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## BLOODMOBILE MAY COME TO BLANCHARD POST

Two months ago Commander Costigan brought to our attention the fact that our Blood Bank is bankrupt. He's now taking steps to do something about it. He is authorizing our Blood Bank Chairman Warren Moessner to open an account with the Bender Laboratory, which has the facilities to bring a Bloodmobile to our Post. This way it is hoped many who would want to donate blood but haven't the time to get into Albany will find it convenient to go to the Post when the Bloodmobile is there.

Tentatively it is planned to ask for the Bloodmobile to be at the Post on Wednesday, Feb. 9, between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. For those who donate blood is required they precede it with a four-hour fast. As an incentive, a buffet supper is to be a reward for the donors.

Anyone inclined to give blood now, need not wait until the Bloodmobile arrives. The Post now maintains accounts at both the Albany Hospital and Bender Laboratory Blood Banks. Only a short distance from Albany Hospital, Bender 'Lab' is at 136 South Lake Avenue, almost around the corner from the Albany Hospital Blood Bank. Go to either Bank to give your blood. Be sure to assign your blood donation to the Blanchard Post Account.

### Commitments

To get the Bloodmobile to Blanchard Post there must be at least 40 to 60 committed donors. To secure these commitments, Chairman Moessner is organizing a committee to contact all the available qualified Blanchard Legionnaires. Warren says: "I am confident we can sign up the 60 names we need to assure the Bender 'Lab' we will have sufficient donors for them to bring the Bloodmobile here."

### Qualifications

Basic requirements are that individuals be ages 21 to 60; blood pressure 100-200 systolic and not over 110 diastolic; blood specific gravity above 1.053; and weight of over 125 pounds for males and 110 for females. Already Warren has checked our membership list and has screened out those obviously not qualified to meet these standards.

It is expected relatives and friends of Blanchard Legionnaires may contribute their blood to the Post's Blood Bank.

"We will be grateful to anyone who wants to donate to our Bank," says Commander Costigan. "However," he points out, "it must be understood that non-Legionnaires who give to our Bank must do so with the knowledge they will not be eligible to call upon our Bank for blood unless they are immediately related to a Blanchard Legionnaire."

In the event 60 Blanchard members or donors for them cannot be secured, it is possible a cooperative arrangement may be made with some other group in our community to make possible the Bloodmobile's visit to Bethlehem. Before being accepted as a blood donor, this statement must be signed:

I am voluntarily furnishing blood to the Bender Laboratory of Albany, New York to be used as decided by the said Blood Bank. I release this Blood Bank from responsibility for any untoward or injurious effects produced by drawing this blood. I certify that to the best of my knowledge I have never had and am at present free from the following:

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Blanchard Legionnaires who live away from the immediate vicinity of the Post and want to donate blood to the Post's Blood Bank may do so merely by visiting the nearest blood bank and advising of this intention. When a sufficient supply of blood is on deposit all members, near or far, of Blanchard Post, are entitled to get the deposited blood.

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## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 6 — Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

The regular Post monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m., followed by refreshments.

TUESDAY, Dec. 7 — Fly the Flag in memory of Pearl Harbor Day.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18 — The Children's Christmas Party at 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. at the Post.

Annual Egg Nog Party at the Post at 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. followed by Tinsel Ball, 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 20 — The mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 25 — A very MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

MONDAY, Dec. 27 — Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Dec. 31 — Good bye, 1965.

## Happy New Year

Except for home, Blanchard Post is offering its members and their guests the least expensive way to celebrate the arrival of 1966. Vice-Comdr. - Activities Chairman Sid Kaplan has named Gene FitzPatrick chairman for the event. Farewells to this year will start at 10 p.m., December 31 with the music of Marv Hirschburg. There will be party hats and noisemakers will be furnished to ring in the new year. Sometime after '66 arrives there'll be a continental breakfast. All this for only \$1.00 per person. Dancing continues until 3 a.m. Sid and Gene say, "Come on along, folks. Have a Happy New Year."

## Santa, Nog and Tinsel

December 18 is the day for highlighting the Yuletide this year at Blanchard Post. Activities Chairman-Vice Comdr. Sid Kaplan announces this schedule:

On that Saturday afternoon the annual Christmas Party for the Post members' children and their friends begins at 1:15. There'll be funny movies and goodies, and Santa arrives about three with a bag of gifts for the kiddies.

The Egg Nog Party for Post members and their guests gets underway at 7 p.m.

Two hours later the music of Pete Emma and his musicians sounds the tunes for the Tinsel Ball. George Fitzgerald and Hugh Stowers are starting up the committee to help Sid with the arrangements for this gala day. They are counting on your being present to make it a merry occasion — and a very Merry Christmas Season for everyone.

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**Auxiliary President's Corner**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th, with President Betty presiding. As our guest, we had Miss Diane Howe, who traveled to Chile this past summer as one of the Community Ambassador's. Diane told of her many interesting experiences while in that country and showed us beautiful slides to illustrate as she spoke. At the business meeting reports on the 3rd District Conference that was held at the DeWitt Clinton in Albany on Oct. 26 were given by our President, our Membership Chairman, Kay Lenseth, our Child Welfare Chairman, Lee Hurley, and our Rehabilitation Chairman, Maud Hafley. Refreshments were served later by Lee Hurley.

Ann Heilman, Chairman of our Fall Card Party, announced that the party was rescheduled for Monday, Nov. 22. We all know what happened—the Blackout—on the night designated, Tuesday, Nov. 7. However, all Ann's work was not in vain—when the lights came on at 9 p.m. sandwiches and coffee were served to the few who did come over in spite of the crisis. Everyone enjoyed the get-together and the good sportsmanship of a bad moment aided to renew Ann's strength to reschedule and retrace all the work that goes into this project. Apologies are sincerely sent to Ann Carroll for all the work she so graciously did on the model's hair stylings.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, a dinner was held at the Ambassador Restaurant in Albany honoring the outgoing County Chairman, Irene Tanner. Representing our Unit were President Betty Costigan, Mary Connor, Esther Cooke, Irene White, and Maud Hafley.

Members from our Unit who worked at the third floor bingo party on Nov. 3 in the VA Hospital were Maud Hafley, Betty Costigan, Mary Connor, Zenith Campbell, Irene White, and Esther Cooke. Maud and Betty were at the VA again on Saturday, Nov. 6 with birthday cakes for the 7th, 8th and 10th floors. A bingo party by our Unit was also held on the 4th floor on Nov. 26. On Monday, Nov. 29, Maud and other volunteers were at the Hospital to assist in making out parcel post tags for gifts to be mailed from the Christmas Gift Shop.

"Open House" for the Gift Shop is Sunday, Dec. 5. The public is invited to attend and we hope many will take this opportunity to drop in. President Betty and her husband Commander Ed Costigan will attend as well as Maud Hafley, who as Deputy, will be assisting on the 3rd floor from 2 to 4 p.m. that afternoon.

President Betty, accompanied by Maud Hafley, attended a tea given by the Ladies Guild of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul Gassman presented our Unit with a Certificate of Appreciation for the services we have rendered to the community and elsewhere.

On Veterans' Day, the President and other members represented the Auxiliary at the services held at Memorial Park. President Betty

and V.F.W. President Mrs. Leonard unveiled the Bronze Eagle, which has been placed on top of the monument, as Supt. Bertram Kohinke accepted on behalf of the Town of Bethlehem. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, our Auxiliary members served a luncheon to World War I Veterans at the Post Rooms. Chairman Maud Hafley was assisted by Kay Lenseth, Lee Hurley, Anne deHeus, Esther Cooke, Chris Barkhuff, and Betty Costigan.

"Come Alive in Sixty-Five" is the slogan for membership this year and I am sure that we are all behind it. Kay Lenseth, our Membership Chairman, tells us that dues are coming in pretty well BUT there are still some to come in. Let's all help Kay reach her quota. If it has slipped your mind, please see that she receives them this month.

Christmas Party time is drawing near and this year our party will be held on the Tuesday prior to the regular meeting night. The party, Dec. 14, will be a smorgasbord served by the Eastern Star. Our chairman will be Shirley Kirk who will be naming her other committees later. The regular meeting will be held, as usual, on the third Tuesday, Dec. 21, with a short business meeting. We are, as the saying goes, separating business from pleasure and hope that everyone will be able to be with us on both nights at this busy time of the year.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Ella Pettit, one of our long time members.

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For its contribution to the American Legion Disaster Relief Fund, letters of commendation have been received by Commander Ed Costigan from National Commander L. Eldon James and the Department of New York Commander William E. Eagan, Jr. Blanchard Post voted a \$15 contribution at the Nov. 1 meeting.



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Three more Bethlehemites have been added to the Committee's list of local Armed Forces men in the Viet Nam war zone. They are: 1st Lt. James C. Moore, Jr.; Ensign Bruce Allan Hopkins, both of Delmar; and Spec 4 David W. Schacht of Elsmere. Ten are now on the list. On October 31, Christmas packages were wrapped at the Post by Commander Ed Costigan, Auxiliary President Betty Costigan, VFW Commander Bob Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Neil representing the Bethlehem Elks, Barney and Rita Greene, and Al Woehrl.

Nearly all the men in Viet Nam to whom we've written have replied with letters or cards. Their letters were the basis of a news story in the Albany KNICKERBOCKER NEWS on Veterans Day, November 11.

At the mid-November Post meeting, our Post's first Commander, Winthrop Robinson, presented to Commander Ed Costigan a \$100 check donated by Past Post Commander Alexander G. Gabriels, Sr. Commander Costigan acknowledged the contribution which has been given to the Committee That Cares with this letter to Past Commander Gabriels:

"Your generous donation to the Post's work on behalf of our men in Viet Nam is magnificent. It's the first one received which makes it doubly nice. Needless to say your contribution is a bountiful help in meeting the expenses required for this program. We salute you as a veteran and a Past Commander of Blanchard Post for this new expression of your devotion to our Post, the American Legion, and the cause of freedom for mankind for which our men are on the battlefields of Viet Nam."

## Convention Boosters

If you have a spare dollar, a helpful use for it would be to give it to the Albany County American Legion Convention Booster. This can be done by bringing or sending it into the Post. All Boosters will have their names published in the Convention Program. A list is on the Post Bulletin Board to which our Post members can be posted when their dollars are received. This money helps to underwrite the cost of the Convention.

## VAVS Christmas

VA Hospital Chairman Harold Barkhuff reminds everyone of the Christmas Party to be held for the patients of the Albany VA Hospital on December 18. Contributions and gifts for the affair will be welcomed by the VAVS Committee.

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### Two For One

The goal of 60 donors for a single evening is made at the suggestion of the Bender 'Lab'. This accounts only for 30 units in keeping with the policy of a 2 to 1 ration of getting and giving. If the response to this initial effort warrants it perhaps there can be a return engagement of the Bloodmobile.

### Sign Up Now

Announcement of this program is being made now in order to stir interest in it. It is no easy undertaking. The committee has a task ahead to get the required amount of commitments. It must be remembered that a commitment now doesn't assure us of meeting the goal at blood-giving time. By then any number of those who now sign up may be disqualified for any of the above-mentioned reasons. You will do your part if you SIGN UP NOW! You can do so by stopping at the Post and putting your name on the Blood-Donor list, or send in your name by letter or telephone. Encourage your wife and others to do likewise. Unmarried minors between ages 18 and 21 must have written permission of parent or guardian to be a blood donor. Blood can be given as often as five times in any 12-month period. It cannot be given during the 8-week period prior to the time of the blood-giving.

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### Good Job Done

For the success of last month's Harvest Ball, thanks are due Chairman Fred Grasser and his wife, Gwen; Co-Chairman Ollie Palmer and his wife, Barbara, and their co-workers: Ray Callagan, Barney Greene, Joe Cannizzaro, Harry Harkness and their ladies.

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## PAST HALF-WAY MARK

At mid-November Vice-Comdr.-Membership Chairman Merwyn Atwood reported Blanchard Post had 450 paid-up members on the roll for 1965-66. This is well past the half-way mark. There remains 286 to be added to pass our quota. You who have not yet paid, do yourself and your Post a big favor by getting in your dues quickly. As soon as Blanchard Post makes and surpasses its quota, it achieves new honors in the records of the American Legion in which all of us hold a very important position — that of members. To the roster which was published in the October 1040 TIMES, you may wish to add these names of new and re-instated members in our Post:

Achton, Patrick J., 14 Plymouth Ave., Delmar  
Bidell, John F., 18 Charles Blvd., Delmar  
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### Calling WW1 Vets

Past Commander Win Robinson has this announcement to make:

"Due to a desire for an expression of greater culinary skill, World War 1 Veterans in this area have elected to hold their monthly luncheons at the Elsmereian, Delaware Plaza, instead of at the Post Rooms. As Matt Whalen, the genial host of Elsmere's oasis says: "If your choppers are not impaired try our charcoal broiled steaks. If you are experiencing butterflies in your stomach you may settle for a bowl of soup. You will not have to stretch your budget—you pay for what you eat as an individual."

"As in the past, these luncheons will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. For those who choose to arrive at an earlier hour, comfortable chairs with foot-rails facilities are available. Please mark your calendars for the second Tuesday of each month, beginning January 11."

## Ambassador Help

Community Relations Chairman Roger Fryer with Commander Ed Costigan and Finance Officer Bill Campbell represented Blanchard Post on October 27 at the Community Ambassador movies for children. The film-showing was at the Bethlehem Junior High School. It is part of the program used to raise funds for the Ambassador project. At each showing, community organizations have several of their men help with the presentation of the movies.

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## Shuffle Board Notes

At the end of six weeks of playing the Nationals (blue quoits) led the Americans (red quoits) 25 to 18. Each league has four 2-men teams. This is the lineup:

**Blues:** Red Kernahan, Al Woehrle; Dale Knox, Bill Mitchell; Tom Cleary, Art Bahn; Andy Rooney, Dick Cole.

**Reds:** Bill Campbell, Ed Costigan; Jim Cornes, Barney Greene; Dick Dalton, Al Adams; George Spawn, Henry Engel.

There is a growing list of substitutes of which these are the first six: Ben Pear-sall, George Wenger, Royce Day, Dick Lenseth, Bruce McDonald, Jim Fanning.

Sparkplug of the league is Billy Mitchell who is doing most of the work as secretary (and treasurer). Red Kernahan is president of the program. The activity has attracted an enthusiastic audience for Thursday nights at the Post. Games usually get started by nine. Plans are being considered to meet some outside challengers and for a spring-time dinner for the team players and their ladies.

## Flag Committee Report

Chairman George Reeber reports that American Flags have been presented to two new Girl Scout Troops in the Post area and a showing of the Post's film about the Flag was made for Troop 260 at St. Stephen's Church.

## DOUBLY CITED

The distinction of receiving two citations for Blanchard Post was had by Commander Ed Costigan at the October Albany County Legion meeting. The citations are the result of the programs of Ed's predecessor, P.C. Charles O'Hara. One citation was for Americanism which continues Blanchard Post's splendid record of annually receiving this American Legion National Award.

The other citation is for the Post's work in the area of Child Welfare. Over the years Blanchard Post Auxiliary has done a superb job in this program. The Auxiliary continues to do so and is recognized as outstanding for its work. P.C. O'Hara recognized that Blanchard Post and its members with the Christmas Party, the Skating Rink and other interests to the children of our community was also contributing to the Child Welfare Program. Moreover, he saw to it that our activities were reported to the County and Department Commanders.

For his foresight, Blanchard Post has been rightfully recognized. Says Commander Costigan: "Charley, to you as my predecessor I congratulate you and extend the thanks of the entire Post. I know you have opened a path which commanders after you will be glad to follow."

## BOWLING NOTES

At mid-November Milt Andre's and Al Woehrle's team, the Marines led the league. Milt also led the league. Woehrle is the Marine's handicap. Besides being tied for first place with the Coast Guard, the Marines were first for high single and high triple. Ken Stinson was at the top for high single with 237; Angelo Tangora had high triple with a 589. Newest league member is Gene FitzPatrick.

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Secretary Adele Strickland reports the following standings for the Sunday evening Mixed-Bowling League:

Team and Captain	Points
Guppies (George Mayers)	23
Bullheads (Stan Klett)	20
Piranhas (Chet Becker)	20
Flounders (Bob Strickland)	17½
Smelts (George Butman)	17½
Muskies (Gifford Lantz)	17
Barracudas (Gus Franze)	15
Perches (Bill Mitchell)	14

High average (male), Dick Roth, 165; high average (female), Grace Franze, 141; high 3 (men), Wes Albright, 589; high 3 (female), Grace Franze, 477; high single (male), Bill Mitchell, 222; high single (female), Grace Franze, 181.

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