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## ANOTHER FIRSTHAND REPORT ON VIETNAM

Members of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, its Auxiliary and the Upper Hudson Council of the Navy League of the United States, and their guests, will meet together February 20, Tuesday evening, for a penetrating discussion of the war in Vietnam led by a Marine Corps colonel with a record of distinguished service in the current conflict.

He is Colonel Glenn Edward Norris, U.S. Marine Corps, who is now at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as commanding officer of the NROTC Unit and professor of Naval Science.

Immediately prior to assuming his present post at RPI Colonel Norris commanded the 11th Marine Regiment of the First Marine Division and served as First Marine Division artillery office and fire support coordinator for all forces operating in Danang, Vietnam tactical area of operations. He had previously served in Taiwan as senior Marine advisor to the commandant of The Chinese Marine Corps.

Colonel Norris will be introduced to the Capital District at this broadly-sponsored February 20 meeting, which will be his first general appearance since his return from the war zone.

He will outline the background of the Vietnam conflict and describe our current military operation and objectives there. Questions from the audience will be invited and it is expected that a major part of the evening will be devoted to them.

As a community project sponsored by Blanchard Post the meeting will be open to the public and anyone may attend and participate in this important event

### Social Event

Activities Chairman and Vice Commander Walt Van Wormer is making arrangements for the "Sweetheart Ball" to take place at the Post on Saturday, February 17. Timely in that it soon follows Valentine's Day he has engaged the Aristocrats to supply the dance music for the occasion. Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m. Participants will be asked to make a donation of two dollars per couple. Door prizes will be a feature of the evening.



COLONEL GLENN EDWARD NORRIS

to start at 8:30 p.m. at the Post meeting room.

By unanimous vote of the members on January 15, the mid-monthly February meeting of the Post was moved from Monday to Tuesday, February 20 to merge with the regular meeting of the Post Auxiliary in order to show maximum honor to Colonel Norris.

Colonel Norris's World War II service includes participation as an artillery officer in the Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa operations.

Born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1918, he attended school in Louisiana, graduated with a degree in business administration from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in 1941 and was commissioned

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## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Feb. 3 — Indoor Sports annual party, 1:00 p.m. at Post Hall.

MONDAY, Feb. 5 — The Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Feb. 10 — Annual Ice Carnival for the children at Herrick's Pond in Slingerlands, 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 12—Lincoln's Birthday, a day to fly the Flag.

SATURDAY, Feb. 17—Sweetheart Ball at the Post, 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20—Joint meeting of Blanchard Post and Blanchard Auxiliary for the purpose of hearing guest speaker Marine Corps Colonel Glenn Norris of R.P.I. faculty report on his experiences in Vietnam.

THURSDAY, Feb. 22 — Washington's Birthday, a day to fly the Flag.

THURSDAY, Feb. 29—Albany County American Legion meets at Colonie Post #1256, Osborne Rd., Loudonville, at 8:30 p.m.

## NEED 132 TO MAKE QUOTA

With 629 paid-up memberships in Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Bill Campbell is releasing all the stops to close in on the 761 Blanchard Post has as its goal.

"We can make this quota, all right," says Bill, "but I'd like to see us make it real quick. Nearly five percent of our 1968 members are new. If only you members, who for some reason or another are delaying with your dues, would send in your money now and we could pick up another five percent new members we'd have this year's membership drive wrapped-up. C'mon, let's do it!"

Bill can take pride in the 83% return already achieved. He, and all of us, surely know it's the hardest part of the drive to get in this seventeen percent.

Most recent new members and their sponsors are:

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**Auxiliary President's Corner**

Although we're well past the holiday season the feeling of good will and cheer spread by seven conscientious volunteer workers at the Veterans' Hospital lingers on. Chris Barkhuff, Mary Conner, Maud Hafley, Margaret McQuirk, Helen Reynolds, Edna Rooney, and Joan Stowers worked 265 hours staffing the Christmas Gift Shop and addressing, wrapping and mailing the gifts. If you pause to figure this time using a standard 8 hour working day as a fixed guide; these gals volunteered 33 working days or 6½ working weeks. WOW! WONDERFUL, OUTSTANDING WOMEN.

Maud Hafley, representing our Unit, was interviewed on T.V.'s popular morning show, Dialing for Dollars. As Maud explained the construction and purpose of the Gift Shop it was evident that her personal pride in this project was being transmitted to the audience, both in the studio and at home. This was clearly shown when after her T.V. appearance, Maud received a phone call from an anonymous listener who commented on the worthiness of this project and commended our Unit Auxiliary. Doesn't this make you feel extremely proud girls?

The Auxiliary graciously expresses their gratitude to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040 and all others who contributed gifts or money toward the success of the Gift Shop.

Retrogressing again into the past year; County Chairman Mrs. Helen Mintline and First Vice Chairman, Mrs. Loretta Bardelli were introduced to the 50 Auxiliary members and guests who attended the Christmas dinner held at Schrafft's Restaurant. Chairman for this event was Maud Hafley who assured us good food and delightful company. As you know, Maud kept her promise.

Looking ahead; Three important meeting nights are already checked on the calendar.

February 20 — The month of hearts is also the month of our Auxiliary's 37th Birthday. Past President Betty Costigan is chairman for the Birthday

Dinner. You'll soon receive your personal invitation by phone. Come celebrate with us.

March 19 — Miss Marjory Reid, the Community Ambassador, will show slides and tell of her adventures this past summer. Come arm-chair travel with the Auxiliary to Peru.

April 16—Anne de Heus, Legislation Chairman, is in the process of making plans for a speaker to address us this meeting night. Anne will have more details for us when she confirms the arrangements.

Question: How is the Auxiliary different than other girls?

Answer: She's the only girl having a birthday who doesn't want to lie about her age.

Of course she doesn't want to lie about her years of service for her nation and community. Each year she does mountains of good deeds in the fields of child welfare, education, civil defense, hospital service, cancer control, rehabilitation, legislation and many other excellent causes. She omits the joy of a Thanksgiving Day, the heart of a Gold Star Mother and the spirit of a child waving the flag at a Fourth of July parade. She is a noble lady who deserves our tribute.

When we pause to honor the Auxiliary at the Birthday Dinner, we honor also those who before us devoted their time and energy to her causes, those present, and those who will continue to maintain her ideals and expand her services.

Marcia Rosenfield

P.S.: Due to the combined meeting of the Auxiliary with the Post to hear Marine Colonel Glenn Norris on February 20 the annual birthday dinner plans are being changed. About this Auxiliary members will hear more later.

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The annual ice-skating party sponsored by Blanchard Post for the youngsters in our community again takes place on the D. Cady Herrick estate on McCormack Road in Slingerlands. Blanchard Legionnaire Herrick is host for the occasion for which Ollie Palmer has been appointed chairman by Post Commander Kaplan.

The event takes place on Saturday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Besides himself Ollie has an eight-man committee ready to help at the occasion. Warren Moessner is in charge of the games and skating races. Helping with the preparation and dispensing of hot dogs and hot chocolate are Fred Grasser, Bill Mitchell, Gus Williams, Bill Campbell, Hugh Stowers, Bill Atwell and Joe Cannizzaro.

Gauged by last year's program there'll be consumed sixty pounds of hot dogs, 75 quarts of hot chocolate (with marshmallows), and about five dozen prizes.

The racing schedule calls for a group of four-year olds and under and a second group from five to thirteen years old.

Committee members and volunteers are reminded to wear the Legion cap if you have one.

The only element most required for a happy time for the kids is a goodly supply of ice.

## THE DIGNITY OF MAN

The dignity of man is his most precious possession. Indeed it is to guard this right and to secure it for our fellow men, that the United States has become the champion of freedom, the leader of the democratic nations of the world.

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## INDOOR SPORTS ALL ARRANGED

Chairman Mike Norton reported to Post Commander Sid Kaplan and Vice Commander for Activities Walt Van Wormer that all is ready for Blanchard Post to be host for the Indoor Sports at our Post on Saturday, February 3.

From past years experiences it is expected about twenty-five or more guests will attend. Indoor Sports we know are those persons who have been affected with a physical handicap which prevents them from going out regularly to social events. To meet this setback the American Legion has earned a distinguished reputation through its Posts and members providing the accommodations to make life happier through the Indoor Sports parties. Blanchard Post has participated since the inception of this program. The first Saturday in each February has become a permanent date for this event to occur at our Post.

There will be music and singing and perhaps some special entertainment for our guests. The Auxiliary can be counted upon for arranging the refreshments. Mike has arranged a transportation corps to bring our guests from their homes to the Post and return them. The party hours are from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942.

His military career includes a variety of service schools and Marine educational assignments. He has been a member of the directing staff of the Canadian Army Staff College, team chief of the Marine Corps Educational Center Landing Force Instruction Team, academic supervisor at the Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, Virginia, and plans and operations officer of the Marine Corps Educational Center.

Colonel Norris is entitled to wear the following military decorations and medals:

Joint Services Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V; Presidential Unit Citation with 3 Stars; Navy Unit Commendation; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 5 Stars; American Campaign Medal; Victory Medal World War II; National Defense Services Medal with Star; Vietnam Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Korean Service Medal.

The appearance of Colonel Norris comes through the effort of Blanchard Legionnaire Whitman Daniels. This public service function by Blanchard Post gains added merit with the presence at the meeting of members of the Upper Hudson Council of the Navy League who will want to hear Colonel Norris' message.

It is anticipated the usual business portion of the Post and Auxiliary meeting for this occasion will be kept to a minimum if not altogether dispensed.

Announcement of this combined meeting was made jointly by Post Commander Sidney Kaplan and Auxiliary President Helen Reynolds.

Refreshments will follow.

### Add To Our Ads

To this issue of the TEN FORTY TIMES we welcome as the newest advertiser Blanchard Legionnaire Hank Kindberg who operates a plumbing and heating company in Delmar.

## BLANCHARD POST BASEBALL DINNER

The last annual baseball dinner for Blanchard Post players was held on Wednesday, December 27, 1967 at the Post. It was a good thing we didn't have a game scheduled that night because we would have had to forfeit.

In spite of an attendance that was not as large as anticipated the dinner was successful for several reasons. Our State Chairman of Legion Baseball, Dick Conners made his usual gracious and inspiring talk to the boys. Also present was our Number One graduate John Stokoe. John always speaks kindly of Legion Baseball, although it was noticed that a reference to Connie Mack baseball is entering his conversation. John remarked that a need for a satisfactory baseball field is much in evidence. To this we can add our fervent hope that something develops in the near future. Among others at the dinner who said a few words were our sterling Commander, Sid Kaplan; one of our sponsors ski-man Brian Gallagher; Warren Bou-telle, who just completed four years with each club and who isn't discouraged yet, and Don Estey, our new coach, who made the shortest and most appreciated speech of the evening. The dinner was served by John Schoch, who pleased everybody.

The main reason we filled the house was due to the efforts of Bill McGoe, Art Quinn, Paul Gibbs, and Mike Mele. At this time I would like to publicly say thanks to Bill McGoe for his continual help down through the years. Bill is one of those Post members we all take for granted but it seems he is always there in the clutch.

Candidates for Blanchard's 1968 team will report in June for first practice.

Among the boys returning for 1968 are the following:

Rich Plass, Jim Laffey, Tony Tuzzolo, Ed Kleinke, Jack Dalton, Tom Arnstein, Tom Byron, and Steve Peters. There is a lot of talent in this crowd and prospects could be good for a successful 1968 season, even without a home diamond.

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## Everybody Helps

On behalf of everyone Commander Kaplan expresses thanks to Bill McKeough for donating the tree for the Christmas season and to Bob Famularo and Wakeman Gardner and their aides for the colorful decoration of the Post hall.

## EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER

All weather signs fail at times but this does not indicate that the signs are useless, but merely that some other causes have overcome these signs. Here are some fair weather signs:

When the sun sets in a sea of glory, that is, when the sunset sky is red, you may expect clear weather on the morrow.

Watch the smoke from your campfire or chimney. If it rises high, it means clear weather. The smoke also shows the direction of the wind, as will a flag.

A gray early morning, not a heavy cloudy one, promises a fair day ahead.

A heavy dew at night is seldom followed by rain the next day. Think of it this way; wet feet, dry head.

Spiders are good weather prophets. If they make new webs, the weather will continue fine. If they continue during a shower, the weather will soon clear.

Signs of rain:

If the sky is red at sunrise, you may expect several hard tempestuous showers.

If there is a ring around the moon, do not count on continued fair weather. Rain is likely in a day or two.

When the blue sky begins to veil itself in a light gray mist, you may know that rain is forming overhead and will soon fall.

When the leaves of the white poplar show their silver lining, look out for rain.

When the campfire smoke hangs low, or is driven to the ground by the wind, you may expect unpleasant weather.

A brilliant atmosphere so clear it seems to bring faraway objects quite near, betokens wet weather. The saying is — the farther the sight the nearer the rain.

Learn this old rhyme:

Evening red and morning gray  
Sends the traveler on his way.  
Evening gray and morning red  
Brings down rain upon his head.

*Sunshine Magazine*

Mother: "I'm so glad you children are sitting quietly and not disturbing Daddy while he has his nap."

Twins: "Yes, Mummy, we're watching his cigarette burn down to his fingers."

## BOWLING NOTES

In the past month high single honors went to Jack Cleary on two occasions, and once each to Al Beckman, Dick Cole and Al Pugliese. High triples were made by Jack Cleary, Doc Klett, Angy Tangora and twice by Cookie Van Wormer.

The January 12 bowling night was hot for Team Captain Angy Tangora with his 582 triple and Al Pugliese with his 227 single but everyone else who bowled found it the coldest ever because the heating system konked out.

The mid-season dinner was a gala affair for all the players and their ladies who attended. Post Commander Sid Kaplan and his wife, were guests of the League at the dinner. At a brief business meeting League President Perry Smith was authorized to enter into an agreement with Sporthaven to keep next season's schedule the same as this year.

At mid-January the League standings found Coast Guard leading with 40 points; Artillery, Marines and Tanks tie in second place with 39 each; Navy in third with 35; Army, fourth with 34½; Engineers a good distance from the bottom with 33½ and with 27 the basement was occupied by the Infantry.

## SCUTTLEBUTT . . .

Merv Atwood, our Adjutant, does a neat job reporting at all our meetings . . . Kenny Stinson has won more golf tournaments than any other member I know of — what a handicap he must carry — or else he's just a money player — right, Ken? . . . Joe Bauhofer is mighty dangerous at the dart board — if you can't hit at least thirty runs in dart baseball game, look out! . . . They had a shuffle board match the other night between two of the shuffle board giants of our Post, Bill Campbell and Red (what's his name). I won't say who won, but one of them, so they said, choked up! . . . If you saw some people under the table at the New Year's Eve Party it wasn't from drinking. Somebody open a magnum of champagne and the cork went flying all over the place like a bomb. It was a fine time at that party, thanks to all who worked on it and our activities chairman, Walt Van Wormer. Among those attending were the Fred Grassers, the Jack Clearys, the Ed Tymanns, the Hugh Stowers', the Mike Meles, the Paul Gibbs, Art Quinns, Dick Daltons, Will Ristaus, among others . . . So long, for now.

*The Thinker*

## IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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## SHUFFLE BOARD NEWS

BY RED KERNAHAN

The League is going along at a good clip. The Americans are leading the Nationals 52 to 49 — still a close race.

Jim Fanning is writing a book entitled "How to Make Spectacular Shuffle Board Shots." Andy Rooney had Jim for a partner one night and he laughed so much at Jim, he couldn't shoot worth a darn. To whom it may concern: Russ Denegar is reporting right on time each Thursday night. Russ things that Dick Dalton is pretty easy. Walt Van Wormer has given himself the title of being the best shuffle board player in the League, ask Dick about that. Royce Day is still trying to control the weights by talking to them. Henry Engel, what happened to the hors d'oeuvres you used to bring over from the bakery. The players enjoyed them; also some of the spectators. George Laird is back on the board again after his Florida vacation.

The shuffle board mid-season party was held at the Post Thursday, January 18. Five bottles of wine were raffled off. The one who didn't win, received key chains, compliments of Al Adams. Anna May White did the catering — it was delicious — and plenty of it. Our commander, Sid Kaplan, joined in the festivities.

Don't forget folks, come over any Thursday night and have some fun!

## Hawaiian Carnival

That is an excitingly inviting vacation plan suggested in the letter sent out last month by Department Commander Ed Delehanty to all American Legion and Auxiliary members.

Let's know if any of our Blanchard Legionnaires or Auxiliary members intend to go on any of these packaged vacations to Hawaii so that we can tell the Post about it through the TEN FORTY TIMES.

## Legion's 49th Birthday

Blanchard Post can become a "Post of Distinction" if by March 15-17 it can have on its rolls 13 more paid-up members to make the anniversary date of the founding of the American Legion. Post Commander Sid Kaplan urges everyone to help Membership Chairman-Vice Commander Bill Campbell to achieve this honor.

## CEREBRAL PALSY TELETHON AIDES

Responding to a call from County Legion Chairman George Jiga, a past county commander, several Blanchard Legionnaires volunteered their time and service in the Cerebral Palsy Telethon fund-raising campaign, January 27-28.

The telethon this year was at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany. During the eighteen hour telethon the American Legion furnishes manpower to serve as security guards in the control of personnel traffic inside the Armory. The duty was four-hour shifts commencing on Saturday night at ten o'clock.

Through the efforts of Blanchard Legionnaire Bob Rosenfield our Post had these volunteers: Commander Sid Kaplan, County Vice Commander Al Woehrl, Mike Mele and John Brady who had open assignments. These Sunday assignments went to:

6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: John Mullen;  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Ollie Palmer,  
Fred Grasser and Bill Alwell; 2:00 p.m.-  
6:00 p.m.: Vice Commander Bill Campbell, Hugh Stowers, Bob Rosenfield and Hank Kindberg.

## Taps

We mourn the passing of Legionnaire Charles E. Walsh after a distinguished military and public service career.

## THE TEST OF A MAN

The test of a man is the fight that he makes,

The grit that he daily shows,

The way he stands on his feet and takes

Fate's numerous bumps and blows.

A coward can smile when there's naught to fear,

When nothing his progress bars,

But it takes a man to stand up and cheer,

While some other fellow stars.

It isn't the victory after all,

But the fight that a brother makes,

The man who, driven against a wall,

Still stands up erect and takes

The blows of Fate with his head held high,

With never a whimper or wail,

Is the man who'll win in the by and by

For he isn't afraid to fail.

It's the bumps you get and the jolts you get,

And the shocks that your courage stands,

The hours of sorrow and vain regret,

The prize that escapes your hands

That test your mettle and prove your worth;

It isn't the blows you deal

But the blows you take on the good old Earth

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