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## OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, March 8, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Blanchard Post will have OPEN house at our brand new Post.**

**It will be OPEN for all to come and see . . . also a ribbon-cutting ceremony by local dignitaries and our Commander Hugh Stowers will take place. Refreshments will be served. Chairman Phil Lee and Co-Chairman Fred Grasser will be in charge. Also members and the Auxiliary will be on hand to help make this event a great and memorable success.**

**We hope to see many of the local citizens and members, plus County and State officials at the opening. Invitations were sent to County Commander Klimek for the dedication of our new Post. Also to VFW clubs and its County Commander, local clubs, local officials and Bethlehem school officials, along with invites to our Past Commanders and charter members.**

**Master of Ceremonies will be headed by our Chairman of the Board, Ed Costigan. Prayers by Rev. Charles Kaulfuss and presentation of the new Post keys will be by Gus Williams, and acceptance of the keys will be by Commander Hugh Stowers. Remarks will be said by Town Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke.**

**Refreshments will be served • For young and old • Be there!**

### SHUFFLEBOARD DOINGS

Jim Cornes, league president is once again conducting a highly successful campaign. At least 30 Post members are spending two hours of fun and frolic on Thursday evenings perling the blue and red quarts. The matches have been interesting and close throughout the entire season. Among the interesting parts are the following:

Bruce McDonald has been shooting well despite the sideburns getting into his eyes.

Russ Denegar does much better after the league ends. He comes on in the stretch like Styne.

Norm Thwing, the old Pine Hills kegler, has a good record, but he can't beat

his old nemesis Atton (Shorty) Adams. Charlie O'Hara took a rest for a little foreign travel but is coming on strong. Bill McKeough is in contention for the "Rookie of the Year" honors.

Henry the Baker has been furnishing apple kuchen to the leagues. George Spawn still talks a good game.

Bill Campbell is top shooter as long as Red Kernahan doesn't walk in the door.

The whole league is looking for the final dinner where Dick Cole will be a winner if Bill Mitchell doesn't show up. The league champ Pierce Green is an odds-on-favorite to defend his crown.

*Shuffy Duffy*

### BLANCHARD CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, March 1** — Four Chaplains Award to be held at Chancellor's Hall at 3:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, March 2** — The Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.;

Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 8** — NEW POST ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by our Open House celebration: 2 to 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, March 14** — Irish Night Dinner and Dance

**MONDAY, March 16** — Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, March 17** — Auxiliary's 39th Anniversary Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Hall

**SUNDAY, March 22** — "Go to Church" breakfast at the Post Hall at 8 a.m.

Guest speaker: Rev. John Masci

**THURSDAY, March 26** — County Legion meets at Blanchard Post

**MONDAY, March 30** — Board of Directors meet at 8 p.m.

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### FIRST SOCIAL EVENT IN OUR NEW POST (Irish Night)

Chairman Bill McGoeys tells us that Irish Night will be quite a party. Corned beef and cabbage will be the menu and for your dancing pleasure Marv O'Hirshberg and band will be there to entertain everyone.

The event takes place March 14th on Saturday evening at the new Post rooms. Dinner will be served from 6 till 8 p.m. Music for your dancing pleasure from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4.00 apiece and only 275 dinners will be sold. Bill also reminds me that tickets are already going fast. So get a move on and reserve your tickets now.

Bill McGoeys's helpers that night will be Hugh Stowers, Bill Campbell, Dick Dalton, Ed Korp, John Ennis, Jack McDermott, Lou Legler Ollie Palmer, Art Quinn, Dick Lenseth, Ken Lenseth, Tony Pelone, Harold Roehr, Fred Grasser, Sid Kaplan, Ed Costigan, Bob Strickland, and Jack Brandy.

Also many of the Auxiliary gals will be serving. As usual, our cook Herman O'Liebich will handle the corned beef and cabbage dinner.

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★ **AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**

BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

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We weren't in error in this column last February. We just didn't know we wouldn't have a kitchen to work in. Consequently, our Birthday Dinner will be this month. The facts remain the same. Lee Hurley will attractively decorate the tables and Marcia Rosenfield will handle reservations. Of course, the men are still going to cook and serve us. Many members are just as happy the dinner will be this month for three reasons: the weather should be in our favor, it's a double celebration night and we'll all be in the new building. So come and join us March 17—cocktails at 6; dinner, 7. Erin-go-braugh and happy birthday!

Chairman Norrine Cooke wishes to thank all the members who worked before, during and after the Indoor Sports Day.

A dinner at the Petit Paris Restaurant on March 2 honored Chapeau Passes, our President Maud Hafley, of Albany Salon No. 121 and 8. Mrs. Frank Faas was dinner chairman. Mrs. Henry Duclos, Albany County Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary attended.

Zen Campbell would like to introduce these new members to our Auxiliaries—Virginia Bruce, Maurine Straney and Bertha Countryman. Welcome! Zen reports we are 25 from quota. Surely there must be a neighbor or friend of yours interested in applying for an application for membership. Invite them to our birthday dinner, tour the new building and acquaint them with the Auxiliary goals. March 16 to 21 has been declared Membership Week.

Our sick list unfortunates keeps getting longer. Get well wishes are sent to Janet Setzer (ear infection), Maurie Flanagan (away from the Post Office for three weeks), and Esther Cooke (a painful leg ailment).

**AUXILIARY NEWS continued**

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Looking ahead—the Nominating Committee will be formed at the April meeting—May will be the election of officers—and in June we'll have another tasty covered dish supper. Don't forget Poppy Day and perhaps another fund raising event.

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TUESDAY, March 17—Birthday Dinner—cocktails at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7.

TUESDAY, March 31—County meeting  
TUESDAY, April 21—Monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at the Post.

**QUESTIONS and ANSWERS ON REHAB**

Q—I am a veteran. Can I receive a free medical examination from the VA for a job?

A—No. The VA is not permitted to give the veteran an examination for anything except in connection with a VA benefit.

Q—I was released from the Army six months ago. Can I get dental care through the VA?

A—A veteran has one year from the date of his release from active duty to apply for dental care from the VA. If he applies within the first six months, it is presumed that his dental condition is service-connected.

Q—I served in the Army from Feb. 1955 to Feb. 1957. Can I get treatment in a VA Hospital?

A—VA provides hospital care for all veterans who served in the Armed Forces after Jan. 31, 1955 (whether service is wartime or peacetime). Top priority goes to veterans needing treatment for SC or service aggravated disabilities. If a bed is available, veterans may be admitted for any ailment requiring hospitalization if they are unable to pay for the treatment in a private hospital.

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## LISTENING POST

Fred and Gwen Grasser threw a champagne party a while back. It was to celebrate the burning of the mortgage. And according to Hank Kindberg it was a professional burning as Fred invited a lot of his fireman friends. Also invited to the long-awaited celebration were Ollie Palmer and his lovely wife, the Past Commander of the Oneonta Post (90 years old) and a friend of the Grassers, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cummings, and his daughter Diana and son Neal. Also Mr. and Mrs. Amodeo. Good luck Fred and Gwen. Wish we all could have the same type of celebration real soon.

We are always glad to hear about our members because many of them are known in the sports world, heroes of the war, business, etc. Like the other night at the Post Pub, a member mentioned how Hank Kindberg once played pro football. Hank played end for the Chicago Cardinals. You just never know who you're rubbing shoulders with. Also member Bill Knauf (Smokey) had a chance with the Syracuse baseball team in the International League. However, World War II came along and stopped that big opportunity.

Saw Earl McGuirk at the Post the other night. Earl is an old time member and was very active. Did you know Earl took just about every picture of the many activities of all the years way back. Also Earl showed me pictures taken (by him) of the skating parties they used to have right where the new Post is being erected. Also he'd hook up a microphone and have music for them all while skating. Another one of the many stories that tickled me was about the time Earl drove all the way to New York City to pick up music instruments for the Drum and Bugle Corp., and he had so many instruments that it was real tough to drive back because of poor visibility—horns and drums all over the car!

Saw Esther Patterson at the Post. It was good to see her again. Since the big snow she hasn't been around. Also our Auxiliary President Maud Hafley. Maud had a complaint, too: She didn't receive the 1040 paper lately and missed it very much. I'll have to talk to the paper boy.

John Ennis, our 20-week club chairman said the new club has started, but a bit slower. Let's help John along and pick up your new book. (Maybe you'll be a big winner this time.) Gus Williams, our builder of the new Post (and member) is smiling more these days because as Gus puts it—things are shaping up now. And what a job Gus is doing!

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## REHAB CORNER

### MEMO—A NEW DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAM TO INFORM SERVICEMEN OF POST-SERVICE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Dept. of Defense has joined with the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, and the VA to make servicemen more aware of educational opportunities available to them when they leave the military. ... Under a program called Project MEMO, (More Education, More Opportunity) servicemen will be placed in contact with colleges, universities, trade and technical schools before they leave the service. ... MEMO will be aimed initially at servicemen in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN). Entertainer Bob Hope launched MEMO during his Christmas trip to RVN with the help of a team of 30 educators and admissions officers from colleges and universities. ... During his shows, Hope recognized the educators in the audience, recommended use of educational benefits offered by the GI Bill and encouraged servicemen to continue their education. ... MEMO services will include 1) sending a serviceman's name and address to the schools he lists on a questionnaire, or to colleges and universities in his home state; 2) providing a serviceman with a list of names and addresses of all colleges and universities in his home state; 3) telling him how to apply for admission and for financial assistance; 4) helping an institution find the kind of student it is seeking.

In many cases, colleges, universities and technical schools will contact a man while he is still in the military, according to Dr. Gordon Sabine, vice president, Michigan State University and the originator of project MEMO. ... The educators will counsel servicemen and assist them in filling out Project MEMO questionnaires. Servicemen will be advised to fill out a questionnaire about six months before they leave the service. ... Servicemen outside of RVN may obtain a Project MEMO questionnaire by writing to GI Project MEMO, P.O. Box 6366, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT ON VA PROGRAM TO SERVICE RETURNING VETS

On the premise that: 1) the U.S. Government and its people have no greater

obligation than to assure that those who have defended their country and the cause of freedom will never be forgotten or neglected, the Congress has evolved for America's veterans the finest benefit structure of any nation in the world; 2) effective delivery of these benefits on a timely and efficient basis is of utmost importance. Physical facilities and communication methods must be readily available and as convenient as possible to the veteran and his beneficiaries; and 3) veterans utilizing their benefits deserve the most prompt and efficient service possible and the government must provide the necessary funds and personnel to ensure this service. In keeping with this obligation, the Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee directed a review of the VA program to service returning veterans to:

a. Determine what is being done by the VA to assist and counsel returning veterans.

b. Determine if there was any justification for reports that claims for disability compensation, pension, education and other benefits were being unduly delayed because of insufficient staffing.

c. Determine if VA, in establishing its workload priorities, has given proper attention to servicing the needs of those returning veterans who, on their own initiative, seek to avail themselves of their GI benefits as opposed to those who, because of a lack of knowledge and/or initiative, have to be pursued and persuaded to apply for the benefits.

d. Determine if proper emphasis and priority is being given to counseling the returning "disadvantaged" veteran.

e. Determine the adequacy of education and training allowances being paid under the Post-Korean GI Bill.

f. Circulate an independent committee questionnaire to all field VA managers asking for their recommendations to improve service to our veterans.

This review revealed that:

a. Unprecedented efforts are being made by the VA to counsel the returning veteran about his rights. This effort begins before the veterans leave the battlefield—in military and VA hospitals—and many times goes to the veteran's home. More effort and facilities may be needed, however.

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1 Loftus, E. ....	10238	57	179
2 Johnston, W. ....	9203	53	173
3 Tangora, A. ....	10293	60	171
4 Andre, M. ....	9274	54	171
5 Smith, R. ....	9714	57	170
6 Bender, R. ....	10636	63	168
7 Lenseh, R. ....	10099	60	168
8 Kindberg, H. ....	4526	27	168
9 Lantz, G. ....	10572	63	167
10 Larkin, Skip ....	9657	58	166
11 Berry, W. ....	10355	63	164
12 Aupperle, J. ....	9321	57	163
13 Klett, S. ....	8840	54	163
14 Pugliese, A. ....	9502	60	158
15 Beckmann, A. ....	8433	54	156
16 Hanrahan, E. ....	8723	57	153
17 Mitchell, W. ....	8687	57	152
18 Smith, D. ....	9060	60	151
19 Brady, J. ....	8640	57	151
20 Eagan, V. ....	8000	53	151
21 Cole, R. ....	8090	54	150
22 Stahlhut, F. ....	7672	51	150
23 Mosmen, B. ....	6751	45	150
24 Switzer, G. ....	8933	60	149
25 Haker, J. ....	8001	54	149
26 Volk, W. ....	8427	57	148
27 Buker, F. ....	7057	48	147
28 Butman, G. ....	8776	60	146
29 Wickert, A. ....	3488	24	145
30 Bollman, E. ....	5150	36	143
31 Wiley, C. ....	8423	60	140
32 McCabe, L. ....	7055	51	138
33 Bowra, R. ....	3301	24	138
34 Campbell, W. ....	7229	54	134
35 Burns, K. ....	8120	63	129
36 Monette, L. ....	7408	60	123
37 Fanning, J. ....	5688	48	118

## TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Artillery .....	54	40	23	.635
Navy .....	49	36	27	.571
Tanks .....	43+	33½	29½	.532
Marines .....	40+	29½	35½	.453
Army .....	40	30	33	.476
Coast Guard .....	39+	30½	32½	.484
Infantry .....	34+	24½	38½	.387
Engineers .....	34	28	35	.444

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## Legislative Dinner

A dinner in honor of war veterans in the Legislature was given Monday night, Feb. 16 at the Thruway Hyatt House. Members attending from Blanchard Post were Commander Hugh Stowers, Dick Dalton and Al Woehrl. Ed Delahanty was in charge and National Commander J. Milton Patrick spoke on the Vietnam War from which he had just returned. According to all that attended, it was a very enjoyable evening.

## ATTENTION PLEASE

WHEREAS the decade into which we are entering is being confronted with vast environmental problems concerned with the air we breathe, the waters in which we swim and from whence we get much sustenance, the earth from which we get even greater sustenance;

WHEREAS the President of the U.S., Richard M. Nixon, finds the subject of ecology of such urgency that he gave a major portion of his initial State of the Union address to it;

WHEREAS the American Legion thru its membership and at all levels has become a strong force to serve our government in good causes;

WHEREAS the cause for environmental preservation, protection and improvement is vital to our nation;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED this second day of February 1970, we the members of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040—American Legion at this regular meeting call upon the leadership of the American Legion to form a national committee from which will come established guidelines for the preparation and dissemination of progress for American Legion posts and their members to be encouraged to participate in this demanding cause;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be brought to the attention of the Albany County and Department of New York Resolution Committees in the expectation they will move to present this subject to the Resolutions Committee at the 1970 National Convention of the American Legion.

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b. Veterans disability and other claims for benefits are being delayed because of insufficient adjudication and other personnel to process and follow up with the military services on delayed or lost service records. Checks to pay disability compensation, pension, and education and training allowance for those training under the GI Bill, in many instances are being delayed because of inadequate staffing to process the awards for computer input. GI benefit workloads have continually increased as a result of the Vietnam War, yet personnel to handle these workloads have remained at almost pre-Vietnam levels.

c. There is serious question whether VA has made the wisest use of available manpower by emphasizing the counseling of veterans who have failed or who have no desire to take advantage of benefits, while at the same time neglecting, because of a shortage of personnel, many other veterans who must wait for prolonged periods to have their claims processed.

d. Seeking out and counseling "disadvantaged" veterans is extremely difficult and costly, especially when there is a shortage of qualified personnel to perform these duties. If this effort is to be expanded, those who advocate it must also be prepared to advocate *more* money and *more* personnel to do the job.

e. GI Education and training allowance rates are in need of substantial increase.

f. Responsible VA field managers see a need for more contact personnel and other expanded contact services to better assist returning veterans.

In summary, this study revealed the fact that the VA urgently needs more money and more personnel to promptly and properly serve America's veterans in the manner Congress intended.

## Letter to the Editor

Hugh W. Stowers, Commander  
American Legion Post No. 1040

Dear Commander Stowers:

Please pass on to the members of your Post and Auxiliary this expression of gratitude for the dinner and entertainment given for the Indoor and Good Sports Clubs on February 7.

The affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members of these clubs who were able to attend. We realize the amount of work that goes into such a program, both in the preparation and the cleanup. We hope we may be able to look forward to meeting with all of you fine people in your new Post Rooms in the years to come. Again with thanks and best wishes to all with your building plans, I am

Sincerely yours,  
John S. Bantham, Sec'y  
Good Sports Club

## Combined Meeting of Post Affairs Members and Board of Directors

The meeting called to order by Commander Stowers at 8:30. Purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the open house of our new Post Building.

General Committee to consist of Post officers and members of the Board of Directors. Attending the meeting were Ed Costigan, Al Woehrl, Gus Williams, Phil Lee, Hank Kindberg, Fred Grasser, Bill McGoey, Bob Smith, Dick Dalton, Hugh Stowers, Bill Campbell and Joe Von Ronne.

It was decided to hold an open house in the new Post Rooms March 8, 1970, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

Phil Lee and Fred Grasser are to be the General Co-Chairmen for the affair.

Hosts are going to be the Board of Directors and Post officers; Bill Campbell is chairman.

The publicity will be handled by Bill Davidson with an assist from Bill McGoey. Phil Lee and Dick Dalton will be in charge of invitations to the various dignitaries we hope will share in our open house.

Art Quinn is to be the Chairman of Refreshments. It was reported that beer will be donated by Schaefer Brewing Co. and wine for a wine punch will be donated by various liquor companies. It is hoped that the Auxiliary will take charge of making and serving the hors d'oeuvres and coffee. We will also have soda for the kinds.

Hank Kindberg is to investigate the possibility of having live music donated.

Earl McGuirk has offered to have a display of pictures of the Post of bygone days. We are also going to have available at a conspicuous place — membership blanks — with Bob Smith in charge.

## Go To Church Breakfast

The 16th annual Blanchard Post "Go to Church" breakfast will be held Sunday, March 22, 1970 at 8:00 a.m. at the Post Hall.

Rev. John Masci of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church will be guest speaker.

Chairman Bill Johnston invites all Post members to attend, bringing sons and/or friends. As always, it promises to be an inspiring and meaningful hours for all, so do plan to attend. Tickets sell for \$1.00 and are available from Bill Johnston, George Butman, Art Quinn or the commander. The ham and egg breakfast will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

## Auxiliary's Anniversary Dinner

Commander Hugh Stowers announces plans are being made to prepare and serve the ladies of the Auxiliary a special 39th birthday dinner on Tuesday, March 17th in the Post Hall. This dinner was to have taken place in February but had to be postponed awaiting completion of our NEW Post Hall. Ladies, it will be worth waiting for!

## INDOOR SPORTS DAY

Special thanks to Chairman Phil Lee and all members making up his committee, thus making possible an afternoon most enjoyable for the members of the Indoor Sports Club. We also thank President Maud Hafley and the women of the Auxiliary (Norrine Cooke, Ruth Burns, Zen Campbell, Lee Hurley, Mae Smith, Barbara Palmer and Joan Stowers) who prepared and served the luncheon. A generous supply of favors were donated by Phil Giacone which made the tables most attractive. And in the entertainment department, Lyn Stowers played guitar and sang, old and amusing movies were shown, and bingo and prizes completed the afternoon. Royce Day, as always, did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies. Fred Grasser handled transportation arrangements and drivers included Bill Blanchard, Jack Brady, Bill Campbell, Joe Cummings, Neil Cummings, Bill Davidson, John Ennis, Bill Mitchell, Red Freeman, Ollie Palmer, Ed Korp, Bob Strickland and Hugh Stowers.

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*Your support in our pursuit of peace in Vietnam means a great deal to me. Although the vast volume of mail that has poured into my office makes it impossible for me to send you a personal reply, I want you to know how pleased I was to hear from you and how much I appreciate your thoughtful concern for our country.*

*Richard Nixon*

### Letter to the Editor

To: Mike Mele, Editor  
Ten Forty Times  
Blanchard Post 1040—American Legion

If it works elsewhere perhaps it can here.

On the West Coast a newspaper has reprinted the following (enclosed) Post Office Department Form No. 2150 as a convenience for parents who will take the time and effort to fill it out and mail it to their local Postmaster. "Operation Intercept" it's been unofficially called. By doing so it may help to stem the flow of pornographic materials into their homes.

As a public service I hope your newspaper will consider it worthwhile to follow suit in this suggested anti-smut program.

Alexander J. Woehrle

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