



Ten Forty Times

BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040

MEMBER
NATIONAL
AMERICAN
LEGION
PRESS
ASSOCIATION
1977

Twenty-first Year

Delmar, New York

APRIL 1977

46th Annual Past Commanders Dinner and Blanchard Night

PAST COMMANDERS

Winthrop P. Robinson	1930 - 1931	James O. Fanning	1954 - 1955
*Otto D. deHeus	1931 - 1932	*Fred J. Dearstyne	1955 - 1956
*Ralph S. Butler	1932 - 1933	George R. Schreck	1956 - 1957
*James W. Seymour	1933 - 1934	Herbert G. Drew	1957 - 1958
*Earl S. Jones	1934 - 1935	Richard C. Lenth	1958 - 1959
John B. Hague	1935 - 1936	Alvin W. Greenwood	1959 - 1960
*Alex Gabriels	1936 - 1937	Given S. Hynds	1960 - 1961
*Clifford Whitney	1937 - 1938	Alexander J. Woehrle	1961 - 1962
*Frank Langwig	1938 - 1939	Rodger J. Fryer	1962 - 1963
*Raymond T. McGuirk	1939 - 1940	Richard P. Dalton	1963 - 1964
*Harold Barkhuff	1940 - 1941	Charles J. O'Hara	1964 - 1965
*Edward N. Bresnahan	1941 - 1942	Edward J. Costigan	1965 - 1966
Norman H. Bender	1942 - 1943	Joseph Cannizzaro	1966 - 1967
Earl J. McGuirk	1943 - 1944	Sidney M. Kaplan	1967 - 1968
*Chapman Henry	1944 - 1945	William J. Campbell	1968 - 1969
*Charles Joyce, Sr.	1945 - 1946	Hugh W. Stowers	1969 - 1970
Bertram E. Kohinke	1946 - 1947	Henry K. Kindberg	June-Aug. 1970
Harold Williams	1947 - 1948	John V. Ennis	Sept. 1970 - 1971
*Vincent P. Murphy	1948 - 1949	Robert J. Smith	1971 - 1972
George J. Butman	1949 - 1950	Michael Mele	1972 - 1973
William S. Segur	1950 - 1951	Merwyn K. Atwood	1973 - 1974
Joseph V. Von Ronne	1951 - 1952	Kenneth J. Burns	1974 - 1975
William Johnston	1952 - 1953	Oliver H. Palmer	1975 - 1976
*John Wasserbach	1953 - 1954		

*Taps

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

On Saturday, April 16, the Post will host Blanchard Night in conjunction with the 46th Annual Past Commander's Dinner. The evening will honor all Past Commanders who in turn will present the traditional diamond-studded American Legion lapel button to the Post member selected as having served the Post in an exemplary and outstanding manner over a period of years. This year there will also be two plaques awarded for meritorious service.

Immediate Past Commander, Oliver Palmer is in charge of arrangements and he reminds all that festivities will get under way with a happy hour at 6:30. Bob Gentner will be cooking a fine roast beef dinner which will be served at 7:30. Dancing will follow to the music of Jerry Romano. Tickets—\$7 per person—available from Ollie or George and Jake in in Post Lounge.

Ollie is looking for a good turnout to honor our great Post, our Past Commanders and the coming of spring. Let's not disappoint him.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Writing this column while traveling is getting to be a habit with me and one that I enjoy. At this writing Dorothy and I were heading north on the east coast of Florida. The weather was great while we were in Florida and the golf courses plentiful, allowing me to get a head start on the season and in preparation for the Legion tourney.

On March 6, we visited the Butmans, Mosmens, VonRonnies, Lawlers, Bukers and Domenellis at Fort Lauderdale. We almost had a quorum for a special 1040 meeting.

My thanks to Senior Vice Commander Bill Blanchard for pitching in and running the Post meeting in March during my absence. Also my thanks to Ken Burns who is putting this April issue together for Editor Charlie O'Hara who was also in Florida.

Sorry to have missed Irish Night but I know that under the capable leadership of Joe Cummings, Bill O'McGoey and their crew of O'Reillys the affair was a success.

As spring nears, we are approaching the close of Post social activities for the 1976-77 year. April 2 will witness the kick-off of our first dinner-theater party. Vice Commander Frank Futia and Roger DiNucci are doing the planning for a memorable evening. We feel confident that their efforts will be well supported by the membership.

The May 2 Post meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the year and will include election of new officers and directors. It will be preceded by a buffet dinner at 6:30.

See you at the Post
Commander Dan Lantz

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

*Your 1976 Card Will
Expire on April 1*

Guest Editor

Due to the temporary absence of the regular editor of the 1040 TIMES, the articulate and assiduous Charles O'Hara who was vacationing in Florida with his family, this issue was edited by Ken Burns, Past Commander, past guest editor, past columnist and long past the day that will see any improvement in his bowling scores.

APRIL BINGO DATES
6 o 13 o 20 o 27

BLANCHARD POST

PHONE (518) 439-9819

Commander Daniel G. Lantz
 Senior Vice Commander..... William J. Blanchard, Sr.
 Vice Commander Francis Futia
 Vice Commander Milt Andre
 Adjutant Ernest Gall
 Finance Officer Robert Hoffman
 Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
 Judge Advocate George Wenger
 Sergeant-at-Arms John J. Brady, Sr.
 Historian George Butman
 Service Officer Frank Zini
 Editor, 1040 Times Charles J. O'Hara

MEMBERSHIP

With the 1977 Legion year fast passing into history, there were still 109 members who had not paid their dues by our press deadline. A gap of 84 existed between our paid-up membership of 826 and our quota of 910. We trust that the 84 will not allow their Legion membership to lapse but will soon be again counted in the fold.

Since the March report I have tried to reach every unpaid member of phone, letter or personal contact. The results have been encouraging but it's obvious we still have a good way to go before the quota is reached. Be a booster and help us keep up the good work that has made Blanchard the No. 1 Post in the County.

Your remittance will go far to insure the continuance of that position. Since the National Constitution of the American Legion provides for suspension if dues are not paid by April 1, payment by that date is urged in order to continue to enjoy the privileges of the Post. Then on June 1 we begin the 1978 year at Blanchard, with new officers being introduced to all of the old problems and their share of new ones. Let's see if we can start them out without a membership problem.

The following have joined our ranks as new members since last issue: George J. Dahl, Leonard A. Ryan, Jr. and Robert J. Foster, Jr. Welcome to a great organization and a great Post. Get active in as many of our programs as you have time for, we have enough of them for everyone. You will find a great bunch of guys here and your membership will be a lot more meaningful and satisfying to you.

A final word until next month—we're going to need a good number of new members to reach that quota. How about a hand?

Milt Andre, Membership Chmn.

APRIL CALENDAR

- April 2 (Sat) Dinner-Theater Party at the Post
 4 (Mon) Buffet Dinner at 6:30;
 regular Post meeting after
 6 (Wed) Bingo at the Post, 8 p.m.
 10 (Sun) Easter Sunday
 12 (Tue) WW1 luncheon at noon at
 LaCasa Restaurant
 13 (Wed) Bingo at the Post, 8 p.m.
 16 (Sat) Past Commander's and
 Blanchard Night at Post
 18 (Mon) Post Affairs Committee
 meets at the Post, 8 p.m.
 20 (Wed) Bingo at the Post, 8 p.m.
 21 (Thu) WW2-sponsored luncheon
 at the Post, noontime
 25 (Mon) Board of Directors meet
 at the Post, 8 p.m.
 27 (Wed) Bingo at the Post, 8 p.m.
 28 (Thu) County Meeting at Held-
 erberg Post—Altamont

20 Week Winners

As we go to press, congratulations to Mary Kaplan, Sidney Kaplan, Joe Flynn, Ellen Burrell, Clara Pagano, Russ Petrie, Don Duncan, Vince Rehbit, Steve Kane, and to all those lucky people who will attend the 20 Week Club Dinner-Dance on Saturday, May 21.

Dinner-Theater Party

APRIL 2

At the Post \$7.50 per Person

SHUFFLEBOARD FINALS

With the season ending on March 10, final league standings were as follows:

1. John Hanrahan/Al Adams26
2. Henry Engel/Geo. Heilmann24
3. Bob Hoffman/Roy Fish19
4. Rollie Whitney/Don Duncan18
5. Geo. Hachigian/Bill Campbell 15½
6. Jim Quinn/Paul Joralemon14
7. Bob LaForge/Jack Selig10½
8. Bruce McDonald/Bob Edwards 9½
9. Jim Benton/Pete Conway 9
10. Jim Benton, Jr./

Bill Campbell, Jr. 4

The grand finale of the season will be the annual banquet at the Rest Seekers Inn (East Berne) on Thursday, April 14 for an epicurean delight served by Ben in his very own abundant style, and eagerly awaited each year by the devotees of the "weights and board." Bon appetit mes amis. Farewell for the year.

Paul Joralemon, President
 Shuffy McDuffy, Chief Kibitzer

Lake Placid Trip

Tour Director Bill Campbell engineered another highly successful trip to the North Country on the weekend of February 18-21. A great time was had by a great bunch of people.

County Meeting

The April meeting of Albany County Committee will be on Thursday the 28th at the Helderberg Post in Altamont.

Pay Your Dues Now

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

★ National Commander Wm. J. Rogers has urged the 2.7 million members of The American Legion to contact their elected representatives in Washington concerning the status of current negotiations on the Panama Canal and Canal Zone. The Legion chief returned to the United States on March 8, from an inspection of the Canal Zone area.

★ The National Commander has also sent a telegram to Congressman William Chappell, Jr. (Fla.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, indicating the Legion's support of "accelerated construction of nuclear powered vessels to replace those ships which are now obsolete." The Florida congressman led the fight for the Nimitz carrier.

★ In an article in the March 6, 1977, edition of the *New York Times*, James M. Naughton comments on the extraordinary effectiveness of legislative action

by The American Legion and other veterans groups, especially with regard to such matters as "pensions, education grants and medical treatment—and the structure of federal agencies providing them."

★ Crime is a problem—everybody's problem—and because it is everybody's problem, all Americans have a responsibility to do something about crime by resisting it, the FBI told The Legion, through its Crime Resistance Tips.

★ National Commander Rogers has sent the following telegram to the President: "The American Legion continues to oppose any blanket pardon, blanket amnesty or blanket upgrading of discharges for convicted military offenders and military deserters. We strongly urge that the military services conduct reviews on a case-by-case basis using existing administrative and judicial procedures."

APRIL BINGO DATES
 6 • 13 • 20 • 27

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouder Kirk
Second Vice President	Carol Cummings
Recording Secretary	Rose Marino
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bruso
Treasurer	Dorothy George
Chaplain	Rosemary Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Celeste Blanchard
Historian	Freda Sherman

We, the ladies of the Auxiliary, would like to express our thanks to Rollie Whitney and all the men of the Post who cooked and served at our birthday dinner in February. Our appreciation is also extended to Pauline Ouder Kirk who was general chairman, and to her committee that did such a fine job to make it a most enjoyable evening for all. Thanks also to Thelma Ballard who made and donated the colorful burlap tote bag which was won by Gloria Broom.

If you didn't make the dinner in February, you missed a most extraordinary fashion show which was put on by some of the members of the Auxiliary. I am sure Blanchard's original fashions won't be seen on the streets of Paris this year, or anywhere else for that matter, but they did provide a lot of laughs and great entertainment for the dinners. Our thanks to Barbara Palmer, Rosemary Blanchard, Freda Sherman, Rose Ann Levy, Phyllis Mattice, Do George, Lee Hurley, Thelma Ballard, Karla Burns, Celeste Blanchard and Carol Cummings for being such good sports and for a fine job of "modeling." I'm sure we'll be seeing one of them on the cover of *Vogue* real soon! Chuckle, chuckle.

The annual Spaghetti Dinner was a success again this year. Marcia extends her thanks to all the Auxiliary members and men of the Post who put in many hours and unending energy. The list of those who worked is very long and I'm afraid of leaving someone's name out, but you know who you are. Again, many thanks. The raffle for the \$50 worth of meat from McCarroll's Market was won by George Ten Eyck.

Our regular business meeting will be on April 19 at 8 p.m. There will be a Foreign Relations project presented during this meeting. Plan to attend.

We still need Bingo workers for Wednesday nights. Anyone willing to help, please get in touch with Marcia Turner.

APRIL 23—On Saturday, April 23, the Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Snack Dance" at the Post from 9 to 1. Theme will be "Happy Days" and will feature Ronnie Nelson. Dress is casual, tickets are \$3 per person. It should be a "fun"

DOWN THE ALLEY

As can be seen from the team standings, Air Force has regained the lead. With the season rapidly coming to its close, we have a very tight race for the team leadership. At this writing, only 1/2 point separated Air Force and Tanks, with Navy only 3 1/2 points out of first. Any of the first five teams could take the top spot by season's end.

Rollie Whitney exploded for a big 248-636 on February 25. Congratulations. Ditto to Ken Burns who converted the difficult 2-7-10 split and Bill Volk, who not once but twice in the same match converted the 3-9-10 split. Nice going!

Quite a few of the boys have warmed-up recently in Florida—Ed Vail, George Feiden, George Butman, Bud Mosmen and Bill Johnston who rolled a 606 series just before taking off. Hope they all had safe journeys and good weather in the southland. Talk to you again in May.

BINGO REPORT

In accordance with Section 297.15 of the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Bingo Control Commission the following report is submitted:

REPORT OF BINGO ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY, 1977

Four occasions—950 players	
Total receipts	\$5,834.20
Prizes	3 999.60
	Gross profit.....\$1,834.60
Expenses:	
License fees	\$108.53
Supplies, services, equipment	237.70
	346.23
	Net profit.....\$1,488.37

evening, so come and bring your friends.

Poppy Day this year is May 25. Kay Hayes and Karla Burns, co-chairwomen, ask that any members who can work any time on this day to contact one of them, or sign up at the April meeting. They will need a great amount of help for this worthwhile project so please plan to spare some time on this day.

There will be a benefit card party at the Zaloga Post on Monday, April 19 at 8 p.m. to raise funds for the campaign of Albany County's Irene Tanner who is running for Department Vice President. Marcia Turner has tickets for this affair.

It was heartwarming to see both Marian Andre and Marie Burns at the Post following their hospitalization and long convalescence.

I would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy Easter and Passover.

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Air Force	895	2467	54 1/2	40 1/2	28 1/2	53516
Tanks	879	2575	54	41	28	53513
Navy	930	2440	51	38	31	51441
Army	873	2365	49 1/2	35 1/2	33 1/2	51564
Coast Guard	885	2500	47	35	34	51128
Infantry	823	2403	41	32	37	51447
Marines	851	2328	41	31	38	49363
Sea Bees	851	2359	30	23	46	50624

Class A

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Fentzke	234	641	7172	40	179
DiSanto	255	624	11265	63	178
Havill	222	591	9464	54	175
Johnston	216	606	9450	56	168
Palmer	222	578	10572	63	167
McDonald	210	565	10545	63	167
Bender	204	539	11380	69	164
Mitchell	217	550	10702	66	162
Marino	222	547	11146	69	161
Whitney	248	636	10184	63	161
Lantz	228	554	10126	63	160
Oates	223	606	10052	63	159
Foy	212	586	9216	58	158
Pugliese	209	544	10413	66	157
Tangora	242	632	10406	66	157
Vail	213	539	8015	51	157
Cummings	215	524	6609	42	157
Larkin	200	523	10644	69	154
Andre	206	554	8776	57	153
Heilmann	183	523	2275	15	151

Class B

Pauquette	234	535	9313	60	155
Aupperle	200	515	8794	57	154
Donnelly	197	557	8167	54	151
Hanrahan	202	520	6337	42	150
Ristau	197	496	5341	36	148
Eagan	213	548	9282	63	147
Campbell	219	530	8398	57	147
LaForge	191	507	7478	51	146
McCabe	224	548	9883	69	143
Volk	183	490	8574	60	142
Hasen	203	504	9696	69	140
Mosmen	178	453	6100	44	138
Brady	223	537	9547	69	138
Haker	170	456	8923	66	135
Feiden	175	449	5700	42	135
Burns	174	448	8952	69	129
Cole	167	460	8394	66	127
Monette	177	438	7043	57	123
Butman	157	410	7003	57	122
Alwell	156	431	6378	54	118

Luncheon Round-up

The WW1 boys will again gather for their monthly get-together at noon at the LaCasa Restaurant on Tuesday, April 12. Their March luncheon was very well attended and there was a good number of them who also attended the WW2-sponsored luncheon at the Post on March 10.

The WW2 luncheon will be held at the Post on Thursday, April 21. We have switched the date to the third Thursday of the month so it will not be in the same week as the WW1 luncheon, and thus give the WW1 vets a better opportunity to attend both if they wish.

APRIL BINGO DATES
6 • 13 • 20 • 27

Don't Let Your Dues Lapse

ANNUAL MEETING

The Post meeting of Monday, May 2, will be this year's Annual Meeting of the Post, so designated pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws as that meeting at which the Post Officers and Board Members shall be elected for the coming year. All members are urged to be present to participate in the election of those who will guide the Post during the year of 1977-78. The more who participate, the more representative will be the results. The proposed slate (below), is just that, a *proposed* slate. Nominations may be made from the floor, as they have been done many times in the past, if you believe there is a member or members who would better fill the bill. So your participation is doubly important, as a voter and as one who has a concern for the effective functioning of the Post by capable officers and board members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT—1977

The following proposed slate of Post Officers for the 1977-78 year is offered for your consideration by the Nominating Committee:

Commander.....William J. Blanchard, Sr.
Sr. Vice Commander.....Francis A. Futia
Vice Commander.....Milton F. Andre
Vice Commander.....Arthur P. Blanchard
Adjutant.....John B. McDonald
Finance Officer.....Joseph A. Marino
Chaplain.....Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
Judge Advocate.....George F. Wenger
Historian.....George J. Butman
Service Officer.....Frank Zini, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Thomas J. Oro

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Three Years: Joseph P. Cummings
Hugh W. Stowers
Augustine Williams

One Year: John A. Williamson

Submitted by: Robert J. Smith, Chairman;
William B. McGoe, William J. Campbell, Jr., John B. McDonald and George J. Butman.

Nominating Committee

*Join Our Boosters
With Your 1977 Dues*

Taps

Death has called Bertram L. Schulman and Charles Setzer to the Supreme Commander of us all. Farewell, comrades, rest in eternal peace.

DUSTING ALONG...

...n congrats to Ruth & Hank VOORHEES, Rosemary & Jim BLANCHARD on 25th wedding anniversaries...and I've missed seeing good pals Kathy & Fred BUKER, that's who!...n how about that Jean & Bob DUGAN—what showoffs! First they win a big trip to Canada and then thy both git big bowling scores to git their names in the paper...Yeah, and so do Jules AUPPERLE and Bob DISNEY!...and a big chapeau doff to Ed. AHERN to hiz election to the Board of Directors of that International Hospital Association...Dick DALTON & Co. sure should receive a medal for their bingo success...Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schenk on the new addition to the family...Sit nexta Tip NELSON, Ed VOELK and Ken STINSON and ya git some kegling tips from the experts...Our sympathy to Ronnie & Warren MOESSNER on their recent bereavement...and certainly congrats and all the best for many happy retirement years to that swell gal Kay MOSMEN...n isn't it good to see Grace & Bud VIELE and Gay & Bud RUKWID—they sure slammed the gate on Slugger Medico!...Thirteen at Past Commanders meeting—iz that gud 'r bad?...and congrats to Lynn STOWERS on that promotion (plus all those straight A's plus the Dean's List—Gadfrey, is there no end to your achievement!)...n whatta great job Lenore SMITH, Bernice LAWSON, Tina ROMANSKI, Marcia TURNER, Margaret HASEN and all the other great gals do on bingo and refreshments...and tis always a pleasure to talk with Joe NOLAN and Jake CAPPELO about olde 2nd Avenoo!...A sight that I think you'll never see is Artie "The Juggernaut" BLANCHARD getting angry...n ya always git a pleasant greeting from Eleanor KNAUF and Hank RISTAU...Give a cheer for Bob ROSENFELD on being elected Prez of Bethlehem Lions. Have a good year, Bob!...Millie & William

KARINS warming up a cold winter night with Hawaii pictures at Karins Hawaiian Night...Congrats and our best wishes to Larry PROPP on being elected President of the Bethlehem Babe Ruth League. We know you will have a successful year!...Bill MITCHELL lining up Cortland for '78...Miss seeing and hearing those 3 great gals Jo PRATT, Dolly FELTS and Dot SCHMIDT, that's who!...and always a pleasant gent is Sailor Jack McDONALD...Bill DONNOLLY & Ron UNSER both trying to give The Duster a coupla bowling tips, but knowing in their heart it's a hopeless case...It's always nice to see Katherine & Bob LaFORGE...Nice chat with the ever-pleasant Ed TEBBUTT t'other PM...and I ain't heard much lately from that genial couple Della & Jack BRADY...I miss those post-meeting sessions over a brew 'n sandwich. Bill ALWELL, Pat IGOE, Warren MOESSNER, Jack BRADY, Lou LEGLER, Al DAVIS, Ken BURNS, and a host of others covered every subject from olde Albany watering-holes to putting a back-spin on a golf ball...n there's gotta be something to this bizness about Italians having good voices when ya hear the dulcet tones of Bingo callers Joe MARINO, Roger DI NUCCI, Frank FUTIA and Gus WILLIAMS...Joe CUMMINGS, Bill McGOEY and committees putting over another super Irish Night...When I look at the fuel bills this year I think of an expression by Mike BURNS, "It's the pits!"...Certainly congrats to Jack O'HARA on the U.S.M.A. (West Point) nomination...n Tom FOY isn't knocking all that snow this year...n duz anybody hear from Helmi & Al BECKMANN?...Gotta speak to that 20-Week guy—not one winner in the 1-50 group. Shake 'em up, lad, shake 'em up!...Thanx fer reading me offerings 'n I'll appreciate all comments (yeah, even those kind!).

The Gutter Duster

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DELMAR, NEW YORK 12054

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 4
Delmar, N.Y.

APRIL BINGO DATES
6 o 13 o 20 o 27

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED