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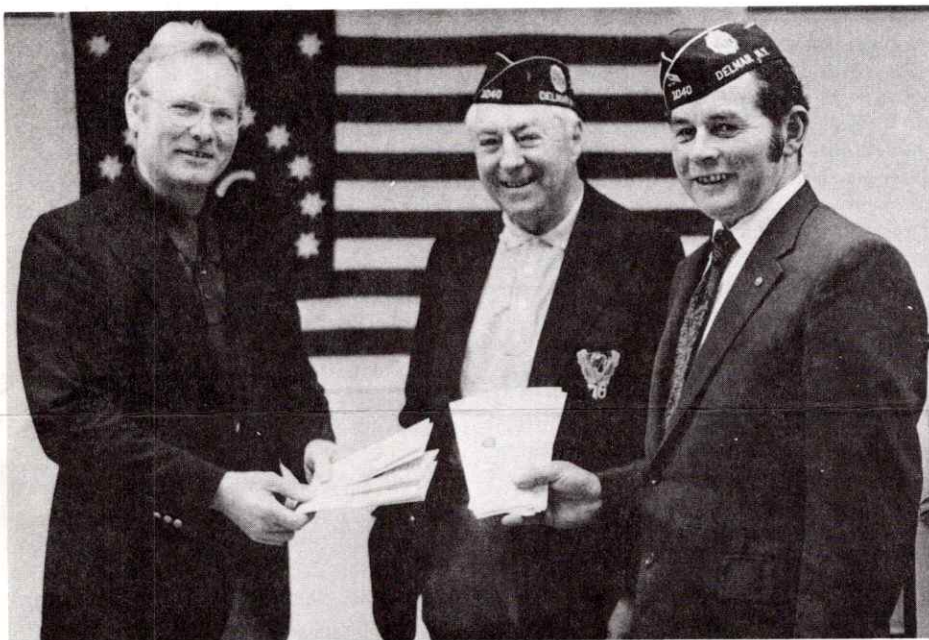


Twentieth Year

DECEMBER 1975

☆ *A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To All* ☆

BLANCHARD POST JOINS BETHLEHEM SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CELEBRATING AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK



Commander Palmer is shown, with Americanism Chairman and 1040 Times editor Charles O'Hara, presenting copies of the American Legion pamphlet, "A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS" to Dr. Zinn, Superintendent of the Bethlehem School System. Sufficient copies were given to provide a copy for each high school student and eighth grade student in the middle school. Thus we commemorated the annual observance of American Education Week, which this year was held during the week of November 16-22. The establishment of American Education Week in the early 1920s was a joint venture of the American Legion and the National Education Association, and reflects today the continuing interest of the American Legion in the education of our youth.



MEMBERSHIP—Let's Get the Job Done—WITHOUT A DUN

It is indeed an honor to have been appointed to head up THE LARGEST WORKING COMMITTEE IN THE POST—*EVERY MEMBER*. Without your support and payment of dues, we could accomplish nothing.

Your response to this first dues notice has been very encouraging. ALBANY COUNTY HAS SET OUR MEMBERSHIP QUOTA AT 855. Let's meet it before Jan. 1, 1976. To date, I have had the pleasure of *exchanging autographs* with 557; **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. Let's lead Albany County for the 3rd straight year.**

There are a vast number of Veterans who have never joined any veterans organization since leaving the service. We have to search them out; it could be a friend, relative, neighbor or co-worker. *Talk Legion, Sell Legion, Show Legion* and **SIGN THEM UP.** Applications are always available at the OASIS or through me.

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• December Calendar •

- Mon. Dec. 1 Post Affairs Committee to meet at 7:30, followed by regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments follow
- Sat. Dec. 6 Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- Sun. Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day.
Fly the Flag
- Sun. Dec. 14 Egg Nog Party
- Mon. Dec. 15 Regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments follow
- Sat. Dec. 20 Childrens Christmas Party
- Wed. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
Dinner Dance

World War 2 Vets Luncheon

All Post members who are Veterans of World War 2 are invited to attend a luncheon Monday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m., at Schrafft's Motor Inn Restaurant, located on Route 9W. A room will be reserved for us for this occasion, which we hope will become a monthly affair. We vow that there will be no speeches, just a few words by George Butman to set the tone of this and subsequent similar gatherings. Hope to see as many of you as can make it on that day.

Amnesty Unlimited

Under the above headline the TIMES UNION editorially commented in its November 10, 1975, issue on a bill which has been introduced into the House of Representatives (HR 9596). This bill would grant total forgiveness to all deserters and draft dodgers, with restoration of all rights—civilian and military—where appropriate.

As the paper stated, "this is worse than a travesty of justice." Let your Congressmen, Senators and Mr. Ford himself know how you feel.

Egg Nog Party

The annual Egg Nog Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Post from 3 to 6 p.m., for all members and their wives or girl friends, and members of the Auxiliary. Snacks will be provided by the Auxiliary and wives of members.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Christine Hoffman

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Blanchard Bingo night at the Veterans Hospital was a success on November 5 thanks to the generosity of volunteers Carol Cummings, Diane Grasser, Given Grasser, Kay Hayes, Alice Herber, Jennie Herber, Ronnie and Warren Moessner, Barbara and Ollie Palmer, Lenore and Bob Smith, Marcia Turner, and Barbara Whitney.

A very special thank you to Ronnie Moessner for making birthday cakes for the hospitalized Veterans who celebrated their birthdays on November 6. Last we heard they are still smiling!

Like the song says, "A time to remember," Saturday night, Dec. 6, at the Tinsel Ball the drawing will be held for the Auxiliary basket of cheer, a case of champagne, and a case of beer. Rose Ann Levy is in charge of the tickets for the drawing. As we said in the last issue,

let's make Rose Ann holler for more tickets to sell.

A date to remember! Sunday, Dec. 14 is the Egg Nog Party. Auxiliary members and wives of Post members are requested to bring hors d'oeuvres. Come on girls, show the rest what you can do!

AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY, Tuesday, Dec. 16. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. sharp. A dutch treat cocktail hour will prevail from 6:30 to 7:30. Cost is \$5.50 per person. The theme this year is "A Colonial Christmas." General Chairman of the event is Pauline Ouder Kirk; Lenore Smith will handle reservations; Marcia Turner will be in charge of decorations; and Norrine Cook will supervise the entertainment. The dinner will be prepared and served by the gals of Kaa Rheu Vahn Caldron.

A reminder to all committee chairmen. Please be sure to get your monthly reports mailed to the County Chairman. Additionally, make sure that President Barbara Whitney receives a carbon copy of your report as it is needed for the President's monthly report. Your cooperation is needed so that our Unit can have 100 percent reporting. If there are any questions, contact Barbara and she will be glad to help you.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS. All officers and members of the Executive Committee are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 8 p.m.

Sick call: Isn't it nice to see that blank space after sick call for a change. No one arrived, no one left and no one in between.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

THANK YOU to the many people who helped with the bazaar on November 1. The list would be very long if I were to

name each person, but I'm sure you are aware of who you are.

It was a new project for us and the cooperation of the Auxiliary, Post members and friends was really great. After the day was over and the bills paid, we were able to deposit just under \$400. I am sure we will be able to do it again next year so be sure to save "white elephants" and help us again.

Many thanks again for the donations of time, items to the booths, and energy to work for me. You'll never know how much it was appreciated.

Marcia Turner, Chairman
Sincerely,

Sick Call

Peter Lawler, Kay Mosmen's brother, was admitted to the VA Hospital in November with injuries received in an accident. We hope he is well on the mend.

Al Greenwood, Ed Ahern and Charles Setzer, who were recently hospitalized, are now home and in great shape. Welcome back, boys!

Hugh Stowers, our Sick Call and Relief Chairman, tried to saw one of his thumbs off but the ever-efficient staff at St. Peter's Hospital thwarted his attempt. What would Armory Garage do with a one-thumb mechanic? Sure glad to know that it all came out okay, Hugh.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Commander Palmer and Vice Commander Bliven will act as co-chairmen of the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. At press time, details as to menu, price and name of the band were not finalized. Complete information on these matters will be available from the co-chairmen or at the Post by the time you read this.

MEMBERSHIP—Let's Get the Job Done—WITHOUT A DUN

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TO THE NEW MEMBERS: Don't be strangers, visit the Post Rooms, show them to your family and friends; be proud to belong to a group of over 2,694,000 other Vets belonging to over 16,000 Posts located throughout the world. YOUR DUES CARD GIVES YOU ENTREE, NOT ONLY TO THIS POST, BUT TO EVERY POST ALL OVER THE WORLD. Be proud to carry your card. Volunteer to get on a working committee and take an active interest in the Post!

At this writing your second dues reminders are being prepared for mailing. They will probably be in your hands before you receive this issue of the Ten Forty Times. If possible, *beat the rise in postage* and get your checks in to us.

IF AND WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE INFORM US AT ONCE so we may keep in touch with you.

For those of you who may not know! The *LEGION YEAR* and *CALENDAR YEAR* are not the same. The Legion Year starts in June with the Installation of new Officers. When you receive your first dues notice, we are already in the fourth month of Legion Year. Dues are *Payable in Advance* on October 1 of each year.

1975 cards will be honored until DECEMBER 31st, *AFTER WHICH DATE, EVERYONE SHOULD BE CARRYING A 1976 CARD.*

HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAYS
Milt Andre

A MUSTER FROM DUSTER!

.....'n did my arch-enemy Typo Error it ta me last month! Certainly 2 of the icest gents ya could ever care to meet nd who never lose their cool are Ed VAIL & Al PUGLIESEand another good natured gent is Tom FOY, that's who!n are we gittin' replies from our request last month! One member, who is a noted raconteur, well-traveled and astute, suggested a "Belly-Dancer Bash!" While another prominent member suggested a course be given in "respect, manners, courtesy and membership rights." Sounds like it has merit!and one of the frequent suggestions is now being taken under consideration by the Bd. of Directors.and when ya go to Sid KAPLAN fer automotive work ya sure git first class treatment.and I've missed seeing that great couple Ted and Freda SHERMAN around the Post Lounge.'n where or where are Barb and Jack SELIG?Glad ta hear Barb WHITNEY say that the bazaar was indeed a success!and I expect to see Grace, John BENSON & Co. out to the Tinsel Ball.and a current magazine starts off with, "Gen. Robt. E. Lee commanded the Confederate Army!" I don't think we ever thought he commanded the French Foreign Legion!'n it was good to see Chief Fred GRASSER the other day in the fiduciary establishment.Doesn't seem right to go bowling or down to the Post and not see Ed KORB —going to take some getting used to.'n it was good to see Buffalo Bob STRICKLAND down shopping the other p.m. as it was to see that lovely lady Helen HAKER, that's who!and that great couple Lenore and Bob SMITH were also in the store.and we had mentioned seeing Bud RUKWID, and whadda ya know we see both Guy and Bud Rukwid'n certainly a pleasant couple to see 'r Alice and Bill JOHNSTON.and Matt KLAPP and Joe VON RONNE are the lads who can clue ya in on those Las Vegas trips. Ah, to be young and rich like those two lads.Just know that Tinsel Ball will be a fun-bash with Mike MELE at the helm —he always produces!'n ya can see 2 future stars for the B.C.H.S. Eagles football team when ya see Tommy LEE and Bob HAVILL, that's who!and when O when 'r we gonna have another Square Dance like the great one put on by the Auxiliary a year or two ago?'n sooner or later, I'll thinka something to pick on Paul JORALEMON with.('n hain't that some lousy English grammar in the aforementioned!)Come to think of it, I haven't picked on Lil BLANCHARD, Rose MARINO, Joan STOWERS, Jack ARMSTRONG,

Anne or Harold ROEHR or Jean HARLOW in quite a spell!and drat that Dick DALTON. He sez t'other p.m. "Do you know what great football star for Notre Dame played baseball with the Albany Senators" and this kooky Duster still wakes up in the night saying, "Juz-wik, Shakespeare, Metzger, Lukats, Sitko etc., etc., etc." BUT ME PRIDE will not allow me go to Dick and say "Who was it?"so until the next time the boat comes round the bend!

The Gutter Duster

KEGLER'S KORNER

	TEAM					
	HS	HT	PTS.	W	L	PINS
Air Force	855	2361	25	20	10	22131
Coast Guard	793	2214	23	18	12	22050
Navy	885	2352	23	18	12	21860
Marines	820	2384	20	14	16	21889
Sea Bees	891	2332	19 1/2	13 1/2	16 1/2	21642
Tanks	803	2281	18	14	16	21934
Infantry	852	2378	18 1/2	12 1/2	17 1/2	21549
Army	804	2279	13	10	20	20902

INDIVIDUAL

	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.
Havill	211	570	4636	27	171
Palmer	210	566	4555	27	168
DiSanto	192	528	3466	21	165
Johnston	207	530	2956	18	164
Tangora	204	535	4866	30	162
Miller	209	515	2922	18	162
Bender	211	519	4800	30	160
Aupperle	202	523	3823	24	159
Larkin	199	521	2809	18	156
LaForge	186	527	4205	27	155
Cummings, Jim	224	499	4664	30	155
Whitney	208	528	4635	30	154
Lantz	208	565	4611	30	153
Vail	181	491	4592	30	153
Andre	200	509	4489	30	149
Mitchell	179	520	4499	30	149
Oates	181	488	4001	27	148
Foy	189	530	3988	27	147
Pauquette	183	493	3105	21	147
Marino	201	474	3545	24	147
Volk	212	494	3979	27	147
Brady	179	497	4370	30	145
Beckmann	193	517	3471	24	144
Mosmen	168	452	3444	24	143
Ristau	193	477	3856	27	142
Pugliese	205	456	3853	27	142
Hasen	211	471	3852	27	142
Cummings, Joe	175	475	2562	18	142
Dybas	178	437	3330	24	138
Eagan	171	482	4113	30	137
Feiden	169	468	2670	20	133
Monette	202	488	3570	27	132
Haker	177	446	3958	30	131
Burns	158	419	3914	30	130
Buker	144	388	2659	21	126
Campbell	151	440	3023	24	125
Cole	163	411	3655	30	121
Butman	153	407	3256	27	120
Alwell	161	404	2991	24	120
Stowers	165	378	2736	24	114

Birthday Party

We understand a birthday party was held recently for Guy Smith, Sr., who had been a guest at the Good Samaritan Home in Elsmere for some months. A throng of his friends greeted Guy, who is a World War I veteran and a fine old gentleman. More recently we were sorry to learn that Guy had to be hospitalized. Good luck to you, Guy. We feel sure you'll be up and about again real soon.

MEET OUR NEW SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

To fill the unexpired term of Senior Vice Commander for the remainder of the 1975-76 year, the Executive Committee has appointed Milt Andre, who in that position will also act as Membership Chairman. Milt is a World War 2 veteran who served as an Agent in the Criminal Investigation Division of the U.S. Army both in the American and European Theaters for three years. He is a past Commander of Fort Orange Post No. 30 in Albany, past Chief-de-Gare of Albany County Voiture 348 of the 40 & 8, of which he was also Third District Cheminot Passe and Alternate Cheminot National. Milt has been active in veterans affairs since 1946 and member of Blanchard Post since 1962.

In 1951 as an enrollee in a statewide competition of the American Legion Institute, he placed first and was designated as representative of the Department of New York to attend the American Legion College held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Prior to his retirement in 1972, he was employed by the State of New York for 35 years. He and his wife, Marion, reside in Albany.

Let's all give him a big hand in attaining his objective—a 900 membership.

EDITORIAL

THE INTELLIGENCE PROBES

After nine months of Congressional digging into the secrets of America's intelligence operations, we must wonder what national purpose remains to be served. Damage to our image has been severe. A lessening of public support and understanding of the intelligence function is daily more evident. In combination, both have resulted in an incalculable cost to national security interests.

It is said that already the files accumulated by the Senate are larger than in any single investigation previously conducted by that body. The committee under Senator Church employs a staff of over 100 and Representative Pike's committee more than 40. This extraordinary expenditure of time and money will have been well spent *if* the investigations are totally objective—designed to determine what malpractices may exist. But it is also vital that revelations and findings not be based on caprice nor political motivations. The question each person involved in the process must ask himself, over and over, is "How should I handle this in the best interest of my country—today and, more importantly, for the future?"

ANGLERS' MIXED BOWLING

Since our last report when Jim Berry's Perches looked like a runaway from the other f-i-s-h, things have changed. The standings as of November 2 were:

Piranhas (DiSanto)	211½	141½
Perches (Berry)	21	15
Muskies (Mitchell)	21	15
Barracudas (Harris)	21	15
Bullheads (Albright)	20	16
Flounders (Mayers)	131½	221½
Smelts (Franze)	13	23
Guppies (McArthur)	13	23

High averages include the following, and most bowlers seem to be down from last season.

Frank DiSanto	173	Grace Franze	153
Jim Berry	171	Carol Berry	138
Gus Franze	165	Millie Harris	132
Larry McArthur	164	Sandy Moran	131
George Mayers	154	Belle Mayers	127

High scores since last report include:

Gus Franze	222	552
Larry McArthur	211	577
Joe Marino	191	532
Bill Mitchell	211	532

Grace Franze	185	508
Millie Harris	182	469
Carol Berry	146	426

An October party was held and a delicious dinner proved our gals can really cook! Rose Marino and Millie Harris were in command of the planning. Many thanks for a job well done.

By the way, who in the league wears shiny high-top bowling shoes? Is it rumored he plans to buy new ones!

We still need one couple to round out the league. It is Sunday bowling from 6 to 8 p.m. It's a lot of fun, so come on out and get the exercise.

SHUFFLEBOARDERS

The Shuffleboard League is in full swing on Thursday nights with a complement of 10 teams and three alternates. As of November 7, Jim Cleary, Coordinator, reports the following:

Team	Won	Lost
Ballantine / Engel	7	3
Campbell / George	7	3
Adams / Hanrahan	7	3
Jorelman / Quinn	6	4
Whitney / Marino	6	4
Edwards / McDonald	5	5
Hoffman / Yagel	4	6
Benton / Benton	4	6
Cleary / Kevlin	4	6
McKeough / Brady	0	10

Alternates are Cummings, Havill, Dalton

Bill McKeough and John Brady seem to be late starters and vow that they will come on strong in the stretch. We trust that stretch doesn't go too far (like Basement Beulah's bra).

Santa Claus at Blanchard Post

December 20 will signal the arrival of Santa Claus in the Town of Bethlehem when he arrives at Blanchard Post with his green elf, Harvey. All good children of members and their friends should be sure to be on hand at 1:30 p.m. on that date to greet Santa and his favorite elf. There will be presents and goodies for all and Christmas carols will be sung to the accompaniment of Kathy Quinn at the organ. Also, McKenzie the Magnificent will perform his amazing repertoire of tricks which will delight and bewilder all. Bill Blanchard, Sr., who has left no stone unturned to have Santa come to Blanchard Post hopes to see a standing room only crowd to welcome "St. Nick."

Bicentennial Notes

Sid Kaplan, chairman of our Bicentennial Committee, again emphasizes the need to secure additional bands and requests the help of all members in advising of any that may be possibly available next May 31. As you know, we are responsible for holding the parade on that date, which will commemorate Memorial Day and will serve also as our Town's Bicentennial Parade. The two other events that we will sponsor have a Colonial motif will be the Children's Ice Carnival and the Colonial Ball—both to be held on February 14, 1976.

December in the Revolution

- Dec. 4, 1783—Washington bids farewell to his officers in Fraunces Tavern, N. Y. City
- Dec. 8, 1776—Washington crosses the Delaware
- Dec. 18, 1777—Washington begins long winter at Valley Forge
- Dec. 26, 1776—Washington victorious over Hessians at Trenton
- Dec. 29, 1778—British occupy Savannah

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TINSEL BALL

As reported last month, the Tinsel Ball will kick off the annual December festivities at the Post. Mike Mele, chairman, reports that the cocktail hour to greet your friends will begin at 6:30, with dinner at 7:30 and dancing at 9:30 until who knows when. The music will be by Phil Foote and tickets are \$6.50 per head. Gloria Broome is in charge of decorations and volunteers will be serving the delicious cooking of Hank Voorhees. And there will be the annual raffle sponsored by the Auxiliary of a basket of cheer, a case of champagne, and a case of beer. Get your tickets from Mike or from George and Jake in the Lounge.

World War 1 Vets

Win Robinson and his World War 1 group had their monthly luncheon at the La Casa Restaurant in Selkirk on Tuesday, Nov. 11, which of course is Armistice Day and now once again will be Veterans Day—in spite of Sam Stratton.

There were 22 of the boys present including Al Greenwood and Joe DiNapoli who were just out of the hospital. Norman Bender and Al Lahm were there, but the gang missed Corson Utter.

Major Libby, a member of the North Albany Post, gave a brief talk and the gathering ended with a moment of silence for our war dead and our recently departed comrades Andrew Niver and John Grant.

Address Changes

Another reminder is to advise us immediately if you change your residence. This will insure your 1040 TIMES arriving on time and also save the Post the cost of the return postage. The Post Office will not forward this class of mail.

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