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## VETERANS' DAY...1977

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

This year's observance of Veterans' Day on Friday, November 11, will mark the 59th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending World War I. Veterans' Day has been designated by Congress as a national holiday to honor the men and women who served in the uniform of the United States. It is dedicated to the ultimate goal which they all sought through their sacrifice and service—world peace with honor. By our participation in this patriotic holiday, through the ceremony we will hold at the Post at 11 a.m., November 11, Blanchard Post will be joining with some 16,000 American Legion Posts throughout our country and in several overseas territories and nations of the free world in this significant observance.

I hope that those of you who can make it, join us on Friday the 11th at 11 a.m. for the brief ceremony and if possible, stay over for another of our very delectable luncheons. You'll like it.

Our regular meeting October 3 was a lively one and I thought quite productive. I'm still learning the ropes and each meeting provides me with a new insight into the operating machinery of an American Legion Post. For all of which I am very thankful to a very understanding and helpful bunch of guys.

On a recent rainy Sunday (what other kind is there?) I conducted a clean-up and fix-up session at the Post. I'd like to thank Harvey Hasen, his son Mark and my #3 son Charles, for their very capable assistance. While we spent about 3½ hours at the Post, there's still much to be done at future sessions. Do I hear any volunteers?

While at the Post, I wondered how many members did not know the hall could be rented for parties. And another thought, how many had never even seen the hall.

Speaking of parties, we are now getting into the heavy party season at the Post, and could use some more volunteer help. Don't be bashful, let me or Frank Futia, our Activities major domo, know of your particular interest.

With that I'll close till next month, with best wishes for a cheery Veterans' Day and a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

See you at the Post.

Bill Blanchard, Commander

(Editor's note: I thought that this would be a good spot to point out that Commander Bill was honored by appointment to the Chairmanship of the Boys' Club project of the County Committee. Congratulations, Bill.)

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### Taps

- 7 (Mon.) Regular monthly Post meeting, 8 p.m.
- 8 (Tue.) Election Day. Be sure to vote.
- 11 (Fri.) Veterans' Day. 11 a.m. ceremony at the Post followed by luncheon. Let's have a fine turnout.
- 12 (Sat.) 20 Week Club Dinner-Dance
- 21 (Mon.) Post Affairs Committee meets at 8 p.m.
- 22 (Tue.) County Meeting
- 4 (Thu.) Thanksgiving
- 5 (Mon.) Board of Directors meeting at 8 p.m.

Louis P. (Frenchy) de Grammont, long time member of Blanchard Post, passed away in September. His passing was memorialized in closing the Post meeting of October 3. The sympathy of the Post was extended to his widow by Commander Blanchard.

**Lest We Forget**  
**JANUARY 21, 1977**

### EDITORIAL...

Throughout the United States there are some 26 million Americans—men and women—who have served honorably in our armed forces during the four wars of the 20th Century. These are the Nation's war veterans whom we honor this Veterans' Day, 1977.

These 26 million living Americans have written chapters of history underscored with valor in thousands of obscure locations around the world—places such as Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Inchon, Pork Chop Hill, Mekong Delta, and Au Shau Valley.

In the finest tradition as set forth by our founding fathers, these gallant Americans have served with honor to uphold the cause of freedom and individual dignity. They have witnessed the wanton waste of war; they have known the savage terror of battle; they have felt the frustration of loneliness and boredom wrought by separation in both time and distance from loved ones.

Through their sacrifices, our veterans have forged a lofty tradition of service by the citizen-soldier in behalf of the national purpose. Through their performance of duty, America's veterans have fulfilled the greatest obligation of their citizenship.

Their courage, their devotion, and their sacrifice have earned our sincere respect, our highest admiration, and our heartfelt gratitude.

But service to their country and mankind did not end with the exchange of military garb for civilian clothing. Upon returning to their civilian roles, America's war veterans have demonstrated an exemplary stability and responsibility in our society, reflecting their respect for the heritage of their citizenship and their desire to work for the betterment of community, state, and Nation.

On this Veterans' Day, 1977, we salute the men and women who have answered our country's call to meet the challenge of an armed aggressor. Here in Delmar we can help give greater meaning to this day through our participation in its observance. The strength of our observance, added to the thousands

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1978 dues receipts to the date of this report have been very encouraging. We were running slightly ahead of last year at this time and are looking forward to a continuation of this trend. Keep those checks coming.

If you mail in your payment and do not receive your 1978 card in a matter of a few days, please don't hesitate to call me at 434-6904, or if you are out of the area, write to me at the Post. The cards are normally sent to you the same day your payment is received, either in the mail or at the Post. Each year we have 8 to 10 cards "disappear" in the mail—lost, strayed or stolen. It has become somewhat of a mystery, as none of them are ever returned to the Post as undeliverable.

The membership has not been recruiting new members in the numbers they have in years past. I think we all know that in order to sell we have to get out and ask prospective members to join. Over the years I have found that there are many qualified veterans who are just waiting to be asked to join. Many feel it is by invitation only, which of course is not true. As we have said so often in the past, any organization is kept alive and kicking through the influx of new members to replace those who die, move to other areas or just don't renew their membership. However, I might add that there are members who have moved elsewhere but continue their membership in Blanchard. Thanks to those guys who have stayed loyal to our Post.

Speaking of new members, here are several whom we have welcomed since our last report: Mike Stafford, Marvin Koonz, Charles Maggoner, Casimer Kot, Charles DiSanto and Robert Davis, Jr. As we say to all of those who join our ranks, "Don't be strangers, come out, get acquainted and take an active part in our social and/or volunteer activities.

Of our current membership, the following were reported at press time as being confined to the facility shown: ➤

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taking place throughout the land, should be a reaffirmation of our pride in America and a rededication to her founding principles.

**The American Legion  
 An Organization for All Reasons  
 Let's Make Our 1978 Quota Early**

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAIN CAMP  
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**VACATION WONDERLAND**

Deep in the heart of the lake-studded North Country are 1200 acres of mountainous woodland reserved for your enjoyment. Comfortably furnished lodges and cabins, with all modern facilities, help to make your stay a pleasant one. Roam the trails that wind through the deeply wooded hills, fish the swift moving streams or the deep mountain lakes, enjoy boating, bathing and other sports in this beauty spot of the Adirondacks.

The healthful, invigorating mountain air is sure to sharpen your appetite for the food so expertly prepared and tastefully served. It is a pleasant and interesting drive by auto to The Mountain Camp from all parts of the state. Concrete and macadam roads lead directly there. Realizing, of course, that some of you like to combine sightseeing along with a restful vacation, we point out to you that the friendly Adirondack people invite you to enjoy many well-known attractions during your visit here. The Villages of Lake Placid, Saranac Lake and, of course, Tupper Lake, all are within easy driving distance. The St. Lawrence Seaway, Adirondack Museum, North Pole, Ausable Chasm and Whiteface Mountain are some of the interesting attractions in this area.

Ollie Palmer is our Post representative this year for the annual Mountaineer Booster Drive. See Ollie with your contribution. There are lots of needy and deserving members who are cared for each year at the Mountaineer Convalescent Home.

Guy Smith, Sr., Eden Park Nursing Home, Albany; Tom Dobbs, Guilderland Nursing Home, Guilderland; Tom Harris and Dick Rudolph, VA Hospital, Albany.

If you are in the neighborhood of any of the above facilities, I'm sure these fellows would appreciate a visit, but it is a good idea to check and see that they are still there.

Until next month, a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to all, but don't eat too much of the bird.

**ROUGE BOUQUET**

BY JOYCE KILMER

A poem written by a great soldier-poet of World War I, but how familiar it would sound if spoken of any battlefield of any war.

*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  
 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.  
 Brave and dear,  
 Shield us here  
 Farewell."

**Nov. 8—Election Day, 1977**

Whatever else you do this day, be sure to vote. Your vote is important—particularly in view of many close elections on all levels in recent years.

**Shuffleboard**

While the new shuffleboard season began Thursday, Oct. 6, there was no report at press time as to what transpired, so that it will be next month before we can bring you any exciting news from the "other end of the Lounge." Since the league has now gone co-ed, I look forward to some very interesting report from these Thursday night sessions.



## 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

By the time you read this the Ladies Auxiliary will have held two monthly meetings, off-station party and a dinner.

Elizabeth O'Leary, our Girls' Stater, spoke briefly at our covered dish supper and business meeting in September. A charming young lady who restores confidence in the youth of our community.

September 24 was the first off-station party for V.A. patients. The party was Ronnie Moessner's project and our sincere thanks to her for her able direction. The men enjoyed themselves and you feel good to know you've brightened up someone's day. Special thanks go to the following:

Thelma Ballard, Lil & Bill Blanchard, Marie & Ruth Burns, Carol Cummings, Dot George, Bill Mitchell, Ronnie & Warren Moessner, Pauline, Clarence & Paula Ouderkirk, Barbara & Ollie Palmer, Helen Quinn, Barbara & Jack Selig, Freda Sherman, Lenore Smith, Joan Stowers, Barbara & Rolly Whitney and Betty Worden.

Dessert at the party was home-made pies by:

Thelma Ballard, Celeste Blanchard, Lil Blanchard, Lee Hurley, Rose Ann Levy, Jennie McCarthy, Betty Pelletier, Freda Sherman and Lenore Smith.

Marcia Turner's Past President's Dinner provided 53 of us with a most enjoyable time. Joe Cummings and men from 1040 served an outstanding meal.

So much for the past—now to our future activities:

Nov. 2 — Bingo at the V.A. at 7 p.m.  
Nov. 15 — Regular monthly meeting

Tickets are available for our annual Basket of Cheer drawing. The drawing will be at the Tinsel Ball, December 10. Carol Cummings is chairman of this raffle. She'll be delighted to distribute tickets to you, for sale to your friends and co-workers or for yourself. The tickets are also available in Post Lounge.

Dues are \$6. Send in your check or money order to Carol Cummings, 234 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

If you haven't been active lately in the Auxiliary, give it a try. Get on a committee, come to a meeting. It isn't all work; we have fun, too! Won't you join us?

## BINGO... A SUCCESS STORY

Since last December, the five letter word around the Post and in the 1040 Times has been Bingo. Between December and now a lot of little busy beavers, scurrying around on Wednesday nights, have convinced a lot of doubters that it could be done, that we could add a new dimension to our activities. And in the process, benefit the Post and the community. Needless to say this has not been done without a lot of work by the Bingo Chairman, Dick Dalton, and his faithful crew. However, we still need additional workers for our Wednesday night performances. If you can call the game, sell tickets, count money or help clean up, you can help us on what has proven to be a very successful venture.

The Bingo Law provides that one-third of the net profits from Bingo must be used for charitable donations or donations to non-profit community organizations. Other authorized expenditures are those for Bingo and Bingo-related expenses such as heat and light, a new hot water heater, new tables and building repairs. Since these latter items represent sizable amounts, and with the continual rise in the cost of operation, it is easy to understand what our Wednesday night efforts are doing for the Post.

In addition, Bingo financed our baseball team which for years has been an outstanding community youth program. Sizable contributions have also been made to our local fire companies, and support has been given to the Shrine Circus, the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Association for Blind and Retarded Children. Also, we recently presented two color television sets to the Veterans

Administration Hospital in Albany for the use of patients.

These are all things we would have liked to do in the past but couldn't because of lack of funds. All of these are good because they help the Post to help people and they present an image to the community of what a Legion Post is really all about. Believe it or not, a respected member of one of our Town service organizations recently confessed that he never knew that a Legion Post was in reality a service organization dedicated to the welfare of veterans primarily but also to all the citizens of the community in which it exists.

Yes, Bingo has been a very good thing for Blanchard Post. It has enabled us to reach out and help others outside of our membership while at the same time providing benefits to our Post and its property. As we said before, this has been accomplished with a lot of work, and at times a lot of worry. It has given us another means through which we can continue to build our Post. We know now what can be done, that we still have quite a way to go to reach that level we know we can attain and that we have every intention of attaining it.

If you would like to join us on a Wednesday night, come on in and volunteer your services to that prime mover of the whole operation, Dick Dalton. If you do, you will find another fringe benefit that has been established, a very strong comradeship among the men who work regularly on Bingo.

In conclusion, let's continue to have "Upstairs" take the pressure off "Downstairs."

## The Battle of Saratoga Bicentennial—October 7

I had prepared an article for the October issue concerning the Battle of Saratoga (or Stillwater, whichever you prefer) and the upcoming celebration of the bicentennial of that battle, but the printer saw fit to cut it for lack of space. While I did not agree with his choice of what to delete, his action seemed to fit in perfectly with what seems to me to have been a disgraceful "celebration," if you can call it that, of a very important historic event. In the first place, the Federal Government would allow no black powder to be used in the Saratoga National Park which put a crimp in any military participation, secondly, Governor Carey declined an invitation to participate (according to the news media), and thirdly, the Lieutenant Governor stood in for the Governor and in her remarks showed an amazing ignorance of the real significance of the victory of the Continental Army at Saratoga, and fourthly, the main

speaker of the day was a professional TV newscaster, Tom Brokaw, who was paid \$4000 to read a prepared script. No wonder very few showed up for the occasion. The estimated 2500 spectators contrasted rather miserably with the 100,000 reportedly at the 150th anniversary in 1927.

## Luncheons

November 8 (Tuesday), World War I group at the LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk at noon.

November 11 (Friday), at the Post, following a Veterans' Day service at the flagpole.

## Thanks from Frank

To Bill Campion, for his super performance in putting on the Sports Day program.



## DOWN THE ALLEY

At this point in our young bowling season, John McDonald's Navy crew is leading the pack by a narrow margin. It appears that the league could develop into a very tight race before the season is over. Generally, team averages have dropped considerably from other years. However, it will be interesting to watch this and see what develops after a few more weeks.

John's "Tars" are Bill Alwell, Harvey Hasen, Vernon Eagan and Doug Kreh. As of October 7, John held high single of 231 and Dick Bedford had high triple of 597. (You missed by one stick, Ken.)

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Navy	841	2388	13	10	5	11177
Air Force	797	2286	12	9	6	11200
Tanks	876	2287	12	8	7	11265
Infantry	824	2296	10½	8½	6½	11030
Army	858	2330	10	7	8	10957
Coast Guard	785	2295	8½	6½	8½	10847
Sea Bees	840	2289	8	6	9	8967
Marines	780	2223	6	5	10	10559

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
McDonald	231	581	2720	15	181
Havill	223	596	2123	12	176
Kreh	203	562	2598	15	173
Bedford	206	597	2008	12	167
DiSanto	204	564	1974	12	164
Johnston	191	512	2437	15	162
Bender	183	512	2362	15	157
Giacone	212	537	1388	9	154
Karins	200	487	2293	15	152
Pauquette	178	482	1368	9	152
Larkin	175	487	1363	9	151
Palmer	177	491	1821	12	151
Mitchell	182	488	2263	15	150
Whitney	178	510	2232	15	148
Foy	175	468	1481	10	148
Oates	185	503	1783	12	148
Ristau	186	475	1766	12	147
Marino	173	447	1775	12	147
Tangora	179	473	2183	15	145
Pugliese	167	456	1741	12	145
Heilmann	179	484	2171	15	144
Hanrahan	189	493	2162	15	144
Viele	185	481	1738	12	144
Vail	157	459	2143	15	142
Andre	198	505	2134	15	142
Campbell	220	484	2124	15	141
Brady	198	497	2117	15	141
Burns	158	448	2084	15	138
McCabe	175	457	2055	15	137
Hasen	166	444	2058	15	137
LaForge	168	442	1627	12	135
Haker	177	474	1983	15	132
Donnelly	166	418	1527	12	127
Buker	154	399	1507	12	125
Cole	159	401	1879	15	125
Monette	154	403	1471	12	122
Alwell	121	344	1339	12	111
Eagan	180	509	1034	7	
Lantz	193	478	478	3	
Mosmen	166	393	393	3	

Anyone interesting in bowling, please call me at 434-6904.

Milt Andre, Secretary

## Proposed Change to By-Laws—Second Notice

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.

## American Education Week

Commander Blanchard, at the meeting of October 3, appointed a committee for the purpose of coordinating the participation of Blanchard Post in American Education Week, November 13-19. The committee consists of Robert Smith, Dan Lantz and Charles O'Hara, with Bob acting as chairman, and will mainly be concerned with what form our participation will take. They will report to the Commander and the Post at the meeting of November 7.

American Education Week was instituted soon after World War I in Des Moines, Iowa, jointly by 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 with youth during World War I.

### November Flag Days

Election Day ..... November 8  
Veterans' Day ..... November 11  
Thanksgiving ..... November 24

## Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

## Bingo Report—September

In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Bingo Law, the following is the September financial report.

Four (4) occasions—658 players

Total receipts ..... \$5,299.20

Prizes ..... 4,000.00

Gross profit ..... \$1,299.20

### Expenses

Equipment and

supplies ..... \$134.50

Services ..... 157.00

License fees ..... 78.74

Total expenses ..... 370.24

Net profit ..... \$ 928.96

## 'Legionnaires' Disease

Note that I have used Legionnaires in quotes in the heading to this item. At the October 3rd meeting, mention was made of the concern expressed by our National Commander relative to the continuing use of the term Legionnaires Disease by the news media. The members present were fully in agreement with the National Commander on this matter and Commander Blanchard has sent him a letter voicing our agreement.

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