



# Ten Forty Times



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## BELLS TO RESOUND

Ringling of the bells throughout the Nation on Thursday, April 19, at 1 p.m. will serve as a reminder to all to recognize our American heritage of love of liberty and national unity. The bell-ringing idea is American Legion-sponsored, intended to dramatize a dynamic conviction in Americanism. National Commander Charles L. Bacon has issued the call for the ringing of the bells which, he says, "will sound not as a new call to arms, but as a massive voluntary demonstration that America is already armed—in unity, spirit and deep moral conviction".

Commander Woehrle has appointed Blanchard Post's Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss, to arrange for and coordinate the ringing of the bells in churches and public buildings of the Town of Bethlehem.

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## COME ONE — COME ALL!

Another in Blanchard Post's series of meetings of general interest for its members and their guests takes place on Monday, April 16. Meeting Chairman Charles O'Hara looks to score another successful meeting for our Post with the presentation of a program prepared by the N. Y. State Thruway State Police Detail. Captain Robert Annett, head of Troop T, which patrols the Thruway, has assured Chairman O'Hara that if he cannot personally appear on the program there will be an equally effective speaker to present the program which will be directed to safer driving on the Thruway.

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## Sick Call

Don Gregory has been a patient in the Veterans Hospital.

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## ALIVE Gets National Attention

Blanchard Post's highway safety program, ALIVE, was given space in the AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE (February issue) of "Posts In Action". As a result several requests have been received from Legion Posts throughout the nation asking for information about our program. This is a splendid example of the American Legion in action.

## P. C. NIGHT

The Past Commanders will have their annual dinner at the Post Hall, Saturday, April 7. Last year's commander, Given S. Hynds, as is customary, is dinner chairman. It will be the thirty-first such occasion. Tickets for the affair are \$3.50. They may be obtained from Given or Art Quinn, George Butman, Dick Lenseth or Al Woehrle. Herb Drew will sparkle the evening with his mirth as master of ceremonies. Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Commanders' distinguished awards to two of the Post's Legionnaire's for their outstanding contributions to the American Legion and our Post. Dancing, after the dinner, will be open to all members and their guests without charge.

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## MEMBERSHIP MOUNTS

With a turnover of more than 50 new members, Vice Comdr. and Membership Chairman Rodger Fryer reported in mid-March that Blanchard Post had reached a new high of 700 members!

To the 35 Blanchard Legionnaires who have not yet paid 1962 dues, Rodger offers this reminder to do so now to prevent your continuous membership in the Legion from lapsing. Rodger also asks everyone who is thinking about sponsoring a new member to make certain that the dates of active service of the veteran being proposed as a Legionnaire conforms with Legion requirements. The periods are: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945; and June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

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## New Color-TV Date

A conflict of schedule of events on the Post's calendar makes it necessary to revise the date for the drawing for the color-TV set. The date will now be on May 19, the third Saturday of the month.

Fund-Raising Chairman, Charley Wiley, reports that after an early rush of returns of tickets with their dollars, the flow eased off. He hopes this notice will revive the flow and remind all of you who have put your tickets aside to get them out to sell and get new supplies which can be secured from Charley or from Art Quinn at the Post.

## COMING EVENTS

SUN., APR. 1—Back-to-God Breakfast at the Post Hall, 9:00 a.m.

MON., APR. 2—Regular monthly Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.; business session; refreshments to follow.

SAT., APR. 7—Past Commanders' Dinner at Post Hall, 6:30 p.m.; dance to follow at 9:30 p.m.

MON., APR. 9—Post Affairs Committee meets at 8:30 p.m.

FRI., APR. 13—Jefferson Day, display the American Flag.

MON., APR. 16—Mid-monthly Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.; feature program, "Policing the Thruway", presented by the N. Y. State Police, Troop T.

THURS., APR. 26—County Legion meets

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## BACK-TO-GOD

The annual Back-to-God movement, sponsored by the American Legion, is scheduled at Blanchard Post on Sunday, April 1. To mark the occasion, Chairman William Johnston, with the help of our Auxiliary, under the chairmanship of Kay Mosmen, has called upon Father William B. Fitzgerald of Delmar's St. Thomas' Church, to be the guest speaker at a breakfast to be served at the Post Hall. The breakfast is set for 9:00 a.m., which should be ample time for church service attendance before or after breakfast program. Tickets are \$1.00 a person and Blanchard Legionnaires are urged to attend and bring guests.

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## Jefferson Day

Few realize it but April 13 is designated as Jefferson Day, in honor of the second President of the United States—and a special day to display the American Flag—if you have one. If you have no flag, call at the Post where there is a carton-full available at \$4.40 per kit.

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## New Adjutant

The departure of Max Maeder from Delmar for a higher position with his company, Beneficial Finance, made it necessary to have a successor to fill Max's uncompleted term of Adjutant. The distinction goes to Wayne Davis.

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HE 9-1788George Feiden,  
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**CHRIS' CORNER**

April is the Auxiliary's Child Welfare month. On regular meeting night, Tuesday, April 17, Charlotte Johnston, Child Welfare Chairman, has arranged a program featuring Miss Cora Barkhuff, Case Worker at St. Margaret's House and Hospital for Babies. Miss Barkhuff will talk on foster homes, and will also tell us a little about her work with mentally retarded children at St. Margaret's. She'll also show some pictures of the home.

April looks like a busy month for Auxiliary members. Kay Mosmen, chief cook and dishwasher for the Back-to-God breakfast on April 1, will be assisted by Grace Von Ronne, Peg Butman, Charl Johnston, Gerry Klett, Mad Lawler, Peg Mosmen, Helen Kemnitzner, Marge Heiser and Mary Woehrle.

Have you purchased your tickets (\$1. each) for the Spring Card Party, Tuesday, April 10, at the Post? The Committees are: Chairman, June Wilcox; Co-Chairman and Fashion Show Chairman, Marge Igoe; Tickets, Helen Quinn and Norrine Cooke; Table Prizes, Jane Fearnside; Refreshments, Kay Lenseth; Hospitality, Mary Conner and Toni Spinosa. They are all hard at work to make this a huge success. The Fashion Show with Elaine Drooz commentating for M. Solomon's should be very special. Donations of sandwiches will be appreciated.

On Saturday, April 14 at 12 Noon, we will sponsor an Off-Station Party at the Post — Maud Hafley, Chairman. Maud will appreciate help.

For the benefit of the girls who aren't able to attend during the day, there will be an O&I Course at the VA Hospital on the evenings of April 18 and 25. Sign up with Maud Hafley.

Our candy project has been most successful under Molly Cassidy's direction. She still has some available—so do get in touch with her. Molly has recovered from her bout with the flu.

Ona Brown has returned from the hospital, but will be confined to her home for several months, and would be happy to have visitors. She wrote us a lovely note saying how much she appreciated all the cards.

Mrs. Alida Blanchard has been ill and had to return to the hospital on St. Patrick's day. It would be nice to send her a card to wish her speedy recovery.

Happy Easter to all.

**O & I for VAVS**

Harold Barkhuff is recruiting help for the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services. Special orientation and instruction courses for volunteers have been set for Wednesday evenings, April 18 and 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. Harold reports he cannot emphasize strongly enough the need for volunteers in this open-hearted effort. He appeals in this cause first to his brother Legionnaires and through them, members of their families and their friends and acquaintances, male or female, who find they would have the time to give to this wonderful work.

Anyone interested in this program should contact Harold or the Veterans Hospital for further information.

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**Nominators**

Comdr. Woehrle named Past Comdr. Given Hynds chairman of the Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers for 1962-63. The other members of the Committee are George Butman, 'Doc' Stanley Klett, Bud Mosmen and George Wenger. The slate of nominees which they will prepare will be submitted at the May 7 meeting. Election of officers takes place on May 21.

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**Conners for Dept. Commander**

All current signs point to the unanimous election of F. Herrick Conners, of Cohoes, as the next Dept. of New York Commander. Blanchard Post members present at the March 5th meeting gave their approval to a motion by Dick Lenseseth to support the nomination and election of 'Doc' Conners. The Department Convention takes place later this year in New York City.

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**Dress-Parade**

Order your Legion cap now so that you'll be well-dressed for the Memorial Day Parade next month.

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**New Piano**

For all to enjoy, and especially to the satisfaction of the musicians who are engaged for our social events, the Post Hall now has a new piano. Its purchase was authorized at the first meeting of last month and the Board of Directors followed suit and approved the purchase.

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**Taps**

Past Commander (1953-54) John Waserbach died March 18. A memorial ceremony, attended by about 30 Blanchard Legionnaires including many past commanders was conducted at the Tebbutt's Funeral Parlor by Rev. Peter Bondi and Comdr. Al Woehrl. The mid-March meeting was adjourned in memory of John.

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**High-Low Contest**

Blanchard Post's Bowling League will have its High-Low Tournament, Friday, April 13, at the Sporthaven Lanes.

As of mid-March the Marines were leading the league and high single honors are held by Dick Cole with a 231. Ken Stinson is high triple leader: 595.

Last month George Butman became the high single threat when he rolled a 230 game. Next month the bowlers will have the wind-up banquet.

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