

Ten Forty Times



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DECEMBER 1962

DECEMBER DOINGS

Because of the alterations going on at the Post, this year's seasonal programs have been dropped. But with the work going along on schedule, our Activities Chairman and Vice-Comdr. Bill Flint have a full schedule of events set up for this month.

On Saturday, December 1, there will be the annual Tinsel Ball which will also be combined with an "open house" for all to have a first-look at the new entrance, new lower level and the other improvements which have been made at the Post. Co-chairmen for the event are Jules Aupperle and Howard Lockhart. Publicity and music arrangements are by Ken Stinson with Doc Stan Klett, George Feiden and John Blanchard lending their efforts to make this a grand opening affair.

Santa's helpers this year for the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. will be Clarence Lephart, Earl McGuirk, George Butman, Jim Williams, Bill Mitchell and Warren Moessner. The program will have movies, treats and a personal visit by Santa Claus who will give a gift to each kiddie present. This party is a community event and Post members are encouraged to send their own children and invite their neighbors' children to the Post. The Christmas Party Committee will accept all the help other Post members wish to contribute to make this occasion the best ever.

That same evening, Saturday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m., will be the time for another annual big turn-out at the Post, the Christmas Egg Nog Party for Post members and their guests. Co-chairmen are Joe Von Ronne and Bud Mosmen and their wives. Blanchard Auxiliary members Grace Von Ronne and Kay Mosmen are arranging the buffet table, which is sure to be a masterpiece. Bill Segur with Al Greenwood and 'Doc' Piazza are on the committee to keep the egg nog bowls filled. Other committee members are Jim Williams and Edward Starkweather. This should be a good occasion to introduce prospective Blanchard Legionnaires to our Post and get them signed up as members.

It may be out of season, but a party to do honor to the Blanchard Post baseball team is set for Thursday, December 27 at 7:00 p.m.

BLANCHARD POST PROMOTING MEDIC-ALERT PROGRAM

Post Comdr. Rodger Fryer announces the appointment of a committee to carry out the aims and activities of a community project sponsored by The Medic-Alert Foundation International, a nonprofit organization.

An idea approved by the Post Affairs Committee, the purpose of Medic-Alert is to make available to the public a means of identification of individuals who, in the event of an emergency, require special medical attention. This is accomplished by encouraging those individuals to carry on their persons at all times (similar to the Armed Services members' "dog tags") a metal emblem which has emblazoned in red on the face of it "Medic-Alert" with the symbol of the medical profession and on the reverse side the medical problem by which the individual is affected. Such persons as diabetics, contact lens wearers, those allergic to penicillin, anti-coagulants user, etc., would be the principal recipient of this service.

To start off the program, Comdr. Fryer has appointed Royce Day and John De Mallie, co-chairmen, with Dr. Thomas Piazza of the VA Hospital and Vincent

Vice-Comdr. and Baseball Chairman Dick Dalton heads the committee arranging for the event. Working with him are Russ Adams, Tom Potter and George Butman

The reason for the off-season event is to accommodate those team players who are away at school and get home for Christmas-week.

The committee is preparing an entertaining evening for the team members, their parents and all the team's boosters.

The month and the year will end at Blanchard Post with a gala New Year's Party which will commence at 10 p.m., Monday, December 31 and sing in 1963. Chief New Year greeters for the Post will be Dick Lenseth and Given Hynds, cochairmen of the committee for the party program. They will be assisted by Royce Day, Ed Cassidy, Fred Bueker and Earl McGuirk. As in past years, reservations will be necessary. Mary Hirchburg and his accompanists will provide the music.

Happy New Year!

P. Herzog as advisory members of the committee.

The Foundation maintains a 24-hour central file. It accepts collect calls from anywhere in the world, relaying information from the file pertaining to the wearer of its identifying emblem. Each tag bears the central office telephone number and a serial number which is registered at the central office. These medical identification emblems generally are worn close to the neck or wrist. The educational trend of this program is to have everyone aware of these emblems to look about the necks and wrists of unconscious persons to see if they are wearing the Medic-Alert tag.

As their program develops, Chairmen Day and De Mallie will report to the membership. Comdr. Fryer calls upon the entire membership to give this program all the support it deserves. He stated: "The success of this program in our Post will bring to fulfillment another point of the Preamble to the American Legion's Constitution. That is 'to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State and Nation'."

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COMING EVENTS

SAT., DEC. 1—Tinsel Ball at 9:30 p.m.

MON., DEC. 3—Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

SAT., DEC. 8—Last Man's Dinner.

MON., DEC. 10—Post Affairs meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 15—Children's Christmas Party at 1:00 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 15—Egg Nog Party, 7 p.m. MON., DEC. 17—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUES., DEC. 25-Merry Christmas!

THURS., DEC. 27—County Legion will meet at Capitol City Post in Albany. (all County Committee members and alternates are urged to attend).

MON., DEC. 31—New Year's Eve Party (Reservations).

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MARY'S CORNER

Christmas party time for the Auxiliary will be Tuesday, December 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the newly-renovated Post Rooms. Don't forget to bring a \$1.00 gift for the grab bag.

Lee Hurley is chairman and will be assisted by Helen Quinn (HE 9-4740), and Norrine Cooke (HE 9-3057), reservations; Lottie Van Dyke, decorations; Norrine Cooke and Angel Feiden, entertainment; and Esther Cooke, Mary Conner and Lee Hurley, dining room. The Executive Committee will call members for reservations, but it would help if you telephone first.

Don't forget Open House at the VA Gift Shop on Sunday, December 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. All Auxiliary members, Legion members, their families and friends are invited to attend.

A dinner honoring the past Albany County Chairman, Miss Anita Myers, was held at Jack's Restaurant on November 1st, and featured a roast beef dinner. Our President, Mary, Mrs. Holmes and Chris Barkhuff attended. Maud Hafley was a distinguished guest.

And, we're going to say it and say it —Dues are still outstanding. How about that remittance of \$2.50??? and that would help to make Norrine Cooke's Christmas season a success if she could say, "quota reached".

Chris Barkhuff has a reorder of the delicious Katherine Beich candy available at \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Last Man's dinner will be December 8 with the Auxiliary catering. Mary is making the arrangements.

A Holy and Happy Holiday season is wished for all.

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To give credit where it is due, the attractive make-up of our TEN FORTY TIMES is the work of our printer, Boyd Peters and The Peters Print, 146 Sheridan Avenue, Albany. Buell Duplicating Service in Albany addresses and prepares our publication for mailing to you.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It doesn't seem possible that six months have gone by since I assumed my duties as Commander. During these six months we have all been busy working on committees, attending meetings, making phone calls, stopping at the Post to see our friends, etc.

Last spring when I accepted the honor to serve as Commander, there were naturally many questions that ran through my mind concerning the coming year. Probably the one big thought that plagued me as a novice as I thought of the job ahead, was how would it be possible to find the manpower to successfully continue all of the Post's Legion, Civic and Social activities.

It didn't take me long to learn that this is probably the least of a Commander's worries here at Blanchard Post. By fact and reputation, our Post is undoubtedly one of the most active in the Department. I shall never cease to be amazed at the tremendous spirit and cooperation that the membership gives when called upon to perform some duty. Regardless of what it might be, the officers and myself have learned that when

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Up to this point in the new Legion year, we have not been able to carry on our normal social events due to the building renovations. However, during the next six months we will be operating normally once again and we can all look forward to not only the work that must be continued, but also renewing old acquaintances and getting better acquainted with many of our new members and their wives at our social affairs.

I am sincerely grateful to all those who have helped in carrying on the Post programs and shall look forward to your continued support.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Rodger J. Fryer Commander

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As of this writing Fund Raising Chairman Barney Greene reports that the first thousand dollars in cash and pledges have been received in the Post's campaign to meet the estimated \$28,000 cost of renovations.

At the regular meeting of the Post last month the question came up as to how much each one should be expected to pledge. It was determined that if everyone could equally share the cost it would mean, with a membership of 718, about \$40.00 per member. Of course, we all know that there will be those whose financial status will not permit them to contribute anything to this cause. Yet there are those who can and will give or pledge considerably more than the average. "The important point is," says Barney, "that even the smallest contribution in cash or pledge will help to keep our indebtedness at a minimum.'

If you didn't get around to taking action on the blue-slip Greene sent last month let this serve as a reminder to return your pledge amount to the Post. Your contribution in the form of a check or money-order - or even cash left at the Post will hasten the elimination of the Post's financial responsibility. Perhaps you've misplaced or inadvertently cast away Greene's blue note. In that event fill in these blanks and send this copy of your 1040 TIMES to the Post:

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MEMBERSHIP MEMO

By the time this issue reaches you we will have passed the 500 mark in paid-up memberships for 1963. Renewals are coming in fine but we do need to fortify ourselves with more new members on the way to our quota of 718. In this connection, and with your help, we would like to try something new that we dreamed up along the way. This is an idea which we feel sure will appeal especially to those of us who shy away from asking others to join, or take a chance on anything. And at the same time it should enable us to reach those members we do not see at meetings or around the Post.

What we would like to have all of you do is send the names of eligible veterans to the Membership Chairman, Charles J. O'Hara, 119 Orchard Street, Delmar, or telephone Charlie if you wish at HE 9-4076. He'll do the rest by sending each a personal letter inviting them to join, without mentioning your name.

Please don't be conservative — we're prepared to handle all you send. Remember that a strong Legion in this, or any community, is a vigilant force for Americanism and patriotism. And that is the only image that the international gangsters understand — Strength.

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Another very timely thing to keep in mind is that our present remodeling program is a two-sided coin, it's an added selling point in our membership campaign, and in thus increasing membership we will improve our financial position and ease the per capita responsibility. So we'll leave you with three thoughts for the month: -

1. Pay your dues, if you have not already done so, and save your post the \$.50 per capita increase which becomes effective on Jan. 1st.

2. Submit the names of eligible candidates as indicated above-Charlie will

carry on from there.

3. Visit the post sometime during December and enjoy the holiday season in our beautiful new surroundings.

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LINE ON THE ANGLERS

By mid-November the Post's mixed bowling league, more formally known as the Anglers, had completed eight weeks of this season. The teams and their chief fish are:

Muskies	Clarence Lephart
Barracudas	Chet Becker
Flounders	Stan Klett
Guppies	Jules Aupperle
Perches	Jim Williams
Bullheads	Bob Strickland
Piranhas	Bill Flint
Smelts	. George Butman

The top four men of the league are: Clarence Lephart, 180; Chet Becker, 165; Bill Flint, 160; Jules Aupperle, 159.

Ladies on the top of the league are: Grace Franze, 148; Fran Hynds, 146; Tillie Lephart, 136; Pet Butman, 135.

Bullheads, captained by Bob Strickland, with his maties, Dick Foster, Fran Hynds and Tillie Lephart are the leaders.

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TEAM STANDINGS

	Pts.	W	L	Pinnage	%
Engineers	21	14	10	18311	.583
Infantry	18	12	12	18488	.500
Navy	17	13	11	18212	.542
Artillery	16	12	12	18619	.500
Tanks	15	12	12	18319	.500
Coast Guard	15	11	13	17963	.458
Marines	14	12	12	18252	.500
Army	12	10	14	18190	.417

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

		Games	Pinnage	Avg.
1	W. Berry	24	4215	175
2	C. Smith		4126	171
3	L. Green		3507	167
4	M. Andre		3987	166
5	E. Loftus	21	3489	166
6	K. Stinson	21	3471	165
7	W. Johnston	24	3937	164
8	D. Cole	21	3458	164
9	C. Wiley	24	3915	163
10	J. Aupperle	21	3383	161
11	B. McCarthy		3859	160
12	B. Flint	24	3850	160
13	S. Klett	24	3846	160
14	P. Lawler	24	3839	159
15	D. Lenseth	24	3783	157
16	A. Wickert	24	3778	157
17	D. Williams	23	3612	157
18	D. Williams H. Drew	21	3300	157
19	G. Butman	24	3765	156
20	B. Mosmen	24	3729	155
21	E. Starkweather	18	2777	154
22	P. Devio	21	3230	153
23	O. Voelmle	21	3192	152
24	W. Tougher	18	2701	150
25	C. Carlsten	24	3594	149
26	W. Volk	21	3111	148
27	C. Loftus	18	2666	148
28	R. Roach	24	3537	147
29	W. Mesick	21	2925	139
30	G. Wenger	21	2920	139
31	G. Geurtze	15	2074	138
32	A. Greenwood	18	2437	137
33	E. Boyd	24	3286	136
34	F. Buker	21	2831	134
35	D. Blanchard	18	2420	134
36	H. Lockhart		2343	130
37	E. Cassidy	18	2274	126
38		21	2639	125
39	A. Martin	18	2171	120
40	G. Feiden		2042	113

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Davidson Speaks

Blanchard Legionnaire Bill Davidson who is director of public information for the N. Y. State Thruway, will be the guest speaker at the Post's mid-December meeting. Meeting Program Chairman Fred Stahlhut reports Bill's topic will be "The Drive for Safety on the New York Thruway".

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Despite an overcast sky and chilly winds, those who did attend the services and withstood the chill of the fall November day, were surely warmed by the symbolism of the occasion. They also received a copy of the program which will always serve as a souvenir for the occasion. For all Post members to see what it looked like, here is the text:

PROGRAM 1942

- 1. InvocationRev. Tarrance Ogden
- 2. Presentation of American Flag

3. Acceptance of Flag
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5. Star Spangled Banner (Led by Mr. Charles Blanchard of Elsmere)

6. Unfurling of Service Flag

Mr. John M. Oliver

- 7. Unveiling of Honor Roll Plaque Mr. John M. Oliver
- 8. Solo"My Buddy" by Mr. Charles Blanchard
- 9. Address Dr. Irwin A. Conroe
- 10. Song "America"

by Mrs. Marguerite Schrodt

11. BenedictionRev. William C. Heffern

PROGRAM 1962

- 1. Invocation. . Rev. Father Charles H. Kalfuss Post Chaplain
- 2. Welcome Commander Rodger J. Fryer
- 3. Presentation of American Flag by
- American Legion 4. Acceptance of Flag To Otto D. deHeus and Mrs. Arthur W. Main
- 5. To The Colorsby Buglers

6. Star Spangled Banner (Led by Mr. Charles Blanchard) Accompanied by Peter Emma

- 7. Presentation of Floral Wreath..by V. F. W. Taps by Buglers
- 8. Solo"My Buddy" by Mr. Charles Blanchard
- 9. Presentation of Deed to Park to Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke by Mrs. Arthur M. Main

10. Address of Acceptance Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke

11. Benediction ... Rev. Father Paul J. Bondi

An unannounced incident on the program was the presentation of a plaque on behalf of the Post to Otto de Heus for all the services he has contributed to the Post and the community. The presentation was made by Harold Barkhuff.

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Sick Call

Fred Vogel still ailing and was expected to be home from the hospital last month.

Grace Heidel, one of our few women Legionnaires was reported ill last month.

Vince Spinosa is back in VA Hospital Room 509-A—pay him a visit.

Bill Spaulding is recovering from a heart ailment.

Louis Tucci is in the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Dana Moore is also on the sick list.

CD Shift

The pressure of his duties as the Town of Bethlehem Civil Defense Director has caused Phil Lee to ask Comdr. Fryer to relieve him as the Post's Civil Defense Committee Chairman. His successor is Joseph L. Cannizzaro.

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