



Ten Forty Times

DELMAR, NEW YORK



Twentieth Year

NOVEMBER 1975

PRESIDENT SIGNS NOV. 11 VETERANS DAY BILL



Following the overwhelming votes in the Senate and House, and expressing the wish of the very great majority of the American people, President Ford signed the bill returning Veterans Day to its traditional date of November 11, effective in 1978. In the accompanying picture Commander Palmer and Commander Paquette of Bethlehem Memorial Post—Veterans of Foreign Wars, congratulate one another in the work done by both our organizations nationwide to bring about this change. Oh yes, the other gent in the photo is your Editor and Americanism Chairman who is holding a copy of the President's message accompanying his approval of the bill.

BICENTENNIAL NOTES

The Bicentennial Committee of our Post continues to be active in promoting our participation in the events leading up to and including the celebration of the 200th anniversary of our great nation. The Committee is pleased and very thankful for the interest shown in this program by so many of our members. They would like to re-emphasize, however, that they are open for suggestions and ideas from any member.

The Chairman of the Post Committee is Sid Kaplan, who is also on the Town of Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission and doing a fine job. The other members of our Committee are:

Commander Palmer, Charles O'Hara, Robert Smith, Robert Edwards, Joseph Marino; and Norrine Cooke, Barbara Whitney, Marcia Turner (Auxiliary).

The responsibility for running the parade on Memorial Day, May 31, 1976, falls on this Committee. This parade will also encompass the Bicentennial celebration in our town.

On Monday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Town of Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission at Community Room of the National Commercial Bank in Delmar to which the public is invited to offer suggestions.

Blanchard Post has set aside Saturday night, Feb. 14, for a Colonial Ball at the Post Rooms. Our ladies are encouraged to make their own (and their husbands) colonial costumes and to plan to join their friends in celebrating the Spirit of '76 at this gala affair. Details later.

The Post Committee is anxious to get additional bands for the Memorial Day Parade. If anyone has any ideas on this, please get in touch with Sid Kaplan or any Committee member.

Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance

In order to rev everyone up for the big month of December, the Tinsel Ball, under the ever capable direction of Mike Mele, will start things going December 6. Be smart and get your tickets and make your table reservations (says Mike) now. This is always a holiday event at the Post that sets the pace for the season.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was instituted over 50 years ago in Des Moines, Iowa, by the joint action of The American Legion and the National Education Association to enlist the help of the public in eliminating the high rate of illiteracy and poor physical fitness prevalent among youth during World War I. The U. S. Office of Education and National Congress of Parents and Teachers became co-sponsors in 1922 and 1938, respectively. This year American Education Week is being observed during the week of November 16-22. As a service to the young people of the nation, The American Legion has developed a Guide for Parents and Students. This year we are starting in a small way (we haven't done much in the past to recognize this week) to bring to our Junior and Senior High Schools the realization that this Post is interested in our community school system by distributing to these schools (junior and senior high) copies of this pamphlet to be given to students. This project was approved at our regular Post meeting of October 6.

• November Calendar •

Mon. Nov. 3—Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30; regular Post meeting at 8:30. Refreshments to follow

Tues. Nov. 4—Election Day, fly the Flag

Tues. Nov. 11—Veterans Day, fly the Flag

Sat. Nov. 15—Italian Night Dinner and Dance

Mon. Nov. 17—Regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments after

Thur. Nov. 27—Thanksgiving, fly the Flag

Sat. Nov. 29—Baseball Dinner

All News Ain't Bad News

To quote the old adage, "We can be thankful for little favors." To wit—since we are going to have another increase in postal rates, the Postal Service has very graciously deferred the increase until after Christmas. Were they doing us a favor or did they very correctly come to the conclusion that the sending of cards at Christmas time would take a dive and they wouldn't be gaining anyway?

BLANCHARD POST

PHONE (518) 439-9819

COMMANDER	Oliver H. Palmer
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	Edward M. Korp
VICE COMMANDER	James Blanchard
VICE COMMANDER	E. William Bliven
ADJUTANT	Ernest Gall
FINANCE OFFICER	John A. Williamson, Sr.
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
HISTORIAN	Warren Moessner
SERVICE OFFICER	Frank Zini
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Robert Hoffman
JUDGE ADVOCATE	George F. Wenger
CHMN. BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Daniel G. Lantz
EDITOR, 1040 TIMES	Charles J. O'Hara

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Christine Hoffman

OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

President	Barbara Whitney
First Vice President	Pauline Ouderkirk
Second Vice President	Christine Hoffman
Recording Secretary	Rosemary Blanchard
Corresponding Secretary	Rose Marino
Treasurer	Christina Romanski
Chaplain	Lottie Van Dyke
Sergeant at-Arms	Helen Quinn
Historian	Freda Sherman

Many, many thanks to the "boys" of the Post for the culinary art they contributed on September 23 for Junior Past President Marcia Turner's steak dinner. All those present thoroughly enjoyed the evening's festivities.

The Auxiliary is once again sponsoring this year, the \$75 Annual Basket of Cheer. Tickets are presently on sale at 25c each or 5 for \$1. Rose Ann Levy is in charge of ticket sales. The drawing will be on December 6 at the Tinsel Ball. We hope Rose Ann will report she ran out of tickets.

The County Meeting was held September 30 at 8 p.m. at Blanchard Post. The attendance was very good. Many thanks to the following who donated food and helped to serve: Betty Worden, Lenore Smith, Catherine LaForge, Lottie Van Dyke, Marcia Turner, Ronnie Moessner, Lillian Blanchard, Rosemary Blanchard, Rose Ann Levy, Ethel Woods, Barbara Palmer, Norrine Cook, Tina Romanski, Pauline Ouderkirk, Barb Whitney, and Christine Hoffman.

MEMBERSHIP. Our chairman, Pauline Ouderkirk, reports that we have 215 members; of this number, over 50% of our quota is paid as we go to press. Anyone wishing to pay dues and help close the quota gap, should make check payable to N. A. Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040. Please send your checks to Pauline at 359 Elm Avenue, Delmar, 12054, or see her at our regular meeting on November 18. Let's help Pauline reach her goal by December 1.

A note to our members of long standing, do you remember our adopted veteran, Charlie Butler, at the VA? Last

news we had, he is leaving his fourth floor room and receiving occupational therapy for his arthritic condition. This therapy must be effective, at last report he was a very "young" and happy 83. A word of reminder, December 9, Charlie will be a "young" 84. Anyone wishing to relay congratulations by card or in person, will be appreciated by our 'boy.'

Our own Barbara Palmer has been appointed Deputy VAVS (Veterans Administration Voluntary Service) at the Albany VA Hospital. Barbara will be working very closely with Loretta Bardilli of Post 1610, North Albany.

Barbara and Loretta are responsible for recruiting help for the VA Bingo nights at the VA. Bingo nights are held the first Wednesday and second Friday of each month. November 5 at 6:45 p.m. is our own "Blanchard Night." Help is needed if you have a few hours to spare. Please call Barbara at 439-5385. If you can go, please wear your hats. At the moment, they are trying to arrange for one Unit to work on the Bingo at least once a year.

Barbara and Loretta also work with other organizations to assure every VA Hospital veteran receives a cake on his birthday with a Canteen Book. This year it is the privilege of the 1040 Auxiliary to have the first Wednesday in November. Ronnie Moessner has graciously volunteered to make our cake. Thank you Ronnie, we need more members like you.

I'm sure our members will be glad to hear that Grace Gentener is out of the hospital and at home. She enjoyed the cards and flowers she received while in the hospital. Our thoughts are with her for a complete and speedy recovery.

What is LIFE? *Living In Fellowship* Evermore! Come to the meetings—and enjoy LIFE!

October Doings Post-mortems

Bill Campbell and Bill Campion report that the October events of which they were chairmen, the West Point bus ride and Sports Day went off beautifully. Bill Campbell might have taken a bath in more ways than one, but Bill didn't mind that, he always enjoys himself. He thanks one and all who helped in any way to make Sports Day a success.

A Note of Thanks

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Helen Stahlhut, widow of Fred who passed away in October 1973, thanking the Post for providing a Legion grave marker for Fred's grave in St. John's Cemetery in Glenmont. Fred was a long time Post member and a great golfer.

BASEBALL DINNER

Manager Ernie Gall has announced that the annual dinner for our Post baseball team will be held at the Post Rooms on Saturday, Nov. 29. This year's dinner will honor a team that went as far as the State semi-finals, a performance that was only equalled by our 1964 team. In addition to Post members and families of the players, the affair is open to friends of the team and the general public. Richie Hebner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has tentatively agreed to be present subject to other later commitments that may be made for him by his club. Tickets are available from Ernie (phone 439-3271) or from George or Jake in the Post Lounge.

The price of the tickets had not been determined at press time. Let's make a good showing at this affair honoring our fine team in this the Golden Anniversary year of American Legion ball.

Senior Veterans Attend Monthly Luncheon

On the second Tuesday of each month the Veterans of World Wars I and II meet to renew their friendships, and possibly to make new ones, at the LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk. This is an informal gathering with no speeches or business meeting. If you have the time come along to our next gathering on Tuesday Nov. 11, which of course is a very special day—Veterans Day.

Those in attendance the month of October were Jack Hickman, Corson Utter, Joe DiNapoli, Hank Westphal, George Butman, Ed Vanderloo, Paul Baron, Al (Shorty) Adams, Fred Mosmen, Harry Brinkman, Joe Collins, George Brown.

Winford Robinson, the leader of the group (home with the flu), Guy Smith, Earl McGuirk, Al Rowe and Hank Stockman were missing as was Al Greenwood who was in the VA Hospital. We're sure Al will be back with us this month.

They're Flying Old Glory Again

You'll all recognize the above heading as the title of an article in the October issue of the *American Legion Magazine*. Those of you who have read the article will know that it became increasingly popular to again fly the American Flag everywhere across the nation. This is the result of a revulsion which has swept the country against the unpatriotic and often treasonous excesses of a period of about 15 years. Let us here in Bethlehem be sure that we do all that we can to keep in stride and foster a community-wide return to the respect, love and loyalty towards the Flag that was always a part of our American greatness.

DUSTING AROUND THE POST

.....and it's always a pleasure to see Wils MILLER and Al BECKMANN—2 genial Shriners out for an evening of bowling.'n a dozen big cheers to Milt ANDRE on taking over the difficult membership job—some of the people who have helped on this are Barbara WHITNEY, Barbara PALMER, John ENNIS, Jack BRADY, Hugh STOWERS and Gutter Duster.'n the Blanchard '76 Committee got a big helping hand when Joe MARINO joined the team. and it was great to have WW1 Vet Earl MCGUIRK out to the other meeting. and Ken HAVILL should have an answering service, he's such a popular guy!Methinks Bob HOFFMAN must belong to the same club as that other noted gent judging by his stock of jokes.'n to that special person—I've missed seeing you around, girl!and Bob Lou LEGLER is an A-1 expert at chair construction.and the Shuffleboard League off 'n shuffling with the climax being a banquet at Ben RIGAUD's Rest Seekers Inn.Sights I never expected to see: Al PUGLIESE hollering or Ed VAIL not good natured.and I'd like to borrow the famous quote by John HAKER, "I just don't get the hang of the game."'n Ed AHERN made a great recovery from surgery and looks like he's ready to go ten rounds!and Grace 'n Bud VIELE are always a swell couple to talk with.'n Blanchard Post could use ur ideas on how to raise funds. Give them to Commander Palmer or Chairman Dan LANTZ!and you shoulda seen Tiger Bill MITCHELL rip off the 5-7-10 split the other p.m. Gad, whatta bowler!'n it was good to see Bud RUKWID downtown 't'her noontime.and if you can donate 1-2-7-10-20 hours a week to the Post in some project such as painting, repairing, fixer-upper or any of a host of other jobs, it would be appreciated. Offer your services to Commander Palmer or Chairman Lantz. Thank you! Gotcher calendar marked for Blanchard Night the first Saturday next April? Don't forget! Go mark it now and thank you!and I had the pleasure of riding on the bus the other week-night with that charming young lady by the name of Eleanor ATWOOD, that's who!'n ya hear the expressions, "uneasy truce" and a "cold stare." Aren't there ever "easy truces" or "warm stares"?and are you going to donate some of your spare time to Blanchard work? That's a good Legionnaire!Hain't had an opportunity to see how big Larry MONETTE is doing since he got back into action.'n ta think that sometime in the future people will look back on today as the "Good old days!"'n there

was Gloria BROOM seated with Ronnie and Warren MOESSNER rooting for the Guilderland Dutchmen while the MOESSNER family were true Orange & Black and rooted for the Bethlehem Eagles. I'll have to ask Ray CALLAGAN just what is the Callaway system and if he sez, "Callaway went thataway!" I'll just mumble that I asked for it.and certainly it's good to have John BENSON as a member of Blanchard Post.Have to get that other Delaware Avenue lad Warren REYNDEERS out to an affair to say nothing of Marcia & Bob CLARKE, Marcia & Bob ROSENFELD, etc., etc.'n ya know I haven't seen that swell gal Della BRADY in quite a spell.'n I think that Blanchard Post should give out "EE" Awards to those who give that extra effort in working for Blanchard Post. There is so much to be done, but there are really so many of us to do it (857 strong plus the best Auxiliary ever).Two good promises of pictures showing (1) Ben PEARSALL to show the great pictures that he took Memorial Day and (2) Earl MCGUIRK to show the pictures of the old Post happenings. Two great things to look forward to—amongst other great Blanchard happenings.and I wonder what party will luck-out and get Roxie, Wally ERLICHMAN & Co. to decorate the hall?Just ran outta gas, outta paper, outta typewriter ribbon, and outta steam all at the same time—it's tuff to git old!

Till Turkey time...

The Gutter Duster

Calendar Changes

The Valentine's Day Dinner Dance scheduled for February 14th, has been cancelled and will be replaced by a Colonial Ball on that date.

Blanchard Night has been moved from April 3 to April 24. This is the night we also honor our Past Commanders.

Hawaiian Night—tentatively on the planning board for sometime in November—will not be held this year.

Italian Night

As noted elsewhere in this issue, our annual Italian Night date has been altered to November 15 (Saturday). This event is eagerly looked forward to each year by all of our Latins, non-Latins, would-be Latins and an assortment of lovers of fine Italian foods (hot, not so hot and sweet) and music (mostly hot). Gus Williams is Chairman and tickets are \$7, obtainable from Gus or George or Jake in the Post Lounge.

KEGLERS KORNER

After five weeks into our new season, DAN LANTZ' AIR FORCE FALCONS have jumped into a four point lead over the next three teams. To date, the bowling overall has been very discouraging; TEAM AVERAGES HAVE DROPPED from 20 to over 70 pins. As the season rolls on, and the lanes get "broken in," perhaps we will all improve and increase our scores. Nice to see JOHN HAKER convert the 5-7 and 6-7 splits during the same match; BILL ALWELL going wild after making the 6-7, too. Miss JOE CUMMINGS who has been visiting his ailing "dad" the past few weeks; BOB LA FORGE breaking his perfect attendance record due to daughter Barb's wedding rehearsal. Sure miss ED KOPR, who was forced to resign due to illness, standing to the rear of the lanes watching his teammates with interest. He was replaced by LARRY MONETTE, our past year's President and former Treasurer, who was forced to resign during last year's season due to a "bad back."

Uncle Miltie

	HS	TEAM	PTS.	W	L	PINS
Air Force	808	2361	15	11	4	10818
Navy	797	2310	11	9	6	10997
Coast Guard	793	2214	11	8	7	11004
Marines	815	2384	11	8	7	10838
Tanks	803	2281	9	7	8	11054
Sea Bees	781	2292	9	7	8	10766
Infantry	792	2256	7	5	10	10620
Army	784	2271	7	5	10	10561

	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.
Aupperle	202	523	1530	9	170
Havill	204	570	2547	15	169
DiSanto	192	528	1983	12	165
Johnston	189	525	1470	9	163
Palmer	210	519	2458	15	163
Bender	211	517	2422	15	161
Miller	209	514	957	6	159
Tangora	197	506	2386	15	159
Larkin	199	521	1431	9	159
Whitney	181	493	2284	15	152
Cummings, Jim	224	499	2289	15	152
Lantz	195	494	2280	15	152
Marino	201	474	2250	15	150
Foy	189	530	1811	12	150
LaForge	182	504	1809	12	150
Vail	181	488	2246	15	149
Brady	179	497	2212	15	147
Mitchell	179	486	2203	15	146
Volk	180	494	1743	12	145
Mosmen	168	452	1741	12	145
Ristau	182	466	2172	15	144
Oates	170	448	1739	12	144
Andre	182	480	2158	15	143
Pugliese	205	456	2148	15	143
Dybas	178	437	1710	12	142
Eagan	171	482	2089	15	139
Hasen	188	451	2085	15	139
Cummings, Joe	159	422	822	6	137
Feiden	169	468	1594	12	132
Monette	202	488	1591	12	132
Pauquette	163	442	1189	9	132
Beckmann	157	422	1170	9	130
Burns	154	419	1940	15	129
Campbell	151	440	1165	9	129
Alwell	161	404	1485	12	123
Butman	153	407	1831	15	122
Baker	144	388	1475	12	122
Haker	169	402	1840	15	122
Cole	163	398	1812	15	120
Stowers	165	378	1714	15	114

Book Covers and Calendars

We still have free school book covers available in the Post Lounge and from Charles O'Hara (439-4076) and there are now Bicentennial calendars for sale in the Lounge (25c apiece).

ANGLERS' MIXED BOWLING

The Anglers' Mixed bowlers are six weeks along and the scores have been anything but spectacular. Most of the keggers seem to be off to a slow start—with averages running below those of former years at this time. As has been said before, "No where to go but up."

Jim Berry's team, consisting of Belle Mayers, Millie Harris and Don Hines, and himself, are leading the league with 17 wins and 3 losses, well ahead of the second place contenders of May Smith, Millie Albright, George Butman, and Franklyn Harris (Capt.), with a record of 11 and 9. Well, to use a time-honored phrase, "it's too early in the season to predict anything."

High scores bowled by the men:

Frank DiSanto	569—223
Gus Franze	540—202
Jim Berry	546—207
Wes Albright	215

High scores for the ladies were:

Grace Franze	512—172
Carol Berry	487—176
Millie Albright	426—160
Belle Mayers	168
Sandy Moran	166
Geni DiSanto	165
Peg Eagan	164

For anyone interested, the league still needs bowlers. Contact Grace Franze.

Taps

During the month of October, death took two of our members: George W. Mott who had just recently joined the Post; and a member for quite a number of years, Edward M. Korp.

Legion services, at the request of the family, were held for Ed at the funeral home on the night of October 15 with the family and a large number of Ed's fellow Legionnaires and friends present. Ed's sudden illness and his rather rapid passing were a great shock to his family and to his many friends at the Post. Our heartfelt sympathy has gone out to his widow and children, to whom he is of course irreplaceable. As the Senior Vice Commander and Membership Chairman of the Post, his place will be most difficult to fill.

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of George Mott, who was only with us a short time but who was nevertheless a fellow Legionnaire and a comrade-in-arms.

Sick Call

Joe Caruso, who was hospitalized for a time, is now home and coming along fine. Nice going Joe. Many of our members will recall Joe as an assistant coach on our baseball team of 1973.

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1609 . . . MARKING THE BEGINNING



Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps. The accompanying picture is that of Sergeant Leo Dorsey of the Bethlehem Police Department, at the marker which was dedicated on the banks of the majestic Hudson River.

The Town of Bethlehem Commission commemorated the anniversary of Henry Hudson's landing on Bethlehem soil on Sept. 19, 1609 by dedicating Henry Hudson Park at Cedar Hill on Friday, Sept. 19, 1975. The dedication included the unveiling of a Memorial Marker that will perpetuate the significance of this great event to the history of our town. Mrs. George Bickel, Chairman, Town of Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission, was the M.C.; the invocation, blessings and benediction were given by our own Father Kaulfuss; remarks were made by Town Supervisor Harry Sheaffer; and music was by Village

ART QUINN MEMORIAL FUND WIND UP DANCE

The last event to be held for the benefit of the Art Quinn Memorial Education Fund will be a Snack Dance to be held November 22 in the Post Rooms.

Dancing will be from 9 till 1 to the donated music of Marv Hirschberg. All other services will also be donated.

The dance will follow the same format of the successful one held in the spring.

Ken Burns, Bill Campbell, Bob Smith or the boys behind the bar are the ones to see for your \$3 per person tickets.

For this particular dance, table reservations will be made for any party of 8 or more but you can rest assured that there will be ample seating for all.

The committee is most appreciative of the generous support this fund has re-

ceived from the membership, but since we have not reached our hoped-for goal, we ask you support us to the "hilt" on this final event. We'd like to add that this entire fund drive will end Nov. 30 and those who have not contributed but wish to do so, still have time.

Thanks to Joe

In recognition of his help over many years in helping to promote the social events at our Post, we toss a few well deserved bouquets in the direction of Joe Recchia, the very pleasant and capable mixologist at the Delmar Tavern. Joe, we thank you and look forward to many more years of pleasant association with you. Good health.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

Non-Profit Organization
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 4
DELMAR, N. Y.