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## BLANCHARD BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE GETS INTO HIGH GEAR IN FEBRUARY

On Saturday, February 14th, the Post will really get up a full head of steam in its observance of our country's Bicentennial Year celebration by hosting a Gala Colonial Ball, under the very capable chairmanship of our fellow Colonist, Joseph Romano. All who possibly can are encouraged to come in costume — or more appropriately put — in the raiment of the day. Prizes will be awarded for those deemed to be the most attractive and authentic as judged by a panel of Blanchard experts, which as we are all aware can always be assembled quite easily (if you don't believe it, ask Jake or George).

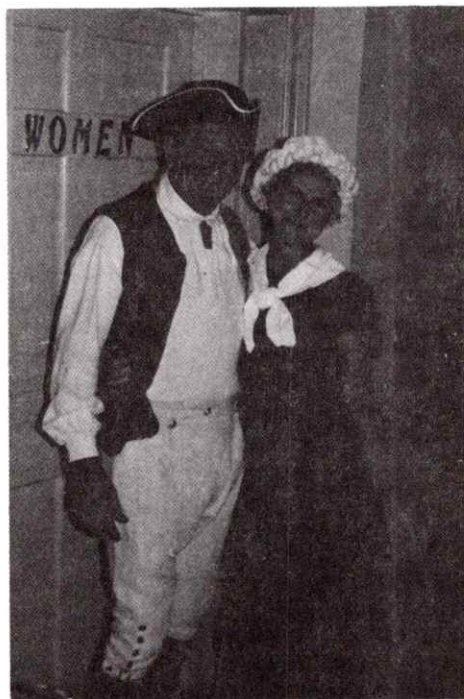
The customary happy hour will be from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Post Lounge, with dinner beginning at 7:30. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock and will be to the music of Jerry Romano and his "hot-shot" Colonists.

Tickets are \$6.50 per person and are available at the Lounge from George or Jake, or from Chairman Joe Marino who may be reached by phone (439-6427). They will go fast, so all colonial patriots are advised to get theirs early before those blasted Tories start scalping. Also, it should be a great night for lovers, what with being St. Valentine's Day and bundling still being popular in these here parts — particularly on a winter's night.

Sid Kaplan, our Post Bicentennial Chairman, and Helen Mott, Town Hall employee, modeled Colonial costumes at last fall's Town of Bethlehem observance of Henry Hudson landing on Town soil on September 19, 1609. These costumes were put together by Sid and Helen and most anyone with a little talent can do the same.

### • FEBRUARY CALENDAR •

- Feb. 2 (Monday) — Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30; regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments follow. This also happens to be Groundhog Day; no particular historical significance.
- Feb. 7 (Saturday) — Indoor Sports Day
- Feb. 9 (Monday) — Monthly luncheon, WW2 Veterans, 1 p.m. sharp at Schrafft's Motor Inn, Route 9W
- Feb. 10 (Tuesday) — Monthly luncheon, WW1 Veterans, 12 noon at the LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk
- Feb. 12 (Thursday) — Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Fly the Flag.
- Feb. 14 (Saturday) — Colonial Ball
- Feb. 16 (Monday) — Regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments after; also, by Act of Congress, day we celebrate George Washington's birthday this year. Fly the Flag.
- Feb. 22 (Sunday) — George Washington's birthday. Fly the Flag.
- Feb. 23 (Monday) — Board of Directors
- Feb. 26 (Thursday) — County meeting
- Feb. 29 (Sunday) — And a Happy Leap Year Day to you all.



After very extensive research we were unable to come up with any sensible reason for the background to this picture. There were many weird explanations advanced, the most logical of which is that it's just a mirage and not really there at all. With that we leave it to each of you to conjure up your own theory.

## INDOOR SPORTS

A tradition at Blanchard for many years has been our annual invitation to the Indoor Sports of this area to join us in an afternoon of fun and feasting. This year, Saturday, February 7, has been set aside to host these handicapped persons who have come to mean so much to us. Vice Commander Bill Bliven is general chairman and has lined up a supporting crew that promises to make the day a memorable one for our guests. The food as always will be deliciously prepared and served by our gorgeous Auxiliary girls. Bingo will be on the agenda, Jerry Romano has arranged for music and Fred Grasser will coordinate the transportation.

Everyone is welcome, so stop by and get a real happy feeling.

## New "Entry System"

If you haven't been around the Post lately you wouldn't know that a new admittance policy is now in effect in gaining entry to the Lounge. In short, you now need a special laminated card, which is inserted into a slot outside of the entry door to the Lounge and in some mysterious way unlocks that door, enabling you to enter the inner sanctum, greet your cronies and have a libation or two. The cards are available from George or Jake in the Lounge.

## Legislative Dinner

Commander Palmer will represent the Post at the 57th annual Legislative Dinner of the New York Department of the American Legion on Monday, Feb. 2. This dinner is held in Albany each year to honor the members of the New York State Legislature who are veterans of one of the armed services.

## Thanks from Merwyn

Merwyn Atwood expresses his most sincere thanks to all of his friends at the Post who were spiritually so comforting at the time of the injury to his son on the ski slope at Scotch Valley on Saturday, Jan. 10. Merwyn advised us at press time that Russell was coming along fine and would soon be as good as new. We are certainly glad to hear that.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

By Christine Hoffman

**OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976**

President	Barbara Whitney
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► **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership Chairman Pauline Ouderkirk has proudly announced that our 100% County quota was reached by December 1, 1975 with 194 paid members. At press time we have 212 paid members to date. A salute to Pauline for a job well done. Now let's see 212 at our next meeting!

► **TUESDAY, FEB. 17:** Birthday Dinner to be held at the Post Rooms. The meal will be prepared by "our boys" of the Post once again. Members will be contacted by phone during the first week of February for reservations, which must be confirmed by February 10. Colonial dress would be appropriate and welcome for our Bicentennial Year. The cocktail hour will be from 6:30—the upstairs service bar will be open to serve your pleasure. Noreen Cook is the chairman of the event. Marcia Turner and Rosemary Blanchard will be in charge of the decorations. Under the guidance of these capable people, we just know the dinner will be a great success.

► **SATURDAY, MAR. 6:** The Auxiliary will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Post Rooms. Serving will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Adult tickets will be \$3 and children under 12 years of age will be served for \$2. We are looking forward to a large turnout of members and hope they will bring along their families and friends. Raffle tickets will be sold during the dinner for a prize of \$50 worth of meat from McCarroll's Meat Market.

► **TUESDAY, MAR. 16:** A covered dish supper will be held at 6:30. Our regular monthly meeting will follow and new

members will be initiated at that time. Each member is requested to bring a covered dish and her own place setting. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new members at this time as well as seeing all of our old members.

► **UNWELL:** Sorry to hear that Betty Sheaffer was in St. Peter's Hospital. We hope our get-well card helped to get her out of the hospital and home on the road to recovery.

**Dates to Remember**

February 17	Birthday Dinner
March 6	Spaghetti Dinner
March 16	Covered Dish Regular Meeting Initiation New Members
April 20	Regular Meeting
May 15	Auxiliary Snack Dance
May 18	Regular Meeting Election of Officers
May 19	Poppy Day
May 21	Installation of Officers

**The Arthur J. Quinn  
Memorial Education Fund**

The Arthur Quinn Memorial Fund was officially closed out by Commander Palmer as of December 31, 1975.

The members of the Fund Committee, Kenneth Burns, William Campbell and Robert Smith, were happy and proud on behalf of the Post to turn over to Helen Quinn the proceeds of the drive, two trustee accounts of \$1,500 each to aid in the education of Art and Helen's two children, James and Kathleen. Jim is now in his second year at Albany Junior College, and Kathy has been accepted at the same school to start this coming fall.

The committee derived great satisfaction and pleasure in having a part in establishing this fund. They and Commander Palmer thank all of those very fine people in the Post who contributed so generously. Once again, when the chips are down, those nice people that comprise Blanchard Post came through.

The thanks and pride of Helen, Jim and Kathy cannot be expressed adequately in words. Suffice to say they are most grateful to all of their friends who held Art in such high esteem.

**Changing Your Address?**

If you are, please don't fail to notify the Post. This will enable us to continue to get the 1040 Times to you as quickly as the post office will allow and will also save us money that returned mail costs.

**ANGLER'S MIXED(UP)  
BOWLERS**

The Angler bowlers were back on the lanes on January 4 after a two week holiday break. The first five teams have kept shifting positions each week in a close race for the top position. As of January 4 the standings look like this:

Piranhas (DiSanto)	38 1/2	25 1/2
Muskies (Mitchell)	38	26
Perches (Berry)	36	28
Barracudas (Harris)	36	28
Bullheads (Albright)	33	31
Guppies (McArthur)	31	33
Flounders (Mayers)	22 1/2	41 1/2
Smelts (Franze)	21	43

Carol Berry and Vern Eagan received a bottle of champagne each for bowling the most pins over their averages on December. High scores bowled since the last report were:

Frank DiSanto	241	570
Jim Berry	201	551
Gus Franze	191	522
Larry McArthur	184	513
George Mayers	191	493
Joe Marino	190	492
Grace Franze	172	
Millie Harris	165	
Carol Berry	191	
Rose Marino	163	

**High averages include:**

Jim Berry	171.9
Frank DiSanto	171.4
Gus Franze	168
Larry McArthur	161
John McDonald	158
Grace Franze	151
Millie Harris	137
Sandy Moran	135
Carol Berry	135
Millie Albright	127

An after-the-holidays party was held on January 11 to the enjoyment of all.

**The American's Creed**

(The American's Creed by William Tyler Page was adopted by Act of Congress April 6, 1918)

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.



## SEVENTY - SIX DUSTING

.....n there was Rolly WHITNEY at the bar with his buddy in the fur coat ndy Bear"! I don't know how loose ly was, but that Bear guy looked suul! .....and Chucklin' Chuck sez that George SYKES must be taking French lessons judging by his reading tastes. No? Yes! "Oui!" .....n Margaret and Earl McGUIRK sure headed up a big table New Year's Eve. ....Good to see our Delaware Ave. buddy Chick ADALIAN aboard ye good ship Blanchard. ....n Dick DALTON sez that Hank RISTA has to be included with ye olde Delaware experts with his in-depth memory. ....and Marge and Ed AHERN returned after their very pleasant trip to Florida. ....Vi and Steve MAYZEL, 'n Earl HOFFMAN gittin' ready fer their annual trip to the Sunshine State. ....n our sympathy to Skip LARKIN on the recent loss of his father. ....and it's always good to see Shirley and Ron UNSER on a Friday night. And you gents could take a tip from Ron and always carry a Legion application with you! .....and Gentleman Jack BRADY watches the Duster miss spare-after-spare plus dumping two balls in the channel and sez, "I know wot yer doing wrong! You're missing the pins!" .....We have missed seeing Mary and Al WOEHRLE around the Post. ....and Bob BALLANNE was right-on-target when he sez 's help fellow Legionnaires when they need educational, financial and other advice and if we can help them secure employment. ....Here's a cheer for Warren MOESSNER and Bob SMITH for all the volunteer work that they do in the VA Hospital. ....and George FEIDEN has to be the Lawrence Tibbett of the bowling league. ....n I still think that Gayle and Carol CUMMINGS shoulda

let Joe CUMMINGS sing with the all-girl orchestra that Friday night. ....and when ya look out the window on these snowy-icy days there is something to be said for retirement. ....Say, did you see our esteemed Editor Charley O'HARA decked out in those fine threads? He looked like Mr. Fashion Plate himself! .....The old Depression was bad enuff, but at least prices went down unlike this one in which costs keep going up! .....n I wonder if Kay and Bud MOSMEN, Kathy and Fred BUKER, Helmi and Al BECKMANN will be heading for the warmer climes this winter fer a vacation. ....Teenage girl to friend, "Is he old? Why he can remember when a penny postcard only cost three cents!" .....Tom FOY and Bill MITCHELL deeply engrossed in a business venture. ....and a big rouser to Sr. VC Milt ANDRE for that super job he's doing with membership. ....and Betty and Ed VOLK can testify that the Duster was sliding off to church! ....Nice to see the Fred and Ted SHERMAN family same night Ronnie and Warren MOESSNER and Ruth and Ken BURNS celebrated their wedding annuals (or is that anniversary?) .....n it's always good to see Anna FUTIA, Mary MELE and Ruth DALTON. ....Got to say that we've missed seeing Dawne and Bernie McHUGH in a while, but then again I didn't get upstairs New Year's Eve 'n mighta seen some of those people that I've missed! .....Reminder that the Board of Directors meets the last Monday each month and ALL our members are invited to sit in and make a presentation of material if they wish. ....Sooooo till the month of the Ides, St. Patrick and Ah Spring! I leave youse good people with my thanx for yer reading my offerings! *The Gutter Duster*

## KEGLER'S KORNER

	TEAM					
	HS	HT	PTS.	W	L	PINS
Marines	843	2456	50	35	22	41519
Air Force	859	2453	44	34	23	42246
Coast Guard	837	2375	38	29	28	42140
Tanks	908	2490	38	29	28	41960
Navy	885	2382	37	30	27	42368
Infantry	861	2421	36½	25½	31½	41191
Sea Bees	891	2357	33½	24½	32½	41729
Army	821	2431	27	21	36	39827

	INDIVIDUAL				
	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.
Havill	226	572	8668	50	173
Palmer	210	566	8589	51	168
Tangora	225	557	9459	57	165
Johnston	243	558	7466	45	165
DiSanto	232	548	6842	42	162
Aupperle	212	589	7723	48	160
Bender	211	519	9131	57	160
Larkin	207	539	6594	42	157
Whitney	212	534	8923	57	156
McCabe	167	469	469	3	156
Cummings, Jim	225	574	8891	57	155
Miller	209	515	6518	42	155
LaForge	207	527	8370	54	155
Foy	200	530	7419	48	154
Mitchell	204	529	8177	53	154
Lantz	208	565	8733	57	153
Cummings, Joe	213	513	6865	45	152
Oates	215	552	8187	54	151
Vail	183	503	8605	57	150
Pauquette	201	521	6583	44	149
Marino	201	544	7583	51	148
Andre	213	509	8440	57	148
Hasen	211	493	7532	51	147
Volk	219	525	7904	54	146
Pugliese	205	522	7005	48	145
Beckmann	193	517	6985	48	145
Viele		445	1312	9	145
Brady	179	497	8198	57	143
Ristau	193	477	5556	39	142
Eagan	201	514	7681	54	142
Mosmen	208	452	6174	45	137
Haker	187	479	7802	57	136
Feiden	169	468	5383	40	134
Burns	200	466	7601	57	133
Monette	202	488	7130	54	132
Campbell	217	493	6617	51	129
Cole	163	426	6296	51	123
Alwell	161	404	5798	48	120
Butman	171	444	6427	54	119
Stowers	165	404	4414	39	113

## Did You Know?

That the "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa has recently been designated by Congress as the official National March of the United States. It couldn't have happened to a finer composition or to a finer composer of march music.

Record of  
Payment of Dues  
& Membership Application

The American Legion

\$.....Dues

Date....., 19.....

Name.....

Street Address.....

Phone.....

City.....

State.....

Zip Code.....

Dues Received By.....

Following section must be completed for NEW members

NEW Member ( )

(Date of Enlistment) (Branch of Service) (Service Serial No.)

Reinstatement ( )

(Date of Separation) (Character of Separation) (Date of Birth)

Renewal ( )

Social Security No. (Optional).....

Occupation..... Blood Type..... Can you donate?.....

I do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government. I certify that I did not refuse on conscientious, political, or other grounds to subject myself to military discipline or unqualified service during the period I was in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(Signature of Applicant for Membership)

(This form together with dues should be delivered promptly to Post Adjutant or Form 13-009 (1972) Post Finance Officer.)

RECEIPT  
(Issue on receipt of dues)

DATE....., 19.....

Received of..... in payment of dues for 19..... in Post No.....

Received of.....

\$.....

By.....  
Your official American Legion Membership Card will be forwarded to you promptly by your Post Adjutant. You are eligible for membership if you have an honorable discharge or separation showing a period of active military service during any one of the following periods: Apr. 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918; or Dec. 7, 1941, to Sept. 2, 1945; or June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953; Aug. 5, 1964, to cessation of hostilities.





## MEMBERSHIP—JAN. 1, 1976 (A Bicentennial Oddity?)

Possibly you might call it an oddity, but in the words of Uncle Miltie, quote "Truth is stranger than fiction." Which all leads up to the point—your hard-working Uncle had 776 paid-up members as of January 1. Get it? 776 and 1776. As of the date we went to press this had climbed to 795. Milt needs a hand to reach that 900 goal, so let's all pitch in and lend a hand. For those who don't have a new member application, we have printed a copy of the form and included it in this issue of 1040 Times.

The Commanders of all Posts in the Department of New York reaching their all-time membership high by March, the anniversary month of the founding of the American Legion, will participate in a drawing to be held by the Department of New York under the sponsorship of the Department Commander. The winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the 1976 National Convention to be held in Seattle, Washington. There we have another good reason for pitching in, being a "booster" and getting us to that magic figure of 858, which is one over our previous high of 857. Times are wasting ... let's go!

The Post welcomes the following new members who have joined us recently.

Edward Fay  
Ralph Gregory  
Richard Oates  
George Spenard  
George L. Davis, Jr.  
Ken Irwin  
Francis Straney  
Angelo Tangora  
Henry Klett, Jr.  
John Logan  
David Dennin  
Frederick J. Fick  
Gerhardt W. Estherr  
James Beck  
Donald Burrow  
Henry Eckhardt  
William McConvell  
Harold Acker  
Paul Golden, Jr.  
E. Richard Hannmann  
Joseph Mantaro  
Lester Carson  
Edward R. Dalton

There will be an initiation of new members at our regular Post meeting of March 1. We would like to see you all there fellows. In the meantime be a proud carrier of your Legion Card; it is a distinctive and ever-present badge of service to this beloved nation of ours in her times of need, and especially in this year of the 200th birthday of our country is it an honor to be a member of the American Legion.

Your Uncle Miltie thanks all who have paid their dues thus far, those who have signed up new members and those who have helped him in other ways. He hopes that all enjoyed healthy and happy holidays and he will next be reporting to you in our issue of the month of wind and ices.

## Shuffleboard Stuff

Our shuffleboard correspondent, Jim Cleary, reports that his dauntless warriors of the silver weights fight on in spite of wind (of which there is quite a bit on Thursday nights), snow, sleet or cold. They are a fighting bunch but always manage to wind up friends after a tough night. Henry (the baker) Engle is reported to have shown the most improvement, over what was not included in the report. Unfortunately there have to be some on the losing side as well as some on the winning side. Anyway, the standing as of January 8, is as follows:

Adams and Handrahan	16	6
Campbell and Haghighian	15	7
Whitney and Marino	14	8
Engel and Greene	13	9
Jorelmon and Quinn	12	10
Edwards and McDonald	9	13
Hoffman and Heilmann	8	14
McKeough and Brady	8	14
Cleary and Kevlin	7	15
Benton and Benton	5	17

## Past Commanders Meet

For the purpose of selecting the 1976 recipient of the annual Diamond Pin award, the Past Commanders of the Post met on Monday, Jan. 12. The basis of the award is service to the Post, "above and beyond," over a long period of time and will be presented at Blanchard and Past Commanders Night in April.

## Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

## WW2 Veterans Luncheon

The second monthly gathering of the World War 2 veterans was held on a wintry day, Monday, Jan. 12, at a no-nonsense luncheon at Schrafft's Motor Inn, Route 9W in Glenmont. In spite of the weather, 33 hardy souls attended. The menu was different from that in December and we believe an improvement.

This luncheon meeting will continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at Schrafft's, service to be at one o'clock sharp, and we emphasize *sharp* because of those men who have to get back to work. Next meeting: Feb. 9th.

## Near Tragedy

A fire in the home of Past Commander William Campbell on the night of December 14 caused extensive damage to the house but fortunately the family escaped injury, miraculously we understand. While this was a very unhappy thing to happen just before Christmas, there was nevertheless the happy ending that no one in the family was injured.

## Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell just how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst you must not quit.

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