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Delmar, New York

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NOVEMBER HONORS THE VETERAN

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

It doesn't seem possible that five months of our Post year of 1976-1977 are already in the limbo of happy memories. It is said that as we get older time flies, but I like to feel our lives are busier and fuller, causing time to only seem to fly.

We are now in the fall of the year and in October we kicked off our fall program of activities in our always successful manner. Two notable events were the 20-Week Club dinner dance and Sports Day, both held at the Post. Many thanks to chairman Bill Campion and his fine committee for an outstanding successful Sports Day. The 148 attending this latter event may have been an all-time high (note to chairmen of future activities—a lot of advertising helped greatly to the success of the day). Thanks are also in order to Barbara and Rolly, Bill Campbell, Ken Havill, Dot Lantz and George for their invaluable assistance in the next day's clean-up detail. It was felt that Billy Mitchell set a new Guinness record in putting away clam chowder, clams (raw, steamed and casino), sausages, hot dogs and all the rest. (It isn't Billy's fault that there had to be a clean-up detail the next day.)

In October, the gals of the Auxiliary honored Barbara Whitney as outgoing President for 1975-76. At the dinner Barbara presented to the Auxiliary and the Post—on behalf of Rolly and herself—a podium and microphone. Our thanks to Barbara and Rolly for a very thoughtful gift. It will be most helpful to both units.

We are initiating something new in conjunction with the November 1 meeting that we hope will be successful and perhaps establish the pattern for future similar events. We will have a pre-meeting dinner in the Post Lounge. At press time plans were not fully finalized. The price has not been set, but that and other details will be complete by the time you receive this issue. We can say, however, that the cost will be minimal. Call George or Jake in the Lounge (439-9819) for reservations as we would, if possible, like to have some idea of the number that will attend.

I will be talking to you again next month, so in the meantime, have a happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day.

BINGO

Chairman Dick Dalton tells us that a start is now possible in November and the only barrier remaining is approval by the Town, and that this will be given as soon as certain legal formalities have been complied with. We trust that the bingo enthusiasts in our Post and in our Town will bear with us a bit longer. We hope that you will all be bingoing some time in November.

Americanism

★ The world, free and iron-curtain, still watches America, regardless of what its home-grown detractors say. November 2 is our national election. Your duty is to study issues, choose your candidates, and then on Election Day VOTE!

Frank and Gus Say 'Mama Mia, Better Late Than Never'

The date is Saturday, Nov. 13, for the annual Italian Night Dinner-Dance. A little late for Columbus Day but we'll celebrate it anyway. A full course Italian dinner will be prepared and served by a top-notch squad of pisanos (real and synthetic) at a cost of only \$7.00. Cocktails from 6:30 to 7:30 in Lounge, dinner at 7:30, and dancing from 9 till ? Tickets are on a first-come basis in the Lounge from Frank and Gus.

We're told that the famous Italian chef (whoever he is) is being imported (from somewhere) especially for the occasion as is a "musical group" (to use Frank's description) having a "tremendous continental flavor." Frank and Gus are really going all out.

So come, enjoy a great meal, jig a little, and help your Post.

November Flag Days

Election Day November 2
Veterans Day November 11
Thanksgiving November 25

(Of course you can't fly the Flag unless you have one—so how about it, the Post will sell you one at cost. Brighten up your neighborhood.)

LUNCHEON—NOV. 11

The luncheon sponsored monthly by the veterans of World War 2 will be held in the Post Lounge on Veterans Day. George will put on a buffet and the bar will be open. Since the purpose in having it at the Post in November is essentially in recognition of Veterans and Armistice Day, there will be a short ceremony starting at 11 a.m., with the luncheon and general good fellowship to follow. Many of the World War 1 veterans have indicated that they plan to attend, so don't let them show up you young fellows from Korea and Vietnam.

We look forward to a good showing, but we would like to know about what we can expect, so would appreciate a phone call to George, or George Butman (439-3705), or to Charles O'Hara at 439-4076. Or put your name on the list that will be on the bulletin board in the Lounge. Here is the planned luncheon that will be put together by George for \$3 (including everything): ham, cheese, roast beef, meat balls and sausage in hot sauce, baked beans, hot German potato salad, bread and coffee. Now, how can you beat that for just three bucks?

Baseball Dinner

Ernie Gall, Manager of our Post baseball team, reports that the annual dinner for the team members, parents and their friends will be at the Post during the Christmas holidays. The date, cost and other details will be available next issue.

Uncle Miltie Says

Dues are due—they help to pay for our community programs

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 Vice Commander _____ Robert Ballantine
 Vice Commander _____ Milt Andre
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 Judge Advocate _____ George Wenger
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 Historian _____ George Butman
 Service Officer _____ Frank Zini
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ROUGE BANQUET

As a tribute to World War 1 veterans particularly and also to all our veterans of whatever war, your editor thought it appropriate in this month of Veterans Day to bring to you one of Joyce Kilmer's touching war poems. Rouge Bouquet was a wood in France where the 165th Infantry of the 42nd (Rainbow Division) was heavily engaged with the enemy. The poem was inspired and based upon the circumstance of a direct shell hit on one of the command dugouts of his regiment in the front lines. Joyce Kilmer was a member of the 107th Infantry (7th New York) of the New York National Guard who was later transferred to the 165th Infantry (69th New York) A.E.F. in World War 1. Your editor followed the same route in World War 2 and thus has had a great interest in Joyce Kilmer and his works for many years. Sgt. Kilmer was born on Dec. 6, 1886, wrote this poem on March 7th, 1918, and was killed in action near Ourcy, France, on July 30, 1918.

Rouge Bouquet

In a wood they call the Rouge Bouquet
 There is a new-made grave today,
 Built by neither a spade nor pick
 Yet covered with earth ten metres thick.
 There lie many fighting men,
 Dead in their youthful prime,
 Never to laugh nor love again
 Nor taste the summertime.
 For death came flying through the air
 And stopped his flight at the dugout stair,
 Touched his prey and left them there,
 Clay to clay.
 He hid their bodies stealthily
 In the soil of the land they sought to free
 And fled away.
 Now over the grave abrupt and clear
 Three volleys ring;
 And perhaps their brave young spirits hear
 The bugle sing:
 "Go to sleep.
 Go to sleep.
 Slumber well where the shell screamed and
 fell.
 Let your rifles rest on the muddy floor,
 You will not need them anymore.
 Danger's past;
 Now at last,
 Go to sleep."
 There is no earth no worthier grave
 To hold the bodies of the brave
 Than the place of pain and pride
 Where they nobly fought and nobly died.
 Never fear but in the skies

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Milt Andre reported at press time that we had hit 50% of our quota of 920, to wit—461. Great going, but we will have to pick up the pace a bit. For instance, Milt reports that he has almost forgotten what the following form looks like, he hasn't seen one that has been filled out in a long time. If anyone would like a few, we feel sure we can find some around the Post. Don't be bashful—ask!

Record of Payment of Dues & Membership Application *The American Legion* \$..... Dues
 Date....., 19.....

Name _____
 Street Address _____ Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Dues Received By _____
Following section must be completed for NEW members
 NEW Member _____
 (Date of Enlistment) _____ (Branch of Service) _____ (Service Serial No.) _____
 Reinstatement _____
 (Date of Separation) _____ (Character of Separation) _____ (Date of Birth) _____
 Renewal Social Security No. (Optional) _____
 Occupation _____ Blood Type _____ Can you donate? _____
 I do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government. I certify that I did not refuse on conscientious, political, or other grounds to subject myself to military discipline or unqualified service during period I was in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(Signature of Applicant for Membership)
 This form together with dues should be delivered promptly to Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

To give you some idea as to how dues have been coming in recently, as of October 8 of this year, there were 100 more paid-up members than on the same date last year. Shortly thereafter, Milt reports, the bottom fell out. Over Columbus Day weekend last year he received 84 dues payments; this year he received 5. He trusts this is just a temporary phenomenon occasioned by a phase of the moon, or something, and that returns will again pick up and keep on an even keel with '75. Milt feels confident that all of the membership is sincerely interested in keeping Blanchard as the #1 Post in Albany County. He requests that you not shed any tears for him, that the heavier is his mail, the happier he is. He assures one and all that his labor in this cause is one of love. He gets just ecstatic as he watches the roster grow, as he sends out notices, processes more checks, changes addresses, mails membership cards, turns money over to the Finance Officer, etc. So let's try now to make him deliriously happy by getting those unpaid dues in without any further dunning. Believe us, there is nothing more invigorating than having a happy Membership Chairman around a Post, and nothing more depressing than having a gloomy, unhappy one around. Milt also reminds us that each Post member is a member of his committee and that it is up to us to remind one and all that the \$3 a year dues increase amounts to less than one penny a day. His final words to you for November were, "Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, enjoy yourselves and eat the bird, don't give it to him."

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

Brave and dear,
 Shield us here
 Farewell."
 A poem written by a great soldier-poet of World War 1 but oh how familiar it would sound if spoken on any battlefield of any war.

Saints and angels stand
 Smiling with their holy eyes
 On this new-come band.
 St. Michael's sword darts through the air
 And touches the aureole on his hair
 As he sees them stand saluting there
 His stalwart sons:
 And up to Heaven's doorway floats,
 From the wood called Rouge Bouquet,
 A delicate cloud of bugle notes
 That softly say:
 "Farewell. Farewell.
 Comrades true, born anew, peace to you.
 Your souls shall be where the heroes are
 And your memory shine like the morning-star.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouder Kirk
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

We would like to express our thanks to the men of the Post for the excellent job they did on Past President Barbara Whitney's retirement dinner. The meal was delicious and service superb. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The Albany County Committee Meeting was held September 28 at 8 p.m. at the Post. President Marcia Turner wants to thank all those who donated food.

November 3 at 7 p.m. is the night for bingo at the VA Hospital. Volunteers will be needed to help the men with their cards. If you would like to go, call Ronnie Moessner. It's a most enjoyable evening, so please plan to attend.

November 6—as we've mentioned before—is the day of the Auxiliary bazaar. The hours will be 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Featured booths will be baked goods, plants, white elephant and Christmas ornaments. Lunch will also be served. All donated items — new and old — will be appreciated and may be dropped off at the Post on Friday, Nov. 5 after 8 p.m. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday after 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to work please contact Marcia Turner.

November 16. This is the date of our regular business meeting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please plan to attend.

Have you paid your dues yet? NO! Then if you come to the November meeting you can pay them directly to Pauline. If you can't make the meeting, you can send them to Pauline at 359 Elm Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054. Make the checks payable to N.A. Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040 in the amount of \$4.50. Come on and help Pauline make quota.

Again this year the Auxiliary will be sponsoring the Basket of Cheer that will be raffled at the Christmas party. Tickets should be available at the October meeting, or you may see Marcia Turner.

Sorry to hear that Kathy Geraldson and Jenny Wahl were in the hospital. Both are now at home and our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to both.

Our sympathies are extended to Zen Campbell and Carol Joralemon on their recent loss of mother-in-law and grandmother.

DOWN THE ALLEY

With the bowling season in its fifth week on October 8, Tangora's Falcons held a slim two point lead over Foy's Tanks. Bill Johnston has high triple of 579, Angie Tangora high singe of 242 and Ken Havill led the average race by a scant few pins over Ollie Palmer, both of whom are rolling at a 178 clip.

Larkin and Tangora, while bowling the same game, swapped 6-7-10 conversions and the Skipper, not to be outdone slid over the 4-7-10 in the same game!

Welcomed back to the league, after several years absence, were Bob Smith, Bill Donnelly and Larry McCabe, and a full-time newcomer, John McDonald, who filled in all of last season.

The waiting list for the league is just about depleted. If you would like to join call Milt Andre at 434-6904. Come out some Friday night and meet the fellows. There are openings almost every Friday night at 6:30, when we start practice at Sporthaven Lanes. Post members who fill in have first preference in joining on a permanent basis. This year we miss "Doc" Miller, Hughie Stowers (with his great stories) and Al Beckmann, who has moved to North Carolina.

Here are how things stood after the smoke cleared on Friday, Oct. 8:

Do We Have A Candidate?

That was the question asked at the October 4 Post meeting when someone inquired as to the status of our plans, as reported in the June 1976 issue of the 1040 TIMES, to keep alive the matter of Blanchard Post being recognized by having a County Commander. The subject was again discussed and then, by general agreement, tabled until such time as we do have a candidate. So, if there are any aspirants for the office, they should make it known to Cmdr. Lantz so the matter can again be put on a meeting agenda.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Don't eat too much turkey!

The following "Thank you" note was received from Barbara Whitney:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following men of the Post who prepared and served my retirement dinner. Hank Voorhees, Rolly Whitney, Phil Lee, Bill Campbell, Jim Blanchard, Joe Marino, Harvey Hasen, Milt Andre, John Williamson and also to Ed Voelk. Many thanks too, for Bill Blanchard, our mixologist, for keeping everyone happy.

Thank you one and all for making this a most memorable affair for me.

*Sincerely,
Barbara Whitney
Jr. Past President
N.A. Blanchard Auxiliary*

See you next month and keep smiling.

	TEAM					
	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Air Force	810	2365	15	11	4	11507
Tanks	791	2331	13	10	5	11208
Navy	785	2264	11	8	7	10748
Marines	827	2269	9	7	8	11188
Infantry	812	2322	9	7	8	11125
Sea Bees	851	2359	8	6	9	11458
Army	832	2321	7½	5½	9½	11129
Coast Guard	859	2428	7½	5½	9½	8949

	INDIVIDUAL					
	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.	
Havill	215	577	2682	15	178	
Palmer	213	567	2142	12	178	
Johnston	216	579	2134	12	177	
DiSanto	202	558	2566	15	171	
Bender	204	538	2524	15	168	
Whitney	191	521	2480	15	165	
McDonald	201	540	2458	15	163	
Viele	201	520	1448	9	160	
Marino	222	547	2410	15	160	
Mitchell	215	498	2398	15	159	
Vail	213	539	2383	15	158	
Lantz	188	554	1898	12	158	
Larkin	195	496	2368	15	157	
Pugliese	209	507	2353	15	156	
Tangora	242	572	2352	15	156	
Aupperle	200	488	1858	12	154	
Andre	189	509	1849	12	154	
Oates	158	472	1381	9	153	
McCabe	224	548	2289	15	152	
LaForge	189	498	1818	12	151	
Cummings, Jim	182	468	1792	12	149	
Foy	194	506	1642	11	149	
Pauquette	180	500	2220	15	148	
Ristau	197	484	1765	12	147	
Smith	173	440	1321	9	146	
Eagan	213	483	2174	15	144	
Brady	178	485	2101	15	140	
Campbell	170	445	2089	15	139	
Cole	167	460	2058	15	137	
Haker	153	409	1630	12	135	
Volk	161	414	1589	12	132	
Burns	174	448	1965	15	131	
Mosmen	166	405	1049	8	131	
Hasen	171	433	1967	15	131	
Monette	166	371	1394	12	116	
Alwell	134	342	963	9	107	
Butman	118	339	675	6		
Feiden	167	397	789	6		
Cummings, Joe	186	440	874	6		
Donnelly	163	408	408	3		

Uncle Miltie Says
Don't let less than a penny
a day keep you away

November Calendar

- Nov. 1 (Mon.) — Regular monthly Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments follow.
- Nov. 2 (Tues.) — Election Day. Put out the Flag on your way or before voting.
- Nov. 11 (Thurs.) — Veterans Day. Fly the Flag. Ceremony at the Post at 11 followed by a buffet lunch in Lounge.
- Nov. 13 (Sat.) — Italian Night Dinner-Dance.
- Nov. 15 (Mon.) — Post Affairs Committee meets at the Post.
- Nov. 23 (Tues.) — County Meeting.
- Nov. 25 (Thurs.) — Thanksgiving Day. Fly the Flag.
- Nov. 29 (Mon.) — Monthly meeting of Board of Directors at the Post.

MORE ON GOLF DAY

Ray Callagan, our very capable and conscientious Golf Day Chairman, has come up with some apologies and additional comments on our 1976 Golf Day which we are very happy to publish. Incidentally, Ray has had a recent stay in the hospital but is now out, and we are very happy to report looks great. We feel sure that any of the boo-boos for which he now takes the blame can be attributed to his concern for his physical problems at the time he was reporting to us on the happenings on Golf Day. First, he points out that Bud Viele and Jim MacDonough also helped in the handicapping. Secondly, the names of Dick Lenseith, Pete Sowers, Ray Vorce and Harry McCann should have been listed as having a second low net gross of 78. Finally, Ray humbly reports that he lost the list of names having low net scores. If those involved are interested get in touch with Ray, George or Jake in the Lounge, and we can arrange to have the scores published next month.

To all concerned he offers his apologies and to the entire Blanchard golfing community he again sends his heartfelt thanks for their continued support. He would also welcome any constructive suggestions and criticism that will benefit our future golf days, and sends his thanks to those members of our neighboring Voorheesville Post who participated in the 1976 Golf Day.

What is Blanchard Post and What Does It Do In Our Town?

Our Post is an integral part of the Town of Bethlehem and an active participant in its community and social life. It has a membership of over 900 men and a few ladies who have served their country in the cause of freedom. Its Ladies Auxiliary works side-by-side with the Post members in supporting and working on community projects. Some of these projects are sponsored by the Post itself, while to others financial aid and manpower support are given. Some of these activities are: Boys' and Girls' State, Indoor Sports, Memorial Day Parade, Go to Church Breakfast, American Flag donation program, annual decoration of graves, community ice skating party, Boy and Girl Scout projects, the Veterans Hospital programs, children's Christmas party, Red Cross blood programs, support of Lions Club eye bank and sight-saving projects, National Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball, Little League, Pop Warner Football.

We have an active Post and all members are encouraged to become active in at least one of our activities.

WW 1 Luncheon

George Butman, George Swan, John McCarthy and your editor attended the October 12 monthly luncheon of WW1 veterans. Since some of their members had been to the luncheons sponsored by our WW2 group, we returned the visit, and enjoyed ourselves immensely. They are a great group of men and they certainly have a great time at these gatherings. While there we told them of the luncheon to be held at the Post on November 11 and expressed the hope that we would see them there.

Sick Call

It's good to see Ray Callagan around again after his recent operation and hospital stay. Can't keep an avid golfer out of action for long.

Guy Smith has been transferred from the VA Hospital to the Eden Park Nursing Home on Holland Avenue. I'm sure he'd welcome visits by his old buddies.

George Wenger and Guy Switzer, who were hospitalized some time ago, are around as good as new. Always great to report that kind of news.

Taps

Gilbert V. Williams, a 31 year member of Blanchard Post, passed away in Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 26 of this year. The sympathy of the officers and members of the Post were extended to his wife, who had notified us of Gil's death and who continues to reside in Pittsburgh where they had lived for quite awhile. Farewell—rest in peace.

Condolences were also extended to Past Commander William Campbell on the death of his mother, Edna Campbell.

Uncle Miltie Says
That's all for now folks.
Just keep those checks coming!

ELECTION DAY 1976

Disillusionment, cynicism, a sense of powerlessness or just plain indifference—for these and other reasons, more and more Americans are counting themselves out of the nation's political process. Some argue that refusal to vote is a way of registering dissatisfaction with how our political leaders and parties have performed in recent years. Others say that staying home is more honest than casting an uninformed or thoughtless ballot. However, those who don't vote do more than count themselves out.

They decrease the pressure which can be put on political parties to formulate platforms that truly reflect issues important to the average citizen. They encourage old hacks to retain control of party machinery and discourage capable, sincere and dedicated people from trying to buck the system. They allow crucial domestic and international issues to continue to be settled by a select few, rather than subjecting them to popular debate. They fail to keep political leaders answerable to the people, giving rise to more opportunities to exploit and to manipulate the public.

On Election Day 1976, the President, 33 Senators, 435 Representatives, 14 Governors and thousands of local officials will be elected. How many citizens will bother to vote? Or more important, how many will stay away from the polls? Let us not be counted amongst the latter. Get out and vote on Nov. 2.

American Education Week

NOV. 14-20

Sponsored jointly by The American Legion & National Education Assn.
It's important to know where your children are ... but do you know whether they can read and write?

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