

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Fellow Legionnaires: February is supposed to be mid-winter??? Let's hope it is half over, for that makes it easier on our needy friends & neighbors - let's not forget them! In February we celebrate Presidents' Day for Washington and Lincoln, and Valentine's Day for those dear to us. It is also Americanism month - a good time to start flying those flags every day.

Annual Dues (\$30) were due January 1st. The following is taken from Article VIII of our Constitution: "A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by February 1st shall be classed as a delinquent." There's more, but you get the idea.

There has been some controversy lately about dinners and Thursday luncheons. If you intend to attend, you must register at the lounge **7 days in advance**. This increase in the time to make your reservations is caused by our food suppliers requirements. Further, the Post Affairs Committee has decreed that "no-shows" pay half price without a legitimate excuse. Incidentally, Chef Glastetter and his crew have put on some great dinners this season - delicious and inexpensive. Try us!!!

Last month I missed three names of those who wrapped Christmas gifts at the V.A. Hospital. Credit is also due Joe and Rose Marino, and Ed Darling. Some recognition is also due Bill Campbell and Bob Glastetter for their decorating work in the lounge.

Paid-up-for-Life membership cards have been forwarded to Ken McNary and John Caliendo. Congratulations, fellows!

The next 20-Week Club will be starting soon. You can ante up at the lounge or see Vice Commander Bob Calvin. A good time was had by all at the January 14th dinner dance. Mary (Mrs. Sid) Kaplan won the \$500 top prize.

We canceled Joe Kinary's dues for this year as a way of saying "Thanks" for his frequent floral favors. He recently made a cash donation far in excess of that amount. You're tough, Joe. Again, many thanks!

Thanks are also due Lou Unright for his time and efforts in creating some nostalgia for us in the form of cassette tapes - music from the '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s to be played for our enjoyment.

Plans are being formulated for a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the occupation of our present building on Sunday, March 5, 1995. More on this in next month's issue of the "1040 Times".

The American Memorial Foundation, Inc. for Women in Military Service is looking for artifacts - medals, insignia, photos, diaries, etc., for the Memorial to be built in Arlington National Cemetery. For more info, call 1-800-222-2294.

For God and Country,

Warren T. Boutelle
Commander

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

- Mon. Feb. 6 - Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:00 P.M.
- Regular Post 1040 monthly meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- Fri. Feb. 10 - Dinner - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at \$10.00 per person, with choice of Baked Fish or London Broil. **Sign-up deadline is Friday, February 3rd** in accordance with above-noted reservation requirement.
- Sun. Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
- Tue. Feb. 14 - Monthly Birthday Party at 5:30 P.M.
(Your Birthday this month? - Join us!)
- Valentine's Day
- Thu. Feb. 16 - Thursday luncheon served at 12:30. Our speaker will be Angela Hampton of Channel 10 News. **Sign-up deadline is Thursday, February 9th.**
- Mon. Feb. 20 - Presidents' Day
- Wed. Feb. 22 - Washington's Birthday
- Mon. Feb. 27 - Board of Directors Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- Sun. Mar. 5 - 25th Anniversary Open House - - Hors d'oeuvres, free drinks, dancing - - further details in next month's "1040 Times".
- Sat. Mar. 18 - State Commander's visitation and dinner at the Post.
Volunteer help is needed - prep, serving, and clean-up!

POST NOTE: Our condolences to Charlie Herber on the loss of his wife, Alice. May she rest in peace.

Bingo Report - December 1994

4 Occasions - 391 Players	
Gross Receipts	\$5,313.60
Prizes	4,000.00
Expenses, Fees,	
Licenses, etc.	917.76
Net Profit	\$ 395.84

Bell Jar Report - December 1994

Gross Receipts	\$3,607.77
Prizes, Expenses	2,544.63
Net Profit	\$1,063.14

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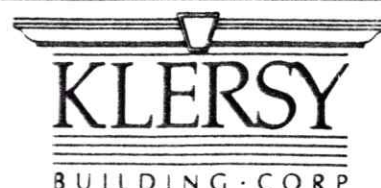
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AUXILIARY NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb. 21, 1995 - Regular business meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Post Rooms.

Feb. 28, 1995 - Albany County Meeting - 7:30 P.M. at the North Albany Post.

This February we will again have our annual "Bakeless Bake Sale" fund raiser. When you receive your letter, please return it as promptly as possible. Thank you!

Marcia Turner is still collecting winter clothes for needy school age children in our community. Please call Marcia at 438-5819 for additional information.

Our President, Helen Brockley, requests that all members, new and old, plan to attend our regular monthly meeting on March 21st at which time we will be initiating our new members.

As always, if you know of a sick member, either at home or in the hospital, please notify Chaplain Rose Mary Blanchard at 482-5033 as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Partak

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VETERANS' CORNER -- Negligence Not Needed!

In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court upheld a 1993 Federal Appeals Court ruling that entitles veterans to compensation for injuries from Veterans Administration medical treatment. This decision, Brown vs. Gardner, examined a law in the light of an interpretation by the Executive Branch that appeared in variance with the words chosen by Congress 70 years ago. The Executive Branch had insisted compensation was due only if the injury resulted from medical negligence.

The decision will permit claims by veterans whose treatment was not negligent but, nonetheless, had a poor outcome, such as the Korean War veteran who became partially disabled after surgery for a herniated disk.

■ BOB DYER, Vice Chairman
Dept. Legislative Committee

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