



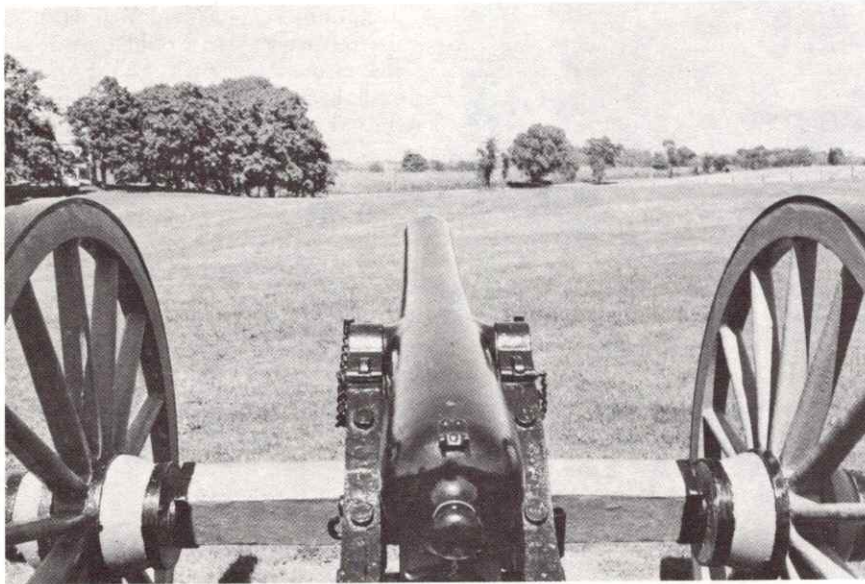
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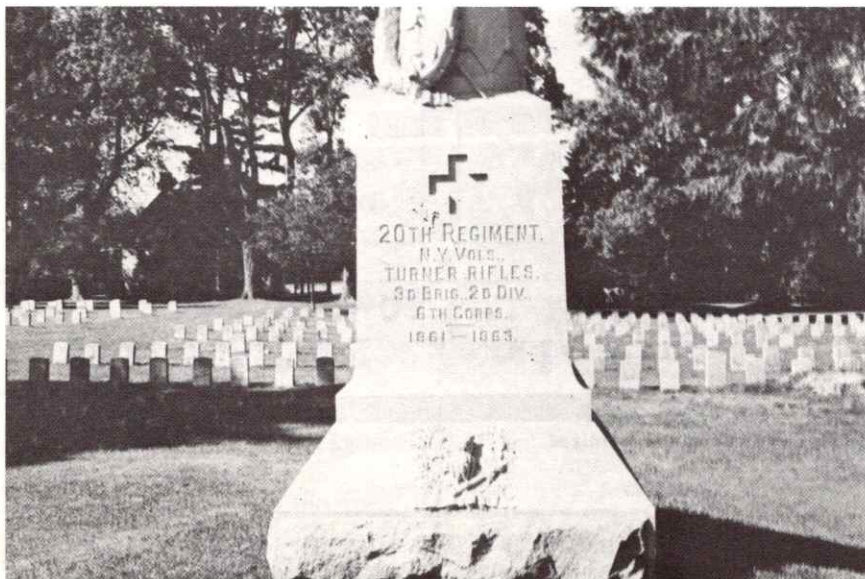
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THIS MONTH, WE HONOR TWO EXTRAORDINARY MEN WHO LED US THROUGH GREAT PERIL, PRESIDENTS GEORGE WASHINGTON and ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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EDITOR'S DESK

We were flicking the tv dial one day and paused for a few minutes to tune in some talk show profundities. A Texas Congresswoman, with impressive credentials and affiliations, was complaining about Americans who she said, worship and idolize or treat as gods outstanding figures in our history, particularly the founding fathers. We do not feel that we should go to the mat with the lady's straw man but would observe, mildly, in passing, the general consensus of Americans of the existence of one God.

It is our further observation, we must admit, that there has been a steady effort in recent years to establish mediocrity as the standard of measure and one of the prime objectives has been the attempted denigration of not only our forefathers but in particular the founding fathers, with the focus on George Washington.

Clarence B. Carson, in his book, *The Rebirth of Liberty*, commented this way: "The epic character of the founding period of American history has frequently been obscured . . . by the dredging up of selected facts which serve as grist for the mills for some partial view, by the concentration on minutes which results in losing sight of the forest amidst the trees and shrubs, . . . by the quest for failings among great men and the search for imperfections among people, and by the fragmenting into parts of something which has a basic unity."

On a different subject, our nomination for quote of the month is James V. Schall's inquiry: "Are 'educational' toys really toys?"

Our nomination, incidentally, for the area's most objective newscaster is Bob Gordon.

In January 1945, then Representative Michael J. Mansfield wrote a report to the President concerning the Congressman's visit to the India-Burma theater and China. Two short sentences hardly convey the scope of the text, or are they meant to, but we think that they stand on their own as a distillation of red cadre attitude. The Congressman wrote: "The Communists are well disciplined. They teach their young boys and girls how to use hand grenades."

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Barbara Palmer purchased the following for Charlie's Christmas: a beautiful wool sweater, a flannel shirt, four pairs of socks, five T-shirts and five pairs of shorts. This was made possible by the generosity of both the Auxiliary and Legionnaire Ted Sherman. After wrapping the gifts, she and Diane Grasser took them to him at the hospital. He was very happy to be remembered by us in this way. This was truly evidence of the real Christmas spirit.

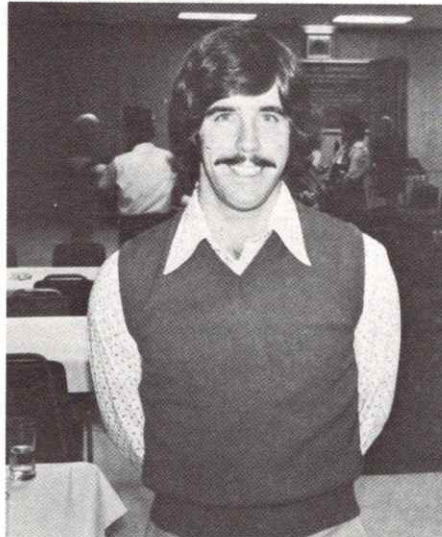
Our Annual Birthday Dinner will again be held at the Post on the regular meeting night of February 18. You will be contacted as to the details.

DON'T FORGET: TURN IN YOUR COUPONS!

The Auxiliary will be putting on a spaghetti dinner in the month of March. Be sure to watch for details on this.

HELP WANTED: Poppy chairwoman or committee. Several girls may work together on this. Our poppy sale is truly what the Auxiliary is all about. We sell only veteran-made poppies, which give our veterans a little income. This job involves signing up and then coordinating poppy workers. Once the poppy drive is over, so is the position. It would be an excellent way for some of our newer members to become involved.

This year for the first time, veterans in the Albany VA Hospital are making poppies. Help will be required to put the labels on the poppies. Details will be furnished in the March issue.



Adjutant Art Blanchard

A Thank You

A special thanks to all those who contributed to the fun and success of the Children's Christmas Party.

EDITOR'S DESK

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In this report, Mansfield states and delineates the policy of the U. S. i China as one absolutely lacking in ulterior motives. Those Americans who get their jollies by trying to hang national guilt feelings on the rest of us should read that the United States has contributed about \$197 billion in aid to some 140 nations since World War II.

In retrospect, we would question the Congressman's prophecy that China would become the bastion of peace in Asia but this is 30 years later and Senator Mansfield is indeed accepted as one of our most knowledgeable men in the China field.

Special Notice

In answer to popular request, we are pleased to report that there will be dance music starting Saturday, February 1 and every Saturday night thereafter in the Post lounge. This will be in addition to our regular Friday night dancing.



From Washington's Farewell Address

"Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration I am unconscious of intentions' error, I am nevertheless too sensible of m defects not to think it probable that I ma have committed many errors. Whatever the may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence, and that, after 45 years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion, as myself must soon be to the manisions of rest."

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Guppies: Ollie Palmer36	32
Bullheads: Jim Berry35½	32½
Smelts: Joe Marino35	33
Flounders: Frank DiSanto	...34½	33½
Perches: Franklyn Harris	...32½	35½
Muskies: Bill Mitchell28	40
Barracudas: Gus Franze23	45

High Triples for men include:

- 616 — Jim Berry
- 610 — Bill Mitchell
- 594 — Gus Franze
- 557 — Wes Albright
- 536 — Frank DiSanto

High Singles include:

- 247 — Bill Mitchell
- 245 — Gus Franze
- 244 — Jim Berry
- 232 — Don Smith
- 211 — Frank DiSanto

High Triples by the ladies are:

- 520 — Grace Franze
- 510 — Barbara Palmer
- 509 — Millie Albright
- 482 — Gerry Klett
- 475 — Marie McMillen

High Singles include:

- 205 — Marie McMillen
- 198 — Grace Franze
- 194 — Millie Albright
- 189 — Barbara Palmer
- 177 — Peg Eagan

A January get-together was held on the first Sunday of the new year. Millie and Franklyn Harris were responsible for planning the successful affair.

Happy bowling!

Awards

In recognition of its Americanism program, the Department of New York has presented a citation award to the Blanchard Post. The Post has also received from the Department a cowl in recognition of the Post having had the Colors present at the Department parade in Niagara Falls.

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In our last month's issue we presented several definitions of Americanism as understood by the American Legion and as so often demonstrated by that organization since its founding in 1919. There are those programs in the Legion which are basic Americanism. One of these is "Service to God and Country." This is in no way a fostering of religious worship in order to appease any element of our citizenry or to draw attention from any less desirable social activities. Since it is basic Americanism, it is strictly non-denominational.

When our Founding Fathers established our form of government, they based the practical workings of this government upon a new and untried political ideal or philosophy. It was a philosophy of government which had long existed in the minds of men, but as yet had never been tried in a practical man-

TO THE COLORS

ner. They based our form of government upon the idea that the great Creator of man had endowed each and every human being with "certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and they established the function of government as that of protecting these God-given rights.

To us, today, this idea of government may seem axiomatic. We ask, "What other basic ideal of government can there be?", but we must realize that a large part of the world today subscribes to a form of government that is unalterably opposed to our own philosophy. They say that the State, not God, is the author of our rights. This is Totalitarianism, which appears under the guise of Communism, Naziism, Fascism, and many others isms. Often it is presented under

a patriotic facade that fools those who do not see its basic evils. When it is too late, men realize that they have been sold on a program injurious to themselves. If the State gives the individual his rights, the State may withdraw those rights for its own convenience. Thus, for propaganda purposes, or for any other reason, the State may even take from the citizen the right to live. In doing this, it assertedly does no injury to the individual since he essentially has no right to live except at the sufferance of the State.

Under our own American philosophy of government this withdrawal of human rights is impossible. If God gave us rights, only the Creator of those rights can take them away. No State, for reasons of its own, can take your life, your liberty, your property or any other right. They are God-given and our government recognizes this fact. *to be continued*

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TENTING ON THE OLD AD HOC COMMITTEE GROUNDS

Some people claim that if a committee is given a choice of a dozen or more colors, the committee will always select beige. Others say, however, that two or more heads are better than one, a philosophy that's made New York State the Nation's largest producer of cabbages.

Committees are equally plentiful in government and the private sector. We are not sure where we picked up the expression "private sector" but the term has sort of an uneasiness about it as though it's somehow related to the DMZ or the Maginot Line or the centerfold of Cosmopolitan.

In the October 1974 *Ten Forty Times* we listed the 16 chairmen for 1974-75 of Blanchard Post's permanent committees, not including the group of six chairmen associated with the Memorial Day Committee. Happily, all of these chairmen work hard in their fields and their efforts show in the results obtained. These are solid, genetically correct committees based on qualitative staffing. They bear honest titles and no phony acronyms such as "YOICKS" (Yearly Overview Improvement Committee King Size).

We also have a bread and butter unlisted number called the Post Affairs Committee. We cast no aspersions on its antecedents but it has a certain ad hoc spontaneity about it. Although this one is most assuredly an exception, Ad Hoc Committees often have, unhappily, an air of illegitimacy about them as if spawned under suspect circumstances. The earliest Ad Hoc Committee that we have been able to get track of in New York State, or The Five Nations as it is currently referred to among insurrectionists, was The Select Chiefs Committee To Barter Manhattan. No Ad Hoc Committee since has been able to attain the same level of performance.

On August 26, 1974 we were invited by the Post Commander to sit in during a meeting of the Post Affairs Committee. Basically, it consists of officers of the Post several of whom meet an hour before the general membership meetings to hash over what has been going on,

consider current problems and work out projections. In general, this committee reflects and analyzes the pulse of the membership and technically, in our opinion, is more operationally centered than administrative.

Although casual and informal, there is a rhythmic pace and momentum to the proceedings. Unquestionably, the catalyst is the Post Commander.

We sat in again on January 6, 1975 and the session simply confirmed what we had concluded previously. This committee works and it is effective.

Commissions and panels are among the rich relatives in the committee family tree. At this writing, a panel has been convened to look into the alleged transgressions of the Central Intelligence Agency in the U.S. Let us call this panel, Cordon Bleu.

This is noteworthy since the world's most powerful intelligence apparatus operating within the U.S. is the KGB but it does not seem to merit a comparable panel. Let us call this prospective panel, Cordon Rouge.

Considering the assaults waged internally against our security systems, during the past decade in particular, in behooves us to get moving with the Cordon Rouge Panel because it appears that the KGB will soon be the only game in town and we might as well find out who will be running the show.

Our nomination for Chairman of the Cordon Rouge Panel would be either Robert J. Drinan or Michael J. Harrington, Representatives from Massachusetts.

From the Commander

The following nominating committee has been named to submit a proposed slate of officers for the 1975-1976 Post fiscal year of June 1, 1975-May 31, 1976.

Hugh Stowers, Chairman
William Blanchard, Sr.
Neal Cummings
Francis Futia
Henry Voorhees

Annual Calendar

- 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

Regular monthly meetings every first and third Monday at 8:30 p.m.

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



Lincoln at Gettysburg

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The Income Tax Amendment was enacted into law on February 3, 1913

George Washington was unanimously elected President by the electoral college Feb. 4, 1789.

On Feb. 17, 1801 the House of Representatives elected Thomas Jefferson President. On Feb. 9, 1825 the House chose John Quincy Adams President when no candidate won the electoral majority.

One of our current paradoxes is that there is on the one hand a campaign to liberalize the regulations concerned with the smoking of marijuana and on the other hand a campaign to tighten the regulations concerned with the smoking of tobacco.

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Two weeks into the second half of our season shows Lantz' TANKS doggedly holding on to first place by the skin of their teeth over Aupperle's GOBS. The next four teams have been jumping the standings like Mexican jumping beans! KORP's infantrymen exploded for a new season record for *team* high single and triple—931-2589—in their first match of the second half. The league welcomes a new addition: "DOC" J. WILSON MILLER who replaced our President, Larry MONETTE, who was forced to sideline himself due to a nagging back injury. Expect he is recuperating and wish him well and all the guys miss him.

Results of the First Annual Mid-Year High-Low indicate the winners of the team title going to Jules AUPPERLE-Matt DYBAS. The next seven teams also came in the cash. Ollie PALMER took scratch honors with a 213-530 series; Joe CUMMINGS - Harv HASEN team won single game prize, closely followed by Aupperle-Dybas and Whitney-Campbell. Team low was won by Tangora-Pauquette.

Uncle Miltie

TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Tanks	915	2461	39	28	23	39216
Navy	830	2418	38	29	22	38492
Sea Bees	870	2498	35	26	25	38669
Marines	894	2466	34	26	25	38588
Infantry	931	2589	33	25	26	39469
Coast Guard	856	2464	33	24	27	39316
Army	870	2460	30	24	27	38869
Air Force	874	2478	29	22	29	38258

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A		Class B	
Foy	47 170	Pugliese	51 151
Korp	45 169	Eagan	45 151
Lantz	48 167	Marino	48 150
Palmer	36 166	Dybas	48 150
Havill	45 164	Pauquette	42 148
Larkin	42 164	Mosmen	45 148
DiSanto	30 164	Feiden	37 148
Johnston	44 163	Hasen	42 145
Oates	43 163	Volk	45 144
Bender	51 162	Campbell	48 144
Mitchell	51 160	Miller	6 144
Tangora	51 158	Brady	51 142
Andre	48 157	Buker	39 141
Whitney	48 157	Haker	48 141
Cum'ingsJoe	39 157	Ristau	41 188
Cum'ingsJim	36 157	Cole	51 135
Vail	51 154	Alwell	42 133
Aupperle	51 154	Burns	51 133
LaForge	51 153	Butman	48 131
Beckmann	48 152	Stowers	51 124

REGULAR MEETING December 16, 1974

The regular meeting of the Post was called to order at 8:40 with 23 members in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted on a motion made by Jim Blanchard. Commander Burns called for the following committee reports:

Membership—Now at 679 and climbing.
Finance Report—All bills paid and with a comfortable balance.

Post Activities—Ollie Palmer gave a financial report on the 20 Week Club. John Vogel says that the Egg Nog Party was very successful. John also reports that tickets for German Night will go on sale Jan. 11, two weeks prior to the party. Tickets must be paid for by the 18th or they go back on sale. John says all parents should bring their children to the Post on the 21st to meet Santa Claus (and his elf).

Good of the Legion—The County meeting for December is at Scambelluri-Carlino-Valek Post on the 26th. January's meeting is at Blanchard Post.

Sick Call—Hugh Stowers reports that Ken Simpson is very ill in the VA. Guy Smith is also at the VA. Jack McDermott is doing well. Tom Cavanaugh is in Rm. 631-C at VA and would appreciate some get-well cards.

Meeting was closed in memory of our departed comrades.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Blanchard
Adjutant

Cut Crime Cost

At the time that this publication is going to the printer, the President recommends a \$16.5 billion tax cut for Americans as part of the anti-recession program. We have no comment on the proposal as such but merely want to relate the figure to another one of three years ago when the Commerce Department estimated that crime was costing the nation's businesses \$16 billion a year and increasing at an alarming rate. The figure covered only "ordinary" crimes such as burglary, robbery, vandalism, shoplifting, employee theft, bad check and arson and excluded losses caused by organized crime or crimes such as airplane hijacking and embezzlement.

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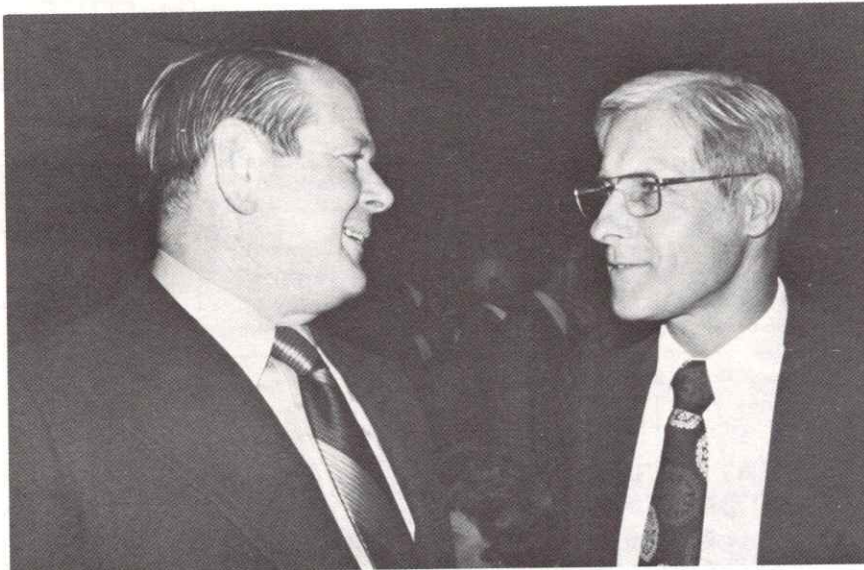
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