



Ten Forty Times

DELMAR, NEW YORK



EIGHTEENTH YEAR

MARCH 1974

WE INTEND TO BE COUNTED AGAIN

The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is a statement of the basic principles of our organization, one of which is an obligation to our community, state and nation. This obligation is the most important ingredient in the foundation on which the structure of the Legion rests. We would render this obligation meaningless if we failed to become involved in current happenings in our community because of lethargy or timidity. We know, of course, that the 55-year history of the Legion is one of courage and forthrightness, and that timidity and lethargy are no more a part of today's Legion than they were in the past. The Legion is strong and virile and will continue to be heard from and be a potent force for enlightened, forward looking and patriotic Americanism. In that context the members of the Legion are ever ready to stand up and be counted when the time comes to take a position on an issue. Hence, the reason for this article.

When a viciously ignorant attack is made on our beloved country and is aired for public viewing in our local high school paper we would be remiss if we failed to respond.

The January 18, 1974 issue of the *Bethlehem Star* (student newspaper of Bethlehem Central High School), published such an article, written by a staff member of that paper, and given a position of prominence on page one. The article is entitled "America" and describes one adolescent's feelings about his country. Since we feel that the current sickness that it spotlights should be given greater exposure we are reproducing it below for our readers, some of whom would not have seen it. Read it and make your own judgment.

AMERICA

"This Delmarian thinks it is time to put America in its place as one of the most selfish and devious countries in the world. As long as 10 years ago when I first started reading newspapers. I learned of political corruption and graft of useless wars and inflation—brought about by U.S. government.

"Vietnam, Germany, and to a lesser extent, Japan and Korea were bombed, ripped apart, and in many areas almost completely demolished. Whom do they have to thank for this? Their good friends the Americans.

"When the Vietnamese people were hunger-ridden, the U.S. made sure many thousands of Vietnamese died from starvation by blocking the ports of Vietnam. Also when the South Vietnam economy was in danger of collapsing it was the U.S. who made sure it did. And our reward from them for letting us ruin their economy was to let us demolish and ruin half their country.

"Here at home when famine invades Appalachia there is no help for these poor souls; instead we're sending men to the moon, not once, but twice, three times, four times . . .

"Let's hear it! What other country in the world can build a plane that can pollute as well as ours! You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get clean, efficient industry. You talk about German technocracy and you get well-made cars. You talk about American technocracy and you get large smoke-belching factories spewing out large amounts of pol-

lution. You talk about scandals and we've got plenty of them. Watergate being the most significant of these. And do we try to get it out in the open? NO! If it wasn't for a few hard working newspapermen we still wouldn't know about Watergate. The list of scandals goes on—the Agnew affair, ITT, Nixon tapes—where will it end?

"And even the draft dodgers aren't allowed back into our country. Yes, men who wouldn't kill are treated like common criminals. They may never see their families again because the U.S. will not let them back into our country.

"And now we have an energy crisis. Is it real? We don't know because we no longer have confidence in our country. Now as I close I read about the rise in the cost of living here in the good old United States of America."

As a matter of community interest the above article was discussed at our Post meeting of January 21, at which time there was general agreement, and rightfully so, that this was a perfectly valid exercise in free speech and freedom of the press. However, since the tone of this article clearly establishes it as more than just the time-honored schoolboy "high-jinks" or attention-getting shooting off of the mouth, we feel it incumbent to comment although in a more rational, mature and civilized manner than the author saw fit to employ, or was capable of employing.

It is a sickening experience to see young Americans grow to adulthood so ignorant of the history and heritage that have guaranteed them a freedom second to none in the world. The response to this poor soul, and to all similar poor souls wherever they may be, should be a charitable one of pity, not of anger or recrimination. We have here a sickness spawned by a philosophy dispensed by academic communities throughout the nation, a philosophy of doom, despair, cynicism and negativeism, a philosophy that has been primarily instrumental in shaping the truly ugly American, uneducated, uninformed and unhappy. To the everlasting credit of our young people this prototype represents a small minority of our total youth population.

The arrogant purveyors of this philosophy, which has as its core thesis the "rotteness" of this country and is dedicated to the age-old tactic of rule or ruin, have substituted articulateness, bluster and ignorance for knowledge, reason and truth. As the ancient adage tells us, there is a time for everything, and the time is now to stand and be counted.

Thus we are again being counted in expressing our continued and strong concerns for the welfare of the youth of our community, state and nation. False prophets have arisen before in our time to threaten the liberties and freedom of this nation and of the world and have been consigned to oblivion by our response and the response of other free men around the globe. The foundations of the Republic will not be toppled by ignorance alone but all of us have lived during a time when devastation and horror have been visited upon our planet by dictators of various hues preaching the "big lie." You can believe that it works— *concluded on page 6*

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AUXILIARY NEWS

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A big thank you to the ladies who prepared and served the luncheon for the Indoor Sports Group on Feb. 2. They were: Eleanor Atwood, Lynn Cummings, Della Brady, Margaret Hasen, Barbara Palmer, Barbara Selig, Lenore Smith, Joan Stowers, Marcia Turner, Barbara Whitney, Irene White and Betty Worden. Cathy Selig took charge of cloak room.

Don't forget Saturday, March 9 is the date of the Family Spaghetti Dinner to be cooked and served by our Auxiliary. It is only \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and we hope to see lots of families attending. Also on this night there will be the raffle for \$50.00 worth of meat from McCarroll's Market. Tickets for both will be available from Auxiliary members. Working on the dinner will be Barbara Palmer and Barbara Whitney, co-chairmen; Betty Worden, Barbara Selig, Wanda Whitney, Roseann Lohrey, Marcia Turner, Lillian Blanchard, Della Brady, Ronnie Moessner, Gloria Broom and Lenore Smith.

A reminder: Tuesday, March 19 will be our regular meeting preceded by a covered dish dinner at 6:30. Every member attending is to bring a dish of food and her own place setting.

Congratulations to our Membership Chairman, Marcia Turner, for making quota at our January meeting, and for having 20 new members added to our membership rolls so far this year.

New members will be initiated at the March meeting. They are: Ruth Bruso, Celeste Blanchard, Rosemary Blanchard, Lillian Blanchard, Theresa Blanchard,

Carol Cummings, Marion Dole, Mildred Karins, Margaret Kiszka, Rose Levy, Roseann Lohrey, Stephany Makowski, Doreen Masters, Nancy Masters, Jennie McCarthy, Ronnie Moessner, Leona Moore, Betty Pelletiere, Christine Romanski and Jean Ryan. Welcome! We are happy to have you all in our Unit. Lenore Smith will initiate new members.

At the March meeting a second reading and vote will be taken to amend Article VI, Section 1 of the Unit's By-Laws and Constitution to read that the dues of members shall be \$4.50 per year instead of \$3.50 as it now stands.

At our Birthday Dinner, past presidents Barbara Palmer and Lenore Smith were presented with a Citation of Appreciation from the Unit.

Marcia Turner was hospitalized for surgery in February and is doing fine.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mabel McCreddie.

During March there will be Crusaders canvassing the community for the annual Cancer drive. Perhaps you have wondered how this money is distributed. Lenore Smith, chairman of Blanchard Auxiliary Cancer Committee, announces that Mr. David Coddington of Albany Unit, American Cancer Society, will be present at our March 19 meeting to explain the services provided by the Cancer Society, programs that we may participate in, how the funds are distributed and rehabilitation that is possible for cancer patients. There will be opportunity for question and answer session.

Of special interest to the ladies: look for the announcement of the time and

channel for the film on "Breast Cancer" to be shown this month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9—Family Spaghetti Dinner
 March 19—Covered Dish; regular meeting; initiation of new members
 April 16—Regular Meeting
 April 23—Card Party

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Frank Zinni is the current Finance Officer. He came to us from New York City and now resides at 11 Pine Street in Elsmere with his wife Ruth Marie.

Frank is a graduate of N.Y.U. and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is currently employed as Veterans Counselor, N.Y.S. Div. Veteran Affairs and is also doing a commendable job for the Post.

If you have any service-connected questions—take them to Frank! He is our answer man (if you have any non-service-connected problems, what the h--- take them to Frank also).

Winnah

Barb Palmer couldn't believe she won the 50/50 dough on Feb. 1, Friday night drawing. (She didn't refuse the loot.)

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"Back to God" Breakfast

Blanchard Post will hold its annual "Back to God" breakfast on Sunday, March 24 at 8 a.m. in the Post Hall.

The Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss, Pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will be our speaker. As you know, Father Kaulfuss is the Post Chaplain and he will have an interesting message for us.

The "Back to God" breakfast is now a family affair so we expect a good turnout. The breakfast will start promptly at 8 a.m. and will be over by 9 o'clock, so you can attend the church of your choice. Tickets are only \$1 and may be secured from the committee composed of Art Quinn, John Haker, John Vogel, Art Blanchard, Oliver Palmer, Bud Mosmen and George Butman.

Still Another Winnah

Bill Blanchard was all smiles when they handed him the cash for the 50/50 drawing on Feb. 14. It seems sort of odd though—his son Artie was handling the "mike" at the time and his other son, Bill Jr. was in charge of ticket drawing. (Boy, how I wish I had two sons who were Post members.)

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ANNUAL CALENDAR

Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Day Din/Dan
 Mar. 24 Back-to-God Breakfast
 Apr. 6 Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
 Apr. 20 Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
 May 19 Memorial Day Church Service
 May 24 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.

HAPPY GERMAN NIGHT GUEST



Mr. Wooley Baer

What About Us Saturday Nighters?

What ever happened to the Saturday night entertainment that was promised—and came about for a very short time? The last time that the Saturday night entertainment was at the Post there was a decided increase in the activity which should have more than compensated for the additional costs involved. What say, how about bringing back a little music for Saturday night and give us non-Friday nighters an even shake.

New Board

Commander Atwood has named the nominating committee who will put together the slate for the new incoming year. The committee consists of: Bob Smith, chairman; Bill Blanchard, Sid Kaplan, Mike Mele and Dick Dalton. If you have recommendations to make, see any one of these fellows.

County Meeting

The March American Legion County Meeting will be held at the Colonie Post No. 1256 located at Osborne Road in Colonie. All are invited. Plan to attend!

Welcome to the Post

The two newest members to join our Post are Mr. Murdock and Mr. Touey. Welcome, fellow Legionnaires!

Thanks, You Were Great!

I would like to thank the following people for the great help they gave on Indoor Sports Day. Auto drivers and helpers were: John Vogel, Red Freeman, Phil Lee, Ken Havill, Bill Mitchell, Jack Brady, Dan Lantz, Bill Davidson, Jack Selig, Art Quinn, Bob Schenk, Rollie Whitney, Ollie Palmer, Bill Campbell, Joe Pauquette, and last but not least, Fred Grasser (he was in charge). The bingo and movies were operated by Bob Schenk, Bill Mitchell and Bob Smith. Thanks men. Without your help the success of this day would not have been possible. Live entertainment was provided by Lisa Picarazzi, piano; David Van Deusen, guitar; Daun Reddy and Lyn Stowers, guitar and singing.

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Navy	907	2462	51	37	32	53681
Coast Guard	884	2479	44	34	35	53156
Tanks	883	2421	39	30	39	51935
Marines	873	2452	38	28	41	52436
Infantry	845	2352	37	30	39	52255

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A			Class B		
Berry	69	174	Cummings Sr.	57	154
Whitney	63	169	Cummings Jr.	51	153
Korp	69	167	Pugliese	57	152
Havill	66	167	Vail	63	152
Roach	66	166	Dybas	58	150
Larkin	60	165	Fagan	63	150
Bender	56	164	Feiden	51	149
Lantz	60	163	Beckmann	63	147
Foy	67	162	Brady	69	146
Palmer	60	161	Campbell	63	145
Andre	67	161	Mosmen	57	144
Mitchell	63	161	Volk	57	143
Tangora	69	161	Burns	69	140
Aupperle	66	159	Cole	66	137
Marino	66	157	Haker	66	135
Johnston	60	155	Butman	66	132
Pauquette	60	153	Alwell	57	130
Oates	57	153	Buker	51	130
Ristau	54	150	Monette	63	126
Hasen	39	142	Stowers	66	116

THE EXTRA FRAME

... and we're sure sorry that our Joe College boy Doug ROACH had to drop from the League because of work schedule... 'n a big welcome to the League to Harve HASEN as permanent party (Harve's been subbing most of the year)... and certainly a great substitute in our League has been Bob LAFORGE... 'n this Duster has seen a guy give praise after praise to folk who have done a fine job, and I think it's about time that we said three cheers for Vice Commander Ollie PALMER for the great job he is doing... and what would Fry-Nite at the Post be without Mr. and Mrs. Ted LOHREY—a really great couple... 'n always a pleasure to see our buddy Walt VAN WORMER around town. Sorry to hear that Walt gave up bowling. He is one of the great ones!... and I wonder if Mim OLIVER ever realized that husband Merle OLIVER would some day be referred to as an oil magnate?... say-hey, friends, you want to know a couple of classy dancers? Millie and Bill KARINS, that's who—products of the

Fish-Nite dancing classes!... hope that Hammering Hank RISTAU creams that back trouble quickly 'n gets back to kegling... Fightin' Jim BERRY sure has the grit and ability to go all the way 'n wind up a triple-crown winner!... now c'mon, fellas, just how many golumkis did Prez Bill MITCHELL eat over at Zaloga Post?... Let's hear it for Bill CAMPBELL and the German Nite crew! Gad-zooks did they ever put it all together!... you say you go round humming, "1 for the money, 2 for the show, 3 to get ready. Now go, Cat, go!" You know something, you're joining that fine bunch known as the middle-aged group!... 'n I'll be ding-busted if that traveling couple aren't at it again—Helen and John HAKER are off to Florida!... 'n are we all going to the spaghetti dinner put on March 9 (Sat.) by Della BRADY, Marcia TURNER, Betty WORDEN, Barb WHITNEY and all those great Auxiliary gals? You betcha, by golly, we are!... 'n Al PUGLIESE has the 3-step method bound to improve your average by ten points: 1) buy a new finger-tip ball; 2) take it out of the box and look at it; 3) put it back in the box and continue to use the old ball. Al says it means a sure ten pin pick-up in your average... and certainly Bill and Ed VOGEL look like a couple of worthy opponents at shuffleboard... 'n one of the nicest couples in the Post had a great trip to New Orleans and environs and that is none other than Gayle and Joe CUMMINGS, that's who!... and always a good natured guy is Joe PAUQUETTE (even if he did threaten to drop a bowling ball on my toes)... and I just found out that folk don't "flip their lid" anymore, they go "absolutely crackers" or "whacko!"... 'n always one of my favorite couples has got to be Cathy and Fred BUKER... 'n I'll have to ask Ruthie and Hank VOORHEES how that super-gal Alison VOORHEES is doing out at Bradley Univ.... 'n where's that rascal Charley O'HARA been of late?... 'n sure 'n another good guy is Dick "U.S. Mail" OATES, that's who!... and there's a guy in the Post who passed 39 a while ago but has never

lost a hair on his head or got a gray one. Matt KLAPP, how do you stay so young looking when the old Duster, only a few years your senior, looks so really gross old? Tain't fair, tain't!... and I'd like to shout a big huzzah for my boss, ye Editor Frank FUTIA, that's who! He not only does an outstanding job with the 1040 Times but is always active in other Post activities! (Now, do I get the raise, boss?)... and I hope my buddy Al BECKMANN is in a genial mood when I ask for some help at banquet favors and prizes... till Easter Bunny time...
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Lake Placid will probably never recover from the March 1-3 invasion when we sent about 80 Olympians from the Blanchard Post to take command of all activities at the Chalet... they took all the rooms, had Glen Haber and the band travel with them, and gave the operation a real shot in the arm... at last report the bartender was heard screaming, "I surrender, 40 scotches and what? Have mercy, comrades, I served too." It was quite an adventure of good food, good beverage, and a lot of frolic long to be remembered and rehashed long into the future... Joe Von Ronne, Ed Bowman, Stan Brooks, Pierce Green and spouses have been sunning themselves in good old Florida... John Murdock, a co-worker of Charley O'Hara, is a new Post member; and how about the Blanchard pack all joining the Auxiliary at the same time. Good show, gals!... Notice the beautiful back-bar floral displays for December, January and February? Well you can thank Lee Hurley and Norrine Cook for them. Nice job, girls... The Indoor Sports Day brought its usual inclement weather but also the many and willing helping hands of so many wonderful Blanchardites who aided in this worthy cause... How about a little applause to the Friday night helpers, some of whom are: the Atwood family, the John Vogels, Bobby Shanks, the John Hofakers, Neal Cummings, Betty Peltier and Joe's Harem. If it weren't for these people you out there would not be able to have your hamburgers on Friday nights... The Bob Neelys and Jay Cornwalls and their fine committees did a splendid job presenting the Valentine

Dinner-Dance... Due to the very mild weather we had at the end of January, it was necessary to cancel the ice skating party. We are so sorry kids!... Saint Patrick's Dinner-Dance is coming up soon. Tickets go very fast, so get yours as soon as possible... One of the most social and friendly part of the Post is the group that is in attendance on Friday nights. Seems that on these evenings, everyone tends to mix and enjoy each other's company. Come on you, get in on the fun, bring your best girl and enjoy the music, the conversation, the hamburgers and the pizza. *Yes, I said pizza.* We have them in all flavors and they are delicious... Ed Korp needs less than 90 members to make the Post quota so if your dues aren't paid, get them in today and put a smile on Ed's face... Tom Harris and his wife, Belle, had a visit with their son Tommy, prior to his overseas assignment... Our Blanchard's "Martha Mitchell" was not happy about leaving her parking spot in the gas line. Seems she was a few hours early waiting for the sunrise on Delaware Avenue... The dance class members are still having a good time pushing each other around upstairs. Any of you interested in learning new steps, come on in each Friday night at 8 o'clock. The cost is \$3.00 per couple... Jack and Ginny King always have a rib-tickler to tell when they drop in... Sure and there will be a little of the green for St. Pattie Day and a little of the Irish coffee on Friday the 15th and don't forget the two Irishmen, Bill McGoe and Joe Cummings will be laboring to please you there on the 16th with corned beef & cabbage. *Nite Owl*

We Intend To Be Counted Again

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tell it big enough and often enough, and in time you will get enough people to believe it to create chaos. The masters at this trade are the Communists and the Fascists who were formerly brothers in arms and indistinguishable one from the other, except possibly by the color of their shirts. Let us never forget that.

We find that we are indebted to the author of the above article for more than an exhibition of the use of two of our cherished freedoms—speech and press. What has been revealed to public view is that we have schools which spend much of the time peddling causes with little concern for the truth in the areas of history and the social sciences, that fail to instill values that mold character and to train young minds to develop a true intellectual capacity capable of mature thinking, intelligent reasoning and the ability and willingness to make unbiased judgments. This could be frightening but it need not be as long as our citizenry remains alert and vigilant and is willing to be involved and to stand up and speak up in self defense of what is the greatest and most admirable nation ever to exist on this globe.

Another Winnah

Milt Andre was the lucky boy on Friday, Feb. 1 for the 20-Week drawing.

Still Another Winnah

The drawing held on German Night produced a couple of happy winners. They were Betty Gregory and Al Adams.

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1. To honor Town of Bethlehem Fire Chiefs and the men of their companies;
2. To encourage residents of the Town to support the Fire Companies and to be aware of their service to the community;
3. To be mindful of the hundreds of men who constantly maintain surveillance over our lives and properties.

Blanchard Post on Monday, March 18 at 8 p.m. will pay special tribute to Fire Chiefs Gerald J. Day, Delmar; Frederick C. Webster, Elsmere; John H. Flanigan, Slingerlands; Robert J. Wiggand, Glenmont-Selkirk-South Bethlehem; and Vernon R. Goad, North Bethlehem.

Commander Merwyn Atwood has declared the mid-monthly meeting an open public meeting and is calling it "Fire Fighters Recognition Night." Rodger J. Fryer, chairman of the Public Service Committee, has arranged for the Town of Bethlehem Supervisor, Bertram E. Kohinke, to make presentations to the Fire Chiefs. Ruppert Boucher from the Office of Local Government, who is the Fire Field representative in this area will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited.

To mark this occasion, Blanchard Legionnaire and past commander, Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke, has issued this proclamation:

Whereas, The American Legion is the greatest and largest veterans organization in the history of the world, and

Whereas, it recognizes the importance of training and preparedness, and

Whereas, it is known that the members of the Town of Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Departments, have for many years, given unstintingly and unselfishly of their time and ability, to the service and safety of our residents, and

Whereas, the members of the Legion and residents of the Town of Bethlehem are very proud of our Fire Departments and of their members, and are grateful for the protection they gave us, and

Whereas, Blanchard Post desires to honor all our firemen, and has set aside Monday, March 18, 1974 especially for this honor, now

Therefore, I, Bertram E. Kohinke, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, urge all residents of our Town to also honor our Firemen on this day, and I publicly express my appreciation, and that of all our residents for the unselfish and expert services performed so ably by the members of our Volunteer Fire Depts.

Meeting Notice

The next Post Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet March 4 at 7:30 p.m. Committee members are urged to attend.

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