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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Time is flying. Spring isn't too far off. Daylight is getting longer (have you noticed around 5 p.m.?). And the hustle and bustle of activities continues at the Post.

Our editor, Charlie O'Hara, was hounding me for a column for this month and except for things I had already said, I was just fumbling around. Then came Thursday, Jan. 13, when Charlie and George, that old vaudeville team, arranged for the monthly gathering at the Post for all those vets who like to break bread, hoist a few and just chew the fat about anything. There were 47 in attendance, and once again I couldn't help think of how helpful such events are in bringing together friends and in so doing strengthening our organization. Many thanks fellows.

Although January happily was an active and profitable month, February has laid an egg for which I offer my apologies, namely, for the cancellation of the Monte Carlo Night which had been set for Saturday, Feb. 12. I took this action after much deliberation and consultation and did so in what I thought was the best interests of the Post. I want to thank all who had worked on the planning for this event, including the Post Affairs Committee, and those who helped me come to a decision. We are presently working on a different type of function for a later date. More on this later.

We will revive our pre-meeting dinners at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular monthly meeting of February 7. Let's have a good turnout. Price is \$3.00, and free suds!

The attendance at the January meeting was very disappointing, a quorum having to be gathered from all corners of the building to open the meeting. This is a pretty old commentary on an organization with 920 members (remember that a mere 20 constitutes a quorum). Certainly we all believe in our organization or we wouldn't belong. So let us try not to be just a member with a membership card in his wallet, let's lend active support to our Post and in this way to the American Legion.

The Legion is strong and it will continue to be so because it is made up of strong men and women who believe in this nation and are proud of the fact that they met the true test of this belief, namely, that they answered the call when that nation needed them. Legionnaires are of every race, color, creed and nationality but it isn't every American can boast that he meets the qualifications to be an American Legionnaire. So stand tall fellows. I'll see you at the Post.

DANIEL G. LANTZ

JANUARY LUNCHEON

The January luncheon sponsored by our World War 2 boys was another huge success. A total of 37 members and 10 guests enjoyed a meal of roast pork with all the trimmings, salad, homemade cake (by Dottie) and coffee. Believe me, it beggars description . . . come out and try it sometime. All Post members and their guests are welcome but, and we emphasize this so that there can be no misunderstanding, *guests must be accompanied by a sponsoring member or they will not be admitted.*

The following members were at the January luncheon:

Michael Battisto, George Brown, George Butman, William Campbell, Edward Cassidy, Richard Dalton, Russell Menegar, Roger DiNucci, Herbert Drew,

James Fanning, Alvin Greenwood, John Haker, John Hauf, Kenneth Havill, Gilbert Houk, William Johnston, Daniel Lantz, Morey Maskin, Harold Mason, Warren Moessner, Frederick Mosmen, William Murphy, Edward Newcomb, Charles O'Hara, Thomas Piazza, Harry Sheaffer, Clayton Smith, Edward Smith, Guy Smith, Edward Starkweather, George Sykes, William Tougher, Joseph Von Ronne, Henry Westphal, Gustave Williams and John Williamson.

DON'T FORGET

The regular monthly Post meeting now starts 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
Also Groundhog Day
- 5 (Sat.) Indoor Sports Program at the Post, 1 p.m.
- 7 (Mon.) Regular Post meeting at 8 p.m.
- 8 (Tues.) WW1 Luncheon at the LaCasa Restaurant, noon
- 9 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 10 (Thurs.) WW2 sponsored Luncheon at the Post, noon
- 12 (Sat.) Lincoln's Birthday
Fly the Flag
- 14 (Mon.) St. Valentine's Day. Remember your best girl
- 16 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 21 (Mon.) Washington's Birthday is celebrated by Act of Congress
Fly the Flag
Post Affairs Committee meets at the Post, 8 p.m.
- 22 (Tues.) Washington's Birthday as recognized by his mother and father. Fly the Flag
- 23 (Wed.) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 24 (Thurs.) County Meeting
- 28 (Mon.) Board of Directors meet at the Post, 8 p.m.

Attention Past Commanders

◆ The annual meeting of Past Commanders to select the 1977 recipient of the Past Commander's Award will be held immediately following the regular Post meeting on February 7. All Past Commanders are strongly urged to attend to insure that the award will be a truly representative one.

Post to Vote

At the regular meeting of February 7 the membership will vote on the matter of establishing the office of Assistant Finance Officer. The required two notices of this action were published in the December and January issues.

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MEMBERSHIP

While we have been making our way toward our quota of 910, the pace has not kept up with that of last year. When we went to press there were about 150 members who had not paid their dues, about 25 more than the same time last year. I am asking therefore that you get your dues check in as soon as possible, and that all of us look around to see if there isn't a new potential member that we have overlooked. A continued strong, or better yet stronger, American Legion is vital in these days of "pardons" and worldwide unrest.

We did receive into our ranks recently one new member, Neil Thompson, who is welcomed as the New Year's No. 1 addition to Albany County's No. 1 Post.

John LaMay, who has emigrated to Saranac Lake, and whose membership had lapsed for several years, recently sent in his dues and was duly reinstated. Welcome back John—hope you can stop in when things thaw out in the spring.

Also had a nice letter from Russell Adams, who is still in the Navy in San Diego, going strong and recently promoted to Chief. Congratulations and smooth sailing Russ. Ditto from Don French, now back in Arizona after summering in Alexandria Bay, N. Y. A note also from Past Commander Bill Segur, who advises that he and his wife have moved permanently from Cape Cod to Naples (Florida). Thanks for the news and good health to you and yours.

Finally, may I again urge all who haven't done so to get their dues in soon so that I can wrap up this chore for '77. Actually, I should have all dues in by February 15 to keep our membership records current in order to insure the receipt of the American Legion monthly magazine by each of our members.

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The following resolution was adopted by the 58th National Convention of The American Legion two days after President Carter's appearance before that Convention, an appearance during which he displayed poor judgment and bad manners, to put it kindly. Using the rostrum of the Legion Convention, where he was by tradition an invited guest, to insult those present and every veteran who has ever honorably served this nation, was as totally unbelievable as requesting forgiveness of Adolph Hitler before a convention of B'nai Brith.

58th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AUGUST 24-26, 1976

RESOLUTION 434**COMMITTEE: National Security****SUBJECT: DRAFT EVADERS AND/OR DESERTERS**

Whereas, young men throughout the history of the United States have patriotically answered the call of their country and defended its lands and ideals; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of those young men volunteered for, or accepted, duty in Vietnam and served with honor and distinction; and

Whereas, thousands of these young men lost their lives, or were gravely wounded; and

Whereas, thousands were captured by the enemy and were imprisoned and/or tortured for long periods of time; and

Whereas, the question of amnesty for those who have fled the country to avoid induction into the Armed Services, or

have deserted their assigned military units to avoid military obligation during the Vietnam conflict has been again raised; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled August 24-26, 1976, in Seattle, Washington, that we reaffirm our opposition to general amnesty for draft evaders, draft dodgers and military deserters and urge that each case be tried on an individual basis, and each deserter be dealt with as prescribed by the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and, be it further

Resolved, that we urge the United States Government and its courts of justice to prosecute to the full extent of the law, all individuals charged with evading the military draft; and, be it further

Resolved, that all members of The American Legion are urged to publicize our stand on draft evaders, deserters and blanket amnesty.

Since it was clear at our press time that President Carter would move with all possible speed to effectuate a pardon for military draft evaders, it would be appropriate for him to fulfill another of his campaign promises, namely, to open the doors and windows to let fresh air in and to listen to the suggestions of American citizens.

Apropos of this, it would be most timely for the President to provide information on the qualifications and other background data on staff members who have been most active in pushing the pardons. This is very important since the leader of this movement appears to be a David Berg, who at age 29 is very much within the age group, and very likely of the same persuasion, as those to be pardoned. Just exactly what President Ford was accused of after the Nixon pardon—a lack of objectivity. Further importance is attached to the need to know who these people are because the press now says that they are pressing for pardons for military deserters.

Luncheons

The World War 1 "boys" will again gather at noon at LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk on Tuesday, Feb. 8, for their monthly luncheon and bull session. Time may have thinned the ranks but it hasn't dimmed the spirit of a great group of veterans.

Then on Thursday, Feb. 10 at noon, the World War 2 vets will host their monthly luncheon at the Post. The tab will again be \$3.00 for a feast prepared and served buffet style by George and Dottie. Try it, you'll like it. All Post members are invited.

**ATTEND
 CHURCH
 THIS WEEK**

Taps

Edgar Denham of Delmar, a veteran of World War 2, died on January 15 at the VA Hospital in Albany. Ed was former member of the Bethlehem Poli Department. May he rest in peace.

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

Again, many thanks to all members who sold tickets on the Basket of Cheer. The winners are as follows: Basket of Cheer, Ron Bigsby; Case of Champagne, Bob Malecki; Case of Beer, Alice Doyle.

Saturday, Feb. 5 is Indoor Sports Day. If you are interested and willing to work please contact Marcia Turner.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 is the evening of the Auxiliary's Birthday Dinner. Chairman for the event will be Pauline Ouderkirk; decorations are being done by Thelma Ballard and Dot George; and reservations will be taken by Ronnie Moessner. The cocktail hour will be 6:30 to 7:30, and dinner will follow. Members will be contacted for reservations.

Many thanks to Pauline Ouderkirk, Rosemary Blanchard, Dot George, Angel Feiden, Thelma Ballard, Kathy Dorn and Marie Burns for making our Christmas dinner such a success. The spur of the moment sing-a-long really made the evening very enjoyable.

Note of interest—Our adopted veteran Gerald Wasson on the fourth floor of the VA Hospital was presented with Christmas gifts compliments of the Auxiliary, by Santa (Ron and Warren Moessner). Also, Christmas dinner for needy family and toys for children were delivered by Barbara Palmer and Marcia Turner.

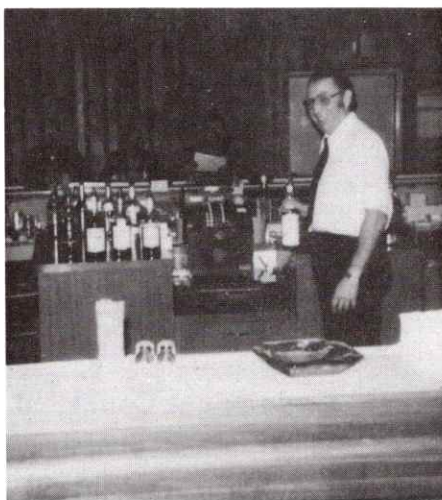
One of the committees the Auxiliary sponsors is coupons; we have a quota of 12,000 coupons—that's 60 per member. Co-chairpersons Rose Ann Levy and Teresa Blanchard are having a difficult time making quota and are asking for help from all members. So look around your house to see if you have coupons, or stamps that could be put to good use. The ones needed are Betty Crocker, Red Scissors, Borden's, Mrs. Filbert's, Linit Starch, Kirkman - Octagon, Grandma's Molasses, Raleigh-Belair, Philip Morris, Chesterfield, Old Gold, Plaid Stamps, S.&H., Triple S, Top Value, Holden and United. Any and all you can give would be most appreciated by the committee.

A reminder to all members: DUES ARE OVERDUE. If you have not paid ours, please send your \$4.50 to Pauline Ouderkirk at 359 Elm Avenue, Delmar,

Shuffleboard Standings

(As of January 6)

1. Al Adams/John Hanrahan.....15½
2. Henry Engle/George Heilmann...14
3. Rollie Whitney/Don Duncan.....11
4. Paul Joralemon/Jim Quinn.....10
5. Bob LaForge/Milt Andre.....9
6. Geo. Hachigian/Bill Campbell...7½
7. Bob Hoffman/Roy Fish.....7
8. Bob Edwards/Bruce McDonald...6½
9. Jim Benton/Pete Conway.....1½



George, our overseer in the Lounge, opines how some of the boys might need a lift on Thursday nights prior to chucking the discs.

Lake Placid Trip

Bill Campbell (phone 439-3398) has a few spots left for the Washington's Birthday weekend at Lake Placid. Leave the Post 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, return Monday (holiday), Feb. 21. Rooms at the Chalet are \$21 per day, per person, including meals, tips and tax; bus \$12-\$13 per person. Hurry for a great time!

Pre-Meeting Dinner Feb. 7th (6:30) at the Post

Another of our very popular dinners will be held at the Post Rooms prior to the regular monthly meeting of February 7. The cost will again be \$3.00 with the foamy stuff free. For members only.

N. Y. 12054. Make checks payable to: Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040. Come on girls, let's help out.

Sick Call: Helen Piper was in the hospital but is now home. Our best wishes are sent to her. Marian Andre and Marie Burns are in the hospital also. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to them both.

See you next month and keep smiling.

DOWN THE ALLEY

With the halfway point in the season having been reached, all bowlers have been frozen for the balance of the season in either Class A or B. For the rest of the season they will compete only against the 19 others in their class, for high average, triple and single prizes. Individual scores already bowled during the first half of the season are still credited to them.

We are happy to report that President Hank Ristau is back in shape and had a good series his first night on the lanes. Harvey Hasen rolled his first 200 game and George Heilmann and young Bill Campbell are still faithfully filling in for absentees. Our thanks to them.

Milt Andre, Secretary

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Tanks	866	2453	41	31	17	37062
Air Force	881	2380	36½	26½	21½	36850
Army	873	2365	34½	24½	23½	35912
Navy	930	2404	34	25	23	35410
Coast Guard	875	2500	30	23	25	36749
Infantry	823	2403	30	23	25	35868
Marines	851	2291	28	22	26	33735
Sea Bees	851	2359	22	17	31	35732

INDIVIDUAL

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
DiSanto	255	624	7408	42	176
Havill	215	577	5763	33	174
Fentzke	214	580	3810	22	173
Johnston	216	579	6137	36	170
Bender	204	539	8127	48	169
Palmer	213	567	7038	42	167
McDonald	203	565	7958	48	165
Mitchell	217	550	7945	48	165
Whitney	211	538	6798	42	161
Marino	222	547	7719	48	160
Lantz	228	554	7212	45	160
Larkin	200	523	7638	48	159
Foy	212	586	6340	40	158
Vail	213	539	7104	45	157
Cummings, Jim	205	525	6583	42	156
Oates	221	543	6590	42	156
Cummings, Joe	190	523	4210	27	155
Andre	206	554	6057	39	155
Pugliese	209	544	6952	45	154
Tangora	242	572	6952	45	154

Class B

Aupperle	200	515	6072	39	155
Pauquette	225	526	7399	48	154
Hanrahan	202	520	3231	21	153
Donnelly	197	520	5417	36	150
LaForge	190	507	5386	36	149
Ristau	197	484	2233	15	148
Eagan	213	520	6193	42	147
Campbell	185	512	6595	45	146
McCabe	224	548	6987	48	145
Brady	223	537	6702	48	139
Volk	178	490	5453	39	139
Hasen	200	476	6638	48	138
Haker	168	456	6169	45	137
Mosmen	166	446	3573	26	137
Feiden	169	449	3603	27	133
Cole	167	460	5840	45	129
Burns	174	448	6182	48	128
Monette	177	438	5171	42	123
Butman	155	410	4393	36	122
Alwell	156	431	4616	39	118

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IT'S JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH



That is all it is—just a piece of cloth. But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life and flutters and snaps in the wind, all *red, and white, and blue!* And then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it!

It has your whole life wrapped up in it—the meals you eat; the time you spend with your family; the kind of things your boy and girl learn at school; the strange and wonderful thoughts you get in church on Sunday.

Those stars in it—they make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide deep night. And those stripes—they are bars of blood to any dictator who would try to change this way of life.

Just a piece of cloth, that is all—until you put your soul into it, and give it meaning. Then it's a symbol of liberty, and decency, and fair-dealing for everyone. It is just a piece of cloth until we breathe life into it! until we make it stand for everything we believe in, and refuse to live without it.

Bingo Teams Organized

Dick Dalton, Bingo Chairman, after four weeks of operation organized his workers into two teams, each team to function on alternate Wednesday nights. Dick asks that anyone who is unable to make it on his scheduled night, call him or arrange with someone scheduled for the alternate night to switch with you. He adds that anyone wishing to serve every week has his personal blessing for a long and happy career.

TEAM A (Starting January 5)

Blanchard, Jr.	Greenwood, A.	Starkweather, E.
Blanchard, Sr.	Hasen, H.	Strickland, R.
Futia, F.	Herber, C.	Tymann, E.
Gall, E.	Lantz, D.	Williams, G.

TEAM B (Starting January 12)

Butman, G.	McGoey, W.	Palmer, O.
DiNucci, R.	Mele, M.	Smith, R.
Kernahan, R.	Mitchell, W.	Von Ronne, J.
Marino, J.	O'Hara, C.	Williamson, J.

We suggest that all workers keep the above listing for handy reference. As other volunteers are approved, we will publish their names.

INDOOR SPORTS

Each year Blanchard Post hosts the Indoor Sports group of this area in an afternoon of fun and feasting. This year Saturday, Feb. 5, has been designated as Indoor Sports Day at the Post, a day on which our Post again displays its dedication to service to the community by bringing a little happiness to the handicapped who have come to mean so much to so many of our members. There will be a delicious repast, prepared by the Auxiliary, entertainment, music and games. Transportation will be provided where needed and will be coordinated by Fred Grasser. Overall coordination and supervision will be provided by Commander Lantz and his very capable Post Affairs Committee. Come on out... you will find it's fun!

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Monte Carlo Night Cancelled

After consultation with knowledgeable people, both within and without the Post Commander Lantz has cancelled Monte Carlo Night that had been planned for Saturday, Feb. 12. This was felt to be the best course of action, and rightly so, until we have a chance to study and analyze the proposed legislation about gambling conducted by religious, social and veterans organizations. It is anticipated that this legislation will come before the 1977 session of the Legislature.

As a substitute, it was proposed that we have a Western Night, featuring square dancing, but because of the lateness of the hour we were unable to come up with a band. Thus there will be no Saturday night social during the month of February. So, see you in March then at St. Patrick's Night.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

How Important IS One Vote?

In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1839, one vote elected Marcus Morton Governor of Massachusetts.

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1875, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the U.S.A.

In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, one vote saved the Selective Service System just 12 weeks prior to Pearl Harbor.

So, how important is one vote? Your vote? A wise man once said, "Liberty means responsibility; that is why most men dread it." Do you dread it? Or do you consider liberty your responsibility—to be preserved where it counts most: in the ballot box? Is one vote all that important? You bet your free life it is!

Sick Call

Jim Holmes, who was recently hospitalized, at last report before press time, was reported to be showing great improvement. Great news Jim—see you back soon.

Milt Andre's wife, Marian, is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. That's another great piece of news.

We also learned just before deadline time that Dick Phelan was hospitalized but was not seriously ill.

Good luck to all of them.

Flags

Harvey Hasen, Flag Chairman, tells us that Flag kits are available at the Post for \$7 each. See Jake or George in the Lounge or call Harvey at 439-2561.

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