther Cooke, who will call upon her members to assist in the preparation of the buffet table usually prepared for these occasions.

HAVE YOU RECRUITED ANY NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR POST?

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Next Auxiliary meeting is NOVEMBER 15. Mark your calendar now for the third Tuesday of every month, and come to the meetings.

Maud Hafley is making her annual appeal for money or attractive gifts for the Veterans Hospital Christmas Gift Shop. Bring them to the regular November meeting, or, if it is not possible to attend, phone Maud and arrangements will be made to have them picked up. Maud is co-chairman of this year's Gift Shop, and it's a wonderful project. Hope the Unit will go all-out in cooperating with her.

November 5 is Third District Conference at the Hotel Hampton.

President Esther chose Chris Barkhuff as Chaplain, Helen Quinn as Sergeant-at-Arms and Noreen Cooke as Historian for this year.

Esther also appointed the following committee chairmen: Ruth Dalton, Americanism; Ruth Jorgensen, American Legion Mountain Camp, Finance and Past Presidents Parley; Anita Schaming, Cancer Control; Charlotte Johnston, Child Welfare; Mollie Cassidy, Civil Defense; Lottie VanDyke, Community Service; Ann deHeus, Constitution and By-Laws; June Wilcox, Coupons; Frances Lenseith, Education and Scholarship; Madalyn Lawler, Empire Girls State; Helen Deitz, Empire State News; Virginia Cavanaugh, Hospital Workers; Marge Pino, Legislation; Angel Feiden, Membership; Gerry Klett, Music; Toni Spinosa, National Security; Lee Hurley, Pan American; Kay Mosmen, Poppies; Frances Hynds, Publicity; Maud Hafley, Rehabilitation; and Henrietta Harris, Refreshments.

In appreciation of her services as Installing Officer, President Esther presented Maud Hafley with a gift.

Don't forget to send in your dues of \$2.50.

THE HEAT'S ON

Now that the new heating system has been installed and paid for, we'll have to see to it that we attempt the next improvement program for the Post. The time that it takes to move that program relies on the response to which Blanchard members support the Post in its many activities. Your support can be shown by prompt payment of dues, by attending meetings regularly or perhaps occasionally, by joining in the fun that accompanies the several dances and parties scheduled by the Activities Committee or by contributing to the fund-raising projects of the Post. The heat's on. Let's make the atmosphere warmer and more pleasant.

Sick Call

Reported on the sick list last month by Sick Call Chairman Wiley were members Kenrick and George Fowler.

JINGLE BELLS!

A reminder that Christmas is fast approaching comes in the fashion of the Tinsel Ball set for Saturday, Dec. 3rd.

Activities Chairman Klett recommends that you tie a jingle bell to your finger or toe so that you'll know when to go—or if it's more effective mark the date on your calendar. He's named a committee of Warren Moessner, Ted Sherman, Maury Otis and George Kass, Jr., with their wives to prepare for the event. This Committee was named because of the splendid job they did at the last Valentine Dance.

An appropriate-named band has been chosen for the occasion. Phil Foote and his musicians. Time as usual: 10 to 2.

DUES DUE

Vice-Comdr. and Membership Chairman Pat Igoe reports more than a third of the membership has responded to his first call for 1961 dues. At the mid-October meeting his report showed that Blanchard has 216 paid-up members and three new ones. That reflects good work by the Membership Committee and is a tribute to those of you who have paid up. Now for the remainder of our membership, Pat is anxious to hear from them so that he can have a good report to forward to the County when it meets at Blanchard Post on November 22. All are urged to help in this cause.

Thank You, Jim Williams

...for the piano that's now downstairs by the bar. For those of you who would like to drink and sing, Jim's contribution of this musical instrument makes it possible.

Chaplain's Helpers

Filling in for the Chaplain at the meetings last month were Ralph Butler and Charley Wiley.

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BOWL OF FISH

A new but limited activity in the Post got under way this season in the field of bowling. As an activity it supplements the regular bowling league. As of now it is limited to eight teams of four bowlers each. The 4-member teams, however, are composed of two males and their wives. So as not to be confused with the regular bowling group, these players call themselves The Anglers Bowling League. To identify themselves, the teams have fishy names. With the season's beginning, here are the teams with their captain's names:

	W.	L.	TOT.
Mosmen's <i>Guppies</i>	2	1	1589
Johnston's <i>Muskies</i>	2	1	1523
Becker's <i>Baracuda's</i>	2	1	1494
Flint's <i>Bullheads</i>	2	1	1306
Strickland's <i>Flounders</i>	1	2	1519
Lephart's <i>Smelts</i>	1	2	1429
Lawler's <i>Piranhas</i>	1	2	1404
Klett's <i>Perches</i>	1	2	1378

Next month we'll try to name all the players. An analysis of the initial scoring interestingly enough, shows that eleven of the lady bowlers are as good or better than half of the male half of the league.

President of the league is Dr. Stan Klett; Bill Flint is Vice-President and Clarence Lephart does all the work with the title of Secretary - Treasurer. The league meets, for those who wish to do some heckling, on Sunday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sporthaven in Delmar.

POST GUESTS

Two distinguished gentlemen were present at the mid-October Post meeting. Brought to the Post as the guest of Charley Walsh (who is 1-star general in the Reserves) was Major Gen. Brendan O'Hara, Chief of Staff to the Governor and Commanding General of the New York National Guard. Our other guest who has become a member of the Post was Bob Coburn, former County Legion Commander, who was introduced by Charley Wiley.

The meeting was highlighted by an interesting and concise report from our Boys' State delegates William Johnston, Jr. and Douglas Johnson. Another feature of the meeting was a colorful film, "The Blue Angels", which portrays the training and work of the U. S. Navy's crack jet team. The meeting program was under the auspices of Bill Lee, chmn.

You Missed It

Those of you who didn't attend the October 8th dance, we hear, missed one of the best fun-fests the Post has had. Climaxing a day of steak-roasting, the evening function turned out to be an equally happen occasion for all of those who attended. For the exceptionally good roast, credit again goes to Hank Voorhees and Doc Klett thanks all of those who helped to make the night affair the success it was.

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