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Delmar, New York

MARCH 1978

Twenty-second Year

March 15 – 59th Birthday of the American Legion

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

February brought a new experience to my year in office, the "officiating" you might say at our 24th annual Indoor Sports Day. While I had worked in the past on transportation for this program, it was most rewarding this year to be a part of the entire project. My very sincere thanks go to all who worked that day, all of whom I know were amply repaid by the pleasure and happiness they brought to a group of very courageous people.

Another community and youth activity sponsored by Blanchard Post is Boy Scout Troup No. 58. Recently I participated in a "Court of Honor" for one of the boys in that troop who had achieved the highest honor of scouting, that of becoming an Eagle Scout. To Dan Cassidy, who had achieved this honor, went my congratulations and those of the Post membership.

On January 22, I attended the Albany County Oratorical Contest in which we had sponsored a contestant, Michael O'Connor of Bethlehem Central High School. While Michael did not win he nevertheless made a very fine presentation for which he has our commendation. We need more young people like him who are concerned to participate in such activities.

A very significant honor has been paid to our Post in being selected to host the Area Conference of the 3rd and 4th Districts on April 2. The Department Commander and Vice Commanders will be in attendance with the officers of the Districts. It is certainly fitting that Blanchard Post should be so honored and recognized as one of the outstanding Posts of this region.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER AND DANCE

Bill McGoey, whose Irish talents are a by-word at Blanchard, will again put those talents on display as Chairman of our annual celebration of St. Patrick's feast day. This year's doings will be on Saturday, March 11 at the Post, beginning with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:30, followed by a sumptuous corned beef and cabbage dinner at 7:30. Bill has assembled a team of helpers who guarantee again the success of this night, including George McClouthier as chef and Marv O'Hershberg with his band of merry musicians.

Tickets are \$6.00 per person. Reservations may be made through Jake or Vic in the Post Lounge or Bill McGoey (phone 439-2358). The ticket sale will be limited.

March
15-17
**American
Legion
Birthday**
59 Years



MARCH CALENDAR

Mar. 6 (Mon)	Regular Post meeting at 8 p.m.
11 (Sat)	St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance at the Post
14 (Tue)	WW I luncheon at Brockley's at 1 p.m.
15 (Wed)	59th Birthday of the American Legion
16 (Thurs)	Regular monthly luncheon at the Post at noon
17 (Fri)	St. Patrick's Day
20 (Mon)	Post Affairs Committee meets at the Post at 8 p.m.
26 (Sun)	Easter Sunday
27 (Mon)	Board of Directors meets at the Post at 8 p.m.

March Bingo Dates – 1 - 8 - 15 - 22 - 29

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Three recent promotions of staff members at National Headquarters were significant and certainly welcome. Jeffrey Wonder, 33, was named Deputy Director of the International Affairs Division. Thomas J. Haynes was advanced to Director of the Membership and Post Activities Section. G. Michael Schlee, 34, became the Executive Director of the American Legion's Washington Headquarters office. The significance and importance of these appointments is that all of them are Vietnam veterans and represent the new life blood of the American Legion.

The old hoax story about the "1948 Special Dividend" on National Service Life Insurance is again making the rounds in various parts of the nation, according to a bulletin issued by the Legion's National Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. It is still just that - a hoax. The Commission's bulletin noted that such misinformation usually results in literally thousands of inquiries to the VA, and, "unfortunately", some of these stories are appearing in American Legion publications.

ROTTEN NEWS OF THE MONTH

1. It has been reported, as yet unofficially, that the Administration is planning to cut back 3200 beds nationwide in the VA Hospital system and that this would mean a loss of 50 beds in the Albany VA Hospital.

2. Some U.S. Senators, including Javits of New York, are branding our control of the Panama Canal as "colonialism" but are strangely silent on moves in the Middle East which certainly smell of what they are accusing our country of doing.

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

WORMER sez mention me in the paper! What can we say, Cookie, that hasn't already been said? . . . nice chat with that great bowler and ever-pleasant gent Walt ROBERTS not too long ago . . . 'n I betcha they don't dare start bingo till Ann WILLIAMS arrives-just wouldn't seem right, that's what! . . . and some things that I get confused about are (a) Winter Carnival (b) Panama Canal (c) who dreams up these stupid TV commercials like Tickle, Mr. Whipple squeezing his Charmin, and the goons who are gonna punch-you-out if ya don't drink their beer. Nuff said! Belly-Aching time over! . . . 'n you'll walk many a mile and not find nicer people than Gloria & Bob BROOM and Anna & Frank FUTIA . . . and that is 30 for this issue . . .

The Gutter Duster

LEGION MOUNTAIN CAMP

Have you become a 1978 Mountaineer? If not, see our Post Mountaineer Chairman, Ollie Palmer. He'll be glad to sign you up for the small sum of \$1.00 which will help to sustain the infirmary and other activities at the camp.

DOWN THE ALLEY

As seen in the standings below, the Air Force was still in the lead as of February 3. However, Dan Lantz' Sea Bees had

been making waves since our last report. McCabe, Mosmen, Ristau and Quinn were winning regularly and knocking off all competition. As of press time they were tied in Peterson points and behind only two games in the loss column.

Plans for the 1978-79 season, which will start on the Friday following Labor Day, are already under way. If any Post members are interested in joining the league, please call me at 434-6904.

Jack Brady was still sidelined with his rib injuries, but just raring to go. We'll certainly be glad to see him get back into action.

Until next month, good health, don't overdo it with that snow shovel and the best of wishes for an early spring.

Milt Andre, Secretary

Standings as of February 3

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Air Force	890	2470	50	38	25	45629
Sea Bees	801	2416	50	36	27	46580
Infantry	850	2453	45½	36½	26½	47690
Marines	857	2432	44	33	30	46317
Tanks	876	2342	40	29	34	46796
Coast Gd.	859	2378	38	29	34	43712
Navy	856	2425	36½	26½	36½	47876
Army	858	2363	32	24	39	45491

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

A CLASS	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Kreh	231	622	9691	54	179

Havill	256	643	9925	56	177
McDonald	242	585	10560	60	176
Quinn	213	584	4985	30	166
DiSanto	204	564	8357	51	163
Bender	211	574	10236	63	162
Lantz	213	546	7740	48	160
Johnston	194	553	10126	63	160
Oates	213	582	9582	60	159
Foy	210	542	8713	55	158
Viele	199	537	8542	54	158
Giacone	233	537	8511	54	157
Palmer	198	536	7945	51	155
Eagan	215	567	7474	49	152
Marino	217	539	8535	56	152
Mitchell	184	514	8670	57	152
Karins	200	487	9516	63	151
Pauquette	197	486	6306	42	150
Hanrahan	209	528	8091	54	149
Pugliese	201	543	7539	51	147

B CLASS	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Whitney	200	528	8810	59	149
Andre	205	526	8960	60	149
Vail	203	511	9405	63	149
Tangora	199	528	8890	60	148
Larkin	186	517	7299	50	145
McCabe	222	595	7407	51	145
Burns	216	511	8698	60	144
Ristau	204	475	7338	51	143
Donnelly	202	516	8164	57	143
Heilmann	196	529	8576	60	142
Campbell	220	484	7555	54	139
Hasen	180	482	8338	60	138
Haker	178	487	8724	63	138
Mosmen	180	463	6154	45	136
LaForge	168	452	6407	48	133
Brady	198	497	6398	48	131
Buker	178	447	6236	48	129
Monette	187	463	6758	54	125
Cole	188	431	7603	63	120
Alwell	152	393	5857	53	110

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47th Annual Past Commanders Dinner and Blanchard Night

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

With the coming of Spring also comes the realization that the end of my term of office is fast approaching. In fact, my column in the May issue of the 1040 will be my last. Up until very recently, I was fortunate enough not to have to face any major problems. While the snows of the past winter are fast becoming just an unpleasant memory, we are now faced with a dilemma directly related to those snows. Because of excess snow days, the Bethlehem school system must schedule two make-up school days, one of which was planned for May 29, the date of our Memorial Day parade. We were negotiating for a solution at press time and will keep the membership advised of the results of our efforts. However, you can be assured that we will have a parade regardless of what the State Department of Education rules.

Now to more pleasant news, the 47th Annual Past Commander's Dinner-Dance on Saturday, April 8. For the past several years in order to clarify that this is an evening to be enjoyed by everyone, it has also come to be known as Blanchard Night. In connection with this annual affair the following is the roster of our Past Commanders, a group which I shall be privileged to join next year.

Winthrop P. Robinson 1930-1931
*Otto D. deHeus. 1931-1932
*Ralph S. Butler 1932-1933
*James W. Seymour. 1933-1934
*Earl S. Jones. 1934-1935
John B. Hague 1935-1936
*Alex Gabriels 1936-1937
*Clifford Whitney 1937-1938
*Frank Langwig 1938-1939
*Raymond T. McGuirk 1939-1940
*Harold Barkhuff 1940-1941
*Edward N. Bresnahan. 1941-1942
Norman H. Bender. 1942-1943
Earl J. McGuirk. 1943-1944
*Chapman Henry 1944-1945
*Charles Joyce, Sr. 1945-1946
Bertram E. Kohinke. 1946-1947

Harold Williams. 1947-1948
*Vincent P. Murphy 1948-1949
George J. Butman 1949-1950
William S. Segur 1950-1951
Joseph V. Von Ronne 1951-1952
William Johnston. 1952-1953
*John Wasserbach 1953-1954
James O. Fanning 1954-1955
*Fred J. Dearstyne 1955-1956
George R. Schreck. 1956-1957
Herbert G. Drew 1957-1958
Richard C. Lenseh 1958-1959
Alvin W. Greenwood 1959-1960
Given S. Hynds. 1960-1961
Alexander J. Woehrle. 1961-1962
Rodger J. Fryer. 1962-1963
Richard P. Dalton 1963-1964
Charles J. O'Hara. 1964-1965
Edward J. Costigan 1965-1966
Joseph Cannizzaro. 1966-1967
Sidney M. Kaplan 1967-1968
William J. Campbell. 1968-1969
Hugh W. Stowers. 1969-1970
Henry K. Kindberg June-Aug. 1970
John V. Ennis. Sept. 1970-1971
Robert J. Smith 1971-1972
*Michael Mele 1972-1973
Merwyn K. Atwood. 1973-1974
Kenneth J. Burns. 1974-1975
Oliver H. Palmer 1975-1976
Daniel G. Lantz. 1976-1977

*Taps

One final word for this month, our next meeting on May 1 will be the Annual meeting of the Post at which the election of Officers and Board members for the 1978-79 year will be held. I urge all of you who can possibly make it, to do so and thus make the election a truly representative one.

William J. Blanchard, Sr., Commander

Lest We Forget

JANUARY 21, 1977

*The Date of Pres. Carter's
Amnesty for Draft Dodgers*

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

On Saturday, April 8, the Post will observe Blanchard Night in conjunction with the 47th Annual Past Commanders' Dinner-Dance. The evening will honor all Past Commanders who in turn will honor a Post member selected by them as having served the Post in an exemplary and outstanding manner over a period of years. The member so honored will be presented with the traditional diamond studded American Legion lapel button. There will also be other awards for particularly meritorious service.

Immediate Past Commander Daniel G. Lantz is in charge of arrangements and he reminds all that the evening's festivities will get under way at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Hank Voorhees will do the cooking honors on a roast beef dinner which will be served up at 7:00 p.m. Dancing will follow until midnight to the music of Roger DiNucci.

Dan Lantz announces that honor will also be paid this year to the Past Presidents of the Auxiliary. He has also been fortunate in garnering our own Genial Gentlemen, Dick Dalton, as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Another traditional feature of the evening will be the roll call of Past Commanders, to which will be added this year the roll call of Past Auxiliary Presidents.

Tickets are \$7.50 and are available from Dan, or Jake or Vic in the Lounge.

APRIL CALENDAR

April 2 (Sun.) Conference of the 3rd and 4th Districts at Blanchard Post
3 (Mon.) Regular monthly Post meeting at 8 p.m.
8 (Sat.) Past Commanders - Blanchard Night Dinner Dance at Post
11 (Tues.) World War I Luncheon at Brockley's at 1 p.m.
17 (Mon.) Post Affairs Committee meets at 8 p.m.
20 (Thurs.) Reg. monthly luncheon at the Post at noon
24 (Mon.) Board of Directors meets at 8 p.m.
27 (Thurs.) County meeting
April Wednesday night Bingo dates
5 - 12 - 19 - 26

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 Judge Advocate George F. Wenger
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 Sergeant-at Arms Thomas J. Oro
 Public Relations Robert J. Smith
 Editor, 1040 Times Charles J. O'Hara

MEMBERSHIP

Well, the Legion's 59th Birthday has come and gone and we missed by a whisker making our quota of 865 by that date. We hit 862, thus missing our goal by only three. The world certainly isn't going to come to an end as a result, but it would have been a feather in Blanchard Post's bonnet to have reached our quota by March 15.

The thing for all unpaid members to keep in mind now is that your 1977 card has run out of steam after March 31. As of April 1 a 1978 card is required to enjoy the privileges of membership at Blanchard Post or at any other Legion Post which a member might visit.

We welcome the following new members to the Post since our last report in the 1040 Times: Carl P. Wright, Edward J. Smith, Bernard A. Murphy and Anthony Calvagno. Welcome aboard fellows, come in and get acquainted, get active and use the fine facilities of the Post.

Milt Andre, Membership Chairman

LATE FLASH

We made our quota!!

ROTTEN NEWS OF THE MONTH

1. An American concern firing several of its employees for wearing an American flag decal on their safety helmets.

2. At press time it appeared that the Panama Canal Treaty was headed for approval in the United States Senate. This in spite of the fact that every nationally recognized poll had shown that a majority of the American people were opposed to approval.

3. Charley O'Hara is in Florida and I'm struggling.

Your Guest Editor, Ken Burns

TAPS

Michael Norton, a long time member of Blanchard Post and a recipient of the Past Commanders' Diamond Pin Award, passed away suddenly in February. Mike conducted our Indoor Sports program for quite a few years and was responsible for establishing that project on a permanent basis at Blanchard. Commander Blanchard expressed the sympathy of the Post to the family at the funeral services.

Ralph Burton Smith, a recently reinstated member and former Town of Bethlehem Assessor, passed away on March 9 after a long illness.

May they rest in peace with their former comrades-in-arms who have gone before them.

REMINDERS FROM THE "BOARD"

While it is always an unpleasant task to remind members of rules and regulations, it nevertheless becomes necessary at times because of repeated infractions of some of them. Two violations that have been noted recently are parking cars along the island around the flag pole and the use of rough and offensive language in the Lounge.

Due to the relatively small area in front of the building, fire laws prohibit parking in this area. Therefore, please use the parking areas on each side of the building and park within the line markers.

I remember the old Navy unwritten law concerning conversations at the mess table — "there will be no discussion of religion or politics nor will there be any use of rough language".

A similar rule has been in effect at Blanchard Post for many years. It has recently been brought to the attention of the Board that this rule is not being observed by some. Since we are very proud of our reputation as a wholesome and happy place to which we can bring our wives and dates, we are asking again that all cooperate in insuring that it will continue to be so. To refresh our memories, the house rules provide that no offensive or foul language be used at anytime, and that there be no heated discussions on religion, politics or ethnic matters in the Lounge.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Daniel G. Lantz, Chairman
 Board of Directors

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

(from the American Legion News Service and the National Legislative Bulletin)

Congressional legislation is always necessary to officially revise the American Legion's membership eligibility because our federal charter can only be amended by Congress. Therefore legislation has been introduced in the Senate and in the House for the extension of the recognized termination date of the Vietnam era from August 15, 1973 to May 7, 1975. This change would bring the criteria for Legion membership in line with the federally-recognized dates for veterans' benefits eligibility.

1918-1978 — Sixtieth Anniversary of the A.E.F.

This year will mark the sixtieth anniversary of the final months of America's involvement in World War I with Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, marking the end of the "war to end all wars". It is also the year that the national observance of Veterans' Day will be returned to its meaningful date, Nov. 11 — the anniversary of the armistice ending World War I.

What has happened to the survivors of the "Great War"? Many of them are on the ragged edge of survival with their meager VA pensions and Social Security. Many of their widows are in the same situation with incomes far below the poverty level.

The World War I veteran returned home from the battlefields of France to a national community that provided no GI Bill of Rights, no VA hospitals, no job preference and no rehabilitation program for the disabled — only a paltry sixty dollars on the day they were discharged by the government they fought to preserve.

From this adverse experience, the founders of this great organization fought for the establishment of the Veterans' Administration, the VA hospital system and the GI Bill of Rights for the World War II veterans when they arrived home, which has been perpetuated for the Korean and Vietnam era veterans.

Today, The American Legion is fighting for long-needed legislation to improve the welfare of these veterans and their survivors. We hope that Congress and the Administration will heed our advice before our early pioneers who were responsible for the establishment of our organization are all gone.

AUXILIARY NEWS

by Lillian Blanchard

President	Pauline Ouderkirk
First Vice President	Carol Cummings
Second Vice President	Lillian Blanchard
Recording Secretary	Rose Ann Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Karla Burns
Treasurer	Dorothea George
Chaplain	Celeste Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gloria Broom
Historian	Freda Sherman

Sincere apologies for missing Kathy Quinn on our thank you list for Indoor Sports Day, February 4.

Our raffle on Irish Night was very successful. Thank you to all who helped on this project and especial thanks to Pauline Ouderkirk. Anita Tipple won first prize - \$50 worth of meat at McCarroll's Village Butcher. Jane Wheeler won the Afghan made by Betty Worden. Lou Picarazzi went home with the bottle of cheer.

The Auxiliary Birthday Dinner on February 21 was another happy event made possible by our able committee, Hank Voorhees and the men of Blanchard Post. Thank you one and all for a lovely evening.

We have ten new members in our ranks. They are Marion Chrysogelos, Marie Derby, Joan Glastetter, Hazel Grenier, Renna Hauf, Lois Klapp, Cynthia Palmer, Kathleen Quinn, Kathleen Selig and Carol Smith. Welcome.

Some of our new members have been working on the Poppy Program on Wednesday nights. Speaking of poppies - Poppy Day is May 17 and Dot Lantz is Chairwoman. Dot will need your help, so please mark your calendar for May 17.

April 18 will be our regular monthly meeting. Norrine Cooke will present a short program on foreign relations. Peru is the country for this year's theme.

Teresa Blanchard, Lil Blanchard, Marcia Turner and Grace Viele were on the sick list - hope everyone is better now.

Thought our members would be interested to know that as of February 28 Bingo has netted \$1,393.76 to our unit.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following proposed slate of Post Officers, Board Members, County Delegates and Alternate County Delegates is presented by the Nominating Committee for the consideration of the membership at the election to be held during the Annual Post Meeting on May 1.

Commander	Arthur P. Blanchard
Senior Vice Commander	Joseph A. Marino
Vice Commander	Milton F. Andre
Vice Commander	Ernest A. Viele

Adjutant	William J. Blanchard, Jr.
Finance Officer	Daniel G. Lantz
Chaplain	Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
Judge Advocate	George F. Wenger
Service Officer	Frank Zini, Jr.
Historian	George J. Butman
Sergeant-At-Arms	John J. Brady, Sr.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Three Years:	Robert J. Smith
	Francis A. Futia
	Warren D. Moessner

COUNTY DELEGATES:

John J. Brady, Sr.	William Mitchell
Kenneth J. Burns	Harvey Hasen
Robert J. Smith	Oliver H. Palmer
Patrick Igoe	James Blanchard
	William J. Blanchard, Sr.

ALTERNATE COUNTY

DELEGATES:	Hugh Stowers
	William Alwell
	Ernest Gall

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee - Charles J. O'Hara, Chairman, William J. Blanchard, Jr., Kenneth J. Burns, Harvey Hasen and Hugh Stowers.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Constitution and By-Laws of Blanchard Post provide that the Officers and Board Members shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting. The meeting of Monday, May 1 has been designated as the Annual Meeting of 1978 at which the Officers and Board Members for the year 1978-79 shall be elected.

The meeting will commence at 8 p.m. and all members are urged to attend in order to participate in the election of those who will guide the Post in the coming year. The more who participate, the more representative will be the results.

The slate presented by the nominating committee is a proposed one which was put together after many meetings, consultations, much thought and many suggestions from the general membership. While the committee feels that the proposed slate is a good one they point out that other nominations may be made from the floor, as they have been many times in the past.

Mark your calendar to reserve Monday, May 1 for this very important meeting. Your participation is important as a voter who thus demonstrates his concern for the effective functioning of the Post.

SHUFFLEBOARD

The regular shuffleboard season had come to a close as of press time. It was an exciting year right down to the last night of play. The first four teams were only two points or less apart. All that remained at press time was a one game play-off to determine the top team.

There was a tie for first place on the last night of play. The singles play-offs will also be held with all results appearing in next month's issue.

As of March 9, the team standings were:

	Won	Lost
Paul & Carol Joralemon	30	10
Rolly & Barb Whitney	30	10
Al Adams & John Handershan	26½	13½
Jim & Sandy Quinn	26	14
Bill Campbell, Jr. & Jim Benton III	19	21
Jim & Carol Benton	17	23
Carol Cummings & Helen Quinn	13	27
Henry Engel & Gloria Broom	13	27
Bill & Jane Alwell	12	28
Bete Conway & Mary Ann Mauer	8	32

As reported previously, the annual banquet of the league will be held at the Rest Seekers Inn on Thursday, April 6. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Lounge. Non-members of the League are welcome to attend and should sign-up if interested in doing so.

LUNCHEONS

The regular monthly luncheons will toast the coming of Spring with particular enthusiasm after a most distasteful winter, to put it mildly. Win Robinson's boys will be whooping it up on Tuesday, April 11 at Brockley's starting at about 1 p.m., while Thursday, April 20 at noon will be the occasion of the monthly luncheon at the Post.

Either or both of these gatherings is a great place to shake those winter doldrums.

GUEST EDITOR

Once again it is the April issue
Once again Editor Charles (O'Hara that is) was in Florida
Once again Ken Burns is our Guest Editor

THEN THERE WERE THREE

... AND SAD NEWS INDEED THAT Adjutant John "Mac" McDonald is leaving us in June and returning to sea (as Mac sez, "where a sailor is supposed to be.") Best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Mac - don't forget us and keep in touch with Blanchard Post. . . . Kathy & Fred BUKER, Alice & Bill JOHNSTON off on Hawaiian trips - 'n howza bout the big, big bowling scores Alice racked up! . . . and a nice mention in the journals of Chuck O'HARA, Jr., former BCHS star athlete & West Point graduate now stationed in Hawaii. . . 'n 6 gents working at the Auxiliary Birthday Dinner namely Hank VOORHEES, Rolly WHITNEY, Herb WHITE, Joe MARINO, Ralph

DERBY, Ken BURNS plus that genial mixologist Art BLANCHARD and Barb WHITNEY was not only an attendee at the dinner but did much to spearhead working operations! . . . and a nice going to Bowler Mike BURNS in the sectionals . . . and V. Comdr. Art BLANCHARD sez dat der next 20-wk klub Dinner-Dance iz June 3rd & is gonna feature the River Boat Jazz Band. yea! yea! yea! - better see Artie quick about gittin in da Klub! . . . 'n a nice going to Ollie PALMER 'n Don DUNCAN on spear-heading the match between Blanchard and Voorheesville with an afternoon of fun, food and froth! . . . and tis always a pleasure to see that attractive lady Rose MARINO and I just missed a chance to talk with Rose FOY in the market . . . glad to hear Jo PRATT made such a swell recovery (that's the way, Jo!) and I still wanna hear Jo PRATT, Dolly FELTS, and Dot (Schmitt) SCHMIDT give out with some of der moosic again! . . . certainly congrats to Mr. & Mrs. Phil GIACONE, Jr. on the new arrival to the family . . . and nice ta talk with Skipper Bob & Marcia CLARKE, that's what! . . . 'n fer a while I was wondering if we were having Olympic Boxing tryouts at the Post . . . and Dick OATES joining the Bingo Army on a record-breaking nite - and the same evening Virginia HUNTING joined the Auxiliary Refreshment Task-Force . . . ' Bill MC GOEY, Bill DONNELLY, George CLOTHIER, Hugh STOWERS and Crews putting together 1 terrific St. Paddy's Party at the Post . . . and howza bout that terrific GE party that Bill CAMPBELL & CO. engineered! Nice going to all of you people! . . . 'n to that person who said

what a bright gent Dick DALTON is - get Dick to tell you about his being advanced 2 grades at P.S. 23! . . . SVC Frank FUTIA commending Roger DI NUCCI for the highly successful Dinner-Theater Party. . . . 'n twas nice indeed to have a chat (as brief as it was) with that very attractive Kathy DORN - we sure 'r long overdue in having Kathy sing us a few songs! (who knows maybe Kathy would bring that pretty Penny MARSH with her, that's what!) . . . 'n tis always a pleasure to converse with that affable gent Hal MASON, that's who . . . and they oughta give a prize of an old pair of sweat-sox to the no-thinks who straddle 2 spaces in the Post Parking lot! . . . and always a pleasant greeting from Ann & Phil LEE . . . 'n the Duster was supposed to get the member's name and details of the belated bronze-star award from John HAKER & the Duster goofed 'n didn't get it! (13 lashes with a wet noodle coming up!) . . . and I haven't picked on Jean DUGAN in a long time, but I'll thinka sumpin! . . . Why did the fly fly? Because the spider spied her! (Oh Duster, yer reel-ly sick!) . . . George Butman reports that he had a card from Fred Simpson (remember him?) from Nashua, New Hampshire, who sends greetings to all his friends in Blanchard.

Till May (God Willing)

. . . The Gutter Duster

DOWN THE ALLEY

As of March 3, with just five weeks left of the bowling season, Ken Havill's Air Force was doggedly hanging onto the lead by a scant 1/2 point. Oddly enough, a similar fight was going on between DiSanto's

Army team and Mac's Navy team in the race for the cellar. The latter probably will be determined by whether a creeping-up or creeping-down prevails.

McDonald had a rare series on March 3, rolling a 110 game (which included 7 splits), and then following it up with a whopping 254 game. Nice going John.

Al Pugliese's in Florida and Bill Johnston's in Hawaii. Good weather and health to them both. Until next month, when we'll have our final wrap-up, good health to all.

Milt Andre, Secretary

CONFERENCE OF 3rd and 4th DISTRICTS

As Commander Blanchard mentioned in his "Corner" in the March issue, the Post has been honored by having the Area Conference of the 3rd and 4th Districts of the Department of New York at the Post rooms on Sunday, April 2. The meeting will start at about 2:00 p.m. Members of Blanchard are invited to attend as observers and to partake of a buffet to follow (at a nominal charge). This should be an interesting experience in witnessing the workings of a higher echelon of the Legion.

BINGO REPORT - FEBRUARY

Four occasions - 757 players

Receipts \$6,183.94

Prizes 4,000.00

Gross Profit \$2,183.94

Expenditures:

Equipment and

supplies \$128.54

Services..... 197.00

License fees..... 115.99

Other..... 13.00

454.53

Net profit..... \$1,729.41

LAST WORD ON MEMBERSHIP

1. Bring in a new member.
2. Remember that **you** must have a 1978 card **now**. Don't let your membership lapse.

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