



# Ten Forty Times

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MARCH 1976

## BLANCHARD HOSTS ALBANY CO. COMMITTEE MEETING

The January meeting of the Albany County Committee was held at our Post on Thursday, January 29, at which 22 of the 29 Posts in the county were represented.

A note of sadness was injected into the proceedings with the announcement of the death of Maurice Stember, past National Commander and Department of New York Adjutant for over 49 years, Department of New York Membership Chairman Edward Lee and William Skirving, an old newspaper friend of the Albany County American Legion. Some good news was that Jim Farrell, a long-time stalwart of the Albany County Committee, continues to make good progress in recovering from his very severe injuries received in an automobile accident.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation to our own Bill Johnston of a letter of commendation from Len Baxter, Department Commander, and a plaque from the Albany County Committee for his more than 20 years of service to the American Legion as Albany County Chairman of the Boys State program. To this we add: "Well done, Bill."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the famous Blanchard hospitality once again came through with delicious roast beef sandwiches for all, served by our ever faithful Ladies of the Auxiliary, with a great big assist from Rollie Whitney.



Past County Commander DiCioccio, with Commander Palmer looking on, shown congratulating Bill on receipt of his awards

## 45th Annual Past Commanders Night

Immediate past Commander Kenneth Burns has scheduled the 45th Annual Past Commanders Night for Saturday, April 24. Once again, following last year's precedent, the evening will be known as Past Commanders and Blanchard Night in honor of all the members of the Post, past and present. One of the highlights of the affair will be the pre-

sentation of a diamond-studded Legion lapel button to the Blanchard Legionnaire chosen by the past commanders for his service to the Post over a period of years. The evening will include a happy hour with hors d'oeuvres, an excellent dinner and a night of dancing.

Plan now to attend this good time early spring shindig. More next month.

## THE IRA (Irish Ragtag Army) WILL MOBILIZE MARCH 13



O'Blanchard Post  
BEGORRAH!  
Will Celebrate  
SAT. MAR. 13  
as  
Irish Nite  
IN HONOR OF  
OULD ST. PAT  
AND  
THE WEARIN'  
O' THE GREEN  
HORS D'OEUVRES 6:30-7:30  
DINNER 7:30  
DANCING 9:00-9  
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Finn McCool might turn over under his covering of shamrocks if he knew it, but nevertheless the O'Blanchard Post will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Dinner and Jig on the evening of Saturday, March 13th. (That's the old Irish calendar.)

Joe Cummings, chairman, announced that all committees of select Irishmen have been chosen and Joe, who is not given to exaggeration, assures us that they are the finest group of lads that he could round up short of South Boston.

The early evening—6:30-7:30—will be given over to some two-fisted guzzling of various delights (cocktails to some), followed immediately by a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Marvin O'Hershberg and his leprechauns will provide the music, Irish and otherwise, from 9 until the wee folk call it a night.

Tickets are \$6 and reservations may be made through Barbara Whitney at 439-1057. All tickets must be picked up and paid for by Friday, March 5. Come celebrate our 15th St. Patrick's Irish Night with us.



## BLANCHARD POST

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 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER ..... Milt Andre  
 VICE COMMANDER ..... James Blanchard  
 VICE COMMANDER ..... E. William Bliven  
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## AUXILIARY NEWS

By Christine Hoffman

OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

President ..... Barbara Whitney  
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 Sergeant at-Arms ..... Helen Quinn  
 Historian ..... Freda Sherman

The ladies of the Auxiliary helped to make Indoor Sports Day a success on February 7th. Thanks go to Dorothea George, Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Marcia Turner and Betty Worden for their assistance. A special vote of thanks to Noreen Cook, Lillian Blanchard, Rosemary Blanchard, Dorothea George and Ronnie Moessner for the wonderful cakes they made for the event. Hats off to Kathy Selig who manned the cloak-room during the program.

**MARCH 6—SPAGHETTI DINNER,** 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adult tickets are \$3 and children under 12 will be admitted for \$2. The ladies of the Auxiliary are selling raffle tickets for a prize of \$50.00 worth of meat from Carroll's Market. Tickets will also be on sale the night of the dinner. The winner will be drawn the same night and need not be present.

**MARCH 16—REGULAR MEETING.** Our regular March meeting will feature a covered dish supper. Bring a gourmet's delight under your cover and please, don't forget to bring your own place setting. The dinner will be served at 6:30. The following new members will be initiated during the course of the meeting: Jane Alwell, Doris Aupperle, Helmi Beckman, Carol Benton, Karla Burns, Adelaide Coburn, Nancy Dalton, Patricia Davis, Julia Felts, Mary Felts, Cathy Geraldson, Kathleen Hales, Alice Lenhardt, Marion Oro, Paula Ouderkirk, Jeanne Pompa and Josephine Pratt. We will also initiate three transferees: Jennie Herber, Dorothea George and Edith Vennard. We would like to welcome all of you to our Post and to

invite you to enjoy the fellowship of our members and facilities. Please be an active member; you are the lifeblood of a successful Post.

### SICK CALL:

For the second time this year we are pleased to see the blank space after sick call. No one arrived, no one left and no one in between. Continued good health to all. Best of luck to our younger generation who are looking forward to new arrivals.

### Dates to Remember

April 20 ..... Regular Meeting  
 May 15 ..... Auxiliary Snack Dance  
 May 18 ..... Regular Meeting  
 Election of Officers  
 May 19 ..... Poppy Day  
 May 21 ..... Installation of Officers

## More Luncheons

The monthly luncheons sponsored by WW1 and WW2 veterans have now become well established. While each is sponsored by the WW1 and WW2 boys of Blanchard, there is no restriction that bars Korean or Vietnam veterans or any veterans, regardless of whether they are affiliated with any veterans organization or not. So pass the word around.

The next WW2 sponsored luncheon will be at 1:00 p.m. sharp on Monday, March 8, at Schrafft's Motor Inn Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont, and the WW1 luncheon at noon on Tuesday, March 9, at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk.

## MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, February 7, Post history was made with a \$20 payment by Burt Blakeslee to reinstate his membership and to pay the dues of Tom Cavanaugh who is still confined to the V.A. Hospital. This gave us an all-time high of 860 members.

It's nice to hear from those who have moved from the area and still retain their membership in Blanchard Post. Among these are the following:

Ed Bollman ..... Florida	John Marsh ..... No. Carolina	Paul Twitchell ..... Vermont
Josephine Bollman ..... Florida	Courtney Roff ..... So. Carolina	Ed Jackson ..... California
Bob Coburn ..... Florida	Ray Sorrows ..... Arkansas	Ralph Brooks ..... Connecticut
Pat Russo ..... Florida	Larry Longo ..... California	Bill Wyncoop ..... Florida
Will Thompson ..... Florida	Jim Igoo ..... Montreal (Can.)	Jim Voorhees Jr. .... Maryland
Harold Williams ..... Florida	Bob Mattice ..... Virginia	Russ Adams ..... California
Harry Culp ..... Arizona	Al Pistilli ..... New Jersey	Joe Ford ..... Tennessee
Don French ..... Arizona	Vaughn Williams ..... New Jersey	Jim Barakos ..... Maine
John Sawyer ..... Arizona	Pete O'Brien ..... New Jersey	Russ Brandon ..... Missouri
	Bill Segur ..... Massachusetts	

New members since we last went to press are:

Emil Gundlach	Ray Caswell	Art Mosley	Charles Fritts
Bob Schmidt	Ted Lause	Louis Bauer	Francis Hullar

Welcome aboard fellows, and don't be strangers.

Just a reminder that the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion provide that a 1975 membership card will be honored at all American Legions Posts only through March 31, 1976. Don't forfeit your continuous membership in the largest veterans organization in the world—if you haven't paid your dues as yet, you will help us and yourself by paying sometime in March, the birthday month of the American Legion.

Sincere thanks to all who have paid and in so doing helped us to a new all-time membership record. We know that most of the 7% who had not paid at press time will do so and enable us to attain our goal of 900 for 1976.

Uncle Miltie wishes all a good month and the best of health.

## MARCH CALENDAR

Mar. 1 (Monday)—Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30; regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments after. Initiation of new members at this meeting—all who have not been initiated should attend.

Mar. 8 (Monday)—Monthly luncheon, sponsored by WW2 veterans, 1 p.m. sharp at Schrafft's Motor Inn Restaurant, Route 9W, in Glenmont. (Veterans of all wars are welcome regardless of whether they are members of Blanchard Post or not.)

Mar. 9 (Tuesday)—Monthly luncheon of WW1 veterans, noon, at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk.

Mar. 13 (Saturday)—Saint Patrick's Dinner-Dance. See Joe Cummings, Chmn., Bill McGoey, Vice Chmn., George or Jake, Lounge Supervisors, for tickets.

Mar. 15 (Monday)—Regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments follow

Mar. 25 (Thursday)—County Meeting  
 Mar. 29 (Monday)—Board of Directors

## Taps

Death has taken two members of our Post: James F. Denn on January 16 and John A. Ruskowski on February 2.

Vivian Hopper, a member for quite a few years, also reported that her husband John had died recently.

The sympathy of the officers and the Post members goes out to the families of Jim and John and to Vivian.



## THE WINDY DUSTER

.....and Al "The Bird Man" GREEN-WOOD took off for a luncheon in such a hurry that he leaves the door open 'n a bird flew in. So Isabelle is giving Al a bucket 'n mop fer hiz birthday to help him collect the souvenirs from hiz fine-feathered friends. ....'n George SYKES kinda shook up the other George when he asks fer 3 (count 'em) onions with hiz martini. (George oughta give a shot of Scope fer a chaser with an order like that!) .....and it's always a pleasure to see Hank TURNER around town and I've missed seeing those 2 very attractive sisters Marion DAVIS and Ruth VOORHEES that's who! ....'n Dick 'U.S. Mail' OATES doesn't let this foul weather foul hiz disposition—he just batters them ten pins! .....and if ya see a lotta short arm guys coming in the Post 2 by 2—it's so one can put the card in the slot while the other grabs the door handle! ....Always glad to talk with by good pals Gert and Jim CLEARY and get up-dated on Delaware Ave. happenings—I'll never git used to being away from that neighborhood—a wonderful place! .....and when ya see Tom PRATT say, "Are youse Price or Pride?" 10 to 1 he has a come back! ....'n howz 'r buddy, the V.F.W. Steward, Len SELLNER, these days? —hain't seen him in quite a spell! ....'n another gent we've missed seeing 'round the Post is Bill CAMPION. ....and if yez wanna see fancy footwork while bowling see Tom FOY and Al PUGLIESE with their new footwear. ....Walt ROBERTS and Wils "Doc" MILLER are two good bowlers who wear those wrist-straps. ....Marie and Ralph DERBY are always a nice couple to work with at a party as

are Dot and Giff LANTZ. ....and it's always nice to see Katherine and Bob LA FORGE on a Friday night. ....Good to see Larrupin' Larry McCABE back in the league. ....and some of those acronyms are so sickish-cute that they make one burp followed by a barf! ....Just saw a beautiful plate with a picture of Independence Hall (plate made in England). ....'n twas good to see me Erin-Go-Bragh Buddy Ray CALLAGAN indeed, indeed. ....and I must remember to say that the big T&T Mogul sez it was Andy Pilney that played football with Notre Dame and baseball with Albany! ....and ya always git a pleasure greeting from Jane and Bill ALWELL that's who. ....and Rosemary and Ted LOHREY 'r always such a nice, pleasant couple. ....and it's indeed sad news to hear that Helmi and Al BECKMANN are planning to move to No. Carolina—gonna miss that swell couple, but I do envy their choice of climate! ....'n my 'umble apologies to Freda SHERMAN fer the misspelled name in Feb. issue, and added curses to me arch enemy Typo Error! ....Congrats to May and Don SMITH on a great, new little dog in their house and to Joan and Hugh STOWERS on a great new, big car in their garage! ....While I was meandering 'round the Mall and Capitol, I see 3 big czars of NYS Govt., namely Bill FLINT, Art PRUE and Ken STINSON, that's who! ....'n guess who is gonna be guest editor in April when the Honorable Chas. J. & Family 'r in Florida? —well, ya lived through a few issues of me last year, so I guess ya can stand one issue of me dis year. *The Gutter Duster*

## KEGLER'S KORNER

	TEAM					
	HS	HT	PTS.	W	L	PINS
Marines	903	2487	61	43	26	51097
Air Force	863	2453	52	41	28	51343
Infantry	861	2421	46½	33½	35½	50145
Coast Guard	851	2462	46	35	34	51504
Sea Bees	891	2357	45½	32½	36½	50691
Tanks	908	2490	44	33	36	51137
Navy	885	2387	43	34	35	51585
Army	821	2431	30	24	45	48136

	INDIVIDUAL					
	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.	
Havill	226	572	10668	62	172	
Johnston	243	583	9711	57	170	
Palmer	210	566	10525	63	167	
Tangora	225	557	11502	69	166	
DiSanto	232	548	8854	54	163	
Bender	211	580	11242	69	162	
Aupperle	212	589	9606	60	160	
Whitney	223	572	10989	69	159	
Larkin	233	539	8532	54	158	
Cummings, Jim	223	583	10445	66	158	
Mitchell	204	529	10121	65	155	
Foy	200	530	8697	56	155	
Cummings, Joe	213	513	8844	57	155	
Lantz	208	565	10149	66	153	
Miller	209	515	8312	54	153	
Oates	215	552	10119	66	153	
LaForge	207	527	10111	66	153	
McCabe	167	505	2289	15	152	
Vail	183	504	10459	69	151	
Pauquette	201	521	8460	56	151	
Volk	219	525	9564	66	144	
Marino	236	563	9604	63	152	
Hasen	211	524	9397	63	149	
Viele	188	494	2698	18	149	
Andre	213	509	10261	69	148	
Pugliese	205	522	8393	57	147	
Beckmann	193	517	8812	60	146	
Brady	189	502	9873	69	143	
Eagan	201	514	9419	66	142	
Ristau	193	477	7276	51	142	
Mosmen	208	496	8011	57	140	
Haker	189	479	9499	69	137	
Burns	200	466	9294	69	134	
Campbell	217	493	7956	60	132	
Feiden	169	468	6883	52	132	
Monette	202	488	8666	66	131	
Cole	163	426	6785	55	123	
Alwell	161	404	6884	57	120	
Butman	171	444	7864	66	119	
Stowers	165	404	5347	48	111	

## Things That Help You and Us

1. Notify us when you change address.
2. Support the 20 Week Club.
3. If you have items or pictures of interest to the membership, submit them to your editor.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION

Application and  
Record of Payment  
of Dues



Name ..... Phone No. ....  
Street Address .....  
City ..... State ..... Zip Code .....  
Dues Received By .....

Following section must be completed for NEW members

NEW Member ( ) .....  
(Date of Enlistment) (Branch of Service) (Service Serial No.)  
Reinstatement ( ) .....  
(Date and character of discharge or release) (Date of Birth)  
Renewal ( ) I am interested in..... Program

Occupation ..... Blood Type ..... Can you donate? .....  
I do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government. I certify that I did not refuse on conscientious, political, or other grounds to subject myself to military discipline or unqualified service during the period I was in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(Signature of Applicant for Membership)

(This form together with dues should be delivered promptly to Post Adjutant or Post Finance Officer.)

RECEIPT

(Issue on receipt of dues)

Date

Date

Received of \$ ..... in payment of dues for 19 ..... in Post No. ....

By .....  
\*Payment of National dues, in The American Legion, is hereby acknowledged, \$1.00 of which is for yearly subscription to The American Legion Magazine.

Your official American Legion membership card will be forwarded to you promptly by your Post Adjutant. You are eligible to belong to The American Legion if you served honorable in the Military Forces of the United States at any time during one of these periods: Apr. 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918; or Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946; or June 25, 1950, to Jan. 31, 1955; Aug. 5, 1964, to Aug. 15, 1973.





## FEBRUARY 7...A MEMORABLE DAY

Saturday, February 7, was a day to remember in the history of Blanchard Post. On this date in the year of our Lord, 1976, and in the 200th of our Nation's independence, there were three very happy 'happenings,' to wit: our Bicentennial Winter Carnival was a smashing success (having been postponed from January 31 because of inclement weather); the annual Indoor Sports Day was its ever heart-warming occasion; and your Uncle Miltie announced to the world that Blanchard Post had reached a new plateau in total membership. As of that date we had 860 members (the previous high was 858) and still counting.

Jim Beck, chairman of the Ice Carnival, and all his crew, Commander Palmer and Vice Commander Bliven and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, who hosted the party for the Indoor Sports, and Milt Andre, our Membership Chairman, are all to be congratulated for their outstanding service to the Post and the American Legion. Community service is a hallmark of the American Legion, and the stronger we are in membership the greater will be our participation in service to the community.

Commander Palmer extends sincere appreciation and thanks of the Post to the following great people who volunteered their services and thus contributed to making Indoor Sports Day the very warm and happy day that it was.

Francis Murphy and band and Jerry Romano for their wonderful music; Fred Grasser, Phil Lee, Bill Campbell, Bob Gentner, Jack Brady, Ken Havill and Paul Joralemon for the transportation; Rollie and Allan Whitney for assistance with the wheelchairs; Jack Selig on acoustics; Kathy Selig on coatroom and bingo (prizes were Bicentennial dollars); Dorothea George, Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Betty Worden, Marcia Turner and Barbara Whitney as cooks, waitresses and dishwashers.

## BLANCHARD GOES 'BINGO'

The fall of 1976 will find Bingo being played at Blanchard Post. The vote at the regular Post meeting of January 19, which had been announced in the January issue of the 1040 Times, was unanimously in favor of starting a regular weekly Bingo Night. The job of making all final clearances, etc. was given to our very capable past Commander, Dick Dalton, who had done such an excellent job in researching the matter and in reporting his findings to the membership. While the vote to start Bingo was unanimous, there was some very lively discussion which was an excellent prescription for clearing the air of misunderstandings and demonstrating that this source of revenue at this time would be most helpful to the Post.

## Thanks from Helen

Commander Palmer received the following letter of thanks from Helen Quinn in appreciation for the education fund set up for her two children, Kathy and Jim.

*"It is with deep appreciation that I accept your generous gift to be used for the further education of Kathy and Jim. They will both be in college next year, and the scholarship fund raised by you will be of great help to me. If only Artie could have known what you have done for me, he would have been more than pleased. To the many who contributed so generously, and to the committee who worked so diligently, many, many thanks. God bless you all."*

Helen M. Quinn

## Legion Birthday

The American Legion will celebrate its 57th birthday on March 15 of this year. It was on this date that the veterans who had just finished a war in Europe gathered in Paris at the first caucus to establish an organization of WWI veterans. Fly the Flag on that date to commemorate the establishment of an organization whose chief concern is the welfare and security of this great nation of ours.

## Sick Call

Hugh Stowers, our Sick Call reporter, advises that Tom Harris, Don Bushey and Clayton Smith were in the hospital in February. Happily, Don is now recuperating at home and we look forward to Tom and Clayton also getting back into harness soon. Tom is in the V.A. while Clayton is at the Albany Medical Center. Good luck, boys, to each of you.

## Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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## Nominating Committee

Commander Palmer has announced the following nominating committee that is now in the process of preparing a slate of nominees for Post offices for the 1976-77 year. The slate will be printed in the April issue of the 1040 Times and presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting in May for consideration and voting.

Charles J. O'Hara, Chairman  
Richard P. Dalton  
Alvin W. Greenwood  
Sidney M. Kaplan  
Hugh W. Stowers

A nominating committee is appointed each year by the Post Commander, as prescribed in the Post Constitution and given the responsibility of drawing up a slate of the best qualified and available candidates to run the Post for the following year. The current committee will discharge this responsibility, as past committees have done, to the best of their abilities, as objectively as possible.

## The "Away We Go" or "Eat Your Heart Out" Column

There are those in our midst, believe it or not, who chicken out at various times during our delightful winter season and take off for other parts, leaving the peasants to mind the store. The natives this winter seem to have gotten more restless than usual, resulting in quite a sizable exodus to the South. Of the more affluent amongst us who have gone or who will be going are Bob and Lenore Smith, Bill and Alice Johnston and Bill Murphy to Florida; George and Peg Butman, Al and Isabelle Greenwood, Bud and Kay Mosmen, Joe and Grace Von Ronne, George and Esther Sykes, Dick and Ruth Dalton and Walter and Irene Van Wormer to the Caribbean.

Your editor has also planned a little safari and has entrusted the publication of the April issue to the very capable hands of Ken Burns.

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