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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

This may be hard to believe but this article was written while enroute west on Route 20 with the very capable assistance of the ever-reliable Mrs. Commander.

German Night on January 22 witnessed another fine example of the ingenuity, skill and resourcefulness of our membership when faced with disaster, or at the least, embarrassment. When the scheduled band from Schoharie failed to appear, Chairman Bill Campbell sprang into action, and with some great cooperation from Rog DiNucci and Marv Hershberg, was able to assemble a fine group in record time. Many thanks to them and to George Clouthier for the very delicious dinner. The evening was indeed a great one.

Although February was a quiet month for social events at the Post we were very pleased to host our traditional Indoor Sports Day on Saturday, the 5th. As always our volunteers did a great job of making 51 guests happy for an afternoon. These handicapped people are very courageous individuals and most appreciative of what Blanchard Post does for them on one day a year. They are all to be especially congratulated for coming out in spite of the bad weather on that day.

My thanks to the ladies of the Auxiliary for the invitation to the annual birthday dinner but I was unable to attend and had to designate a substitute, Vice Commander Frank Futia, who attended with his wife Anne. My thanks also go to the ladies for their cooperation in putting on the pre-meeting dinners.

We will try something new on Saturday, April 2, to wit, a Theater-Dinner Party at the Post. There will be a roast beef dinner prepared by Chef Hank Voorhees after which we will be entertained by three top performers from this area. Tickets will be limited to 180 at \$7.50 per ticket which includes the dinner and theater. This should be a very enjoyable evening and we are relying on the membership to make it a successful one. Further details will be found elsewhere in this issue of the 1040 TIMES.

See you at the Post,

Dan Lantz, Commander

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE

Joe Cummings, Chairman, has lined up a committee of boys from the "Old Sod" whose mere presence on the committee is a guarantee that the Sixteenth Annual St. Patrick's Night on Saturday, March 12, will be the greatest ever. In charge of the culinary department will be George Clouthier (he's a harp?), the dining room will be supervised by Bill McGoe (now there's one of the boys) and Marv O'Hershberg (must be from the North) and his leprechauns will provide the tunes, Irish and whatever, for dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30, with the corned beef and cabbage following right afterwards.

Tickets \$6 per person—same as last year in spite of rising prices. Make your reservations with George or Jake in the Post Lounge (439-9819).

Nominating Committee

Commander Lantz has appointed the following Post members to serve on the committee to nominate a proposed slate of officers to serve for the 1977-78 year: Bob Smith, Chairman; Bill McGoe, Bill Campbell, Jack McDonald and George Butman. The slate will be published in the April issue of 1040 TIMES and presented to the membership for consideration and voting thereon at the Annual Meeting in May.

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A REMINDER

The regular Post meeting now starts 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month. (No meetings during July and August.)

MARCH CALENDAR

- Mar. 2 (Wed) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post (Anniversary of the retaking of Corregidor in 1945)
- 7 (Mon) Regular Post meeting at 8
- 8 (Tue) WW1 luncheon at noon at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk
- 9 (Wed) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post (Anniversary of Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico, 1916)
- 10 (Thu) WW2 sponsored luncheon at the Post at noon
- 12 (Sat) St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance
- 15 (Tue) 58th Birthday of the American Legion
- 16 (Wed) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post (Anniversary of establishment of West Point in 1802)
- 17 (Thu) St. Patrick's Day
- 21 (Mon) Post Affairs Committee to meet at the Post at 8 p.m.
- 23 (Wed) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post (Anniversary of Patrick Henry's speech in 1775)
- 27 (Sun) Go-to-Church Breakfast at the Post at 8 a.m.
- 28 (Mon) Board of Directors meets at the Post at 8 p.m.
- 30 (Wed) Bingo—8 p.m. at the Post (Anniversary of the purchase of Alaska in 1867)
- Apr. 2 (Sat) Dinner Theater at the Post

**LEST WE
FORGET**
JAN. 21, 1977

The day treason was made respectable under the guise of 'conscience.' Now dishonored are the graves of the dead. We won't forget.

Hire the Veteran

Another thought on disclosure and an "open administration." How many veterans does President Carter have on his White House staff and in what capacities?

BLANCHARD POST

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 Senior Vice Commander.....William J. Blanchard, Sr.
 Vice Commander Francis Futia
 Vice Commander Milt Andre
 Adjutant Ernest Gall
 Finance Officer Robert Hoffman
 Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
 Judge Advocate George Wenger
 Sergeant-at-Arms John J. Brady, Sr.
 Historian George Butman
 Service Officer Frank Zini
 Editor, 1040 Times Charles J. O'Hara

MEMBERSHIP

Normally the month of March, the ninth month of the Legion year, is a time of the year to which I have always looked, heralding as it does the coming of spring. After the tough winter we have experienced I can't say that the coming of March is unwelcome, but nevertheless it does have its unpleasant side here at Blanchard, to wit, we are lagging badly in our drive to make our membership quota. In spite of two dues notices and many admonitions in the 1040 TIMES, we are still 120 behind our quota of 910.

Needless to say, membership is still the life blood of any organization and Blanchard is no exception. Everyone knows that money is tight and there are many demands on the dollars that we do have, but we still feel that \$13 is a great investment in a great organization. You can help us a great deal by getting your dues in soon, hopefully by the birthday of the American Legion, March 15.

Last year at the same time we had 870 paid, which means that this year we were 80 behind at press time. Your continued membership will help to keep the Legion strong, to keep us the No. 1 Post in Albany County, to keep your membership chairman from falling into a state of depression and of course keep your 1040 TIMES and Legion Magazine coming every month.

Since our last report, we have enrolled five new members: Joseph F. Riley, Raymond F. Linstruth, George Hernandez, Christian Nachtrieb, Frederick Knapp. A sincere welcome fellows, come around and become acquainted; get active in our programs.

Until next month, when I feel sure I'll have a happier report, good health, happiness and best wishes to you all for an early spring.

Milt Andre
 Membership Chmn.

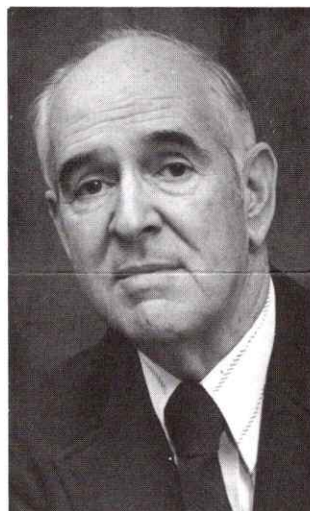
DINNER-THEATRE PARTY

On Saturday night, April 2, there will be a new "first" introduced at the Post, a Dinner-Theater Party with an evening of entertainment by Betty Taylor of Delmar, Joseph Kilgallen of Albany and Carmen Sgarlata of Rotterdam, all of whom have been leading performers in the dinner-theater production of Theatrical Services Unlimited at the Italian-American Community Center in Albany.

Mrs. Taylor, long active with the Slingerlands Community Players and other area theater groups, has appeared in professional dinner-theaters in the south in the lead role in "Dolly," a part she first played in the production of that show by the Schenectady Light Opera Company.

Joe Kilgallen was active on-stage, and back-stage, for many years with the Schenectady Civic Players, and has also performed with the Albany Civic Theater and the Playwrights Production Company. He is also a well known local after-dinner speaker.

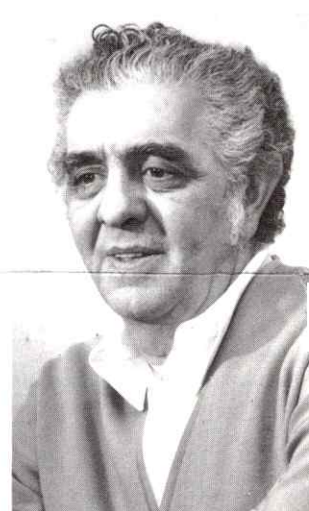
Carmen Sgarlata has appeared with the Schenectady Light Opera Company, Schenectady Civic Players and the Slingerlands Community Players. He has also been a "stand-up" comic on the nightclub circuit and is the master of ceremonies at Charles Woods' Gaslight Village in Lake George each summer. He is the founder of Theatrical Services Unlimited, and has appeared with Betty Taylor and Joe Kilgallen in each of the ten dinner-theater productions put on by that group. From all reports, an evening of sparkling entertainment is guaranteed.



KILGALLEN



TAYLOR



SGARLATA

SHUFFLEBOARD

The standings as of February 10:

1. Al Adams/John Hanrahan21 1/2
2. Henry Engel/Geo. Heilmann20
3. Bill Campbell/Geo. Hachigian 14 1/2
4. Rollie Whitney/Don Duncan14
5. Bob Hoffman/Roy Fish13
6. Paul Joralemon/Jim Quinn12
7. Bob LaForge/John Selig 9
8. Bob Edwards/Bruce MacDonald 7 1/2
9. Jim Benton/Pete Conway 7 1/2
10. Jim Benton Jr./

Bill Campbell Jr. 1

The annual banquet will be held on Thursday, April 14, at the Rest Seekers Inn, East Berne, after the end of the season sometime in March. Needless to say the boys are already getting psyched up for the big event which annually closes the doings for the year.

Cooperate.....PLEASE

Our genial Bingo Maestro, Gus Williams, sends an urgent message to all Lounge patrons whose cars will be in our parking lot on Bingo nights. He points out that it is very important for everyone to park as close to the parking lines as possible. In the future there will be parking cones on the lines for the guidance of those parking. On Wednesday, Feb. 9, we lost one row for parking due to the careless parking of the early arrivals. While this makes it difficult for our parking attendants, it could also have a serious effect on our attendance on Bingo nights. Since our Bingo customers start arriving any time after 6, it is equally important that late-staying afternoon Lounge patrons park properly.

Gus, Cmdr. Lantz and our Finance Officer thank you for your cooperation.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouderkirk
Second Vice President	Carol Cummings
Recording Secretary	Rose Marino
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bruso
Treasurer	Dorothea George
Chaplain	Rosemary Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Celeste Blanchard
Historian	Freda Sherman

Many thanks to all the people who responded to the plea for stamps and coupons in our column last month. Special thanks to Boyd Peters who has printed the 1040 TIMES for many years and who contributed very generously after learning of our need. However, still more are needed, so if you have any that you wish to contribute, please turn them in to one of our girls.

The ladies of the Auxiliary helped to make Indoor Sports Day another great success on February 5. Thanks go to Dot Lantz, Jenny Wahl, Ronnie Moessner, Ruth Bruso, Barbara Palmer, Barbara Whitney, Lenora Smith, Betty Worden, Helen Quinn, Marcia Turner and Freda Sherman for cooking and serving the lunch. There was a very fine turnout of 46 indoor sports who enjoyed a very happy afternoon.

Thanks to Barbara Whitney, Barbara Palmer, Lillian Blanchard and Carol Cummings for a job well done on January 27th, the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Albany County Committee of American Legion held at our Post.

Thanks also to Barbara Whitney, Dot Lantz, Helen Quinn, Gloria Broom, Ronnie Moessner and Freda Sherman for putting on the pre-meeting dinner for the men prior to the regular monthly meeting of February 7th.

March 5—Spaghetti Dinner. Serving from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets \$3 for adults; \$2 for children under 12. There will be a raffle for \$50 worth of meat from McCarroll's Market. The Auxiliary ladies will be selling tickets prior to and during the night of the dinner. Please plan to attend and try to bring some friends.

March 15—Regular business meeting will be preceded by a covered dish supper. Please remember to bring your own place setting. The dinner will be at 6:30. The highlight of the meeting will be the initiation of new members. Please try to attend.

Congratulations and best wishes to Karla Burns and her husband on the birth of their baby.

Until next month... keep smiling!!!

DOWN THE ALLEY

Tanks teeter! With two-thirds of the season over, Tom Foy's Taks held a slim half point advantage over second place Air Force team of Angie Tangora, and closely followed by the Army team under Jules Aupperle, two points back.

Kegling on February 4 produced three 600-plus triples: Norman Fentzke 641, Angie Tangora 632 and Frank DiSanto 606. Nice going fellows. Harvey Hasen also rolled his initial 500 series of the year the same night. George Butman still displaying top form, converting the 5-10 split recently.

Everyone misses Jim Cummings' big smile on bowling nights since he was forced to retire for the rest of the year due to a back injury suffered while skiing. All wish him a quick recovery. In the meantime he has been replaced by George Heilmann.

Billy Mitchell is busy organizing teams to compete in various tournaments. Contact him if interested. Any new members interested in bowling should get in touch with me or drop in at Sporthaven Lanes on Friday night between 6:45 and 9.

Bud Viele recuperating nicely — he dropped in to see the gang recently.

That's it until next month.

Milt Andre, Secretary

TEAM

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Tanks	879	2453	49	37	23	46426
Air Force	895	2467	48½	35½	24½	46475
Army	873	2365	46½	32½	27½	45020
Coast Guard	885	2500	44	33	27	44192
Navy	930	2440	40	30	30	44433
Infantry	823	2403	36	28	32	44666
Marines	851	2291	32	25	35	42542
Sea Bees	851	2359	24	19	41	44076

INDIVIDUAL

Class A

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
DiSanto	255	624	9657	54	178
Fentzke	234	641	6075	34	178
Havill	215	577	7864	45	174
Bender	204	539	10022	60	167
Palmer	222	567	9003	54	166
McDonald	210	565	9496	57	166
Johnston	216	579	7996	48	166
Mitchell	217	550	9732	60	162
Marino	222	547	9758	60	162
Lantz	228	554	9209	57	161
Oates	223	606	8656	54	160
Whitney	211	538	8594	54	159
Foy	212	586	7742	49	158
Tangora	242	632	9009	57	158
Pugliese	209	544	8982	57	157
Vail	213	539	8015	51	157
Larkin	200	523	9399	60	156
Cummings	207	523	5607	36	155
Andre	206	554	7327	48	152
Heilmann	176	440	860	6	

Class B

Pauquette	234	535	8852	57	155
Aupperle	200	515	7889	51	154
Donnelly	197	557	6841	45	152
Hanrahan	202	520	4968	33	150
Eagan	213	548	8120	54	150
Ristau	197	496	4019	27	148

BINGO REPORT

In accordance with Section 297.15 of the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Bingo Control Commission, following is the report of Bingo activities in Blanchard Post for the months of December 1976 and January 1977.

DECEMBER 1976

4 occasions—699 players	
Total receipts	\$4,509.45
Prizes	4,000.00
Gross profit	\$ 509.45
Expenses:	
License fees	\$103.35
Supplies, services, equipment	544.28
	647.63
Net deficit	\$ 138.18

JANUARY 1977

4 occasions—884 players	
Total receipts	\$5,612.90
Prizes	3,999.70
Gross profit	\$1,613.20
Expenses:	
License fees	\$ 93.79
Supplies, services, equipment	103.85
	197.64
Net profit	\$1,415.56

Combined Report: Dec. 1976 and Jan. 1977

8 occasions—1,543 players	
Total receipts	\$10,122.35
Prizes	7,999.70
Gross profit	2,122.65
Expenses:	
License fees	\$197.14
Supplies, services, equipment	648.13
	845.27
Net profit	\$1,277.38

Thanks

Marian and Milt Andre have asked that their very heartfelt thanks be extended to all of their many friends at the Post whose well wishes and prayers gave them both so much support and consolation during Marian's recent illness and convalescence. It's good to hear that she is well on the way to complete recovery.

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Campbell	219	530	7526	51	147
LaForge	190	507	6596	45	146
McCabe	224	548	8692	60	144
Volk	183	490	7227	51	141
Hasen	203	504	8380	60	139
Brady	223	537	8285	60	138
Haker	168	456	7773	57	136
Mosmen	166	446	4776	35	136
Feiden	169	449	5271	39	135
Burns	174	448	7783	60	129
Cole	167	460	7276	57	127
Monette	177	438	6199	51	121
Butman	156	410	5827	48	121
Alwell	156	431	5987	51	117

Attention Auxiliary Members HELP WANTED

Last December when the men of the Post started their Bingo games, members of the Auxiliary were given the chance to earn some money for our projects by selling refreshments. To this date we have been able to earn some money, but without more volunteers for workers, our project may have to come to a sudden halt. There are many members who have not been contacted or asked to help and there are members who for one reason or another are unable to help, but I feel that somewhere there is someone who would be glad to help us if only they were asked, so—I'm asking. Please contact me or any member of the Auxiliary you might see, and volunteer to help us. Our Bingo workers are usually at the Post by 6:30 on Wednesday night and ready to leave shortly after 10. If you have a husband who is now working on Bingo, why not come with him, and help us—it's a night out!

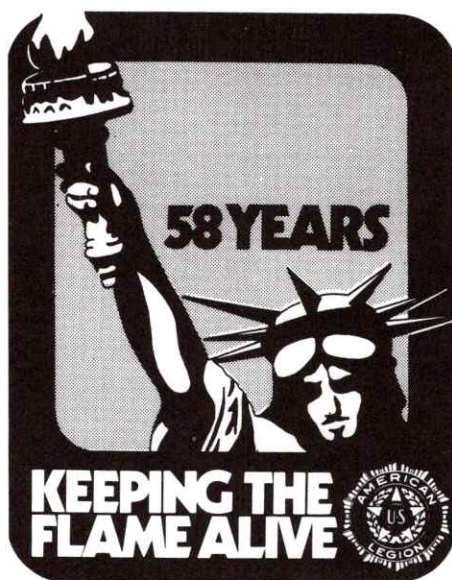
I can't begin to say thanks enough to those girls who have helped out since December, but we can't expect the same people to work all the time, and without these people we wouldn't have been able to last this long. Just one night once in awhile would be just enough to get us through, so please let us hear from you.

Marcia Turner, President

How to Tell Winner from Loser

- A winner says, "Let's find out"; a loser says, "Nobody knows."
- When a winner makes a mistake, he says, "I was wrong." When a loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."
- A winner goes through a problem; a loser goes around it, and never gets past it.
- A winner makes commitments; a loser makes promises.
- A winner says, "I'm good but not as good as I ought to be." A loser says, "I'm not as bad as a lot of other people are."
- A winner tries to learn from those who are superior to him. A loser tries to tear down those who are superior to him.
- A winner says, "There ought to be a better way to do it." A loser says, "That's the way it's always been done here."

German Night Beer Mugs
There's still a few of this year's
Mugs left for sale at \$1.35 per.
See George or Jake in Lounge.



Sick Call

Jack Chetney and Mike Mele recently were operated on at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Such happenings are always unpleasant to report, but we trust that they will soon be back with us as good as new. As always, our prayers go to our fellow Legionnaires.

Go-to-Church Breakfast

Sunday, March 27th, has been designated by Commander Lantz as a day on which Blanchard Post takes time out to once again reaffirm our allegiance as Americans and American Legionnaires to those principles on which this nation was founded. The Auxiliary will serve breakfast at the Post beginning at 8 a.m. and there will be a brief talk by a local clergyman. Hope to see you there.

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Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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LUNCHEON NEWS

The February luncheon at the Post broke all records—42 members and 10 guests. The nice weather and an unbelievable meal greeted the fine turnout. We repeat, if you haven't joined us as yet, we suggest you do so this month if you can make it. You won't regret it. Incidentally, the names of those attending in February are not being published this month because the name of one of the January attendees was inadvertently omitted from the listing we published in February. We won't mention his name but he knows who he is and we know he attended. We apologize and trust that all is now well in Slingerlands.

The March luncheon will be held at the Post at noon on the 10th. George Sykes and Al Greenwood will take over for March during the temporary absence of Butman and O'Hara. George and Dot will of course continue with their outstanding catering. We hope they get one more big hand with another big turnout. The cost: only \$3.00.

Meanwhile, the WWI veterans will hold their monthly luncheon at noon at LaCasa Restaurant on Tuesday, March 8.

How's That Again!

"Look before you leap," but remember, "he who hesitates is lost."

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder," but then, "out of sight, out of mind."

"Seeing is believing," but don't forget, "the hand is quicker than the eye."

"The squeaking wheel gets the grease," yet "it's the silent sow that gets the swill."

"Opposites attract," however, "birds of a feather flock together."

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