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REINOW TO BE P. C. DINNER SPEAKER

This year's Past Commanders Dinner takes place at the Post Hall on April 20. Past Commander Alexander J. Woehrle is dinner chairman. Highlight of the program will be a talk by Robert Reinow a member of Blanchard Post who is also a professor of government at Albany State College of Education and an author of educational textbooks and magazine articles. He has been a contributor to the American Legion Magazine on numerous occasions. Last year he was Grand Marshal of Blanchard Post's Memorial Day Parade.

Chairman Woehrle sent the following letter to the Past Commanders:

TO: You, My Brother-PCs
of Blanchard Post

Now that you've given me the distinction of becoming one of you, it is my personal pleasure to send you this invitation to share with me the bounty and burden for the 32nd Past Commanders' Dinner.

The Dinner is set for Saturday, April 20; the hour, 7:30 p.m., at our Post Hall. Perhaps before the dinner those who attend would like to buy a pre-dinner drink at the Post Bar to start warming the evening.

The program will have a mixture of mirth, magic and meaning. To all Past Commanders who will attend it will give momentum to the occasion if they will be prepared to speak for up to three minutes, reflecting on the outstanding

experience of their term of office.

Last year we had about seventy persons, including sixteen Past Commanders at the dinner. Our Post continues to grow. This year we should have as many or more at the party. To do this we need your help — whether or not you can attend the function.

The dinner "fee" this year is \$4.00 per ticket. With this letter there are four tickets. If you can return \$16 for them to me, it'll be just fine. Should you need more tickets let me know or get them at the Post. Any surplus cash from this dinner will go toward the Post Building Fund.

This year the Past Commanders will make a single Merit Award. If you have a recommendation let me know by April 1 at which time there will be a closed meeting of the Past Commanders present at the Regular Post Meeting who will make the selection of the Blanchard Legionnaire (other than a past commander or member already awarded this honor) to be the recipient of the American Legion diamond-studded pin for 1963.

Your spirit as a Blanchard Post Past Commander is certain to make this year's dinner a success. For the active cooperation I am confident you will give this occasion, to you I express my warmest appreciation and say

Thank you,
AL WOEHRL

WE KNEW IT COULD BE DONE

The boys at Blanchard have once again demonstrated that old service esprit de corps by putting us over the top in our 1963 membership campaign. And we were able to do this by March 15, the birthday of the American Legion.

After six months of KP (konstant plugging), Vice Commander and Membership Chairman O'Hara was able to drag himself to his feet at the March 18 meeting and announce to the hushed assemblage the birth of a new Blanchard record — 726 members. Having reported thusly he slumped to his chair muttering incoherently, and had to be assisted to the lower chamber for a reviving libation. At last report he was doing well, and asking all new members of the past six months who have not been present at one of our induction ceremonies, to come

to one of the regular meetings and be formally inducted.

Chairman O'Hara's comments included words of appreciation for the wonderful cooperation given by so many, who did so much to help us on the way to meeting our quota. It was his hope that we would continue to bring in new members for our present day needs, and for the future of Blanchard Post. Thus will we also assist the Legion to remain a potent force for patriotism and for service to community, state and nation. We will help it to continue in strength as what we like to think of as a "Council on American Affairs", something so desperately needed in the current propaganda climate that would deny those basic values on which the foundations of this nation rest, love of home, love of country and love of God.

COMING EVENTS

MON., APR. 1—Regular Post Meeting — and no foolin' — refreshments follow — 8:30 p.m.

MON., APR. 8—Post Affairs Meeting — 8:30 p.m.

MON., APR. 15—Mid-monthly Post Meeting — refreshments follow — 8:30 p.m.

SAT., APR. 20—Past Commanders Dinner — Cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7:30 p.m.; Dancing follows at 10:00 p.m.

THURS., APR. 25—County Legion Meets

MON., APR. 29—Board of Directors Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

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Nominators

Commander Rodger Fryer has named to the Nominating Committee for the selection of a slate of Post Officers for 1963-64: George Butman as Chairman, with Art Quinn, Ralph Butler and Pat Igoe as members. The nominees they screen and select will be presented at the first meeting of the Post in May. Elections take place at the mid-May meeting. Any active Blanchard Legionnaire eager for a Post position should contact the Nominating Committee or attend the meeting on the night the nominations are announced.

VAVS ON APRIL 24

Blanchard Legionnaire Harold Barkhuff who is also the American Legion's national representative for the VAVS at the Albany Veterans Hospital, urges as many who can to attend the VAVS orientation class at the Hospital on Wednesday, April 24, between 7 and 10 p.m. "The need for more volunteers in this work continues to be pressing", says Harold. "If you've ever been a patient at the Hospital, you get to know this. One has to take this course to be okayed for doing this volunteer work. Once you've taken the orientation course, whether or not you are a Legionnaire, or man or woman, you can become certified to volunteer at your leisure time for the work that the volunteers do at the Hospital. I'd be personally grateful to all Blanchard Legionnaires who would become enrolled in this orientation class on the night of April 24."

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MARY'S CORNER

Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. is our next date, we hope, to get together for a meeting, and an added bonus this month of a Pot Luck supper. Refreshment Chairman Esther Cooke has arranged to have Maud Hafley as chairman for this affair. Please bring a dish of your own choosing. Here's your chance to make your specialty.

April is Child Welfare month, and Child Welfare Chairman Lee Hurley has arranged a program for the meeting that is sure to be of interest.

Spring flowers are beginning to show their heads, and looking forward to May, we'll be waiting for Ruth Jorgensen's poppies.

Are you all making plans for April 23? The lovely hats from Anne's Hat Box and the furs from Becks will surely be something special to see. And, remember that our refreshments are always delicious. Have you seen the posters around town? We thank Marcia Trotta for her hard work — she surely has talent! Chairman Chris Barkhuff and her committee are hard at work to make this party a success, so be sure to come.

On Sunday, March 18, a tea honoring Department Hospital Workers Chairman Maud Hafley was held at Albany VA Hospital. Attending from Blanchard were Esther and Norrine Cooke and Chris Barkhuff.

Thanks to Kay Mosmen and her committee — Kathy Buker, Peg Butman, Mary Conner, Marge Haeusser, Peg Mosmen, Mad Lawler, Grace Von Ronne and Mary Woehrle — the Back to God food and service were excellent.

A Happy Easter to all.

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Good Reminder

At a recent County Legion meeting, one of Albany County's outstanding American Legionnaires, Bill Gannon, expressed the importance of having our Certificate of Discharge from the Armed Forces available where we or our next-of-kin know where it is. He pointed out that this is especially important when it is necessary to produce this paper to take advantage of one of the many veterans' rights that every now and then requires the production of the Certificate. If you can't find yours now, you had better take steps to securing a duplicate copy.

INDOOR SPORTS THANKS

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post
 c/o Rodger Fryer, Commander
 Elsmere Avenue, Elsmere, N. Y.

Dear Commander:

We, of the Indoor Sports' Club, had a wonderful time at the party given for us by the Blanchard Post last Saturday, and we do want to thank you and all the Legionnaires for being so very nice to us.

This party is an occasion we all look forward to, and talk about a long time afterward for it is always such an enjoyable afternoon for us and you make us feel so welcome. Despite the inclement weather outside; the lively band, delicious meal and friendly atmosphere in the newly remodeled Post rooms, brought a lot of happiness into the hearts of the Indoor Sports and their guests.

Please extend our most grateful thanks to all the men of your Post for their kindness to us and may all your projects be as successful as this one!

Sincerely yours,
 DOROTHY J. WOGATSKIE
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So that rightful recognition can be given to these friends of Blanchard Post, Charlie Redmond who was chairman for the occasion says "We wish to thank the following people who gave prizes for the Mardi Gras":

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Navy Band Coming

A U. S. Navy Band Concert, sponsored by the Tri-Village Little League, will take place Monday, April 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$2 and \$3, the proceeds of which will be for a very good cause.

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Blanchard's Baseball team can use a sponsor, so reports Baseball Chairman Dick Dalton. Anyone interested should contact Dick.

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Mulligan Parade Chairman

For the fine work he did last year in arranging the Memorial Day Parade for Blanchard Post in Delmar, a repeat assignment has been given to Robert E. Mulligan by Commander Fryer. The parade this year takes place on Thursday, May 30. To prepare yourself for it now is the time, if you need one, to order an American Legion cap and an American Flag to display in front of your home. Either of these items can be secured at the Post.

Mountain Campers

Mountaineer Chairman Bud Mosmen is taking \$1 memberships for this American Legion Program. He'll also gladly accept life memberships for \$25.

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Sick Call

Bill Hazel suffered a heart attack in the north country last month and was taken to a Plattsburgh hospital. Latest reports are that he's resting comfortably and was expected to be transferred to an Albany Hospital and it will be several weeks before he'll be able to be up and around.

Marv Hirschburg, Charles Walsh, Everett DeLong, Douglas Hopkins, Joe Amarillo and Alfred Brown are in VA Hospital. (These are several good reasons why we need some more volunteers from Blanchard Post to serve on the VAVS at the hospital).

G-Man To Talk

Meeting Program Chairman Fred Stahlhut has invited August Kayne, Assistant FBI Special Agent in charge of the Albany Office, to be the speaker at the mid-monthly meeting on April 15.

This will be an open meeting and Blanchard Legionnaires are urged to bring their wives and guests to the meeting so that their will be a fair-sized audience to hear Mr. Kayne talk. The topic is certain to be one that will be timely and of interest to all who will take the time to attend the meeting to hear it.

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'Twas A Happy Night

To everyone who helped make this year's St. Patrick's Party a success, the party chairman, Dick Lenseth expresses his thanks. About 275 corned-beef dinners were served. Angel Feiden's four-girl musical group lent charm to the rhythms of the night. Helping Dick and Commander Fryer with the party program were: Pat Cahill, Al Davies, George Feiden, Bill Flint, Barney Greene, Harry Harkness, Pat Igoe, Grif Lance, Ken Lenseth, Bill McGoey, Frank Nealon, Harry Nisenbaum, Mike Norton, Ralph Stilon and Hugh Stowers.

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Taps

We mourn the passing of two Blanchard Legionnaires last month. They are Walter Colyer and Harry Keelan.

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New Sign At Bar

A brand new "American Legion — 1040" now adorns the wall behind the Bar at the Post. It serves as a reminder to those present that they are at a Post and not a "club".

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QUESTION ON DUES

In view of the recent increases in the assessment by National Headquarters, Commander Fryer recently appointed a committee to study the adequacy of the present annual dues of \$5.00 and to report thereon at the first meeting in March. The members of this committee were George Wenger, Ed Tostigan, Al Greenwood, Henry Voorhees and Charles J. O'Hara, Chairman.

Of the \$5.00 that we now collect, the Post receives \$1.50. The balance of \$3.50 goes for National, Department and County assessments. (\$.25 for County, \$1.00 for Department, \$2.25 for National of which \$1.00 is for the magazine).

The committee found that the present level of dues is inadequate in view of the current amount of these assessments. It also felt that the dues should assume a

greater share of the cost of supporting the activities carried out by this Post. The findings were based upon a complete review of these activities, including Post and community, and a concurrent analysis of income and expenditures.

The committee recommended and the membership approved the following procedural steps in the discussions and final actions subsequent to the submittal of the report. No motions were to be entertained at the March 6 meeting concerning what the membership would finally propose to vote upon, such motions to be made at the first meeting in April and the voting to take place at the meeting of May 6. This would provide for an adequate period of deliberation and would give us an opportunity to more fully publicize what we are doing. Thus, it was hoped that a more truly representative number of interested members would be involved in the final decision.

The point was also made that the membership would have to face up to this problem with the realization and acceptance of the fact that we are part of a national organization. This is not a local country club and whatever we do is not purely localized. Thus, it was felt that an immoderate action that would seriously deplete our membership is not for the good of the Legion.

It was the conclusion of the committee that a disproportionate share of running the Post activities comes from the income of the bar. It was realized, of course that without this income we could not exist in the style to which we have become accustomed. We all know that the membership, either by voting participation in the decision or through default by failing to register a protest, has decided that we would assume a sizable debt. It was not suggested that the dues pay off this debt but it was felt that the total membership should share a small portion of this burden and thus make more of our principal income available for payment on this debt. Naturally, this can only be done by increasing the only other certain source of revenue we have, namely dues.

The committee listed a few of the benefits we derive from membership:

1. American Legion Magazine
2. Legislative representation in Washington
3. Legion Service Officers in time of need

4. Club room
5. Blood bank
6. 1040 TIMES
7. Refreshments at meetings
8. Dances
9. Eggnog party
10. Ice rink—children's skating party
11. Children's Christmas party

The committee pointed out further that there hasn't been an increase in dues since 1946 and added that there are not many organizations that can make such a claim. It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that an increase in dues is justified and recommended that they be increased to \$7.50 a year for 1964.

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Fund's Raising

Building Fund Chairman Barney Greene reports \$3,100.00 in receipts and pledges from about 115 contributors. If you haven't made your contribution yet and are now ready to do so, Barney urges you to do it now so that the construction debt can be paid off.

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SCOUT NEWS

On Saturday, March 9, Commander Rodger Fryer attended the 2nd Annual Helderberg District Boy Scout Swimming Meet at Bethlehem Central High School. He awarded the Blanchard Post trophy to Troop 85 of Delmar, winner of the meet, which repeated its success of last year. Blanchard Post also made available winner's ribbons for individual contestants in the events. About 120 Boy Scouts from six Tri-Village Troops participated in the program.

In recognition of Blanchard Post's contribution, the following letter was received from the Boy Scouts' District Activities Chairman, Larry McArthur, who is a Blanchard Legionnaire:

Mr. Rodger Fryer
Commander, Nathaniel Adams
Blanchard Post,
American Legion, Delmar, N. Y.

Dear Rodger:

On behalf of the Helderberg District, I should like to thank you and the Blanchard Post for providing individual award ribbons for the District Swim Meet held for all Scouts and Explorers in the district on March 9, 1963. The championship trophy which the Post placed in competition last year was narrowly retained by Troop 85 of Elsmere over the strong challenges of several other units.

This was again a most worthwhile event — quite in keeping with the emphasis on physical fitness and certainly a high point in the activities program of our local Scout units. The participation of the Blanchard Post helped make it much more colorful and stimulating than it otherwise would have been.

Yours very truly,
LARRY MCARTHUR
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Boys State Committee

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