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DECEMBER 1971

GOLF DAY A R-E-A-L-L-Y BIG SHOW!



Left to right above are: Members Cliff Van Dyke, Bill James, Al Beckmann, and Bob Fraim; Guests Jim Graves, George Kass, and Jim MacDonough.

It may have seemed like ages ago, but actually it was Wednesday, Sept. 15, that Blanchard Post held their third annual Golf Day at Normanside Country Club, as the Good Lord provided a perfect day for the event, as 54 members or guests teed off and followed that little white ball around for 18 holes. Some had a little trouble getting the little "pill" into the cup, while others were favored by lady luck and of course, by their own skill. All in all, a good time was had by all.

The picture above shows Al Beckmann, Prize Chairman, awarding the first prize trophy to Bob Fraim who had a low gross score of 77. Other winners were:

Cliff Van Dyke.....	Low net
Bill James.....	Longest drive
Jim Graves.....	Second low net
George Kass.....	Closest to pin (3rd hole)
Jim MacDonough.....	Closest to pin (17th hole)

Special thanks are extended to Tip Nelson, Bill McDermott, Dick Marshall, Bob Viele, our Calloway handicappers, and Ray Callagan, Chairman of the event. Bill James, who sponsored our members at Normanside, Al Beckmann and Dick Lenseth, Prize Committee: King Rabineau, Ed Spain, Dan Lantz, personnel of Normanside Country Club for their gracious service and patience, and also for the wonderful condition of the Normanside course. (We hope we left it that way.) P.S. Sorry guys, about the little mix-up with those drink tickets. See you all again next year, I hope!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 6 — Post Affairs Meeting
- 6 — Regular Meeting
- 11 — Tinsel Ball
- 18 — Children's Christmas Party
- 19 — Egg Nog Party
- 20 — Regular Meeting
- 21 — Auxiliary Meeting and Party
- 27 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 31 — New Year's Eve Party

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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

★ Tinsel Ball/Dec. 11

This yearly get-together will be a dinner-dance. Dinner will feature a filet mignon served steak house style, with cocktails from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Guests will be called to their tables to receive steak to order. Tickets are available at the bar at only \$5.00 each.

★ Children's Christmas Party/Dec. 18

This annual happening commences at 1 p.m. All children are invited to come and see Santa Claus and enjoy a festive afternoon, and all for free.

★ Post Egg Nog Party/Dec. 19

For obvious reasons, the Post has limited this party to members and one guest only. For any additional guests there will be a \$5.00 charge. The Post Activities Committee has invited certain friends of Blanchard Post, and widows of deceased members. These are the only exceptions. The affair begins at 5 p.m. with music by Roger DiNucci till about 10:30 p.m. If any members care to bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre, it will be most greatly appreciated. Come and have a good time.

★ Ladies Auxiliary Party/Dec. 21

This gathering for the 'gals' will be held in the Post Rooms. Just a friendly reminder ladies!

★ New Year's Eve Party/Dec. 31

This will be a dance, with breakfast to be served from 1 a.m. on. With William Donnelly and Kenneth Havill in charge, this should be a blast. Tickets can be had at the bar for only \$5.00 each.

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Mr. Harold C. Barkhuff
15 Burhans Place
Elsmere, N. Y. 12054

Dear Harold:

As the time draws close to your departure for Florida one has mixed emotions. One side says it is just great that you should have some rest and relaxation, as you certainly earned it. The other side is a loss of our warm friendship because of distance and your Legion talent in the affairs of Albany County Legion, Department, and the Albany VA Hospital.

Suffice to say we will all miss you very much and myself in particular. We appreciate all you have done over the years and I pray that you and Mrs. Barkhuff will be able to enjoy many happy and healthy years in your new Florida home.

Sincerely yours,
James J. Lockman, Jr.
Director, Rehabilitation Comm.
The American Legion
New York, N. Y.

* * *

Mr. Harold C. Barkhuff
15 Burhans Place
Elsmere, N. Y. 12054

Dear Harold:

Have recently learned of your intent to move to Florida and retirement as the VAVS Representative at the Albany VA Hospital.

It is my pleasure to express to you the deep appreciation of the Department of New York for your many, many years of faithful service to your fellow veteran as Post Commander, Albany County Commander, Alternate VAVS Representative and VAVS Representative at the Albany VA Hospital, as well as your participation in many other fine programs of The American Legion.

On behalf of the Department may I wish you and Mrs. Barkhuff many happy healthy years in retirement.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Garlinger
State Department Commander
The American Legion

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Mr. Harold C. Barkhuff
15 Burhans Place
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Dear Mr. Barkhuff:

At this time of your retirement from your many activities in The American Legion, it is my great pleasure to commend you in recognition of your out-

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ANGLER'S MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

Now that the league's secretary has managed to arrive at the alleys on time, the league members have relaxed and are on their way to an interesting season.

After the first few weeks, it looked as if Don Smith's Muskies were going to run away with the championship, but they've slowed down and the teams are fairly close, especially since Doc Klett's Perches have started to "shape up." (They had lost their first 12 games.)

The team standings as of Nov. 7 are:

Muskies—Don Smith	20½	11½
Bullheads—Wes Albright	17	15
Flounders—Geo. Mayers	16½	15½
Barracudas—Gus Franze	16	16
Guppies—Bill Mitchell	15½	16½
Piranhas—Ed Korp	15	17
Smelts—Bill Tougher	14½	17½
Perches—Doc Klett	13	19

Men with triples over 500 include: Gus Franze 566, Ed Korp 560, Don Smith 540, Joe Marino 537, Bill Mitchell 535, Frank DiSanto 531, Dave McMillen and Pat LeMaitre 522, Frank Harris 520, George Butman 516, George Mayers 511.

Men rolling a 200 game in the last two weeks were Ed Korp 206, Pat LeMaitre 200, and Vern Eagan 205. (Vern is still asking how he could bowl a 205 and then drop to a 115. It isn't hard, Vern.)

Giving the women equal time, some high scores in the last few weeks include the following: Millie Harris 449—169, Betty Tougher 454—154, Grace Franze 463—170, Millie Albright 445—157, Marie McMillan 429—164, Peg Korp 423—160, Julie Bidell 424—150, Gerry Klett 167, and Tanya Mitchell 143.

Did you know that Rose Marino won the prize for knowing most of the rules in the W.I.B.C. rule book? And can you imagine a six-year-old looking at Wes Albright's score and telling him he'd "better get with it." Have you noticed how much fun Jack Bidell has added to the league? Do you think there will be lots of snow this year so that Dave McMillen will enjoy his nightly snowmobile rides; and do you think Grace Franze will get her new bowling shoes before she breaks her neck? Let's hope so.

TRIBUTES PAID TO BARKHUFF

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standing record of service and leadership. As a veteran of World War 1, Past Commander of Blanchard Post 1040 in Delmar, New York, Past Commander of Albany County, and Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Representative at the VA Hospital in Albany, you have fully met the continued challenges of leadership and personal contribution in the growing and purposeful participation of Legionnaires in programs of care and welfare of veteran patients.

You will be sorely missed, particularly in the Albany area and at The American Legion Department of New York, but we know how fully you have earned the many restful and happy years ahead.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,

E. H. Golembieski, Director
Veterans Affairs and
Rehabilitation Commission
Washington, D. C.

1040's POST ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 1971-72

Dec. 11—Tinsel Ball — Dinner-Dance
Dec. 18—Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 19—Egg Nog Party (Sunday)
Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Party —
Dance and Breakfast
Jan. 15—20 Week Club—Dinner-Dance
Jan. 29—German Night—Dinner-Dance
Feb. 5—Indoor Sports
Feb. 12—Valentine Party Dinner-Dance

Mar. 11—St. Patrick's Night
Dinner-Dance
Mar. 19—Back to God Breakfast
(Family Sunday)
Apr. 8—Spring Party — Dinner-Dance
Apr. 22—Past Commander's Night —
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May 19—Installation of Officers
May 29—Memorial Day Parade

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Team Standings

	Points	W	L	%
Artillery	23	16	8	.667
Engineers	20	14	10	.583
Army	19	14	10	.583
Coast Guard	17	13	11	.542
Infantry	16	12	12	.500
Tanks	16	13	11	.542
Marines	10	8	16	.333
Navy	7	6	18	.250

Individual Standings

1	Unser R	178
2	Johnston W	169
3	Bender R	168
4	Mitchell W	168
5	Berry W	166
6	Smith D	166
7	Korp E	165
8	Feiden G	165
9	Andre M	162
10	Foy T	162
11	Lantz G	160
12	Lenseth R	158
13	Aupperle J	157
14	Murtagh R	156
15	Donnelly W	153
16	Brady J	152
17	Cummings J	152
18	Beckmann A	151
19	Mosmen B	150
20	Sharer F	150
21	Roach D	150
22	Hanrahan E	149
23	Pugliese A	148
24	Roach W	147
25	Buker F	147
26	Ristau H	146
27	Eagan V	145
28	Volk W	145
29	Cole R	143
30	Haker J	142
31	Butman G	141
32	Alwell W	141
33	Pauquette J	140
34	Campbell W	137
35	Wiley C	137
36	Burns K	134
37	Vanderwood A	121
38	Monette L	119
39	Stowers H	114
40	D'Anza V	113

THE EXTRA FRAME:

... And the Artillery led by Capt. Milt ANDRE have moved to the front with Capt. Dick LENSETH's Army team coming up the ladder ... a big howdy to the league to Bill DONNELLY (I think the Thruway is taking over the League—Joe PAUQUETTE, Joe CUMMINGS, etc., etc., etc. ... good to see Ed BOLLMAN over at the lanes the other week. He's hoping to be back in action after the first of the year ... and did ya see Capt. Ron "Infantry" UNSER on TV? ... and a double congratulations to Bill "Infan-

try" JOHNSTON (1) as a new bridegroom, (2) on his recent election win ... and a big-mac size welcome back to the League to Don "Engineers" SMITH (if ya hear Don muttering, "Jackets, jackets, oh those lousy jackets!" don't think he blew his cork. He's just trying to get the Color Guard jackets ordered) ... and we should have some news of winners of our annual Turkey Shoot in our next issue as well as the winners of Special Prizes Nite thanks to the generous donations of Al "Army" BECKMANN ... and the back and forth bantering of those two Army guys Charley WILEY and Al BECKMANN keep the other team laughing and off-balance — smart thinking, fellas! ... and if it's motorboats, power-craft, dinghy, sloop or cruisers—George FEIDEN can answer your queries! ... and is that spring 1972 Hempstead Bowling Tourney building up! Here's a few remarks by some of the League members who are going (as well as some non-leaguers) — Bill CAMPBELL, "I'm always on a winning team, so you guys on my team are in-like Flynn and my car is big enough to take you chubby guys!" by Bill MITCHELL, "I wish Smitty would get me my jacket." by Hugh STOWERS, "Did ya hear the story about the salesman and the etc., etc., etc.!" by Jack BRADY, "I am honored to be selected as Treasurer of this fine gathering of men and I hope that these bums remember to bring enough money!" by Joe CUMMINGS, "I say that the best thing for the morning after is vanilla ice cream." by Bill DONNELLY, "If Joe sez so it's true." by Ken BURNS, "I wonder what the Hempstead sleeping record is?" by Bill ALWELL, "Will you guys be jealous of the shoulder patch that I'm gonna win!" by Dick DALTON, "Where's my fifteen bucks?" by Al ADAMS, "Yeah! Where's Dalton's fifteen bucks?" by Ed HANRAHAN, "How-in-blazes did I ever get mixed up with this crazy buncha nuts?"—THIS IS CONFIDENCE???? ... Father Walt "Coast Guard" ROACH trailing son Doug by a few pins but pleased as punch to see the young lad doing so well ... I wonder if Larry "Money Man" MONETTE ever asks Dan Giff "Coast Guard" LANTZ, "Did your average drop when you were Treasurer?" ... and that swell bunch of gals down at the Post sure do know how to do that Alley-Cat Dance at the Friday Night Dance Session to name a few: Esther COOKE, Mary KAPLAN, Gwen and Diane GRASSER, Bernice LAWSON and a host of others ... and sure a nice couple to chat with are Grace and Bob GENTNER ... and we had a nice little talk-session with Eleanor and

Bill KNAUF. Bill, as you probably know was some pumpkins as a baseball twirler and football quarterback for Cathedral Academy a few years ago ... it's always a pleasure to say hi to Zen CAMPBELL, Della BRADY, Barb PALMER or eaves drop on a conversation of those friendly firemen Ollie PALMER, Fred GRASSER and Rollie WHITNEY or exchange greetings with Helen QUINN — ya know I never go down to the Post on a Friday night but what I meet and have a dance with Ruth BURNS and we haven't seen that very nice couple Barb and John HORNBERGER for a while ... and I guess the way his average is climbing, Al "Artillery" PUGLIESE is finished with that arm trouble ... and as I've said before, Dick "King" COLE the Engineer is an A-1 scorekeeper as are Tom "Engineers" FOY and Jules "Navy" AUPPERLE as well as others.

Come back and read us next month and if you think that nothing is impossible try scratching a match on a wet cake of soap! *The Gutter Duster*

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A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

Following custom, after the Veteran's Day Parade in the City of Albany there is a luncheon to honor the Gold Star Mothers. This year it took place at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel. Past Department American Legion Commander Edward J. Delehanty of Albany served as master of ceremonies. The guest speaker for the occasion was Assemblyman Fred Field, Jr. What he said had such historical significance that it deserves to be recorded publicly. Your 1040 *Times for the Good* of the Legion is privileged to be the publication, through you, to bring this speech to all who will read it and absorb its content. Here it is:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the first year we are celebrating Veteran's Day in October, but the meaning is just as important as ever. We come here today to salute those men and women who took time out of their lives to serve our country. In some cases, they made the supreme sacrifice of life itself.

Not everyone serves his nation in exactly the same way. These men and women were very personally involved in protecting your life and mine. We owe them, at the very least, the gratitude we show today.

While some people dedicate their lives to a military career, no one really wants a war. Because one war is more popular than another is not the point. All wars, even the most totally supported one, mean hardships and death. The veterans we honor today didn't pick their war. They happened to be born at a particular time in history, and fate gave them a challenge and responsibility they might not have wanted by choice. The important point is they accepted this responsibility despite inconveniences and interruptions to their personal lives. Even if their service did not include actual combat—they still gave up their time. They did this because they believed in a free world and a free America. Or, to put it another way, they believed in the future. They believed in everyone of us here today—even though they may never have known us personally.

To stake your life for people you do not actually know is not an easy thing to do. But this is what Veteran's Day celebrates—this very dedication to a faith in the future, a faith in the unborn generations of free men everywhere!

Is there any way we can ever repay these men and women for their gift to their country? Is there any way, for example, that we can return the gift of life? Here in this audience are Gold Star Mothers who gave their sons to America. How can we ever repay them? A life is so unique and so sacred that it can never

be exchanged or replaced. No person, really can ever take another person's place.

The truth is, ladies and gentlemen, we can never directly repay any veteran, living or dead, for what he has done for his country. Nor can we be so bold to suggest that we can ever repay his family. For time, once gone, never returns, to say nothing of life! How, then, can we possibly make some dent of return to these "Accounts Receivable"—the time and talents and lives given so freely and fully by American Veterans? We owe so much to so many with so little way of return!

The only way we can truly show our gratitude is by living out our lives with a sense of purpose—the sense of purpose necessary to make a valid contribution to democracy.

For, ladies and gentlemen, these men and women took an oath of office to protect free citizens in a free land. They did this believing that we were worth their time and effort. And so I ask you today, to repay them by being responsible citizens.

We cannot hope to return their time or their life directly. That is impossible. But for that matter, rarely can we directly return all the various good deeds that people do for us. We can, however, do something for someone else—and in the broad view of humanity we achieve a sort of equity.

Look today at America. A local newspaper has recently run a contest on "What Is Right With America." We would do well to think about this. What is right? Freedom for one thing... freedom to stand here in an assembly without fear of secret police or censorship. Freedom to earn a livelihood, to compete, to follow our own consciences. Freedom to work together to solve problems we know we have.

We take this freedom so completely for granted that we sometimes forget how very fortunate we are.

Last summer a friend of mine visited West Germany. One day he and his wife went close to the border that divides the Western Zone from the East. All around them were the beautiful Hartz Mountains. The pines and spruce trees might have been in our own Adirondack Mountains. The air was crisp and clear. But then suddenly a burst of machine gun fire brought them back to harsh reality. The border guards were practicing! A little ways down the road, they saw row on row of barbed wire. If they were quiet, they could hear the low growls of German police dogs. If they looked up, they saw the watch towers where searchlights at night would seek out people escaping to the West. This was no television "make believe," ladies and gentlemen... this was the West and East German border in the summer of 1971! I'm sure some of you have had personal experiences similar to that of my friends. They were shocked and horrified almost beyond belief that in the same world that we live in

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this sort of thing still went on...only about seven jet hours away.

I tell you this only to illustrate how wonderful an experience it is to live in a free land. I know that we have much to work toward in America. No society is perfect. But I also know we have much to be grateful for. And our gratitude must go in a large part to the men and women who served in our nation's Armed Forces.

By celebrating Veteran's Day in October, we are remembering our men and women in a particularly beautiful month of the year. The harvest is in. The trees have turned to gold and scarlet. The world seems at peace in the final glory of fall. This month and this day symbolizes a grateful nation.

Some years ago, these men and women left their homes and gave us part—or all—of their lives for this country.

Sure, we can say "thank you" to them, but it will be an empty phrase if we do not follow through by living purposeful lives. This is the *only real way* we can truly thank them.

What do I mean by a life with purpose? I mean a respect for other men and women that recognizes the dignity of every human being. I mean a code of absolute honesty that respects property of other people—whether it's a penny or thousands of dollars. I mean a dedication to do your daily job in the best way you know how. I mean a determined effort to be decent to other people, to be human toward others.

In short, I mean living up to the Golden Rule—do to others as you would want them to do to you. If everyone did this, we certainly would have a better America. We would have a city and a state and a nation which our Veterans could honestly feel was worth their time and their life.

We cannot do every other person's job—but we certainly can resolve to do our own and do it well. We can resolve to live a life that we are proud of...that our country can be proud of...and that the men who died for us can regard with respect.

Ladies and gentlemen, you know and I know that there are only two events in life that we all have in common with one another. One event is that we were born—the other is that some day each of us must die. In between we have a responsibility to live the best life we can. Most of us believe in a life hereafter...when we meet our Veterans someday in Eternity—let us be able to not just say "thank you"—but let us be able to look at them and honestly say...you gave me freedom—in my own world, in my own way, I used it well...you did not die in vain!

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOV. 1 REGULAR POST MEETING

- 33 in attendance compared to 24 one year ago.
- Vice Comdr. Mele reported 20-Week Club is a sell out and that the Club's Dinner-Dance would be Jan. 15, 1972, and would be a roast beef dinner.
- Vice Comdr. Cummings announced that 293 memberships for 1972 (including 18 new members) as of 11/1/71.
- Board of Directors member A. Williams announced that permanent markings on the parking lot will be made in the spring of 1972.
- Hugh Stowers reported that Charley O'Hara and Homer Bogle are both in the VA Hospital.
- The Post membership voted to accept the invitation of the Catholic War Veterans and participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service to be held December 5, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Albany, N. Y.
- Wayne Johnson and Phil Giaccone, Jr. both Vietnam veterans, were sworn into membership by Past Comdr. Kaplan and Comdr. Smith. Acting Sgt.-at-Arms Gene Fitzpatrick assisted in the ceremony.
- The American Legion Extension Institute will be given in the Post starting January 1972.
- Dancing lessons will be given in the Post on Friday nights starting January.
- William Mitchell and Al Woehrle represented Blanchard Post in the Albany 1971 Veteran's Day Parade.
- Six members attended the County Meeting held at Voorheesville Post on October 28. They were Joe Cummings, Jack Brady, Ken Burns, Don Smith, Al Woehrle and Hugh Stowers.
- The Veterans' Job Assistance Session will be held at the Albany Armory on November 19. Frank Zini explained the various aspects of the session plus stating what services were available to veterans in varied governmental agencies.

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