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NINETEENTH YEAR

DECEMBER 1974

New Year's Eve Party to Top Holiday Festivities Starting with Annual Tinsel Ball on December 7

The month of December is a big month in the Post for activities. Starting with the Tinsel Ball on Dec. 7, Mike Mele promises to have a party that won't be forgotten. Tickets are limited so please reserve yours *now*.

The Egg Nog Party follows on Dec. 15. Now listen: when you can get something for nothing in this time of inflation, how can you pass it up? The fun begins at 5:00 p.m.

All Post members look forward to the Childrens' Christmas Party on the following Saturday, Dec. 21, and Santa Claus is looking forward to seeing all the youngsters of the Post. Details are elsewhere on this page.

Following that is the big one of the year, *New Year's Eve*. This year is going to be special because we have Steve Anthony's Big Band. Tickets are almost gone, so please order quickly.

Childrens' Christmas Party

The Blanchard Post invites members' children and their friends to the annual Christmas Party. Festivities will start at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21.

Kathy Quinn will be at the organ to accompany the singing of carols. Legionnaire Bob George will entertain with his magical show. Santa Claus has promised to bring each guest a gift. Harvey the Green Elf will aid Santa in giving out the presents. Refreshments will be served to the youngsters as well.

Parents are requested to pick up their children no later than 3 p.m.

Emblem Presentation

The Department of New York has furnished distinctive emblems for the Legion caps of Vietnam veterans who are Post officers. At the November 4, 1974 meeting, Past Commander Robert Smith presented them to Vice Commander John A. Vogel, Adjutant Arthur Blanchard, Sergeant-at-Arms Robert W. Schenk and Board of Directors member William J. Blanchard, Sr.

Special Request Note

ATTENTION all Legion and Auxiliary members and friends. We are looking for many kinds of coupons and stamps. Just to name a few: Betty Crocker, Raleigh-Bel Aire, Philip Morris, Chesterfield and Old Gold Gift Stars. The money received from these is used to equip and maintain the Ida M. Ashby Infirmary at Tupper Lake. Any excess funds help to defray the expense of Girls State. Our quota is 60 coupons per member. If you have any coupons or stamps or any questions as to the other types of coupons needed, please call Ron Moessner.

PEARL HARBOR DAY A REMEMBRANCE

So each shall mourn, in life's advance,
Dear hopes, dear friends, untimely killed;
Shall grieve for many a forfeit chance,
And longing passion unfulfilled.

Amen! whatever fate be sent,
Pray God the heart may kindly glow,

Although the head with cares be bent,
And whitened with the winter snow.

William Makepeace Thackeray
The End of the Play

FROM THE little OFFICE

Best wishes to all of you good people of Blanchard Post from the officers for a very happy holiday season! What with the Egg Nog Party, Childrens' Christmas Party and climaxed by that wonderful New Year's Eve Party with that incomparable big-band sound of Steve Anthony—we have a very busy Post calendar ahead of us.

What a wonderful group of people I have met in my seven years as a Post member. No, not people but FRIENDS, yes indeed GOOD FRIENDS! Blanchard is the type of place you go to have a conversation with a congenial bunch, or even if you want to argue about something, or play pool, shoot darts, shuffleboard, or play the piano or juke box—maybe just to have a quiet chat with your ever-lovin' ... It's the place to go if you need some information or assistance, and also if you want to give information or assistance. It is a place where you may be kidded but *never* seriously put-down for your ideas or beliefs. Blanchard is a place where people will give you ideas and suggestions *and* the Post certainly welcomes your suggestions and ideas on finance, operational procedures, social activities, etc., etc. ... All 'n all Blanchard is quite a place. Little wonder we're Number 1 in Albany County, the seven counties of the Third District—oh yes, even the Fourth District which goes to the Canadian Border! So thanks to one 'n all for your great cooperation with the officers through '74. Greetings to all!

Ken Burns, Commander

ANNUAL CALENDAR

Dec. 7	Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
Dec. 15	Egg Nog Party
Dec. 21	Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party
Jan. 25	German Night Dinner Dance
Feb. 1	Indoor Sports
Feb. 8	Ice Skating Party
Feb. 15	Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
Mar. 15	St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Mar. 23	Back to God Breakfast
Apr. 5	Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
Apr. 19	Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
May 23	Installation of Officers
May 27	Memorial Day Parade

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The following members put on a bingo party at the Veterans Administration Hospital: Marcia Turner, Marie Burns, Barbara Whitney, Carol Cummings, Dot Lantz, Lenore Smith, Gwen Grasser, Ronnie Moessner, Diane Grasser, Isabelle Greenwood and Legionnaire Warren Moessner. Canteen books were given as prizes and coffee and doughnuts were served. This is a project much enjoyed by the veterans and those who serve certainly derive much pleasure from it.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES! If by any chance you're a straggler, please send your check for \$4.50 to Barbara Whitney, 13 Oakwood Road, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

We are very sorry that circumstances beyond our control forced the cancellation of our scheduled masquerade dance. Thanks to all those who endeavored to make it a success.

Barbara Palmer's prize-winning essay on our adopted veteran, Charlie Butler, appeared in the *Empire State News*. Let us all send him a Christmas card. He's on the 4th floor of the V.A. Hospital.

Ron and Warren Moessner took birthday cakes and canteen books to the V.A. Hospital on November 6 for three veterans who had November birthdays.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Marjorie Niver who passed away in October.

Mark December 17 on your calendar. That's the date of our annual Christmas Party. Dutch treat cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 and then a delicious dinner served as usual by the Ladies of the Caldron at 7:30. Noreen Cooke is the chairman of this event, assisted by Barb Whitney on reservations; Marie Burns, table decorations; and Ann Carroll, entertainment. Be sure to bring a gift for the grab bag.

One Day's Service Qualifies

In spite of repeated explanations, the myth still persists that a veteran must have had 60 or 90 days of active duty to be eligible for Legion membership.

This is not true and never has been. Just one day of active, honorable military service during any one of the four eligibility periods fully qualifies a veteran for Legion membership.

Taps

We mourn our departed comrades: George D. Lauer and Frederick H. Vogel and extend sympathy to their families.

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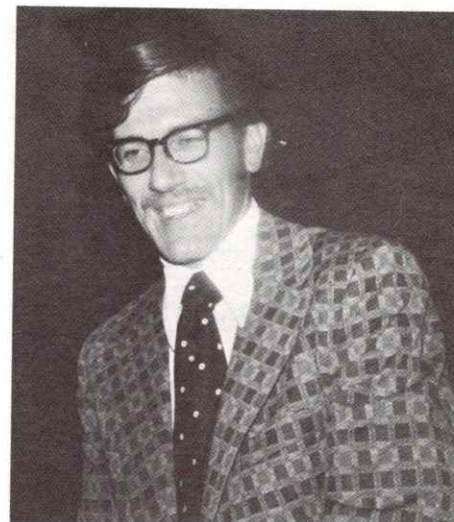
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Bill Vogel helping out at a dinner dance

Does Judiciary Listen?

Despite the efforts of veterans organizations and the 42 states with laws honoring Veterans Day on November 11, the matter has remained hung up in the House Judiciary Committee for at least nine months. We support the Legion's national magazine, asking that you write your local Congressman and Senator.

Sick Call

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Raymond Quinn, Jack McDermott, Richard Rudolph, John A. Williamson, Jr., Al Rowe and Al Woehrle.

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Congratulations to Ruth Burns, the 50/50 Club winner on Nov. 1, and to Ollie Palmer on the following Friday.

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ANGLERS' BOWLING NEWS

The top teams reported in the Anglers' Mixed Bowling League as of mid-October shows the following:

Bullheads (Jim Berry)	14½	5½
Perches (Franklyn Harris)	13	7
Piranhas (George Mayers)	11½	8½
Flounders (Frank DiSanto)	11	9
Muskies (Bill Mitchell)	9	11
Guppies (Ollie Palmer)	8	12
Smelts (Joe Marino)	8	12
Barracudas (Gus Franze)	5	15

Leading the league with a 610 triple is Jim Berry. Other high triples include Franklyn Harris 577, Bill Mitchell 569, Don Smith 537 and Ollie Palmer 527.

Leading the league with a 247 single is Bill Mitchell. Other high singles are: Jim Berry 224, Franklyn Harris 206, Don Smith 205, Gus Franze 206 and Vern Eagan 201.

Among the women, Barbara Palmer is high with 187—502 score. Other high triples include: Grace Franze 455, Millie Harris 445, May Smith 435 and Carol Berry 434.

High women singles include: Millie Harris 182, Grace Franze 176, Gerry Klett 176, Carol Berry 165, Rose Marino 162 and Belle Mayers 163.

The league welcomes two new members: Larry and Eleanor McArthur.

A Thank You

The Post would like to thank Senior Vice Commander Oliver H. Palmer for the splendid job done on the 20 Week Club. The Club turned in an outstanding profit and the dinner was "out of this world."

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TO THE COLORS

In the previous column we had traced the origin of The American Legion's National Americanism Commission and the methods proposed to realize its basic ideal of patriotic commitment to our country. We continue by noting that the efforts of the Commission are educational in nature and embrace specific objectives as follows:

- (1) To promote understanding of the principles of democratic government.
- (2) To give sound, practical service in our communities.
- (3) To emphasize religion.
- (4) To encourage education.
- (5) To work for the youth of America by sponsoring baseball, oratorical contests, Boys State, Boys Nation and Boy Scouts.

(6) To work for the assimilation of aliens.

(7) To combat subversion and all un-American groups and activities having as their aim the destruction of democracy in America.

The characteristic which distinguishes our form of government from others is the recognition of the truth that the inherent and fundamental rights of men are derived from God and not from governments, dictators or majorities. These inalienable rights are: Freedom of Worship, Freedom of Speech and Press, Freedom of Assemblage, Freedom to Work, Freedom to Enjoy the Fruits of One's Labor. Upon these basic principles the whole structure of our form of government was established by our forefathers.

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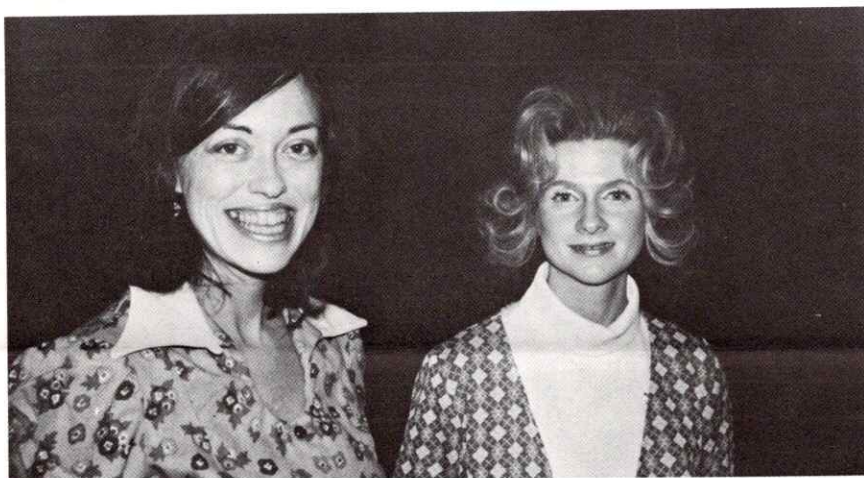
DINNER DANCE... PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Vice Commander John and Carolyn Vogel would like to thank the following people for making Italian Night a suc-

cess: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Futia, Jerry Romano, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Romano, Son and Friends, Ed Yanni, Ken Havill,

Frank Mayo, Hugh Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Nick De Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Art Blanchard, Jo Vogel, Sandy and Bill Vogel, Marie Burns and Rollie Whitney.

We wish we had room for pictures of everyone but we selected a few that are representative. The top pix is, of course, from the kitchen and features Frank Futia and associates. The middle "shot" shows Marie Burns and Carolyn Vogel who were involved with table service. The bottom photo is a general view of the dance floor and Steve Anthony's band in the foreground.



Peking Incident

Missionary Dries Van Collie, describing his first Christmas of the three years spent in the prison of Mao Tse-tung, wrote: "Only one thing on this twenty-fifth of December had reminded me of Christmas; while standing on the k'ang and preparing for sleep I had looked towards the barred window, though it was against the rules. For one fraction of a second I had noticed then the twinkling of a star."

(from *Brainwashed in Peking*
—translated from the Dutch)

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OLLIE PALMER, out of action the past month with an injured knee, is expected to be back in action next week. Did you hear about Congressman SAM STRATTON pulling THE BIG FISH from the pond, the night of the last 20 Week Dinner, for none other than our own BILL JOHNSTON? Out of action also was HAPP HARVEY after receiving a facial injury while visiting his old stamping grounds. SOME SAY ONE OF HIS TRAINED FLIES ZOOMED IN ON HIM?

TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Tanks	915	2461	25	18	12	23050
Navy	830	2418	24	18	12	22650
Marines	863	2466	22	17	13	22777
Sea Bees	859	2498	20	15	15	22459
Coast Guard	839	2464	20	14	16	22910
Infantry	839	2428	19	14	16	23032
Army	866	2378	15	12	18	22811
Air Force	837	2404	14	11	19	22083

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A			Class B		
Lantz	27	172	Feiden	23	152
Foy	27	168	Dybas	27	151
Korp	24	168	Pauquette	27	150
Havill	24	168	Hasen	24	149
DiSanto	9	166	LaForge	30	148
Johnston	24	163	Eagan	30	148
Larkin	21	162	Pugliese	30	148
Cum'ings Joe	18	161	Mosmen	27	147
Mitchell	30	160	Brady	30	144
Oates	24	160	Haker	27	144
Palmer	18	159	Campbell	27	142
Bender	30	159	Volk	27	141
Vail	30	156	Buker	21	140
Cum'ings Jim	18	156	Ristau	27	139
Andre	27	154	Cole	30	135
Tangora	30	152	Burns	30	131
Whitney	30	152	Butman	27	131
Beckmann	27	152	Alwell	24	131
Aupperle	30	152	Stowers	30	123
Marino	30	152	Monette	18	122

Splitmakers: BOB LaFORGE 6-7-10; ditto DAN LANTZ; BUD MOSMEN 4-7-10; ditto RAY BENDER plus the 5-10 the same game; AL BECKMANN'S "8 in a row finish" for 237.

A "TIP OF THE TOPPER" to BILL CAMPION and his committee for World Series Day—including "SUPER SUDS" JACK BRADY, RALPH DERBY on the ticket department, Chfs JOE MILLER and DICK COLE, who were given an assist by RALPH HALL, FRED MOSMEN and the TWO BUSY BEES, who raffled off the jugs. An excellent time was had by all, PLENTY OF FOOD and SUDS, so much so that several requests have been made, *not to be forgotten for next year's party.* Thanks to BOB SOWERS again for furnishing the TV sets. LEN SELLNER for his super job on the "Clam Department."

FRIDAY NITE FROLICS AT THE POST going over big, well attended, music being furnished on alternate FRIDAYS by a new TRIO. If you haven't attended lately, GET ON YOUR DANCING SHOES AND COME OUT. A good evening of fellowship and fun is in store for you. Trio music every Friday night.

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Kung Hsi! Kung Hsi!

From folklore chapter of Paul Kuo's book, *Formosan Vignette*: "A few weeks before New Year's, employers often hold a special party for their help. The unsatisfactory employee gets notice of his dismissal by having the chicken's head pointed directly at him."

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At a recent dinner dance, one of our more astute members, who ponders mightily the origins of such titles as Nittany Lions and Hoyas, observed that 80 percent of the participants in the Alley Cat dance routine are usually women and wondered why. Our initial reaction was that there are more of them in better condition.

Aloise Buckley Heath, in a wryly humorous, seasonal article entitled "Merry

Christmas to Everyone in the World Except Men" put it this way: "Woman is, of course, a much better physical specimen. She operates more efficiently, under greater stress, with fewer breakdowns, on less fuel, for years longer than men. Men, on the other hand, at all ages eat like horses, die like flies, and suffer from constant malfunctioning of their relatively simple apparatus."

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