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DECEMBER 1972

TINSEL BALL

The time has come once again for the annual Tinsel Ball. This shindig is being hosted by Ed Korp and Bill Campbell, and has promises to be one of the better nights of the year... for the last couple of party nights I heard rumbles about the unavailability of guest tickets. Again I urge you to get yours early to avoid being disappointed.

The bill of fare consists of hot hors d'oeuvres, roast beef, dessert and coffee. Music for dancing will be by Francis Murphy and his band, featuring Jerry Romano doing the vocals. All this for the small sum of \$6.00. No wonder the tickets are grabbed up so quickly. Don't forget the date: DECEMBER 9.

ON MEMBERSHIP!

The reward for good work is more work! In 1972 we had a quota of 779. The County credited us with 798. So... what is our quota for this year? ... 799

▶ At the County Meeting held over at Voorheesville on October 26 we handed in 336 memberships for 1973 to take a shaky County lead. Fort Orange with 328 was next; and Scully with 317 was third. Denn Post with a quota of 40 met their quota on the nose.

▶ Your chairman appreciates your getting those new members and having your 1973 dues on the books. Keep it up. DUES ARE DUE FOR 1973! Make the check payable to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 and mail the \$10 to: Kenneth J. Burns, 78 Hudson Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

► A hearty welcome from Blanchard . Post to:

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Meet Your Officers

My goodness, it seems our officers are getting better looking as we go along.



KEN BURNS, Vice Commander



FRANK ZINI, Service Officer

New Year's Eve Party

The New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31 is rapidly drawing near. I hate to repeat myself but I urge you to get your reservations early. This makes it so much easier for you and the Post. I do not have the full particulars at this time but I am assured that there will be food for the stomach, music for the soul and noisemakers to ring in the New Year!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 9 — Tinsel Ball Dinner and Dance

17 — Egg Nog Party

23 — Children's Christmas Party

31 — New Year's Eve Party

Regular meeting every first and third Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting last Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

Jan. 13—20 Week Club Party Dinner Dance

20-German Night Dinner Dance

Feb. 3—Indoor Sport Day

10—Valentine's Day Party Dinner Dance

Mar. 15—Back-to-God Breakfast Family Sunday

17—St. Patrick's Party Dinner Dance

Apr. 7—Welcome Spring Party Dinner Dance

21—Past Commanders Party Dinner Dance

May 25—Installation of Officers 30—Memorial Day Parade

HAVE A HAPPY

On behalf of the officers, Hank Voorhees, Ken Burns, Ken Havill, Bob Edwards, Dan Lantz and myself, we wish all members of Blanchard Post happy holidays for the coming year.

I am happy to announce that all our Post activities and social events have been terrific and everything is coming along just fine. (Just goes to show what people can do when they put their mind to it!)

This year we seem to have many more younger people joining our Post. Beautiful—for here is where our future officers come from.

Let me not forget the Ladies Auxiliary
—Lenore Smith and her staff—for without them times would be more difficult.

May I say again thank you and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us to all of you.

Commander Mike Mele

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By MARCIA TURNER

OFFICERS 1972-1973

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Chaplain	May Smith
Sergeant-at-Arms	
Historian	Patricia Havill

Our regular monthly meeting was held in the Post Rooms on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Membership Chairman Della Brady was pleased to make the announcement that we have four new members: Lynn Cummings, Lori Whitney, Colleen Havill and a transfer from Tupper Lake Unit—Elizabeth Warden. We welcome these newcomers and hope their association with us will be a pleasant one. It's always nice to see new faces.

Lenore read certificates which had been awarded our Unit by County Chairman Helen Reynolds. It's at this time you realize all the hard work was not in vain.

Those attending the Third District Conference at Winding Brook Country Club from our Unit were: Lenore Smith, Della Brady, Lee Hurley, Maud Hafley, Helen Reynolds and Barbara Palmer.

Card Party Chairman Laura Howard thanked all who helped and said we had added \$107 to our treasury.

Also Laura announced that our raffle for the Tinsel Ball will be something different this year—first prize will be a portable TV and second prize a case of champagne. Many thanks to Bob Sowers of Delmar Appliances for sponsoring the tickets.

Our Rehabilitation Chairman Barbara Palmer said that volunteers are desperately needed at the VA Hospital. Anyone who could spare a few hours during the week would greatly be appreciated. Barbara has been going in once a week to help in the physical therapy room. She said it really is a rewarding experience! If you don't feel you could do anything as strenuous as physical therapy, there are men there who would be happy just to have someone come in and say hello.

Our Gift Shop at the hospital will be December 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Help is needed. Open house will be on the third floor, Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. If you've never been in to see Gift Shop—try to get there this year—it's the true meaning of Christmas.

Coupon Chairman Helen Quinn read the list of coupons and stamps collected by the Auxiliary. The list reads:

Coupons: Mrs. Filbert's Margarine, Gold Seal (Penny Pet Prod.), Betty Crocker, Grandma's Molasses, Krey Meat Products, Red Scissors, Linit Starch, Kirk/ Octagon Products.

Stamps: Plaid, Triple S, King Korn, Top Value, GO (gasoline), Gold Star, S&H, Merchants Green Stamps, Gold Bond.

Cigarette Coupons: Raleigh, Belair, Old Gold, Philip Morris, Galaxy, Alpine and Chesterfield.

The notice on the bulletin read in part "Our American Legion Auxiliary receives cash and valuable merchandise for the coupons we clip and save. The more coupons we get, the more help we can give our infirmary at Tupper Lake."

Our Bingo Party at the VA Hospital was November 1. Those helping were: May Smith, Betty Warden, Ann Lee, Barbara Whitney, Pat Havill, Gwen and Diane Grasser, Maud Hafley, Barbara Palmer and Esther Cooke. Coffee and doughnuts were served and Canteen Books awarded as prizes.

The Christmas Party will be held in the Post Rooms on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Dinner served by the Ladies of The Caldron at 6:30 with cocktails preceding. Members will be contacted by the calling committee for reservations which must be in by Dec. 14. Mary Kaplan will be chairman of the dinner with assistance from Shirley LaMoy and Joan Stowers. Members are asked to bring a grab-bag gift—cost not to exceed \$1.25.

Remember, DUES ARE DO let's be able to announce at our Christmas Party that we reached 100%. We've done it before, we should be able to do it again.

At this very busy time of year, let's not forget those who are less fortunate than us, particularly our boys in Vietnam, the POWs and the MIAs. Let us pray that next year at this time they too will be able to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones.

The arrangement downstairs for the holidays was done by Helen Kemnitzer. Beautiful! Happy Holidays to all

P.S. A bouquet of holly & mistletoe to the Duster

County Meeting

The next American Legion County Meeting will be at the Blanchard Post on Thursday, Dec. 28. Plan now to attend!

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WELL DESERVED PLAUDITS

International Nite has come and gone. Everyone had a fine time, enjoying the decorations, food, and dancing. In all our parties a tremendous amount of preparation and effort is necessary to make these affairs successful.

The committee responsible for this dinner dance deserves recognition. Cochairman Freda Sherman was in charge of decorations, assisted by Ronnie and Warren Moessner and Barbara and Jack Selig. Ted Sherman was Maitre D in charge of reservations. Barbara Whitney guarded the ticket window while Rollie Whitney supervised the cleanup detail; then Jack, Della and son Mark Brady manned the "China Clipper" (dishwasher). The bandstand - "Good Ship Blanchard" - decorations were the combined effort of the Erlichmans (Wally, Roxy and their sons Jim and Joe). Mary Kaplan, among other jobs, ran the 50-50 Club raffle. This then was another instance of the Legion and the Auxiliary working together for the good of Blanchard Post. The excellent "Steamship Round Roast" was prepared and served by Al Stiglmeier of Homestead Caterers. Sid Kaplan, Chmn.

(Yeah, and you did a good job, too, Sid. Ed.)

MANY THANKS

Well, Italian Night has come and gone and is now part of Post history. The following are some of the wonderful people who helped make this night a success:

Phil Giacone, George Clouthier, Bob Fraim, Nick De Bias, Nick De Angelo, Frank Miano, Ray Callagan, Mike Mele, Bob Edwards, Jack Chetney, Ed Yanni, Bill Blanchard, Jim Blanchard, Rusty Miller, Gus Williams, Fred Grasser, Bob Montgomery, Red Kernahan, Ken Havill, Roland Whitney, Al Vanderwood, Dick Dalton and Barbara Whitney, Pat Havill, Ann Carroll, Ann Williams, Noreen Giacone, Bernice Lawson, Ruth Dalton, Laura Howard, Marilyn Blanchard and Mary Blanchard.

It sure takes quite a few people to put one of these affairs on. To each and every one ... thank you!

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BEYOND THE POST

By Al Woehrle

From some of our old-timers we hear that Blanchard Post, when it was formed over 40 years ago, had attendance at meetings of twice the number of those who now attend. Also, a much larger share of the Post's membership took an active part in the operations whether it be social, business or for the good of the Legion. Presently, about five percent of our 800 members come to Post meetings. Not many more participate in the workings of the Post. (It was good to see at the Nov. 6 Post meeting about a third of those present are from the latest (Vietnam) eligible group for membership.)

It is the custom at our Post when a new member is officially initiated into the American Legion for the Commander to give the new Legionnaire a formal welcome and cite the opportunity for the newcomer to serve on any of the various committees in the Post.

The "bible" for operating a Post is the "Post Commander's Guide." In it there is a section dealing with Post committees. Its application follows the guidelines for National as well as Department (State), District and County levels of the American Legion.

Higher Echelon Committees

In addition to their executive committees Albany County and the Third District each have 26 committees of which the titles and functions of 17 are identical. They are (alphabetically) Americanism, Baseball, Bowling, Boy Scouts,

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Beyond the Post level membership on a higher level committee is open to any Legionnaire who wishes to serve and the County, District or Department Commander finds there is an opening on the committee.

The nine District committees which have no County counterpart are Contest Supervisor (concerned with the drum and bugle and other contests held during the Department Convention), Education and Scholarship, Emergency and Disaster, Employment, Foreign Relations, National Security, Post Publications, Sons of the American Legion, and Stamps for Hospitalized Veterans.

District committees generally are comprised of a member representing each of the seven counties in the District plus a chairman, most frequently a County representative, and occasionally a co-chairman who may or may not be a County representative. It is the responsibility of the District Committee Chairman to coordinate and advance the programs of the American Legion with which the committee is involved with the other members of the committee who in turn are expected to communicate with the Posts in their respective counties.

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The nine County committees which have no District counterpart are Audit and Finance, Blood Bank, Boys Club, Color Guard, Constitution and By-Laws, Indoor Sports, Law and Order, Resolutions, and VA (Hospital VS Representative). In addition there is a special committee concerned with annually preparing for the visitation (dinner meeting) of the Department Commander (traditionally held at Scully Post in Albany).

For each County committee there is a chairman and recently, to encourage more Legion members to get involved co-chairmen were named. It is the responsibility of the County chairmen to encourage interest and activity in programs of the American Legion in the 29 Posts in Albany County.

It is the responsibility of all commanders, at all levels, and the chairmen for those committees required to do so to submit reports, even if negative, by the end of the Legion year which usually is in mid-June when the County convention occurs which is about a month prior to the Department Convention which is a month before the National Convention.

Post Committees

In Blanchard Post there are two officiating bodies. One is the Board of Directors (formerly the Executive Committee) which has a chairman and of which one of the members is the commander. The other is the Post Affairs Committee of which the commander is the chairman

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THE EXTRA FRAME ...

... and a big welcome from the League to Jim BERRY ... sorry Al GREEN-WOOD had to drop out ... and a fast recovery to Fred BUKER and Bill VOLK ... and how about them fancy shots this year! - Ray BENDER and Milt ANDRE making the 6-7 split! Dan the Giffer LANTZ making the 4-6 split and Hank RISTAU converting the 4-7-9-10 split . . . and what about that Infantry team with four (count 'em) south-paw bowlers in Ollie PALMER, Vern EAGAN, Bud MOSMEN and Bill CAMP-BELL. The only Infantryman heaving from the starboard side is Captain Tom FOY ... and when they refer to Medics as B.P.'s they don't mean British Petroleum...and three rousing huzzahs for the great job done on marking the parking lot by Gus WILLIAMS, Bill DON-NELLY, Rollie WHITNEY and their buddy who's name I'll git und put in der next issue, by golly!...and our eminent V. Prez Bill MITCHELL is right on the ball announcing that the Annual Banquet & Dance will be held at HO-JO's in East Greenbush . . . and a chapeau-doff to Milt ANDRE in not only keeping the League full but having the substitutes every week...and a right-on, Lad to Frank FUTIA for the record breaking Italian Night...and when the 100-year-old was asked his secret for long living he said, "I hain't never held with much washin'"...and to Rose FOY—bear with us, we'll git ya them 1040 Times yet! ... 'n how come I said Earl COOPER a couple months ago instead of Earl HOFFMAN . . . and a man who does so much for County Legion and is "Mr. Patience himself" is our buddy Jim FARRELL, that's who! ... and the Duster like Snoopy in hiz Sopwith Camel, got shot down in flames! That'll teach ya, Duster, ta sound off! ... good ta see Skip "rolla-bowla-ball" LARKIN back at Fish-Nite Kegling ... and when we gonna git Walt "The Cooker" VAN WORMER back in the League? . . . and a hearty congratulation to Phil LEE on being elected a Vice Prez in that Roads-Bridges-Tunnels Association . . . and how about Bill CAMP-BELL zooming right up there with that 234 single . . . and when da youse think the music will start on Saturday night? ... and a plague on whoever stuck that Shoes-Booze doggerel in my column for Nov. '72. I can get into enough trouble, and am senile enough without your help ... and I bet George FEIDEN knows Long Island better than the natives ... and certainly it's always a pleasure to see Buffalo Bob STRICKLAND around ... and always a nice foursome in the

Post are Ann, Doris, Harold and Joe REOHR ... AND JUDGING BY THE WEATHER I bet that Ray CALLAGAN has been doin' a few more rain dances! ... so until we ring the bells on another New Year, remember-sometimes the things we argue about the loudest are the things we know the least about!

The 'Shot-Down' Gutter Duster

TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Marines	838	2461	22	16	8	18612
Army	827	2379	20	15	9	18265
Navy	.829	2403	17	12	12	18374
Infantry	932	2521	16	13	11	18726
Medics	.884	2372	16	12	12	18340
Tanks	.844	2406	14	12	12	17891
Air Force	861	2446	13	10	14	17865
Coast Guard	862	2443	10	7	17	18244

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A

	Games	H.S.	H.T.	Avg.
O. Palmer	20	223	580	172
R. Bender		226	607	170
W. Johnson		200	552	169
C. Larkin		211	539	168
D. Lantz		205	564	167
A. Tangora		197	558	167
T. Foy		210	541	166
G. Roach	24	206	558	165
E. Korp		202	522	164
J. Aupperle	18	209	554	163
J. Berry		186	491	163
K. Havill	24	212	526	162
M. Andre		203	566	162
A. Pugliese		205	512	161
J. Cummings		190	518	161
R. Whitney		201	511	157
W. Berry	24	192	539	155
W. Mitchell	18	215	531	152
W. Campbell		234	558	152
J. Pauquette		209	548	151
			0.0	202
	Class I		400	151
J. Donnelly		200	490	151
H. Ristau		194	497	151
D. Roach		182	508	150
A. Mosmen		194	514	148
A. Beckmann		181	499	147
E. Vail		175	479	147
J. Marino		218	515	146
W. Roach		187	467	144
J. Haker		170	492	143
J. Brady	24	187	473	142
V. Eagan		220	477	141
K. Burns		205	489	141
W. Alwell		196	537	140
A. Vanderwood		186	482	138
G. Butman	24	176	469	138
G. Feiden		175	448	137
M. Dybas		170	452	135
R. Cole		188	470	132
L. Monette		178	414	124
H. Stowers	24	143	381	111

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The officers of Blanchard Auxiliary extend to all Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. The 1972-73 officers pictured are from left to right: Barbara Whitney, treasurer; Eleanor Blendell, recording secretary; Marcia Turner, second vice president; Della Brady, first vice president; Lenore Smith, president; Gloria Broome, corresponding secretary; Maud Hafley, past Unit and Department president; May Smith, chaplain; Ruth Burns, sergeant-at-arms; and missing from the picture, Patricia Havill, historian.

Sick Call

Sorry to report George Reeber has been hospitalized, but it's for certain George will be up and around in no time! You can't keep a good man down plus he's our fantastic Flag Chairman.

Arthur Maloy is also hospitalized.

It is difficult to keep an up-to-date list of members hospitalized as, at times, the patient is sometimes home before we are told of his illness. Sick Call Chairman sends a card of good wishes immediately when informed of a member's illness, but it would be most meaningful if the ailing comrade was remembered with cards or possibly visits from other members. A list is posted on the bulletin board and if you know of someone not listed, please add the name and hospital. Also when in doubt as to whether or not a member has been released from a hospital, a card of "good cheer" can be sent to his home address. Hugh Stowers

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I am happy to report in this issue that on Friday nights (I am told) one may order and get a sandwich. It just goes to show what a little "bellyachin" will do. I also hear that we even have a "mike" downstairs so that we can hear the announcements. Man, this is living, eh! One of the fellas to thank for this is our Commander, Mike Mele. Thanks, Mike!

Now I must vent a rumble. I hear tell that many members are itching for some music in the Post Lounge for Saturday night. Evidently these members love the Post so much they wish to come back on Saturday night. Well, I say good. This sounds like a good idea. What do you say Mike, how about pushing this thought for us?

You know, this my fourth issue coming up, and I'm still waiting for someone to give me a "squawk" to be printed. What do you say fellas, how about some help with this article. This is not a one or two man publication. Each of us must have some gripe or idea he would like to pass on. Put your comments on paper and leave them at the bar marked 1040 Times. Okay!

Taps

We mourn our departed comrade Fred. T. Burleigh and extend our sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

BEYOND THE POST

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and the other members are the Post elected officers and those committee chairmen invited by the commander to attend. The 17 committee chairmen so named by Commander Michael Mele for this year are:

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Americanism Charles J. O'Hara
Baseball Ernest Gall
Bowling Kenneth J. Burns
Boys' State Philip Lee
Boys' State Philip Lee Color Guard Donald J. Smith
Flags John J. Brady, Sr.
Graves Registration Arthur J. Quinn
Historian Warren D. Moessner
Mt. Camp & Mountaineers Robert J. Smith
William J. Blanchard
Oratorical Alexander J. Woehrle
Parade (Memorial Day) Edward M. Korp
Publicity William F. Davidson
Publicity William F. Davidson
Retreshments Albert T. Davis
Service Officer (Rehabilitation) Frank Zini
Sick Call Hugh W. Stowers
Special Activities Robert J. Rosenfield
1040 Times Francis A. Futia, Editor
William B. McGoey, Advertising

If this article can encourage any nonactive member of Blanchard Post to get involved in American Legion programs it will have served its purpose. Should the spirit move you, all you have to do is make your interest known to Commander Mele, any of the Post Officers or the chairmen of any of these committees.

The happy winner of the 50/50 drawing on November 3 was Mary LaFleur.

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