

# DELMAR, NEW YORK



Nineteenth Year

**APRIL 1975** 

## NOW HEAR THIS!

All members of Blanchard Post are advised that the Annual Election of Post Officers and Members of the Board of Directors for Post fiscal year (June 1, 1975 -May 31, 1976) will take place during the course of the regular meeting to be held at the Post on . . .

#### **MONDAY MAY 19 1975**

Meeting commences at 8:30 p.m.

Your attendance and participation is strongly urged!!! Your 1975 dues must be paid to be eligible to vote!!!

> Kenneth J. Burns Post Commander

Arthur Blanchard Post Adjutant

#### ATTENTION! 20 WEEK CLUB MEMBERS

Vice Commander Oliver Palmer advises that the 20 Week Club Dinner and Dance will be held Saturday, April 12.

The cocktail hour will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by Francis Murphy and his orchestra. The vocalist is Jerry Romano.

Club member tickets are free and are not transferable. Guest tickets are \$7.00 with a limit of one per member. Books must be paid in full before members can obtain tickets.

The lucky 20-Weekers as we go to press are: Bruce Woods, Ed Marsh, Bill Tougher, Helen Quinn, Pete Lawlor, Bill Vogel, Kay and Fred Buker, Ronnie Moessner, Fred Forlani, Mary Kaplan, Tom Bastian, Don Ryan, Diana Rehbit, Carol Halloran, Dick Schultes, and John Weishaar.

#### FOUR CHAPLAINS AWARD

Blanchard Post was again in attendance at the annual Four Chaplains ceremony for 1975. Dr. Carlyle Adams, a noted clergyman and recipient of the first award, was the main speaker.

Mr. Abe Moroze, widely known for his countless hours of volunteer hospital visitations, was the 1975 award winner.

Blanchard Post members present were Bob Schenk, Jack Brady, John Vogel and Ken Burns.

The service is sponsored annually by

the Albany Post—Jewish War Veterans. Blanchard Post was presented a citation by the Jewish War Veterans for their support of this program over the last 10 years. The citation is posted on the bulletin board in the Post Lounge.

#### Taps

We deeply regret the passing of our comrade, Arthur J. Quinn, on March 16. Art served as Post Steward for 18 years.

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Service Officer	Frank Zini Jr.

Board of Directors: Three Years: John Ennis Daniel Lantz

John Vogel

One Year: Kenneth Burns

County Delegates Frederick Trombe Wm. Blanchard Sr. James Blanchard Harvey Hasen William Alwell **Hugh Stowers** 

County Alternates John Brady Sr. William Mitchell Francis Futia Michael Mele Arthur Blanchard Al Davis

Respectfully submitted, Hugh Stowers, Chmn. William Blanchard Sr. Francis Futia Henry Voorhees Neil Cummings

#### Sick Call

Sorry to report that our Editor, Ed Ahern, is in St. Peter's Hospital. He has undergone surgery and will be confined for some time, so fellow Legionnaires get some cards of good cheer off to him. We all hope he will have a speedy recovery and will be enjoying good health in the near future.

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#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

BY RUTH BURNS

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Chairwoman Barbara Whitney wishes to thank the following people who toiled so hard to make our spaghetti dinner a great success: Marion Andre, Carolyn Bliven, Rosemary Blanchard, Christine Hoffman, Della Brady, Ruth Burns, Carol Cummings, Catherine LaForge, Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Marcia Turner, Betty Worden, Anna Mae White and Beverley Whitney.
Also Milt Andre, Bill Bliven, James

Blanchard, Bill Blanchard, Jack Brady, Ken Burns, Jim Cummings, Bob Hoffman, Bob LaForge, Hank Turner, Rolly Whitney and Terry Whitney.

A special thanks to Kathy Selig and Jim Trotta.

Congratulations Barb on a terrific job! Be sure to set aside April 8 for our card party and mini-bazaar. Bring your friends and enjoy visiting the boothshand-made articles, home-baked goods, white elephants, etc. Then spend a delightful evening at your favorite card game, followed by delicious goodies!

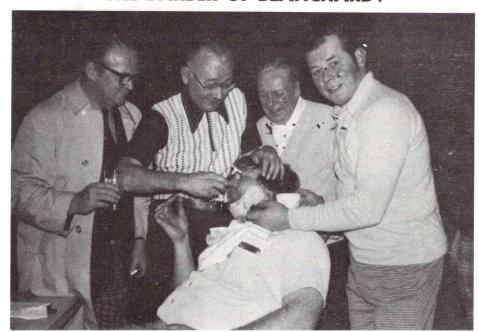
Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jean Lynk and Roseann Lohrey who have recently been hospitalized.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Eleanor Blendell on the loss of her mother.

POPPY DAY IS MAY 21. We need YOUR help on this day.

Our April 15 meeting will feature a special program on our foreign relations project. This year it is schools in West Java, Indonesia.

#### THE BARBER OF BLANCHARD!



Bob Edwards, Bill Alwell and Ollie Palmer witness Bill Campbell in the process of removing the beard of Paul Joralemon. The reason? A loss at a shuffleboard game!

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\* Being a member of Blanchard Post or some other fine organization and making a whole host of friends.

#### COUNTY MEETINGS

The next County Meeting will be held on March 27 at Colonie Post. Let's have a big turnout for this meeting.

The April meeting will be on April 24 at the Helderberg Post in Altamont.

The May meeting will be on May 29 at the North Albany Post.

The June meeting will be the County Convention and held at Scully Post. The date has not been set as yet.

Congratulations to County Vice Commander Robert Smith for the fine job he did as acting County Commander during the month of February.

#### 1975 CP Telethon

Blanchard Post once again joined fellow County Legion buddies in providing security-guard duty at the annual Telethon from the Siena College Gym. On hand to represent Blanchard were Jack Brady, Hugh Stowers, Bob Smith and Ken Burns. The Telethon was, as usual, a huge success.

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#### ORATORICAL CONTEST

Chairman Daniel Gifford Lantz did an excellent job as Oratorical Chairman for Blanchard Post this year.

Out of a group of 10 contestants the Bethlehem Central High School faculty chose Neal Shapiro as our representative for the County Oratorical Contest.

In one of the closest, and according to the County Chairman, the finest contest in many a year, the County Prize was won by Martha Grabowski. Martha has gone on to win the District and the Sectional contests and will be competing in the finals for the Department Championship of New York State.

Neal Shapiro did an excellent job as a representative of Blanchard Post.

#### ON MEMBERSHIP

At the County Meeting held at Bucci-McTague Post on February 27, the following 1975 memberships were given:

Fifth Place: North Albany Post	320
Fourth Place: Bucci-McTague	366
Third Place: Zaloga	418
Second Place: Scully	634
First Place: BLANCHARD	780

Congratulations to Vice Commander Edward Korp for this fine job!

Let us all get behind Ed and help him to make our quota of 854!

#### Walkathon Chairman

Bill Bliven has accepted the Chairmanship for the participation by Blanchard Post in the Albany County Walkathon for the March-of-Dimes. Blanchard Post members man the check point which has yet to be established, and assist the marchers wherever possible. Adjutant Art Blanchard is accepting sponsors and will attempt the long trek for the benefit of crippled children. The walk will take place on Sunday, April 27th.

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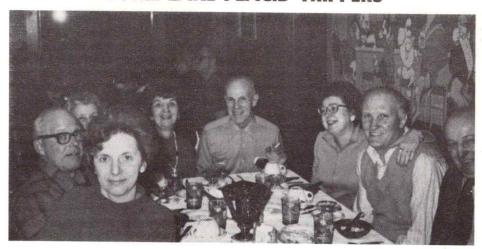
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The National Convention of the American Legion held in Minneapolis in 1919, at the time the National Americanism Commission was created, adopted a resolution stating that a major objective of the Commission was the realization in our country of the ideal of 100 percent Americanism through the development and support of a continuous, constructive educational system destined to accomplish certain enumerated citizenship and Americanism objectives. Throughout the years of its existence the efforts of the National Americanism Commission have been directed toward that end.

Education is the cornerstone upon which the future of this nation is built. Where there are good schools we find good citizens. In fact, education is the first requisite of good citizenship.

The relationship of the American Legion to the schools of America is that of a friendly and firm supporter of free education as a means of keeping and improving a free civilization. Accepting its responsibility, the American Legion has taken a positive approach to the training

of American youth in the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

The American Legion subscribes to the proposition that every educational facility should be adequately staffed and equipped for the fullest development of the mental resources and technical skills of our people. It believes that curriculum study should be a continuous review, that teacher preparation should be strengthened where needed, that teachers should receive fair and adequate salaries, that testing and guidance programs should be appropriate and meaningful, that physical facilities for instruction should be expanded and bettered where such a need is indicated and that maximum intellectual opportunities should be provided for all students commensurate with the capacity to absorb and apply to all irrespective of the financial resources of the student or his family.

The American Legion further believes that the citizens of this country should be dedicated to the pursuance of excellence in the entire realm of intellectual

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endeavor, that our people should recognize and esteem those persons who have developed their intellectual abilities to the fullest, that teachers should enrich their knowledge and capacity particularly in the fields in which they teach and that scholarship assistance should be available to deserving students.

It is essential that our educational process provide people with the finest training in the world in basic skills of communication, and in knowledge that will allow individuals to think for themselves, to think with facts, to think with understanding. School programs should be constantly reappraised to see that they accomplish these objectives.

Such an educational program will fulfill the dreams of the past, the aspirations of the present and the needs of the future. The American Legion supports such a system of education, and believes that the vitality of our democratic way of life is dependent upon such schools.

to be continued
CHARLES J. O'HARA
Americanism Chairman

#### Annual Calendar

Apr. 5 Blanchard Night Dinner Dance

Apr. 19 Welcome Spring Dinner Dance

May 23 Installation of Officers May 27 Memorial Day Parade

Regular monthly meetings every first and third Monday at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting last Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Editor Ed AHERN is a very sick boy at St. Peter's Hospital and so the Duster will try to pinch-hit which will certainly cause all of our members and our distinguished printer, Mr. Boyd Peters to triple their wishes for speedy recovery to Ed!

... A big thank to Big Ed KORP for gittin' the March 1040 Times mailed.

... Congrats to Ollie PALMER, Bill MITCHELL, Warren MOESSNER, Sid (if yez think I'm good on skates youse should see me ski) KAPLAN, Mer ATWOOD, Bill BLIVEN, Harvey HASEN, Bill KARINS, Bob SMITH and all the other fine workers who made such a fine success of the Children's Skating Party! Imagine, over 300 hot dogs eaten!

... Congrats to Fred GRASSER und drivers, Bob SCHENK, Ollie PALMER, Jo PRATT, Dot SCHMITT, Dolly FELTS and the great gals of the Auxiliary for making Indoor Sports Day for physically handicapped such a big day.

... Tour Director Bill CAMPBELL did it again with his sell-out trip to Lake Placid. All the guys 'n gals had a great time! Bill even entered hiz BLUE-STREAK team in one of the sporting contests.

... A big thanks to Marcia TURNER and Auxiliary Ladies for their generous gift of \$100 to the Post. This on top of their gift of 250 steak knives, plus all the supportive services they give to the Post means that this has gotta be the greatest Auxiliary ever!

... and did this Duster ever luck out! Here I was at the Auxiliary Birthday

#### **DUSTER'S DUSTINGS!**

Dinner—the only man with all those lovely gals! What a great dinner that was, prepared and served by the men of the Post under the capable administration of Hank VOORHEES. Suredly big congrats to Roxie ERLICHMAN and Freda SHERMAN for the fine table decorations.

...and a big chapeau doff to Barb WHITNEY, Betty WORDEN and the Auxiliary gals for their fine spaghetti dinner. Understand Rolly (super sales-

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Air Force932	2611	57	41	37	60549
Navy886	2568	55	41	37	59950
Tanks915	2518	53	39	39	60336
Infantry931	2599	50	38	40	60746
Army870	2487	50	39	39	59713
Coast Guard859	2464	48	37	41	60200
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Palmer60	167	Marino72	154
Foy74	166	Eagan72	152
Lantz 72	166	Dybas66	152
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Oates70	164	Feiden52	151
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Mitchell78	163	Mosmen72	147
Tangora78	162	Hasen66	147
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Larkin66	161	Campbell66	145
DiSanto48	161	Haker75	142
Cum'ingsJim 63	160	Ristau65	142
Andre75	159	Buker60	141
Cum'ingsJoe 63	157	Burns78	136
Aupperle72	157	Cole72	136
Vail60	156	Alwell66	136
Beckmann69	155	Butman69	133
LaForge78	154	Stowers75	123

man) WHITNEY lent tremendous aid to the success!

... and are we ever gonna have a Memorial Day speaker profundo! No, I'm not gonna tell ya who it is yet!

... and ya gotta believe that Saturday night dancing in the Post Lounge is a REALLY big show! The great music makers are Jo PRATT on the sax, Dot SCHMITT on drums, and the incomparable Dolly FELTS at the keyboard. Ya gotta come 'n hear to appreciate!

... and certainly a gigantic Blanchard welcome to our new mixologist, the Watervliet Wildcat, none other than George HACHIGIAN the gent behind the mahogany. With Artie and George at the helm, who can go wrong!

... and certainly we would be remiss if we didn't mention Carolyn BLIVEN, Carol CUMMINGS and Jane ALWELL, our super-gals on the Fish Night 50-50 ventures!

... and all the best wishes in the world to that swell new couple, Mr. and Mrs. Phil GIACONE, Jr. (of Cornell University fame).

... Good to see Jim FANNING, Walt VAN WORMER, Guy SMITH, Sr. and Guy SMITH, Jr. at the Post t'other p.m.

... Me thinks a fun bowling league must be that Sun-Night group of the Jules AUPPERLES, Will RISTAUS, Merle OLIVERS, Nanc & Bob DISNEY, Jean & Bob DUGAN und all the rest of that great bunch!

... Well, now that I've raised a lotta hackles, you'll be just remembering that you don't have to put up with it for long.

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- ◆ To Paul "Tip" Nelson for his 45 years of dedicated service to the citizens of New York State and to many nights of service to Blanchard Post.
- ◆ To Bill Campbell, Ed Korp, Hank Voorhees and all the other workers who made German Night one of the success stories of the year.
- ◆ To Neil Cummings, John Vogel, Bill Vogel, Bill Blanchard, Sr., Bill Blanchard, Jr., Jim Blanchard and all the other fine gents who manned the "soda fountain" (as Bill Alwell would say) on so many occasions.
- ◆ To Barb Whitney and the Auxiliary, for going over their membership quota and being No. 1 in Albany County (and I bet in the Third District, too!).
- ◆ To Milt Andre (Uncle Miltie) for his fine column in the 1040 *Times* and his dedicated service as league secretary.
- ◆ To Roger DiNucci for his musical accomplishments at the local presentation of "Carousel."
- To Jack Brady and Rollie Whitney for their many acts of service to the Post over and beyond the call of duty.
- ◆ To President Marcia Turner for really putting it all together with the Auxiliary this year.
- ◆ To John Williamson, a real dedicated finance officer and a credit to The American Legion.

#### LEATHERNECKS UP FRONT

Ken Havill's LEATHERNECKS consisting of HAKER, VOLK, MARINO & PAUQUETTE, finally got a good grip on the top spot in the league, after having relinquished it on three separate occasions in the past few weeks. They now lead RESIGNING ROLLIES's Air Force Falcons by a scant two points with Jules AUPPERLE's GOBS two points farther back. After 8 unsuccessful attempts by their pilot to bail out on them this year, Rollie's teammates spurred him on to a lusty 608 series and kept him from taking to his silk and leaving them in mid air. Seems everything happened on the same night. THE LUCK O' THE IRISH failed! Jack BRADY was finally stuck for a beer frame, at all times on the first Friday in March, after 26 weeks of kegling. IT SOUNDED LIKE THE ROOF WAS GOING OFF THE ALLEYS when it happened.

With only four more weeks of league matches left, plus the high-low, we find several of our teammates enjoying the milder weather in other climes: VAILS in Spain; BUTMANS, JOHNSTONS, BUKERS and FEIDEN all in Florida; BECKMANNS cruising the Caribbean. Hope they are all enjoying good health and weather. Oops, almost forgot—the AUPPERLES in Hawaii. Godspeed and a safe return home to all.

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