



# Ten Forty Times

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SEVENTEENTH YEAR

APRIL 1973



To mark Americanism Month in the American Legion, Miss Lois Mannheimer, eighth grade Social Studies teacher in the Bethlehem Central Middle School, receives a citation as the "Teacher of Americanism Month" in the Town of Bethlehem. Making the presentation is Americanism Post Chairman Charles J. O'Hara which Commander Michael Mele of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 in Delmar, N. Y., smilingly approves the action at the Legion Hall.

## MISTER AMERICAN LEGION

That was Harold Barkhuff. Yes, Blanchard Post lost a great member recently. Perhaps some of the newer members didn't know of Mr. Barkhuff, but many older members remember him and his leadership which was a great help in putting the Post where it is today. Harold was a Legionnaires' Legionnaire. Harold was all American Legion. He was past Post Commander, past Chairman of the Board, past County Commander. Harold would help out wherever he could. As your commander I know this to be so because he helped me in many problems and decisions that had to be solved.

Harold volunteered his services at the Veterans Administration Hospital as the American Legion's Rehabilitation Representative, and assisted many veterans. We can never thank this man enough for all he has done for the Blanchard Post and for the good of the Legion. May God bless him.

Commander Mike Mele

## APRIL CALENDAR

April 7—MOD Night  
Welcome Spring Party  
Dinner Dance

April 14—Past Commanders Party  
Dinner Dance

Regular meeting every first and third  
Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m.  
Board of Directors Meeting last  
Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

## Annual Calendar

May 25—Installation of Officers

28-30—Memorial Day Parade *correct*

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## MOD NIGHT (BEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR)

Saturday, April 7, 1973

You want to see old friends? You want to meet new members? You want to have a good swinging time? Then make it a point to attend this night's festivities. John Vogel, ticket chairman, promises a buffet, all you can eat, beer (all you can drink), and real MOD rock and roll music for you younger members. "This is where it's at." For you older duffers, come on down and drool.

Dancing will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are available at the bar for \$6.00 per person.

## County Meeting April 26

The next Albany County Meeting will be held at the Helderberg Post No. 977 in Altamont on Thursday, April 26.

## Lucky Winners

The 50/50 winner on Feb. 16 was Merwyn Atwood and on Feb. 23, it was lucky Joe Pelletier.

## Nice Going Kathy

The little lady with the big smile who is doing a terrific job in the check room on Friday nights is Kathy Quinn.

Honey, you win. Please come back.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

By MARCIA TURNER

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Once again a big thanks to the men of the Post for a beautiful dinner served us on the occasion of our 42nd birthday. Commander Mike Mele, his wife Mary and Albany County Chairman Helen Reynolds were our honored guests.

After dinner, everyone played bingo with Ann Carroll calling the numbers and Betty Costigan running with the prizes. Thanks to all those who donated prizes for this event.

Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 17. The program for the evening will be our study country: Hong Kong, given by Fran Hynds and Norrine Cooke.

Our Card Party will soon be here—May 1—with fashions from Dorothy Lynn, and Mary Kaplan as fashion co-ordinator. Let's all work for a big turnout. **SELL TICKETS!**

Saturday, April 14, we will hold a bake sale at the Grand Union, Delaware Plaza, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Money raised to be donated to the leukemia society, our cancer control project for this year.

It's not too early to begin thinking of the Poppy Hat Contest. Norrine Giaccone is Poppy Chairman, and the gal to see for information on the contest. The hats will be judged at our April meeting, so that our winner will be entered in the County Contest on April 30.

Department President, Regina Wellington was honored at Blanchard Post

on March 12 with a delicious roast beef dinner prepared and served by the men of the Post. About 90 women attended, with 14 from our Unit.

We're sorry to report Maud Hafley is a patient in Albany Medical Center—Room 202M. Send her a card and let her know we're thinking of her.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of June Wilcox and Harold Barkhuff—both passed away on February 23, 1973. M.

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**ON MEMBERSHIP**

Quota 799. We did it! We went over the top!

At the County Meeting at the Colonie Post on Feb. 22, Fort Orange was in 4th place with **389**; Zaloga was in 3rd place with **448**; Scully was in 2nd place with **678**; and Blanchard held on to 1st spot for another month with **799** (this was our quota). Two other County Posts have met their quota: Denn with **40** and Colonie with **164**.

A hearty welcome to Blanchard Post to these new Legionnaires:

Roger J. Sniffen  
Vincent A. Kiszka  
George W. Wriston III  
Robert N. Signor  
George Trombe  
Robert J. Ganley

As of March 9, 1973 our 1973 membership stands at **819**.

My thanks and appreciation to all you Blanchardites for your great help.

Kenneth J. Burns  
*Membership Chairman*

**Shuffleboard League**

George Spawn led the league to another great year of fun and shooting. Dick Dalton set up a system of double elimination shoot-off which ran over three Thursdays. It ended up with Bill Campbell first, Bill Vogel second and Ken Havill third. March 22 was the shuffleboard banquet at Rest Seeker's Inn and a great meal and fun was had by all. The only one still talking about the year is Dick Dalton and Al Adams as they were the winning team and got *no* prize.

**Sick Call**

After a stay in the hospital, George Reeber is now at home and a note of good cheer would be meaningful and appreciated, so get your cards off to 524 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, and George will know we are all thinking about him.

Also on the sick list and hospitalized is Walter Langley.

**50/50**

Hank Voorhees was the lucky winner on March 2. It's nice to see Hank get something back for a change.

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## NOMINATIONS

Having been duly appointed by Post Commander Michael Mele to select a slate of officers for 1973-74 we hereby recommend the following for the office designated:

Commander.....Merwyn K. Atwood  
 Sr. Vice Comm.....Edward Starkweather  
 Vice Commander.....Robert J. Rosenfield  
 Vice Commander.....Joseph H. Reohr, Jr.  
 Adjutant.....John A. Vogel  
 Finance Officer.....Howard R. Gmelch  
 Chaplain.....Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss  
 Historian.....Roger DiNucci, Jr.  
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Alan R. Vanderwood  
 Judge Advocate.....George F. Wenger  
 Board of Directors—(1) Retiring Post Commander Michael Mele as mandated by the (revised) By-Laws;  
 (2) Richard P. Dalton; and  
 (3) Augustine "Gus" Williams

*County Delegates and Alternates*  
 John Brady, Sr. Bill Alwell  
 Ken Burns Bill Blanchard, Sr.  
 Bill Campbell Richard Davis  
 Bill Mitchell Bill Fitzgerald  
 Ollie Palmer Frank Futia  
 Tom Rudolph Phil Lee  
 Hugh Stowers Bruce MacDonald  
 Fred Trombe Don Smith

This is respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of which Alexander J. Woehrl is the chairman; with members William E. Alwell, William J. Blanchard, Jr., Robert J. Rosenfield and Joseph V. Von Ronne.

### Another Winner

The first 20 Week Club winner of this term is Gerry Galeo.

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## PEOPLE WATCHING

The 20 Week Club is off and running strong, thanks to the fine organization of Merwyn Atwood and extra super selling by Red Kernahan, Bill Campbell, Joe Cummings, Gus Williams, Ollie Palmer, Ed Korp and Joe Von Ronne. We note Bill Mitchell hitting that ale like he misses those hard earned lost pounds. Promises . . . promises—Rollie Whitney says about M. Mele—where is my head piece, he want to know? Sorry to see George and Shirley Kirk leave our area but the best to them on his transfer to Virginia. Nancy and Stan Brooks, Betty and Pierce Green, Madaline and Lee Bryant all tanned from their southern safari. Bob and Marion Coburn enjoying their retirement in Florida. Two music groups that played at the Post recently—"Phil Foote" and the "Continental"—were great! Fred Vogel is back in circulation after his hospital stay. Good grief, stay healthy, little Arlie needs you. Ralph Derby getting tricky, writing his checks at work lately. Bob Strickland's on 7-Up—trying to shed a few. Bob Ballentine is the new V. Pres. of Industrial Park—congratulations! A little late, but thank you Bill McKeough for our beautiful Christmas tree, too many trees and December 25s to remember how long you have been doing this.

Is George Spawn going to give up listening to his police call radio now that

the Mets are back on? Tom who are you kidding? How about that bumper sticker of yours. It's hard to believe that "Tip" Nelson has 42 years with the State . . . to the real estate corner, we must have sold all of the Village by now, it's great to never hear them disagree on a price or appraisal. Ray Callagan—we want to heartily thank you—we haven't heard "Granada" in over a year. Old faithful Al Davis still seeing the members get a sandwich on meeting nights. A pat on the back to George Wenger who has been our "guiding light" for 20 or so years, as our legal counselor.

Al Beckmann, Dick Cole, Guy Switzer, among others, using some of that retirement time driving for the Red Cross. Joe Bauhofer has a good left hand on the shuffleboard, now Joe about that right hand? Did Bill Campbell use dry gas to blow up that spark-plug? Tony Pezzula and the Glenn Haber Trio are still entertaining us after three years. Clyde was told you couldn't get Ed Cassidy to hit the sack before midnight on that Caribbean cruise. What's this about Nancy Brooks rushing home to see her pets' water cup—it's full. It's hard to believe Shorty Adams is celebrating his 50th year in same bowling league (Keelers).

The old sausage man Ollie Palmer, who already needs a guiding hand home on those snowmobile trips—could not

pass up a bargain and bought two right shoes this week. Where are you heading Ollie? Peg Dybas "the quiet Dybas" recovering at home after surgery. Matt Dybas "the not-so-quiet Dybas" recovering from the bachelor days alone bit.

How about another Post "Stage Production"? What great nights they were. Esther Cooke wasn't present Feb. 23 and by a coincidence the Alley Cat wasn't played. 70 Legion jackets being worn now, and they look great. Emblems may be purchased at the Post Rooms. We'll wrap up now. Nancy, put the cover on the cage, Clyde will people listen.

CLYDE

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## Taps

We all mourn the passing of our comrade, Harold Barkhuff, and extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, Chris, his daughter, Marcia Turner, and his son and their families. Harold was a very dedicated Legionnaire and will be missed by all. His special services and involvement at the Veterans Hospital occupied much of his time doing so much for those less fortunate. Aside from his dedicated efforts for the betterment of Blanchard Post, he is past County Commander and his name and good works will long be remembered.

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### TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Tanks	850	2434	63	47	31	59720
Marines	876	2470	60	42	36	61189
Coast Guard	875	2485	54	38	39	60608
Army	877	2471	53	41	36	60411
Infantry	952	2521	52	41	37	60480
Navy	946	2572	49	38	40	60972
Air Force	861	2446	47	35	43	59181
Medics	917	2483	38	30	48	60235

### INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

#### Class A

	Games	H.S.	H.T.	Avg.
Ollie Palmer	74	225	618	176
Jim Berry	57	221	570	173
Ray Bender	78	226	607	171
Angie Tangora	74	234	594	171
Ken Havill	75	212	569	170
Dan Lantz	75	244	664	169
Bill Johnston	69	209	570	167
Cliff Larkin	63	227	566	167
Rollie Whitney	69	236	566	167
Gary Roach	78	215	587	166
Jules Aupperle	72	210	575	166
Milt Andre	72	203	577	163
Tom Foy	74	210	541	162
Ed Korp	68	202	522	161
Joe Cummings	69	238	536	159
Doug Roach	63	196	531	157
Al Pugliese	69	205	528	156
Walt Berry	78	208	565	155
Joe Pauquette	66	209	548	153
Bill Volk	39			148

#### Class B

Bill Mitchell	69	215	540	153
Al Beckmann	66	189	505	151
Hank Ristau	72	194	505	148
Vern Eagan	72	220	503	148
Joe Marino	78	218	538	148
Ed Vail	66	180	491	147
Bud Mosmen	66	194	515	146
Ken Burns	78	224	491	145
George Feiden	53	200	519	145
John Haker	75	200	506	144
Jack Brady	78	197	529	144
Walt Roach	60	187	472	144
Dick Cole	66	196	532	143
Bill Campbell	72	234	558	142
Matt Dybas	72	198	489	141
Bill Alwell	69	196	537	139
George Butman	66	204	471	135
Al Vanderwood	69	186	482	131
Larry Monette	69	178	475	125
Hugh Stowers	72	152	381	111

### THE EXTRA FRAME

... and I hear there's a letter down at the Post which reads, "Frank, I sure miss you too? (signed) Honey"... 'n those two big guys that bowl upstairs on Fry-Nite git big scores too—fer example Jerry DECKER has a 250 single and 688 triple while Big Don MOORE racked up a 266 single ... and nice guys who do nice things get nice salutes to wit—the Town Commissioner of Recreation commended Blanchard Post for the Childrens' Skating Party. We all salute Ollie PALMER, Warren (pronounced Warn) MOESSNER, Bob GENTNER, Wally ERLICHMANN, et al ... and a salute to our Troop of Boy Scouts sponsored by Blanchard Post—they're great! ... and Mike MELE and Artie BLANCHARD

were rapping about grass (pot that is) after the County meeting when Father Bill BLANCHARD sez to Artie, "You don't even smoke and have brains that you haven't used yet!" 2 to 1 sez that it didn't stop Artie cold or did it? ... 'n Gadfrey! Didn't it seem quiet around with Joe VON RONNE, Bud MOSMEN, Fred BUKER, Bill JOHNSTON, George BUTMAN and others all off to Florida? ... and a Gold Star to Dick COLE for his fine Red Cross driving ... and I'm not accusing Al PUGLIESE of a mis-spent childhood but he sures knows how to maneuver that pinball machine ... 'n didn't pretty Mary SPENCER look efficient in that picture in the Civil Service Leader ... and I'll have to ask the Father-of-the-Bride, our eminent President John HAKER if he had everything under control on the wedding day ... 'n Ray BENDER is quite a dancer! ... and congratulations to George SPAWN for keeping that Shuffleboard League movin' so efficiently ... and always a nice gent to talk with is Dr. HARGRAVE. Dud is quite a history buff and sure knows his subject! ... hear that Ron MOESSNER and all the gang had quite a time up at Lake Placid ... ll present at the recent County Meeting: Art BLANCHARD, Bill BLANCHARD, Fred TROMBE, Al WOHRLE, Charley O'HARA, Michael MELE, Ken BURNS, Ollie PALMER, Hugh STOWERS, Jack BRADY and Bill MITCHELL ... 'n I made a boo-boo last month—it was Bill VOGEL who was at the County Meeting at Zaloga Post ... State Legion Bowling Tourney 1973 at Kingston; 1974 at Williamsville (Buffalo suburb); 1975 at Watertown (or as Ken HAVILL says: a Cicero suburb) ... and when you come out to a meeting and see the VOGELS, BLANCHARDS, JERRY, DON, AL VANDERWOOD, Neal CUMMINGS, Jim MacLUTSKY, and Dave BARRELL and all the others—we know that our Post has its future assured with these strong Vietnam vets! ... what's the most common name of Blanchard members? Surprise! It's a tie. We have 10 SMITHs and 10 WILLIAMS. Third place goes to a very fitting name—seven BLANCHARDS! VOGEL is fourth with five. A five-way tie for fifth place among BROWN, CUMMINGS, JOHNSON, MOORE and WHITNEY with four each ... and a gal with Pa-zazz and a swell dancer is Marie BURNS, that's who! (who sez I'm prejudiced?) ... and sorry to see Great Willie (Bill DONNELLY, that is) had to drop out of the league because he's embroiled with Slugger Medico ... glad to have the big Grotto Man back in the league, Bill VOLK that is ... and ya know Ma Bell is a Ding-A-

Ling? ... gosh-dangit? Why in the heck doesn't someone tell me who that coupla couples are who should be teachers for Arthur Murray they're such swell swingers! ... I'll really shower ya in April! Come 'n git wet! *The Gutter Duster*

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What happened to the idea that each member of the Post send or bring in their shoulder patch that would be used to form a map of the United States in the Squad Room.

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  - ▶ I have stood aside and watched while this "land of the free and home of the brave" was being conditioned by traitors to seek peace at any price—even at the price of independence and of freedom.
  - ▶ I have stood aside and watched while our courts encouraged and our press glorified the beasts of crime who have spread riots, vandalism, robbery, and murder across our land.
  - ▶ I have stood aside and watched while our universities have been taken over by misguided brats with no slightest understanding of the civilization they have inherited, or of the evil forces by which they have been duped.
  - ▶ I have stood aside and watched while our whole great system of public education has been turned into a propaganda agency for revolution and a spawning ground for drug addiction, sex abuse, and crime.
  - ▶ I have stood aside and watched while meretricious scoundrels, using television, motion pictures, newsstands, and all other available means, have contrived to bring about a breakdown of morality that is reducing millions of Americans to the level of lower animals.
  - ▶ I have stood aside and watched while the three basic human loyalties—loyalty to God, loyalty to country, and loyalty to family—were being destroyed by evil forces which now permeate every segment of American life.
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## 42nd Annual Past Commanders Dinner Dance

The 42nd Annual Past Commanders Dinner Dance will be held at the Post Rooms on April 14. Please note change of date. The original date was the night before Easter, thus the change. Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30; dinner at 7 p.m.

Our original intention was to honor all old-time members of the Post, but due to the poor response and the fact that membership cards have to be sent into headquarters to obtain longevity certificates, our original goal became too overwhelming. However, National Headquarters has sent us 50-year certificates. All our 50-year members will be invited to be guests of the Post at the Past Commanders Dinner and given the recognition they well deserve.

The Past Commanders Award will be another highlight of the evening.

Please be aware that the Past Commanders Dinner Dance is open to ALL members of the Post and their guests. It is a night of extremely good fellowship, good food and joyful dancing from 9 till 1 a.m. Tickets may be secured at the bar, from the chairman of the evening, Bob Smith, or most of the other Post Commanders for only \$6 apiece.

Please, you all come.

## BASEBALL 1973

The boys expected to return from last year's lineup are:

Dick Brewster .....	Outfield
Pete Flynn .....	Third Base
Ken Gall .....	Catcher
Gary Maher .....	Outfield
John Terko .....	Shortstop
Pete Toohey .....	Pitcher/Outfield
Jeff Young .....	Pitcher/Outfield
Glen Palmer .....	Outfield

We have good prospects from last year's Babe Ruth graduation. Some of the boys we expect to get this year are: Steve Caruso, Shawn Fitzgerald, Bill Toffenatti, Paul Tietz and Jeff Gold. All boys between the ages of 16 and 18 are invited to try out for the Blanchard team. Notices for team tryouts will be posted around town and at the Post.

*Ernie Gall*

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