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NINETEENTH YEAR

MARCH 1975

44th ANNUAL PAST COMMANDERS DINNER AND BLANCHARD NIGHT NOTICE

PAST COMMANDERS

Winthrop P. Robinson	-	-	-	-	1930 - 1931
*Otto D. deHeus	-	-	-	-	1931 - 1932
*Ralph S. Butler	-	-	-	-	1932 - 1933
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*Earl S. Jones	-	-	-	-	1934 - 1935
John B. Hague	-	-	-	-	1935 - 1936
*Alex Gabriels	-	-	-	-	1936 - 1937
*Clifford Whitney	-	-	-	-	1937 - 1938
*Frank Langwig	-	-	-	-	1938 - 1939
*Raymond T. McGuirk	-	-	-	-	1939 - 1940
*Harold Barkhuff	-	-	-	-	1940 - 1941
*Edward N. Bresnahan	-	-	-	-	1941 - 1942
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*Vincent P. Murphy	-	-	-	-	1948 - 1949
George J. Butman	-	-	-	-	1949 - 1950
William S. Segur	-	-	-	-	1950 - 1951
Joseph V. Von Ronne	-	-	-	-	1951 - 1952
William Johnston	-	-	-	-	1952 - 1953
*John Wasserbach	-	-	-	-	1953 - 1954
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*Fred J. Dearstyne	-	-	-	-	1955 - 1956
George R. Schreck	-	-	-	-	1956 - 1957
Herbert G. Drew	-	-	-	-	1957 - 1958
Richard C. Lenseth	-	-	-	-	1958 - 1959
Alvin W. Greenwood	-	-	-	-	1959 - 1960
Given S. Hynds	-	-	-	-	1960 - 1961
Alexander J. Woehrle	-	-	-	-	1961 - 1962
Rodger J. Fryer	-	-	-	-	1962 - 1963
Richard P. Dalton	-	-	-	-	1963 - 1964
Charles J. O'Hara	-	-	-	-	1964 - 1965
Edward J. Costigan	-	-	-	-	1965 - 1966
Joseph Cannizzaro	-	-	-	-	1966 - 1967
Sidney M. Kaplan	-	-	-	-	1967 - 1968
William J. Campbell	-	-	-	-	1968 - 1969
Hugh W. Stowers	-	-	-	-	1969 - 1970
Henry K. Kindberg	-	-	-	-	June - August 1970
John V. Ennis	-	-	-	-	September 1970 - 1971
Robert J. Smith	-	-	-	-	1971 - 1972
Michael Mele	-	-	-	-	1972 - 1973
Merwyn K. Atwood	-	-	-	-	1973 - 1974

Immediate Past Commander Merwyn K. Atwood announces that two special events will occur on Saturday, April 5. First, the presentation of a diamond-studded American Legion lapel button to the Blanchard Legionnaire chosen by the Past Commanders for that distinction this year. Second will be the awarding of "Life Memberships" in the American Legion to two of our worthy Post comrades who also were chosen by the Past Commanders in recognition of dedicated service and the inspiring example of leadership in advancing the interests of The American Legion.

Because for years this evening has been called "Past Commanders Night," it has led to some misunderstanding that the affair was limited to Post officers and their guests. For this reason, we have added the name "Blanchard Night" to this event. It is really another GOOD TIME SATURDAY NIGHT at the Post—open to all members and their guests—with a happy hour, including hors d'oeuvres at 6:30, and an excellent roast beef dinner served by Anna Mae White. Dancing to the music of Keith Witter & His Orchestra, and songs by Charlie Blanchard following dinner at 7:30 all add up to a good time for everyone!

This will be the 44th Annual Past Commanders Dinner. Fourteen of the Past Commanders are deceased and are so indicated with an asterisk. However, their names will be called at Roll Call.

Annual Calendar

Mar. 15	St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Apr. 5	Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
Apr. 19	Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
May 23	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.

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A very enjoyable birthday party was planned for the Auxiliary by Barbara Whitney on February 18. Lenore Smith was in charge of reservations and decorations were by Freda Sherman and Roxie Erlichmann. The delicious roast beef dinner was cooked for us by Len Sellnor and served by some very capable waiters from the Post.

On January 23, Blanchard was host for the Albany County Meeting. The following members helped to serve: Ruth Burns, Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Marcia Turner and Barbara Whitney.

A very successful party was held by the Post for the Indoor Sports on February 1. The Auxiliary prepared and served the luncheon which seemed to be enjoyed by the guests. Members who worked at this affair were: Marie Burns, Ruth Burns, Carol Cummings, Diane Grasser, Ron Moessner, Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Joan Stowers, Marcia Turner, Barbara Whitney, Betty Worden. Kathy Selig took care of the coat room and the following donated cakes: Lillian Blanchard, Rose Mary Blanchard, Carol Cummings, Lee Hurley, Millie Karins, Rose Anne Levy, Barbara Palmer and Joan Stowers.

We hope everyone will come and enjoy our delicious spaghetti dinner to be served March 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Barbara Whitney is in charge and you can be sure of getting your money's worth.

March 18 the initiation of new members will take place, preceded by a covered dish supper. Keep this date open!

Circle April 8 on your calendar, for that is the date of our spring card party and bazaar.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Violet Simpson on the loss of her husband; Della Brady, Grace Gentner and Lottie Van Dyke on the loss of their mothers; and Ruth Bruso and Freda Sherman on the loss of their uncle.

We are sorry to report the following members recently hospitalized: Eleanor Atwood, Eugenia DiSanto, Peg Korp, Pat Cannizzaro, Leora Gazelle, Wanda Whitney. We wish a speedy return and good health to all.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eric (Tina) Romanski on the birth of a baby boy. Tina is our Treasurer and doing an excellent job.

"...for America's MIAs in Southeast Asia the flame, if it still exists at all, has dwindled to a flicker." —Stephen A. Rudloff
Missing the Missing in Action

EDITOR'S DESK

One of the advantages of the entertainment industry's current multitude of award shows on network television is that they have helped to break up the monotonous parade of prostitution and rape centered programs. CBS did its part by celebrating one of George Washington's birthdays with a tribute to Orson Welles.

Meantime, in another part of fantasyland, several congressional leaders and the management of some of our leading propaganda centers seems to have decided that the number one priority in the fight against unemployment and inflation is to wipe out our security forces.

From our astute observer sources, we hear that the newly inaugurated (Feb. 1) Saturday night dancing at the Post is going well and that the music is good. Friday night dancing remains in effect, of course.

We'd like to mention in passing that one of our regular advertisers and active Post members, John Vogel—in association with Jim, Carolyn and Karen Vogel—has opened a store at 406 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, that features all types of wall coverings including standards, burlap and vinyl. The business name is Vogel Wallcoverings Inc.

The New York DAILY NEWS commented editorially one day that the next time you bump into one of those professional pullers-down of all that is American you might note that Americans gave \$1 billion more last year to philanthropy and that lifted American generosity to a whopping \$26 billion—more than twice the level of only a decade ago.

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Smelts Joe Marino
 Flounders Frank DiSanto
 Muskies Bill Mitchell
 Barracudas Gus Franze
 Perches Franklyn Harris

Since our report last month the following high scores have been bowled:

Ollie Palmer 619 230
 Gus Franze 589 221
 Wes Albright 558 227
 Jim Berry 552 202
 Larry McArthur 543
 Frank DiSanto 524
 George Mayers 519
 Dave McMillen 519
 Vern Eagan 518

In the women's department, we have the following high scores to report:

Grace Franze 187 540
 Barbara Palmer 189 491
 Marie McMillen 188 456
 Rose Marino 187
 Millie Albright 167 477
 Millie Harris 177 463
 Peg Butman 171
 Bette Mayers 162 435
 Geni DiSanto 162
 Carol Berry 162 442

Sick Call

Happy to report Legionnaire Pat Igoe is now home from the hospital, recuperating from back surgery. Know he'd appreciate receiving cards and phone calls. Joe Bauhofer is also at home after hospitalization. A card was sent to Lambert F. Duffy who is confined to the V.A. Hospital in Tampa, Florida.

Taps

We extend our sympathy to their families and mourn our departed comrades, Kenneth N. Simpson and Ralph Butler.

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Mamie Doud Eisenhower



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MARCH 1975 MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW BUILDING OPEN HOUSE

The March 1970 *Ten Forty Times* headlined the open house as due on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. Scheduled events included the ribbon-cutting by Commander Hugh Stowers and local dignitaries and acceptance of the keys by the Commander from Gus Williams; Chairman of the Board Ed Costigan presiding as master of ceremonies; the prayers of Rev. Charles Kaulfuss; and

remarks by Town Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke. Refreshments for young and old were headed by Phil Lee and Fred Grasser as the co-chairman.

On the front page of this March 1975 issue we are featuring Past Commander Merwyn K. Atwood's announcement concerning the 44th annual Past Commanders Dinner and Blanchard Night with the date set for Saturday, April 5 at the Post with festivities starting at 6:30 p.m.

"In the Beginning"

"Yes, sir. Anxious to go back and get the whole job over, sir."

"So am I. But what will we all do when the Germans really are licked?"

"Go home and start a veterans' association for the good of the country, sir," the sergeant responded.

Roosevelt professed that Patterson's was the first mention made to him of a veterans' organization, although the idea of such an organization had occurred to him in thinking of peace and post-war developments. Now, he found that the prospect of a veterans' association was generally discussed among the men at the hospital. Doubtless the personable young Roosevelt had many conversations with fellow patients who soon would be veterans. It was there that he turned his

As a supplement to our comments on the March 1970 open house and the upcoming 44th annual event, we are carrying Winthrop P. Robinson's article "In the Beginning," taken from the November 1971 issue and a "Post History" article from the April 1970 issue, Michael Mele, editor. In an adjacent column we are reprinting Mamie Doud Eisenhower's letter of March 4, 1970.

energetic mind to details of such an undertaking and to solutions to problems entailed in its formation and survival.

The first caucus of the American Legion was conducted by veterans of the American Expeditionary Force in Paris, France, on March 15-17, 1919. The famous St. Louis caucus was held in May of 1919. From these two meetings the American Legion was launched to become the world's largest veterans' organization. The first American Legion Convention was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 10-12 of that same year. Half the delegates marched on Monday, the 11th, as snow swirled through their khaki ranks.

Winthrop P. Robinson

In 1919 George S. Wheat wrote of his conversations with Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., regarding the genesis of the American Legion. Roosevelt had fought with distinction from the Big Red One's sharp clash at Cantigny to the punishing ordeal in the Soissons sector, where he was wounded in the knee by machine-gun fire. His evacuation and convalescence took him to Base Hospital No. 2 in Paris in the summer of 1918.

One morning as Roosevelt hobbled along a walk he came upon a sergeant resting against a tree. The sergeant, William Patterson, gave Roosevelt a quick salute.

"Expect to get back soon, sergeant?" Roosevelt queried.

Post History

Winthrop P. Robinson, charter member of the Lt. Herman Silverstein Post of Albany, conceived the idea of forming an American Legion Post in the Town of Bethlehem after he purchased a home in Delmar in 1929.

Robinson compiled a list of potential members by culling the telephone directory. The organizational meeting was held in the Elsmere Fire Hall with Mr. Robinson elected chairman, and, after the Post charter was granted, he became the first Post Commander at a meeting held in what now is the Bethlehem Town Hall. Other officers elected were: Otto

deHeus, George H. Fowler and Frederick W. Whitney, Vice Commanders; Fred D. Dysinger, Adjutant; Harry J. Kellan, Finance Officer; Edwin B. Piper, Historian; Alfred J. Brown, Service Officer; and George Lauer, Chaplain. There were 107 charter members.

The new Post was named for Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, a member of one of the founding families of Delmar, and the only Delmar resident killed during World War I. He was born in what is now Town Hall, and was 22 years old when he died on November 9, 1918, two days prior to termination of hostilities. He was a member of the 307th Infantry.

Subsequent to the initial meeting, bi-monthly meetings were held in what is now the Delmar Elementary School until the first Post building was obtained on Poplar Drive, Elsmere, in 1931. The old building was a former railroad station and also served as one of Elsmere's early schools.

The cornerstone of the first Post headquarters was laid on October 10, 1931.

Blanchard Post now totals almost 700 members.

The Post Auxiliary was formed in February, 1930, with Mrs. Ralph S. Butler as President. Today's President is Mrs. Herbert E. Hafley.

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January saw many changes take place in both team and individual standings. TANKS dethroned first by AUPPERLE's NAVY, then descended to third with HAVILL's LEATHERNECKS dumping NAVY after which "Gen. Geo. Patton" LANTZ regrouped his forces and retook the lead on Jan. 31st.

The surprise of the month: a grinning Capt. Curly "Sandbagger" of the Air Force Falcons who apparently found the right kind of "gas" needed to fly his planes. A nice 932-2611 series put them in top categories for those slots.

Ed Korp enjoying 3 point advantage in Class A individual race over his two nearest rivals. Al PUGLIESE with a fine 592 triple takes over top spot in Class B with a 2 point edge over Joe MARINO. Keep throwing fellas!

It's rumored that Capt. Ray BENDER of the SEA BEES has been stung (orally that is) so often by one of his bowling Bees, that he looks and feels like an acupuncture students' practice pillow! With football and baseball drafts and pre-season swaps going on he's offered

TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Tanks	915	2518	47	34	29	48824
Marines	894	2466	46	34	29	48272
Navy	877	2568	45	34	29	48163
Air Force	932	2611	44	32	31	48450
Infantry	931	2599	40	31	32	49048
Army	870	2487	40	31	32	48320
Sea Bees	870	2498	37	28	35	47892
Coast Guard	859	2464	37	28	35	48491

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A			Class B		
Korp	57	170	Miller	18	161
Foy	59	167	Pugliese	60	155
Havill	57	167	Marino	60	153
Lantz	60	166	Dybas	57	152
Palmer	48	165	Eagan	57	152
DiSanto	39	165	Feiden	46	150
Johnston	56	163	Pauquette	54	149
Oates	55	163	Volk	57	147
Mitchell	63	162	Mosmen	57	146
Bender	63	162	Brady	63	145
Whitney	60	162	Hasen	51	145
Larkin	54	161	Campbell	54	145
Tangora	63	160	Haker	60	142
Cum'ingsJim	48	159	Buker	51	141
Andre	60	159	Ristau	50	140
Cum'ingsJoe	51	159	Burns	63	136
Aupperle	60	156	Cole	60	136
Vail	60	156	Alwell	54	135
LaForge	63	154	Butman	60	134
Beckmann	60	154	Stowers	63	123

any other captain \$20 cash, and will take any bowler to replace his needle merchant. True or false? Who could it be?

Ed VAIL and his wife off on a 6 week vacation in Spain. Bud VIELE and Grace in Fla for 3 weeks now. Geo. FEIDEN and Al BECKMANN taking off for Fla later in month. Hope all had fun & sun.

Has anyone heard Commander KEN going about the past couple of weeks singing a ditty to the tune of "Three Little Words," that goes something like:

*Six little pins, that's what I strive for,
Six little pins, that's what I'd die for
Just six little pins, and then I can say,
"I hit you"*

Keep pitching Ken, you'll get that 500 yet—494 two of the past three Fridays.
??? R U ALIVE 4 75 ???

If not GET YOUR DUES IN! Overdooo
Enjoy a good month.

Uncle Miltie

TO THE COLORS

continued from February issue

A people imbued with the realization that their Creator endowed them with their individual rights can never be sold on totalitarianism under any guise. It is the aim of this American Legion program to bring God to the forefront in American life, not only the religious life but the social, economic and political life as well. God is an essential part of real Americanism. Without God, there can be no Americanism.

The success of this program, as well as any other program, as a real activity of The American Legion depends upon its enthusiastic implementation as an ac-

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tivity of the individual Post. It does no good to have high-sounding ideals projected on National or Department levels unless they produce activity in the Posts where they reach the Legionnaire and the people of the community. Without the cooperation of the Posts, the movement is not an American Legion activity—it is merely an ideal. It is merely fine-sounding phraseology if it does not accomplish the purpose of bringing the American people back to the realization of the fact of their Creator and His precious endowment of the individual with his rights.

In presenting this program on a practical basis, The American Legion has divided it into three objectives to be emphasized: the encouragement of regular public worship, daily family prayer, and the religious education of our children. By promoting these three points of emphasis the program has continued to be a really practical movement in fulfilling the objectives of the "Service to God and Country" program in those Posts in which it has been enthusiastically pursued.

C. J. O'Hara

For those who recall The Great Depression, Congress created the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) on March 31, 1933.

Welcome to Blanchard Post

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