



Ten Forty Times



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

January was a good month, profitable, entertaining and instructive. New Year's Eve, German Night and the Department Legislative Dinner again setting the pattern for what should be another great year for the Post and the Legion. The pace quickens as the winter months pass. But there is still one minus in our Post functioning, and that is poor attendance at our regular monthly meetings. We must find a way to improve in this very vital area or the Post and its programs and activities will suffer. Thus, we are appealing to the membership to make a little extra effort to attend our once a month meetings. It will help your Post, it will help the Legion.

Another reminder of how time flies was the realization that it was that time when I had to appoint a nominating committee for the 1978-79 slate of Post officers and Board members. After due reflection the following members were appointed to that committee with their consent: Charles O'Hara, Chairman, Harvey Hasen, Kenneth Burns, Hugh Stowers and William Blanchard, Jr.

I'll be talking to you again next month in this column but in the meantime I hope to see many more of you at our February 6 regular Post meeting.

Bill Blanchard, Commander

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 (Thurs.) — Ground Hog Day
- 4 (Sat.) — Indoor Sports Day at the Post, 1 p.m.
- 6 (Mon.) — Regular Post meeting at 8 p.m.
- 12 (Sun.) — Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 (Tues.) — Valentine's Day WW I Luncheon at Brockley's, 1 p.m.
- 16 (Thurs.) — WW II sponsored luncheon at the Post, 12 noon
- 18 (Sat.) — Dinner-Theater Party at the Post
- 20 (Mon.) — Post Affairs Committee meets at 8 p.m. Washington's Birthday (as celebrated by Act of Congress)
- 22 (Wed.) — Washington's Birthday (as celebrated by his mother and father)
- 27 (Mon.) — Board of Directors' meeting at 8 p.m.

NEWS FROM

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

(Extracts from the National Legislative Bulletin of the American Legion)

What did Congress do for the veteran in 1977?

The veterans of America - contrary to what has been appearing in print across our country - have much to be thankful for as the legislative books were closed for 1977.

Despite Administration pressure for Congress to address itself to other matters first, the House and Senate rolled up its sleeves to assure that benefits to veterans and their survivors would not be eroded by inflation. As a result legislation was enacted which increased veterans' pensions by 6.5%, effective January 1, 1978; the income limitations were increased; disabled veterans received a 6.6% hike in compensation; certain WW I veterans can now qualify for grants of up to \$3,300 toward the purchase of an automobile; the G.I. bill was improved by providing a 6.6% cost-of-living increase; expanded the education loan program; increased the hourly rate to \$2.65 from \$2.50 for vets in the V.A.'s work-study program; the VA was authorized to continue special incentive pay to attract and retain qualified medical personnel; the programs for remodeling domiciliary homes and hospitals for veterans and that for the construction of new veterans nursing homes were strengthened.

The first year costs for the programs outlined above total approximately \$1.1 billion. Congressman Olin Teague in a recent letter to President Carter said, "-- the Congress will never forget America's veterans of any war, especially those who received service-connected disabilities". The VA's budget for the 1978 fiscal year is about \$20.2 billion whereas ten years ago it was about \$7 billion.

ROTTEN NEWS OF THE MONTH

1. John Myers, Member of Congress from Indiana, has charged that the U.S. Department of Justice has violated the law restricting the use of funds for the administration of President Carter's pardon of Vietnam era draft evaders. This matter is now being investigated by the General Accounting Office.

2. Male sopranos will now be joining the singing quartets of the New York City Police and Fire Departments.

LUNCHEONS

The World War I gathering will be on Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m. in Brockley's Delmar Oasis. Win Robinson, coordinator of these monthly bashes, has again issued an invitation to all Post members to join with him and his group at these luncheons.

Then on Thursday, February 16 at noon, the monthly luncheon sponsored by the World War II veterans will be held at the Post. The tab for the spread is still \$3.00. All members and their guests are invited. Try it, you'll like it.

ATTENTION

ALL PAST COMMANDERS

The annual meeting of Past Commanders to select the recipient of the 1978 Past Commanders' Award will be held immediately following the regular Post meeting on Monday, February 6. All Past Commanders are urged to make every effort to attend in order to insure that the vote and the award will be a truly representative one.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

If you are, please include the Post when advising your correspondents of your new address. Your 1040 Times will get to you faster and we will save additional postal fees.

ANYONE FOR CHESS?

For anyone interested in learning how to play chess, the U.S. Chess Federation's new Let's Play Chess guide for beginners is available from the office of American Legion Public Relations, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006. Since the item in the American Legion News Service failed to mention price, it would appear that the publication is free for the asking.

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

MEMBERSHIP

As of January 10 we had a paid-up membership of 774, with 130 members still unpaid. Thus we have a potential membership of 904, plus any new members recruited.

Our appeal to the unpaid members in the January issue has not resulted in any great outpouring of payments. Dues have been dribbling in at a very slow pace. We had hoped to reach our quota of 865 by the date of the Albany County meeting held at Blanchard on January 26. At press time this was obviously no more than a dream.

There has been a great deal of misstatement and misunderstanding as to when a member becomes "delinquent". Hence, for the information of all of our membership, the following concise statement from the Post commander's Guide sets forth the national policy on delinquency as established in the National Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion.

"1. Legion membership is annual, the Legion year being from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable October 20 in advance.

2. If dues are not paid in advance by January 1 of each calendar year, the member continues to be a member in good standing until February 1; and thereafter, for two months (February and March) the member is classed as delinquent. If dues have not been paid by April 1, members are suspended, but nevertheless members with no privilege except that of reinstatement by vote of the Post and payment of dues; and dues not being paid, such membership continues for a period of nine months, to December 31, at which time the member is dropped from the roll by constitutional mandate and the membership is forfeited."

We have maintained our No. 1 position in the County, District and Northeastern New York area. Let's show that we are still "Proud to be Counted" by getting those checks in.

The following new members and transferees have been welcomed to the Post since our last report. "New" — Brian Palmer, Ernest Krutzsch, William Morrissey, Martin Heilmann, Nathaniel Boynton, Francis Asprion, Thomas Hogan, Charles Alford, Frank Clark, Jr., Richard Dorsey, Roger Aiken, Charles Bennett and Edgar Devenpeck. "Trans-

ferees" — Jake Cappallo and Neil Martin. Welcome to the Post. Come in and get acquainted, get involved in at least one of our programs. Our motto has always been "There are no strangers at Blanchard Post".

Until next month,
Milt Andre, Membership Chairman

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

February 1 - 8 - 15 - 22

\$1,000 in Prizes each week

Games start at 8:00 p.m. SHARP

CRUSTY DUSTING

. . . 'n there was the Streaker in all hiz glory (or sumpin') at the New Year's Eve Party . . . t'was nice ta see Vi & Steve MAYZEL, 'n Earl HOFFMAN the other P.M. . . and always a nice coupla couples at parties 'r Mr. & Mrs. Eddie BROOKS, and Mr. & Mrs. George HEILMANN . . . always great to see Larry MC CABE, Skip LARKIN, Ed HANRAHAN down at the E.S.P. (der Plaza, kinder, der Plaza!) . . . and Bill CAMPBELL sez that he and Gus WILLIAMS are having a contest to see who is No. 1! (you'll have to ask Bill Number one what!) . . . and certainly congrats to Dalton's Bingo Army! King Richard gave a very impressive report at the last meeting! . . . and kudos to Commander Bill BLANCHARD and Harv HASEN for conducting an impressive ritual for a departed comrade. Also attending for Blanchard Post were Mike NORTON, Hank VOORHEES, Ken BURNS, Jack BRADY . . . and a great picture of Prez Pauline OUDERKIRK and chairman Marcia ROSENFELD on tape-recorder presentation in the Bethlehem Central Highlights . . . Congrats to Joe MARINO & CO., Rolly WHITNEY & Co. on their excellent jobs on the Tinsel Ball and New Year's Eve Party . . . 'n seemed like old times after the Jan-Meeting with a Beer-Sandwich & Bull Session. Jack MC DONALD, Doug KREH, Milt ANDRE, Bill KARINS, Jack BRADY, Ken BURNS, Pat IGOE and others among the participants — certainly missed Lou LEGLER who always added much to the sessions — 'n didn't that Jane ALWELL look extra nice New Year's Eve and of course Bill ALWELL was hiz usual dapper self . . . 'n sure was great to see Lil and Frank ALGER after too long a spell . . . and I'm gonna owe Millie KARINS twenty-five cents cash money on that bet . . . and the Punks-of-the-Month award with Skid-Marks Clusters to

the goons who slashed the tires outside of a local bowling alley recently! . . . and Editor Charley has that Florida-Look in hiz eyes! Gadfrey, that Mary & Charley O'HARA travel, travel just like Marge & Ed AHERN! . . . Ken HAVILL sure powdered per pins that 1st week in January, but where iz that pretty gal Pat HAVILL been lately - haven't seen her in too long a time, that's what! . . . and if I put that Kiwanis Mogul Bob ROSENFELD in the wrong organization 1 more time he is gonna give me a Ker-plunk in der Ka-nockle! . . . ya know that Jim FANNING is some art expert, that's what! . . . 'n don'tcha think Hugh STOWERS would make a terrific M.C. for a T.V. show!!! . . . and sure it was a pleasure ta see Barb WHITNEY, Doris & Jules AUPPERLE and all the other nice people on New Year's Eve . . . and Al DAVIS telling Ruth Burns that the Duster is really mixed to get sick at Yule-Tide. Yer supposed to get sick during Lent! . . . 'n I'm anticipating a great time with plenty of com-pah at German Nite as this goes to press. Bill CAMPBELL & hiz Corps of Experts always do a fine job, that's what! . . . 'n Jake is a terrific Post Steward, and one look at Mrs. C. will convince you that there is nothing wrong with Jake's eyesight either! . . . and where have that great couple Roxie & Wally ERLICHMAN been lately, . . . 'n tis always nice ta see Marie & Ralph DERBY . . . gotta ask Barb & Ollie PALMER, Hank & Marcia TURNER how things were at the Fire House on bell-ringing nite! . . . 'n the Auxiliary gals should getta citation from the Post for all the great work they do at V.A. Hospital and other Veterans affairs! . . . and it's great to see Marian ANDRE coming along so good. Keep up the good work, Marian! . . . and I haven't had a chance to ask Captain Ray BENDER how his new car is perking . . . 'n I better knock-this-off or I'll be getting a double barrel clout from both Charles O. and Genial Larry PROPP! . . . so till the month of Spring, Paddy, Ides, Lions, Lambs 'n what have you . . .

. . . The Gutter Duster

ANYTHING TO SAY?

As we have said in these columns at other times in the past, if you have anything that would be of interest to the membership and would like it published in the 1040 Times, don't be bashful, send it to your editor. If it is of general interest, we'll publish it.

AUXILIARY NEWS

by Lillian Blanchard

President Pauline Ouderkirk
 First Vice President Carol Cummings
 Second Vice President Lillian Blanchard
 Recording Secretary Rose Ann Levy
 Corresponding Secretary Karla Burns
 Treasurer Dorothea George
 Chaplain Celeste Blanchard
 Sergeant-at-Arms Gloria Broom
 Historian Freda Sherman

Thanks are in order to Russell Case and Ollie Palmer for their excellent presentation on the American Legion Mountain Camp at our November meeting. In fact they were so good that Paula Ouderkirk signed up 16 Mountaineers.

Our 1977 Christmas Party was another very successful one. Good food, good times and good friends. Thanks go to Rose Mary Blanchard, Marcia Turner, Joan Stowers, Dortha George and Lillian Blanchard for arrangements, and to Santa, in the person of Jim Blanchard for the distribution of gifts.

The Auxiliary Birthday Dinner will be held on February 21. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. General Chairwoman is Jennie Wahl; Ronnie Moessner on reservations; Freda Sherman and Ruth Bruso handling decorations; Dot George and Marcia Turner in charge of entertainment. There will be a ham dinner and the cost will be \$5.00 per person. Deadline for reservations is February 14. If you are not contacted for a reservation, call Ronnie Moessner at 439-2288.

The Auxiliary will hold a raffle at the Irish Night festivities on March 11. The prizes will be: 1. \$50.00 worth of meat from McCarroll's Village Butcher. 2. An Afghan, hand-made by Betty Worden and 3. A bottle of cheer.

A reminder to all members — Dues are overdue. If you haven't paid, please send your \$6.00 to Carol Cummings, 234 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054. Let's help Carol make our quota.

Refreshment sales at Bingo have continued to be a great source of revenue for the Auxiliary, but we still need more workers. If you can help your unit by working at Bingo on Wednesday night, call Rose Mary Blanchard at 462-4691 or Joan Stowers at 439-3848.

Sorry to hear that Anna Mae White was house-bound and Jo Pratt hospitalized at press time. When you read this, we hope both of you are feeling better.

Would you like to attend Auxiliary meetings, but you can't because of trans-

portation problems? If you would like to attend a meeting or a party and you find you need a ride, give me a call and I'll try to match you up with someone who can give you a lift. My phone number is 439-3901.

In recognition of the Auxiliary's participation in American Education Week we presented a four-track cassette tape recorder to the Bethlehem Central School District. This is a portable machine, housed in the Middle School, but easily carried by the teachers to pupils in other schools in the district. All books can be used on this recorder. It is used by blind, physically impaired and those with learning disabilities. The tape recorder replaces one that was stolen this past summer. The teachers were without a portable machine since a new one could not be purchased until the following year's budget became effective.

**Uncle Miltie Says
 JOIN THE CROWD
 PAY YOUR DUES**

A CHEERING THOUGHT

There is no need to get too despondent when perusing your IRS 1040, just pick up another 1040, the 1040 Times, and enjoy a few lighter moments before being plunged back into gloom.

BINGO REPORT - DECEMBER

In compliance with the provisions of the New York State Bingo Law, the financial report of our Bingo operations for the month of December 1977 is published herewith:

Four (4) occasions — 620 players
 Receipts \$5,242.28
 Prizes..... 4,000.00
 Gross Profit..... \$1,242.28

Expenses
 Equipment and
 supplies..... \$ 127.98
 Services..... 157.00
 License..... 81.86
 Total expenses..... 366.84
 Net Profit..... 875.44

DINNER-THEATER PARTY

As announced in our January issue, Blanchard Post will hold a dinner-theater party on the night of Saturday, February 18 at the Post rooms. This is our second venture into the realm of the theater, the first occasion having been in April of last year. A return engagement was a "must" after the great success of our initial offering.

This year's stage presentation is titled "An Evening of Comedy", and features Betty Taylor of Delmar and Joe Kilgallen and Carol Marks of Albany. Betty and Joe appeared in our production of last year, while Carol will be making her initial bow at the Post. All three are talented, experienced performers who have appeared many times in the Capital District and elsewhere. Their program this year will be one of light comedy designed to provide an evening's entertainment of fun and laughter.

The entertainment will be preceded by a delectable roast beef dinner prepared by Hank Voorhees (of course). Tickets are \$8.00 a person and will be available in the Lounge from Jake or Vic, or from Roger DiNucci (phone 439-2348). Since attendance will be limited to 75 couples, reservations should be made as early as possible to avoid being disappointed.

Members and guests will gather for a social hour in the Lounge at 6:00 p.m., dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. and the show at 8:30.

SHUFFLEBOARD

The Shuffleboard League now finds itself well along in the second half of the season. The standings as of January 5 were:

| | Won | Lost |
|--|-----|------|
| Rolly and Barb Whitney | 16 | 6 |
| Al Adams and John Handerhan | 15½ | 6½ |
| Paul and Carol Joralemon | 15 | 7 |
| Bill Campbell, Jr. and Jim Benton III | 13 | 9 |
| Jim and Sandy Quinn | 12 | 10 |
| Jim and Carol Benton | 11 | 11 |
| Henry Engle and Gloria Broom | 9 | 13 |
| Carol Cummings and Helen Quinn | 6 | 16 |
| Bill and Jane Alwell | 6 | 16 |
| Pete Conway and Mary Ann Mauer | 1 | 21 |

Helen Quinn and Gloria Broom have now joined the ranks of the regulars and promise to provide a lot of fireworks for the remainder of the season. Good luck girls.

The annual league banquet will be at the Rest Seekers Inn on Thursday, April 6. Non-members of the league may attend the banquet and are invited to do so. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge in March and will also include all details of the banquet, including the cost for non-members.

TAPS

Legion services were conducted by Commander Blanchard for Louis Barachini, a World War I veteran who passed away in early January. Louis ran a grocery store in Elsmere for many years prior to retiring some years ago.

The sympathy of the officers and members of the Post were extended to the family by Commander Blanchard.

May he rest in peace with all of his buddies who have preceded him to their eternal rest.

INDOOR SPORTS

Each year the Post plays host to the Indoor Sports group of the Capital District on an afternoon of fun and feasting. This is another of our community projects exemplifying the service oriented character of the American Legion. This year, Saturday, February 4 has been designated by Commander Blanchard as Indoor Sports Day at the Post. On this day Our Town will again witness the dedication of Blanchard Post to community service in bringing a little happiness to a group who have come to mean so much to so many of our members.

Commander Blanchard will coordinate and supervise the afternoon's activities, with the very capable and eager gang of member volunteers that a Commander can always rely upon to make a Blanchard Post activity a success.

The program will include entertainment, music and games and will be topped off with a delicious repast prepared by volunteers from the Auxiliary.

Transportation will be provided where needed and will be coordinated by Fred Grasser.

If you want to volunteer to help with anything, contact Commander Blanchard. Or, if you are free that afternoon, stop around at the Post and treat yourself to a new experience. You'll enjoy it and feel better for having done so.

Starting time is 1:00 p.m.

Uncle Miltie Says
Get Your Dues In Now

THANKS FROM JOE AND ROLLY

Joe Marino and Rolly Whitney send "thank-you's" to all who helped in any way to make the Tinsel Ball and the New Year's Eve Party the very enjoyable evenings they were.

DOWN THE ALLEY

The league race has tightened. As of January 6 the Air Force had a slim one point lead over Dan Lantz' Sea Bees who had taken over second place with a mere 1½ point lead over the Infantry. A good, lively last half of the season has been guaranteed, something we all like to see develop in a competitive activity.

Congrats to Ken Havill on his whopping 256-643 series and to Larry McCabe for his 222-596 series in Class B. Paul Giacone's 233 single was a nice one, too. Rumors are making the rounds that one of the "Gobs" might be forced to "walk the gangplank" one of these bowling nights.

The top spot in Class A changed hands three times in a short span and it looks like the three leaders are going right down to the wire.

Jack Brady laid up with a broken rib and will be sidelined for a while. That's our bad news. The good news is that George Butman is back in action and feeling so much better that he is filling in to give it a try. Good luck to Jack and George.

Good bowling until next edition.

Milt Andre, Secretary

Standings as of January 6

| | HS | HT | Points | W | L | Pins |
|------------|-----|------|--------|-----|-----|-------|
| Air Force | 890 | 2470 | 43 | 32 | 22 | 38796 |
| Sea Bees | 841 | 2416 | 42 | 30 | 24 | 39680 |
| Infantry | 848 | 2423 | 40½ | 32½ | 21½ | 40976 |
| Marines | 848 | 2432 | 36 | 27 | 27 | 39649 |
| Tanks | 876 | 2342 | 36 | 26 | 28 | 40072 |
| Coast Grd. | 859 | 2378 | 33 | 26 | 28 | 39315 |
| Navy | 856 | 2425 | 32½ | 23½ | 30½ | 41138 |
| Army | 858 | 2363 | 25 | 19 | 35 | 38892 |

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INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

| A CLASS | HS | HT | Pins | G | Av. |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|
| Kreh | 231 | 616 | 8073 | 45 | 179 |
| Havill | 256 | 643 | 8576 | 48 | 178 |
| McDonald | 242 | 585 | 9048 | 51 | 177 |
| DiSanto | 204 | 564 | 7868 | 48 | 165 |
| Bender | 211 | 574 | 8703 | 54 | 161 |
| Lantz | 213 | 546 | 6281 | 39 | 161 |
| Quinn | 200 | 531 | 3381 | 21 | 161 |
| Johnston | 194 | 553 | 8679 | 54 | 160 |
| Oates | 213 | 582 | 8040 | 51 | 157 |
| Palmer | 198 | 536 | 7086 | 45 | 157 |
| Giacone | 233 | 537 | 7076 | 45 | 157 |
| Viele | 199 | 537 | 7014 | 45 | 155 |
| Foy | 199 | 513 | 7152 | 46 | 155 |
| Eagan | 215 | 567 | 6545 | 43 | 152 |
| Marino | 217 | 539 | 7174 | 47 | 152 |
| Mitchell | 184 | 514 | 7323 | 48 | 152 |
| Pauquette | 197 | 486 | 5905 | 39 | 151 |
| Karins | 200 | 487 | 8167 | 54 | 151 |
| Hanrahan | 209 | 528 | 6803 | 45 | 151 |
| Pugliese | 201 | 543 | 6279 | 42 | 149 |
| B CLASS | | | | | |
| Andre | 205 | 526 | 7722 | 51 | 151 |
| Tangora | 199 | 528 | 7599 | 51 | 149 |
| Whitney | 200 | 528 | 7417 | 50 | 148 |
| Vail | 203 | 511 | 8004 | 54 | 148 |
| McCabe | 222 | 595 | 6146 | 42 | 146 |
| Larkin | 186 | 517 | 5980 | 41 | 145 |
| Burns | 216 | 511 | 7393 | 51 | 143 |
| Heilmann | 196 | 529 | 7247 | 51 | 142 |
| Ristau | 204 | 475 | 6393 | 45 | 142 |
| Donnelly | 190 | 516 | 6746 | 48 | 140 |
| Hasen | 180 | 460 | 7132 | 51 | 139 |
| Campbell | 220 | 484 | 6265 | 45 | 139 |
| Mosmen | 180 | 463 | 4949 | 36 | 137 |
| Haker | 177 | 474 | 7433 | 54 | 137 |
| Brady | 198 | 497 | 6398 | 48 | 133 |
| LaForge | 168 | 452 | 5559 | 42 | 132 |
| Buker | 178 | 447 | 5107 | 39 | 130 |
| Monette | 187 | 463 | 5589 | 45 | 124 |
| Cole | 188 | 431 | 6520 | 54 | 120 |
| Alwell | 152 | 393 | 4840 | 44 | 110 |

POSTSCRIPT TO THE 1978 WINTER CARNIVAL

The virtual ignoring of Blanchard Post in the publicity releases handed out to the local media relative to the winter carnival was an insult to the Post and to those members who worked before and during the carnival to make it a success. However, it did point up the fact that we must take a more aggressive approach in our community service activities by a more active publicity program of our own.

Enough said on the Winter Carnival until next year.

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