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VAVS

In this era of abbreviations and initials these four letters have a tremendous meaning for a comparatively few and no meaning for a great many for whom it should have.

Harold Barkhuff at the mid-March Post meeting gave us a strong interpretation of the meaning of VAVS when he said "Last year I was a patient at the VA Hospital. Then I really learned what a great program the VAVS is."

Spelled out, for those who don't know, VAVS means Veterans Administration Voluntary Service. It comprises a group of warm-hearted men and women who volunteer their time and effort to lighten the darkened periods our one-time comrade-in-arms are confined to, in the Veterans Hospital.

Harold is the American Legion's National representative to the Albany Veteran's Hospital for this activity. He was appointed to the committee for this purpose four years ago. He tells us there is "a crying need for volunteers" for this program. To fill this need, this month there will be a two-evenings indoctrination course, from 7:30 p.m. to about 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 and 27.

The program is not limited to Legionnaires, nor to men. You can do your part in this merciful cause by giving of your own time—or by encouraging your spouse or other members of your family to answer the call for helping in the recreational efforts at the VA Hospital.

You should keep in mind that you never know when you may be on the receiving end of this service. So, if you can, get on the giving end now by attending these indoctrination courses to learn what it's all about. For further details call Harold Barkhuff at HE 9-1135.

Nominations

Dr. Stanley Klett has been appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Post's slate of officers, 1960-61. Named to work with him on this tough assignment are Ralph Butler, Pat Igoe, Bill Segurs and Vaughn Williams.

In announcing the committee at the Old Timers Night meeting, Commander Greenwood pointed out that this will be the first election to occur under the Post's recently revised Constitution.

Elections take place at the first Post meeting in May.

88 to GO!

For a while "88" was a menacing number for many a GI on the Europe and Africa battleground in WW 2. That number now confronts us in Blanchard Post. That's how many members we have to get to pay their dues to hit our quota of 662 for this year—and 17 more will see us surpass our total figure of last year.

The county membership program is lagging but it's safe to say Blanchard Post is doing pretty good—thanks to the efforts of our Membership Chairman, Jules Aupperle.

To supplement follow-up dues notices, Jules has just initiated a telephone call to members in the area. You can do your part to help in this drive by (a) paying your dues, if you haven't already done so, or (b) getting a slow dues-payer to pay up or (c) getting a new member for Blanchard Post.

We've still got time to win a citation for our membership program, so let's get after those 88 and sign 'em up quickly.

WE'RE READ...

...was proven last month when Given Hynds received a response to his call for a chairman for the Easter Dance. A thoughtful volunteer advanced his services for the occasion. His letter appears on the Post bulletin board. It's signed Peter Rabbit.

Here is Given's reply to Peter's offer: Dear Peter Rabbit,

I wish to thank you for the nice letter requesting to head the Easter Dance on April 23. John Blanchard called me first so you will have to be satisfied with being on the committee.

GIVEN HYNDS, *Vice Commander Chairman, Activities Committee*

The other members of the Easter Dance Committee are Don Cronk, Tom Dare and Ken Alberts (and their wives). Rog DiNucci and his troupe will furnish the music.

Taps

...have been sounded for William Streets who died a few weeks ago. The March 7 meeting was adjourned in his memory. Bill will be remembered for his work and interest in Post affairs. His most recent assignment was that of chairman of the Blood Bank before he asked to be relieved late last year.

COMING EVENTS

SAT. APR. 2 — Past Commanders Dinner at Post Hall; Dick Lenseth is chairman. Dancing for all follows.

MON. APR. 4 — Regular first monthly meeting. Refreshments follow.

MON. APR. 11 — Executive Committee meets.

MON. APR. 18 — Mid-monthly meeting. Theme: "Father and Son Night". Feature attraction is a film "Time to Go", a documentary on the processing of Selective Service Registrants.

WED. APR. 20 and APR. 27—Indoctrination course for volunteers at VA Hospital. Call Harold Barkhuff for further details.

SAT. APR. 23 — Easter Dance. Peter Rabbit, co-chairman.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

An Army Nurse veteran and three male veterans last month were approved for membership in Blanchard Post.

The Nurse is Helen M. Flicker of 385 Morris St., Albany, who served in WW2 from April 1, 1945 to June 1946. Miss Flicker is director of Nursing Education at the Union University—Albany Hospital School of Nursing. Her membership was sponsored by Mort Lilly.

A WW2 Navy and Seabee vet also joined us. They are Edward R. Sweeney of 270 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, the Navy man who transferred into Blanchard and signed up by Art Quinn, and the ex-Seabee is Roger J. Moak of 24 First Street, Slingerlands, sponsored by Bob Prior.

The fourth new Legionnaire is Edwin P. Hoskins of 128 Chestnut St., Albany. He served with the Army from Dec. '48 until June 1952. Francis A. Hendricka brought him into our Post. Commander Greenwood welcomes these new Legionnaires and urges them to take an active participation in Post affairs.

Corkers

Another sports activity at the Post has just been brought to our attention. It's a Dart League. There are four teams, with this standing as we go to press: Smith, Woods, Solomon and Powell. The Smith team holds the honors for high score in Corks and Baseball.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Harold E. Jorgensen	3 yrs.
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Harold C. Barkhuff	2 yrs.
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ALTERNATES

Henry Voorhees
 William Segur
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 Stanley Klett
 Julius AuPPERle, Jr.
 Wayne Davis

Drive a Sr. Citizen

The Senior Citizens Day Center which has Blanchard Post's support, reports, through Acting Chairman Rev. Arthur White, that its most pressing need at this time is for transportation to and from the Center on Tuesdays. If members of our organization, personally or through members of their families, can help with this problem, they are requested to contact Miss Anna Denniston at HE 9-1741.

Blanchard Legionnaire Bob Mulligan has been our representative to this program.

Sick Call

Not only has our Finance Officer Bill Butman, been hit with the flu but his skiing daughter, Mary Lou, who has been typing the Post's financial reports all this year, has been put out of action by a skiing accident.

Sick Call Chairman Charlie Wiley also reports that Martin Watson is having a slow recovery and Harold Barkhuff reported that Herman Lockrow is also on the sick list. To all of them go our wishes for a speedy recovery.

LEGION RETAIL EMBLEMS

This is the second call.

Perhaps last month's TIMES had too much in it for our member store-keepers to have noticed the item about the *Retail Advisory Council* emblem which can be obtained for display in your show window. The purpose of the emblem is to identify you as a Legionnaire and to bring you and your store into a nationwide program sponsored by the American Legion in the interest of Legionnaire storeowners.

We have a few requests for these emblems but before forwarding them to National Headquarters, we'd like to be sure we're not going to have late-comers for them.

If you want one, just ask the Adjutant for an application.

SELECTIVE

For the mid-April meeting on April 18 Vice Commander Fred Vogel in charge of Meeting Programs, has arranged for a showing of the film, "Time to Go".

This is a highly informative movie about the Selective Service System and how it works in classifying and calling up registrants for the Armed Forces or deferring them for education, occupation or other causes.

The purpose of bringing this movie to Blanchard Post is to encourage Post members who have sons of draft age to bring them to see this picture and be informed of what is in store for them. This meeting need not be restricted to Post members and their sons but will be open to guests of the Post who are interested in this subject.

Past Commanders' Dinner

If this gets to you in time, the annual Past Commanders' Dinner will take place Saturday, April 2 at the Post Hall. Dick Lenseith is chairman. Tickets are \$5.50 per couple. Dancing follows at 10 p.m.

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BOWLING

April 8 marks the end of this season's bowling for Blanchard's league. The final activity however will take place a few weeks later, on April 27, when the league members have a stag steak dinner at Beck's Tavern in Colonie.

By then they'll know the results of Blanchard's entries in the Department tournament about to take place at Newburgh. We'll have two teams there. One will be headed by Charlie Tornquist with teammates Bob Taylor, Fred Dearstyne, Dick Lenseth and Vaughn Williams. The other team has Charlie Wiley for its skipper. With him will be Dick Dalton, 'Admiral' Wickert, Ralph Butler and Bill Johnston. Some of these fellows will also be entered in the single and double events in the tournament.

As of March 21, the league standings:

Capt.	Team	Won	Lost
Clayt Smith	Marines	54	24
Al Greenwood	Infantry	41½	36½
Dick Cole	Artillery	41	37
Frank Walsh	Engineers	39	39
Bill Johnston	Coast Guard	35	43
Jules Aupperle	Navy	34	44
Walt Berry	Tanks	34	44
Frank Denson	Army	31½	46½

In the three classes, Frank Walsh held high single of 246 and high triple of 673 in Class A; Class B found Ed Loftus with high single of 241 and Doc Klett with high triple of 553; Ralph Butler and Bill Tougher shared high single in Class C with 221 and high triple is held down by Bill Tougher with 567. Frank Walsh held high league average with 184.

Show Your Colors

Within the next 90 days three major flag-displaying days occur. Memorial Day, next month; Flag Day in June and Independence Day on July 4th. If you don't have your American Flag for these occasions, write or call the Post's Flag Committee to get your National colors.

The Post's campaign last year to display the Flag was very responsive. It was gratifying to ride through Bethlehem to see so many flags flown from windows or on front lawns. This is written to bring your attention to this national and community spirit.

TV RAFFLE A SUCCESS

A rising vote of thanks was given Dick Lenseth for the very successful, financially and generally, raffle Blanchard Post concluded for its new TV. After all expenses were paid, a surplus of \$163 remained from the TV raffle, Chairman Dick Lenseth reported at the mid-March meeting. The drawing for the TV at the St. Patrick's party was won by Joe Von Ronne. Pete Peters of Altamont won the transistor radio and the Post has a paid-for color TV for all members to enjoy.

Comdr. Greenwood announced that he would have the surplus receipts placed in the Post's savings account and earmark it toward the cost of re-doing the heating system in the Post (which should bring less noise from that quarter).

Dick Lenseth expressed his thanks for all who helped in the sale and purchase of tickets. At Comdr. Greenwood's call, Dick was given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid leadership in this effort.

Glory Be To St. Pat.

For those who didn't make it to the St. Patrick's Dance we can report they missed a highly colorful and festive occasion. For the color of the affair, thanks go to Ken Jopp who arranged for the Erin decorations in the Post rooms. Maude Hafely gets our thanks for cooking up the delicious corned beef supper which was attended by 60 people—and Comdr. Greenwood gives his thanks to all who helped in making this party one of the most enjoyed and highest attended in the Post's history. Activities Chairman Hynds reports we broke even financially but earned considerable good will. Mike Norton gets top honors as chairman for the affair.

Loud Response

Asked by Comdr. Greenwood for a report from the House Committee, the chairman rose to his feet amid a clatter of loud noises coming from the Post's ailing steam pipes. *That*, said the chairman "is my report".

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