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BINGO GREETES THE HOLIDAYS

After many months of study and the putting in of a good deal of time and energy, Dick Dalton, Chairman of the committee established to get bingo going at the Post, happily announced at the November 1 regular Post meeting that bingo would start at 8 o'clock on the night of December 1st. Dick's activities were the culmination of almost 10 months of work, a great deal of which involved clearances with State and local authorities and the accompanying "mountains" of paper work. He is certainly to be congratulated on another job so well done.

About 30 volunteers are ready to go... to man the ramparts on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Our job now is to back up Dick and his workers by getting out the players. Other than this announcement, plus posters and banners at the Post, the only other form of legal advertising that we can use is word of mouth by our membership.

Dick thanks everyone who has helped, including Ray Gomez of Scully Post, whose help in an advisory capacity was of inestimable assistance. So let's go all—pass the word, have fun playing, back up our workers and help the No. 1 Post in the County to make this an outstanding financial success.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

As I said in my November column, as we get older we just can't seem to keep abreast of time. However, being busy has a lot to do with it and we have had a busy year. It's hard to believe that our Bicentennial Year is almost over, but it is, and the nation is now in its third century of existence.

Our Post schedule, as always, is an active one, with our regular meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Post Affairs committee meetings, social events and special activities making the Post a very active participant in our community life.

We had our first dinner meeting in conjunction with the regular Post meeting on November 1st, and it was very well attended (49 in all). Our very sincere thanks to the gals of the Auxiliary who prepared the buffet dinner. Because of the success of the first such affair we will repeat it for the regular Post meeting of December 6. The price will again be \$3 and we hope that we can beat last month's fine attendance.

The Veterans Day ceremony at the Post at 11 a.m. on November 11, followed by a luncheon, was a "first for Blanchard" and was well attended with over 70 members participating. My per-

sonal thanks to George Butman and Charles for the time spent in making the arrangements and in putting on a very enjoyable Legion program.

While personal commitments kept me from attending our annual Italian Night dinner-dance, I was of course happy that the reports from the committee co-chairmen pictured a social and financial success. Congratulations are in order to Gus "Valentino" Williams and Frank "Compadre" Futia and to all their "Italian" chefs and helpers who did such a fine job. The meal was reported as "deliriously" delicious, the dance music was mellow, the waiters and waitresses of all nationalities were Italian for the evening, the wine was of a banner year and a great time was had by all!

Keep our December calendar in front of you as a reminder of the outstanding social month of the year at Blanchard—the Tinsel Ball, the Children's Christmas Party, the Egg Nog Party and the New Year's Eve Party ringing out our Bicentennial Year and ringing in 1977.

Since this is the last issue of the 1040 Times in 1976, both Dot and I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you at the Post.

Dan Lantz, *Commander*

POST TO VOTE

At the regular meeting of November 1 a motion to establish the office of Assistant Finance Officer was passed. Thus it now becomes necessary to amend the By-Laws of the Post after due notice to the full membership that such action will be voted upon at a regular or special Post meeting. Therefore, the following proposed change to Paragraph 1, Article IV of the By-Laws will be voted on at the regular Post meeting of Feb. 7.

Paragraph 1 now reads: "The officers shall consist of a Commander, three Vice-Commanders, an Adjutant and a Finance Officer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Post and shall hold office for the ensuing fiscal year or until their respective successors have been chosen and shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their respective offices. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Commander and Finance Officer shall also be members of Board of Directors."

Proposed change to Paragraph 1 (addition in italics): "The officers shall consist of a Commander, three Vice-Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Post and shall hold office for the ensuing fiscal year or until their respective successors have been chosen and shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their respective offices. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Commander and Finance Officer shall also be members of the Board of Directors."

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party for the children of our community will be hosted this year by Chairman Bill Blanchard at the Post starting at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 18. Jerry Romano will be on hand to provide a yuletide musical setting in preparation for the arrival of dear old Santa who will, with the aid of a very capable elf, dispense presents and other seasonal goodies to all good little boys and girls. Bill also promises a surprise for mom and dad (now what could that be?).

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DOOZ R OVERDOO!!!

As I wrote the column one month ago I informed you that dues collections on that date were *one hundred above last year's!* TODAY we are *dead-even*. The checks are coming in at a snail's pace!

Your second dues reminders are being prepared and will be mailed and in your hands **BEFORE THIS 1040 REACHES YOU!** Please keep them in sight and mail yours in as soon as you can.

To date, we have signed up **ONLY 21 new members** as against 70 last year. Go out and sell your friends, neighbors and co-workers. *It has been estimated* that there are 3,000 or more *eligible veterans* in the Tri-Village area who do not belong to *any veterans organization!*

If you are a subscriber to the *American Legion Insurance Plan*, read your *form carefully!* You must include your *current (1977) dues card number* to maintain your *eligibility for insurance!*

We welcome the following new members to the Post:

John Falvey
 Edward E. Smith
 Jeffrey Ellis
 Alexander Cannella
 Austin Roberts
 Michael Battisto

and via transfer:

Norman Fentzke (Orchard Park Post)
 Albert Declercq (New Rochelle Post)

Don't be strangers, come in, become acquainted and join in the good fellowship and programs.

At our November 10 meeting, new members were sworn in and received their Legion lapel pins.

**MAY I EXTEND TO YOU & YOURS
 A HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAY
 SEASON.**

Milt Andre, *Chairman*

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VETERANS DAY SERVICES AT POST ON NOV. 11

(Photograph courtesy of *The Spotlight*—sorry it didn't include all present)

The Rev. Charles Kaulfuss (Chaplain), Daniel Lantz (Commander) and Charles O'Hara (Past Commander) are pictured conducting the Veterans Day services at the Post. There was a fine membership turnout, but unfortunately a picture of the gathering was not available at press time.

TINSEL BALL

Joe Marino, Chairman, reminds us that the annual Tinsel Ball is that Post event giving one and all the chance to greet old friends at the holiday season by enjoying an evening of the gala festivities offered each year in ushering in the season at Blanchard Post. The "happening" this year will be on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting with cocktails from 6:30 to 7:30, with dinner following and then dancing to music of Angel Feiden and her band from 9 until (?).

The dinner will consist of a menu of delicious roast beef, prepared by a chef extraordinaire, with all the trimmings. This affair is always an early sell-out, so be sure to make your reservations early through Joe Marino (439-6427) or George or Jake in the Lounge. Tariff—\$7.50 per person (and worth every inflated penny of it).

Committee Appointed

Commander Lantz has announced the appointment of the following standing committee for the purpose of advancing the cause of the Post in having a County Commander from the ranks of our Post.

Al Woehrle, Chairman; Milt Andre, George Butman, Al Greenwood, Charles O'Hara, Robert Smith, Joe Von Ronne.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Since there will not be another opportunity to ring out a centennial year for 100 years, we know that our 1976-1977 New Year's Eve Party is going to be a lulu (no relation to the Legislature). Therefore, it is hardly necessary to warn one and all to make their reservations early for this year's bash. Dancing will be to the music of the Continentals; noisemakers will be provided; and a buffet set up at 11 p.m. providing rare delicacies to suit the taste of even the most demanding epicurean. The buffet will remain available for that later-on-nibbling. Tickets are \$7.50 and available in the Post Lounge from George or Jake. Reservations may be made by calling the Post (439-9819)—you will be advised of the date by which tickets must be picked up.

Egg Nog Party

An event eagerly anticipated each year by local egg nog epicureans will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 3 p.m. In addition to savoring the concoctions of outstanding egg nog scientists, the gathering will be treated to the delightful hors d'oeuvres put together by the girls of the Auxiliary and other young lady friends of the Post.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouderkirk
Second Vice President	Carol Cummings
Recording Secretary	Rose Marino
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bruso
Treasurer	Dorothea George
Chaplain	Rosemary Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Celeste Blanchard
Historian	Freda Sherman

Bingo at the VA Hospital, sponsored by Blanchard Auxiliary, was a huge success thanks to volunteers Barbara Whitney, Barbara and Ollie Palmer, Lenore and Bob Smith, Ron and Warren Moessner, Dorothea George, Alice and Jenny Herber, Isabella Greenwood, Marian Dole and Carol Cummings. The men had a pleasant evening and I know the volunteers enjoyed it as well.

Saturday, Nov. 6, was the day of the Auxiliary Bazaar. President Marcia Turner would like to thank everyone who either worked or donated items. Special thanks to Barbara Whitney for taking over as chairman and thanks to Alice Herber and Pauline Ouderkirk for being in charge of the kitchen.

On November 1, the men of the Post held a dinner-meeting which was well received. President Marcia Turner is grateful to the following people who worked: Dot Lantz, Helen Quinn, Grace Getner, Barbara Whitney, Carol Cummings and Marcia. On December 6, the men will have another dinner-meeting and anyone wishing to work, please contact Marcia Turner. Also, anyone interested in working refreshments for Bingo at the Post please contact Marcia.

Saturday, Dec. 11, is the night of the Tinsel Ball and once again the Auxiliary will be holding a drawing for a basket of cheer, a case of champagne, and a case of beer. Pauline Ouderkirk is in charge of ticket sales, so let's get going and sell as many chances as possible.

A date to remember! Sunday, Dec. 19 is the Egg Nog Party. Auxiliary members and wives of Post members are requested to bring hors d'oeuvres.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party will be December 21. The cocktail hour at 6:30 will precede the dinner which will be served at 7:30. General Chairman will be Pauline Ouderkirk; reservations will be handled by Rosemary Blanchard; Thelma Ballard and Dorothea George are in charge of decorations; and Norrine Cooke will provide the entertainment. The dinner will be prepared and served by the ladies of Kaa Rheu Vahn Caldron and the price will be \$5.00. There will also be a grab bag, cost not over \$2.00.

DOWN THE ALLEY

Here are standings as of November 5:

	TEAM					
	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Air Force	862	2365	24	17	10	20744
Tanks	856	2463	23	17	10	20571
Marines	827	2269	18	15	12	20356
Coast Guard	875	2500	17½	13½	13½	18545
Infantry	823	2403	17	13	14	20328
Army	873	2365	16½	11½	15½	20315
Navy	827	2404	16	12	15	19620
Sea Bees	851	2359	12	9	18	20357

INDIVIDUAL

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Fentzke	212	580	580	3	193
DiSanto	234	624	4711	27	174
Havill	215	577	4163	24	173
Palmer	213	567	3610	21	171
Bender	204	538	4627	27	171
Johnston	216	579	3531	21	168
McDonald	202	565	4528	27	167
Whitney	191	538	3499	21	166
Mitchell	215	550	4460	27	166
Marino	222	547	4337	27	160
Vail	213	539	4335	27	160
Andre	206	554	3847	24	160
Larkin	196	507	4317	27	159
Lantz	189	554	3784	24	157
Cummings, Joe	190	523	1893	12	157
LaForge	190	507	3279	21	156
Tangora	242	572	4213	27	156
Cummings, Jim	205	518	3750	24	156
Pauquette	191	500	4168	27	154
Pugliese	209	507	3698	24	154
Oates	182	504	3230	21	153
Foy	199	522	3077	20	153
Eagan	213	520	3636	24	151
Donnelly	197	520	2275	15	151
McCabe	224	548	4072	27	150
Aupperle	200	510	3148	21	149
Ristau	197	484	1765	12	147
Brady	223	537	3880	27	143
Campbell	170	462	3420	24	142
Haker	168	456	3375	24	140
Volk	162	457	3301	24	137
Feiden	167	437	1654	12	137
Hasen	171	463	3628	27	134
Mosmen	166	405	1445	11	131
Cole	167	460	3514	27	130
Burns	174	448	3506	27	129
Butman	155	410	2178	18	121
Alwell	154	431	2508	21	119
Monette	146	406	2462	21	117
Hanrahan	191	520		6	

Luncheon Dates

The World War I group will gather for their monthly luncheon at LaCasa's Restaurant on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at noon.

In view of the fine turnout for the November 11 luncheon at the Post, it was decided to try it again on Thursday, Dec. 9, at noon. Another fine spread is planned under the capable supervision of George, our Steward, and with the able assistance and eye-filling presence of Dottie. The tariff will again be \$3.00.

There will be an Executive Meeting the first week in January. Members will be notified of the exact date later.

We would like to express our thanks to Gayle Cummings for making the fall flower arrangement on the back bar at the Post. Special thanks from me Mom!

Sorry to report that Lillian Blanchard is in the hospital. Our wishes are sent to Lillian for a speedy recovery.

We regret to hear that Noreen Giaccone was in the hospital but is now at home. Our best wishes are sent to Noreen.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

To the Officers, Members and Friends of Blanchard Post and Auxiliary—may I also take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marcia Turner
Auxiliary President

Thanks from Gus and Frank

The co-chairmen of the Italian Night dinner-dance send their thanks to all who helped to make the night a social and financial success. With such a great crew the party was bound to be successful. With such fine chefs as Phil Giaccone and Vito Scordilla the chow had to be a delight, and it was as those who attended can attest. Thanks also are extended to Tommy Oro, a newly established local floral entrepreneur, for table decorations. And of course their thanks go to all of those loyal members and guests who attended.

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LEGION'S LEGISLATIVE LOOKAHEAD

From the Department of New York Legislative Chairman John P. Tipping, we learn that the 1977 Legion program has these 9 items for which you should express yourself to your State Legislators: seek passage of (a) to provide direct admission of Korean and Vietnam veterans to the N.Y. State Veterans Home at Oxford; (b) restore Civil Service preference to veterans in reduction or abolition of jobs (amending Article 6, Section 85); (c) obtain prior service pension credit for war (and conflict) service to all war veterans in all retirement systems in New York State; (d) requirement that a course on American history and government be a mandated requirement for graduation from any public or private high school under the jurisdiction of the N.Y. State Board of Regents; (e) provision for tuition-free courses for those veterans of N.Y. State who were POW and/or MIA in Vietnam and for their children; (f) to amend Section 458 of the Real Property Tax Law to preserve veterans' real property tax exemption on a percentage basis if assessment changes; (g) amendment to the Public Officer Law to allow leave of absence for delegates to state and national conventions of duly recognized veterans' organizations; (h) provision to grant \$500 annuity to severely disabled veterans suffering the amputation of two or more extremities or those who lost the use of two or more extremities resulting from wartime service; (i) provision for the payment of a bonus to Korean and Vietnam veterans.

The American Legion Department of New York Legislative program comes into focus at annual Legislative (mid-winter) Meeting of the Department in Albany, held January 31. As a Legionnaire you're welcome to participate.

Alexander J. Woehrl
Post Legislative Chairman

BASEBALL DINNER

The annual dinner given by the Post for the members of our baseball team and their parents and friends will be on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Post.

Ernie Gall, the Team Manager, is in charge of arrangements and may be contacted at 439-3271 for reservations and tickets. The price was not available at press time but will be by the time the 1040 is distributed. Tickets will also be available from George or Jake at the Post Lounge (439-9819).

Monte Carol Night

Past Commander Mike Mele will be chairman of Monte Carlo Night to be held Saturday, Feb. 12. While the date is a little while off, this is the type of advertising that sells—getting the ball rolling early. Congratulations to Mike who promises a real fun night... with dancing and games that adults play. A bit more on this next month.

Boys' State

It has been customary to have our Boys' Stater report to the Post membership on his learning experiences at Boys' State and any personal observation and comments he might wish to make to us, his sponsors. This year, Commander Lantz plans to have our 1976 representative at our December 6 dinner meeting. We are hopeful of a good attendance to greet our boy, David Herman.

Amnesty

In view of the results of the Presidential election it behooves us to remember the position President-elect Carter has taken on the subject of amnesty. The American Legion is unalterably opposed to that position, taking the stand, and rightly so, that it is an insult to the great majority of the American people, and more particularly to every man and woman who answered the call—from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam.

Blood Pressure Clinic

For the information of all who may not as yet have become aware of it, the Town of Bethlehem sponsors a free blood pressure clinic the third Tuesday of each month. The clinic is held at the coffeehouse on Adams Street in Delmar, across from Town Police Headquarters. The hours of operation are 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The next clinic will be held Tuesday, Dec. 21.

20-WEEK PARTY

Bill Blanchard, our Senior Vice Commander who oversees the 20-Week Club, and who is doing a bang-up job with it, reports that the Club party, October 23 was a smashing success and that there was a total net profit on the proceeds from the last Club of \$1571. Great going Bill. A new Club is now underway and Bill suggests you call him at 439-3901 or see George or Jake for tickets. The winners and prizes on October 23 were:

1. \$500.00	# 20	C. Stephany
2. 250.00	#200	R. Callagan
3. 100.00	# 54	J. Ennis
4. 100.00	# 32	G. Hammes
5. 100.00	#136	O. Braden
6. 50.00	# 30	C. Hoffman
7. 50.00	#123	P. Igoe
8. 50.00	#190	L. Vendetti
9. 50.00	#193	A. Canella
10. 50.00	#162	D. Leonardo

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to members of the new Club.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 (Wed.) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post
- 6 (Mon.) Regular Post meeting at 8:30; dinner to precede at 6:30
- 7 (Tue.) Pearl Harbor Day.
Fly the Flag
- 8 (Wed.) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post
- 9 (Thu.) Luncheon at Post at noon
- 14 (Tue.) WW1 luncheon at noon at LaCasa's Restaurant
- 15 (Wed.) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post
- 20 (Mon.) Post Affairs Committee
- 23 (Thu.) County Meeting
- 25 (Sat.) Christmas Day
- 27 (Mon.) Board of Directors
- 29 (Wed.) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post

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