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Commander Expresses Thanks at War's End Past Commanders'/Presidents' Honored on 21st

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Fellow Legionnaires:

The War is Over! Thank God. Thank George. Thank Stormin' Norman. Most of all, thank our troops and our allies for the swift and professional job they performed in bring Operation Desert Storm to a quick, and for the most part, bloodless end.

Thank you, America, for the support shown and the love expressed for the men and women who answered the call. The outpouring of support is something we have not seen in this country in many, many years.

Now that it's over and, hopefully, his job is done, Commander Conti will soon return home to his family and to us. Let's be sure to let Bob know just how pleased we are with him when he's back! I can't speak for him, but twenty years ago when he and I came home from Vietnam, there was a different frame of mind in our country. Very few said "thanks." No parades were held and most everyone, it seemed, felt we were wrong. Those days are gone now. We're home. Give Bob the message that we're proud of his efforts and very proud of him.

Until next month (unless Bob's then writing Commander's Corner),

Yours for the Legion — Tom Frazier, Interim Commander

Memorial Day Parade

Yes, it's me again, asking for your help as we perform our role as sponsor of the 1991 event . . . one that has special meaning. Many hands are needed to extend our string of successful parades.

Parade Chairman Ed Wood must have assistance in the form of Marshalls to assure the smooth flow of the four Divisions. Kitchen Chairman Joe Phillips, good as he is, can't handle the one thousand or so parade participants by himself. He offers on-the-job-training in preparation, serving and cleanup. No prior experience is necessary in either department. Ed and Joe can transform your good intentions into good work. Call one of them - or both - to seize the opportunity!

Thanks, Tom Frazier

Our Fascinating History Flawed With Blank Spots

Did you know that Blanchard Post took out a newspaper ad in 1933 to voice its strong support of a New Deal program (The National Recovery Act)? Can you identify the gorgeous majorette leading the 1939 Memorial Day Parade (from a news photo)?

Our ubiquitous Board Chairman, Bill Campbell, has devoted more than a hundred hours recently to a most worthy project: the organization and exhibition of an abundance of articles, photos and letters that make up the available history of Blanchard Post. The result, so far, is an informative and entertaining trip in time . . . up until about 1960 when the material thins out.

Members and friends of Blanchard Post are asked to search their own "archives" for more grist for Mr. Campbell's mill. You will feel good about the help you give and you'll, perhaps, be allowed a preview of the product while it is being brought up to date. Just leave your material, or a message for Bill, with Donna or John in the Lounge.

Past Commanders'/Past Presidents' Luncheon

Again this year we'll honor the Past Auxiliary Presidents and Past Commanders of Blanchard Post at a gala luncheon. The date is Sunday, April 21st, in the Lounge. The affair begins with cocktails at 1 p.m., dinner at two with music and dancing immediately following.

Ticket prices will be \$12 per person. As always, everyone, not just those who served in office, is invited. So join us on the 21st to honor those who have served our post and to have a heckuva lot of fun!

Tom Frazier, Dinner Chairman

Friday Night Dinners

Chairman Bob Glastetter expresses the thanks of his committees for your support of the Friday Night Dinners this past season. He looks forward to welcoming you back in September.

— April Calendar —

- 1 Mon - Regular Post meeting at 8 pm
- 6 Sat - Dept. Commander/President Visitation Dinner at 6:30 pm
- 16 Tue - Regular Auxiliary meeting, 7:30 pm
- 18 Thu - Monthly Luncheon, Day's Inn at noon
- 21 Sun - Past Commanders'/Presidents' Luncheon at the Post, 1 pm
- 29 Mon - Board of Directors meets

Ruby Wood Report

Since her last report, Ruby has sent "get well" wishes to the following people in the name of the Post: William C. Bennett, Jr.; Kenneth J. Burns; Larry Hoffmeyer; Guy A. Smith, Jr.; James R. Stratton; Gregory J. Dole; Mrs. Robert J. Smith; and Bela Kolarits, Jr. May they mend quickly and fully!

**April Brunch Cancelled.
Watch for May date**

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January Bingo Report

Four occasions - 512 players

Gross receipts ... \$6,294.55

Prizes 4,000.00

Gross Profit \$2,294.55

Expenditures:

Equip'm't & Supplies . \$163.64

Services 188.00

License fees 57.70

Bank service charge .. 16.06

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Nominating Committee's Recommendations For 1991-1992

Commander Thomas Frazier
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Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee:

Philip B. Lee, Chairman
John Ennis, Richard Smith,
George Ten Eyck,
Robert Montgomery

Visitation of Department Commander and Auxiliary President

Department Commander William Brown and Department Auxiliary President Anne Schultz will make their visitations to the 3rd and 4th Districts on Saturday, April 6th. Blanchard Post has the signal honor of hosting the event.

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. Let's have a good representation from the Host Post. Cost is \$11 per person. Please get your reservation in to Donna or John in the Lounge. . . NOW!

Membership

A few weeks ago, I mailed out letters to those of you who inadvertently, I'm sure, forgot to mail payment of 1991 dues. I mailed ninety-nine letters and got thirty-three responses. One third of the pie isn't bad, but we need the whole thing if we are to at least reach our goal of 693 members and continue to flourish as a Post.

If you're one of the folks I'm talking to, please pay your 1991 dues. We need you to keep our organization strong, to put a 100% membership patch on all our caps and, not the least, to make my job a lot easier.

Tom Frazier

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Auxiliary News

N.A. Blanchard
Auxiliary Unit #1040
Department of New York

Calendar of April Events:

□ **Saturday, April 6th** – Department Commander William Brown and Department President Anne Schultz Visitation Dinner. 6:30 p.m. at the Post.

□ **Tuesday, April 16th** – Regular Unit meeting. We'll choose a Nominating Committee preparatory to the upcoming election of officers. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend.

□ **Tuesday, April 23rd** – Albany County Auxiliary meeting at the Bucci-McTague Post, 7:30 p.m.

As I open this month's Auxiliary News, I'd like to say thanks to members of our armed forces in the Persian Gulf. A super job! It felt like our whole nation was holding its breath while they were there and now we can breathe easier 'cause they're coming home. I know some who are breathing easier, especially our own Commander's family. Hopefully, Cindy and Reggie, Bob will be home with you by the time you read this. Acting Commander Tom Frazier will be almost as happy to see him. Thanks, Tom, for the terrific job you've done.

Congratulations go out to Mim and Merle Oliver for their successful management of the Valentine's Day party at the Post. Those who weren't there, you missed a dandy. Congratulations, too, to Anne DeGrush for recognizing all those people in the pictures. Who was that lady lounging around in her bathing suit again?

At our Annual Birthday Dinner we presented the Post Commander with a gift of 24 white carafes to be used for the first time at the Department Visitation Dinner at the Post on April 6th.

Bingo workers for January and February were Barbara Palmer (2X), Nancy Richardson (2X), Lois Smith (3X), Patti Glastetter (4X), Eve Murray (4X) and Carol Joralemon (4X).

As of this writing we have 183 paid members. Please help us reach our goal of 186 again this year by sending your dues (\$10) to Lillian Blanchard or leave it with Donna or John in the Lounge.

Anyone wishing to help (again?) with Poppy Day – May 15th – please call Barbara Haight at 439-1890 or Lois Smith at 439-5541. We need your help, so please do call.

Get well cards will be appreciated by Alice Herber and Betty Worden. They are still recovering at home after major operations. We wish Carol Smith a speedy recovery after her stay in the hospital. If you know of an ill member, please contact Rosemary Blanchard at 462-4691.

As we celebrate the homecoming of our troops, let's remember, too, those who are coming home for the last time and say an extra prayer for them.

Until next month, Happy Spring and keep smiling!

Lois

Community March

On Sunday, March 10th, a Community March to honor our troops in The Gulf was held in the Town of Bethlehem.

Organized by Blanchard Post and Bethlehem Memorial Post #3185 of the VFW, and with the full support and involvement of Town Supervisor Ken Ringler, the march drew about 500 people.

This demonstration of community support is important, as all of us can appreciate, to all the sons and daughters of Bethlehem who put themselves in Saddam's path. We thank all our Legion and Auxiliary members who marched. We thank, also, VFW Commander Tom Skultety (who is a Blanchard Post member, too) for his heartfelt presentation and the work he put into the march. And, we really owe thanks to Supervisor Ringler who made the job easier for all of us.

Planned for late spring or early summer is a large Welcome Happening for our returnees. We'll give you plenty of opportunity to be part of it.

Tom Frazier

Initiation of New Members

Initiation of new members of Blanchard will take place at the May meeting (6th). All new members and transferees from Post One are urged to take part in the induction ceremony. Albany County Commander Donald Bell will officiate.

All Blanchard Post members are asked to heed this advance notice and plan to be there to welcome our new members. There are many reasons that Blanchard is the very best post anywhere. The camaraderie that exists here is certainly one of them.

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Panel Recommends Opening Eligibility for Current Service

INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS) — Operation Desert Storm was less than 24 hours old when The American Legion's Membership & Post Activities Committee opened its annual planning meeting here.

In its final session, the committee was unanimous in support of a proposal for a properly drawn resolution to be presented to the 1991 National Convention which would open membership eligibility for a period defined by the current hostilities in the Middle East.

The M&PA Committee discussed and defined strategies for the 1992 campaign, & set the 1992 goal of 3.2 million members.

With the current year's membership running significantly ahead of the corresponding date one year ago, emphasis was directed to a variety of factors to help maintain the momentum which has seen Legion membership reach levels not attained for more than 40 years.

Key areas discussed during the meeting included: retention, traditional new member acquisition, Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS), new posts, and revenue. A 5-year goal was set to maintain a membership base of 3.5 million members.

When Vice Chairman Wayne Richey called the meeting to order, "traditional" 1991 membership (excluding that achieved through DMS) totaled 2,404,723, a gain of 92,619 over the same date of one year ago.

The possibility of new incentives for renewal to enhance membership and acquisition were discussed and will be included in the recommendations to the Internal Affairs Commission at the May Meetings in Indianapolis.

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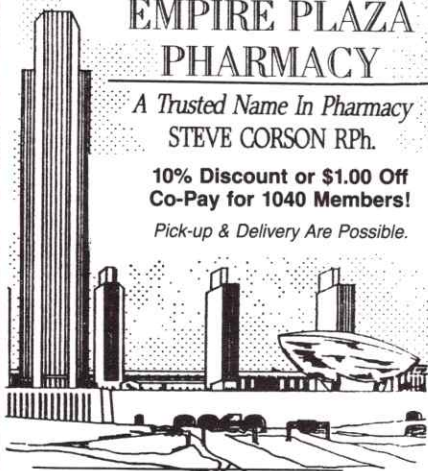
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