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ACCEPTANCE OF KEYS TO OUR NEW POST

Thank you very much, Mr. Williams. I accept these keys, humbly and proudly, on behalf of the officers and members of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of the American Legion.

We have a brand new home—a living monument to our comrades—those still with us and those departed—who served in the Armed Forces of our beloved country so that all of us here today may continue to live under the flag of Justice, Democracy and Freedom.

We will dedicate this beautiful new building today, but, in doing so, we will not forget that warm and friendly building next door that served so well as our Post and our haven for the past 38 years. We will continue the good work, the community efforts, and the comradeship that were accomplished by our dedicated members in that old school house building next door. We pledge here today that our Post activities in this new building will continue to reflect the ideals, the American goals and aspirations, and the community spirit that we strived to accomplish in our first Post headquarters.

I accept these keys to our new Post as a symbol of the dedication, the generosity, the devotion to American Legion ideals, and the community spirit of literally hundreds of fellow Legionnaires, and the beloved ladies of our fine Auxiliary, without whom this new Post never would have been built.

I acknowledge, with heartfelt appreciation, the cooperation and generosity of our neighbors in the Town of Bethlehem and the business community, for their contributions to our success. In particular, I extend our sincere thanks to our Legionnaires and their ladies who have labored so long and so unselfishly, contributing their time and talents, to our efforts to build and equip this new Post.

We are honored that so many of our friends and neighbors have joined with us today for these dedication ceremonies. We welcome them. We welcome the members of the clergy, our distinguished Town Supervisor, and our government and community leaders who are here.

I am the fortieth commander of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post.

I am delighted that I have the privilege and the honor to serve as your

Commander at this particular time.

I only wish that each of the 39 distinguished commanders who served before me might have had this honor.

I really should say each of 38 commanders who preceded me.

Actually, one of them did have the honor and glory of serving during a dedication of a new Post for our Blanchard members. I refer, of course, to our first Commander—Winthrop P. Robinson—who still is with us today and continues to be most active in all of our Post activities.

The other day, just after moving into our new Post, we removed the cornerstone from the old building next door, which Win Robinson had helped to install during similar ceremonies back in October 10, 1931.

Within an old copper container locked through the last 38 years in that cornerstone, were some of Earl McGuirk's fine old photographs of Post activities in those days, and several historic papers recording the dedication of our first Post building.

Among these papers was a yellowed sheet that recorded the program, and also had the dedication remarks made at that time by Commander Robinson.

Those words bear repeating here today. I quote:

"I now dedicate this structure, the embodiment of the ideals of Justice, Freedom and Democracy for which the Legion exists. As in the time of war, we fought for our country, so in time of peace, may we serve the Republic fearlessly and well. May we bear in mind those comrades of ours who have gone before, that their memory may dwell within this home and be a constant blessing among us.

"I dedicate this structure to the purposes of our Post, and with it, I dedicate this Post to the eternal service of our Nation and the presentation of the memory of our heroic comrades." End quote.

Although these words are 40 years old, they really are as new—and as appropriate—today as they were then.

We here today reaffirm those words, and pray Almighty God that we of the American Legion and our beloved families, relatives and neighbors of the Town

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BLANCHARD CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 4 — Italian Night Dinner and Dance.

MONDAY, April 6 — Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.;

Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, April 20 — Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8 p.m. will be an open

public meeting—"Law & Order" night

TUESDAY, April 21 — The Blanchard

Auxiliary meets at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 25 — The Past Com-

manders' Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, April 27 — Board of Direc-

tors meet at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 30 — County meeting at Ruane Post 476 at 93 Oneida Street, Cohoes, N. Y.

ITALIAN NIGHT

Gus Williams will again be chairman of this "always successful night" on Saturday, April 4.

The menu this year will start with a red Italian wine "out of the keg," served with appetizing antipasto, followed by baked lasagna, sausage and meat balls, salad, fruit, nuts, and coffee with hot Italian bread and cookies.

Tickets will be limited. We will not oversell our banquet hall. *Dinner dance* tickets will be colored RED and priced at \$4.00 per person and will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. *Dinner* tickets only will be colored GREEN and will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and they must vacate the hall by 7:30 p.m. The price of dinner only is \$3.25 per person.

The committee made up of amateur entertainers promise a full night of laffs, highlight of the evening being an Italian finger game between the kitchen help and the dining room help. Songs and dance music by Jerry Romano and Chef Ambrose will again handle the kitchen.

Thank you, and we'll see you on the fourth of April.

County Legion Baseball

American Legion County Baseball has a new County Chairman for 1970, and Blanchard Post is proud to announce that the County has elected one of our active members. Yes, none other than Dick Dalton, past Commander of 1040, was selected. A better man for the job they could never find. Blanchard Post members and friends, wish you good luck Dick, and keep us informed.

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★ **AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**
BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

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I haven't seen the first robin but they tell me spring is here. At last, at last! We'll usher in this most longed for season with a card party on Tuesday, April 14, 8 p.m. in the new Post. Members of the committees are: General Chairman, Maud Hafley; Fashions, Mary Kaplan (maxis, midis and minis from Town and Tweed); Refreshments, Leonor Smith and Esther Cooke; Tables, Joan Stowers and May Smith; Prizes, Maud Hafley. Tickets are available from either Janet Setzer at 438-4768 or from Marcia Rosenfield at 439-6225.

Jeffers Nursery, 1900 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, generously donated the fee for the card party tickets. So when you re-forest your yard with seeds, bulbs, shrubs and trees, kindly see Mr. Jeffers for all your garden needs.

President Maud Hafley expresses a most appreciative thank you to all the women of the Auxiliary and to all the wives of the Legionnaires who prepared the sandwiches, dips, cheese-balls, etc., for the success of the dedication and open house. Everything was delicious—each one more tempting than the next.

Membership quota has been reached. Zen Campbell (Chairman) you're wonderful! Let's make next year a little easier for Zen and start recruiting new members now. Anyone interested in our organization or who would like to introduce a potential member, please phone Zen at 439-3398.

On March 25 members of the Auxiliary served the Blue and Gold Dinner for Cub Pack 258 at the Legion.

On Thursday, March 26, the Auxiliary served the Legion County members at the Post also.

Ona Brown is back in St. Peter's Hospital, room 339. Anne McGoe was in the hospital but is feeling chipper now

AUXILIARY NEWS continued

and busy with hat shows. Marilyn Fryer had pneumonia and is still weak. The "luck-of-the-Irish" was not going the right way for Fran Tyman. The day before St. Paddy's Day she fell in her own backyard and is now sporting a cast on her right shoulder and arm. She'll have six weeks of discomfort all because of the Irish leprechaun who tripped her.

Flower Power begins in May—Poppy Time. All celebrates of the Auxiliary (especially you) will have a chance to sparkle on TV. Barbara Palmer will lead our distinguished group on Dialing-for-Dollars, Monday, May 18. If you would like to have some fun and interest that morning and a doughnut and coffee with the personnel of Channel 10, call Barbara at 439-5385. Transportation will be arranged for you.

Wednesday, May 20, is Poppy Day. This is a project that calls for volunteers—more volunteers—and then some. As the ad reads. "Wanted: Hours can be arranged to suit your convenience." Call either Barbara Palmer at 439-5385 or Marcia Rosenfield at 439-6225, before they call you and pray for a sunny day.

Tuesday, April 21, is the date of our next regular monthly meeting. We hope to see many of the old members and all of the new members at our first business meeting in the new Eisenhower Room at our Post.

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TUESDAY, April 21—Regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 28—County Meeting. Place to be announced.

MONDAY, May 18—Appearance on TV—Dialing for Dollars, Ch. 10, 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, May 19—Regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 20—Poppy Day in the Tri-Village area.

ATTENTION!

It was noted at our last party that burnt holes were discovered in our brand-new carpet. To me, this is inexcusable. How anyone could throw cigarette butts on a rug is beyond me.

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Again this year Legionnaires will stand up in community after community as partners in a massive program for community action, (1) to reestablish and perpetuate respect for law and order as a vital aspect in our way of life, and (2) to encourage Americans in all walks of life to support their law enforcement officers and to know their rights under the law.

RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER GOES HAND IN HAND WITH LOVE OF COUNTRY.

Ours is a government of law, and as we all know, our survival as a nation depends on effective enforcement of the law because, if our system of law is to survive, then the law must be enforced and the people who enforce the law must receive the full support of the people. Law and order are bulwarks of freedom.

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post on Monday, April 20 at 8 p.m., will pay special tribute to one of our law enforcement officers, who has done something outstanding in the line of duty. Commander Hugh Stowers has declared the mid-monthly Post meeting an open public meeting and is calling it "Law and Order" night. Merwyn Atwood, chairman of the Law & Order Committee has arranged for the Town of Bethlehem Police Chief, Peter Fish, to make the presentation to one of his men. Chief Fish will also speak on the law enforcement and today's drug problems. Refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited.

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ACCEPTANCE OF KEYS

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of Bethlehem will have occasion 40 years from now—and for many, many years after that—to look back on the history and the contributions of this Post, and its members, and proclaim for all to hear:

They have served their country and their community with honor, with faith, and with distinction. They have upheld the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. They have preserved the traditions and the birthright of these United States, still free under God and dedicated to the timeless proposition—as expressed 40 years ago by Win Robinson—that Justice, Freedom and Democracy still exist.

Hugh Stowers,
Commander

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OPEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ed Costigan, was master of ceremonies at our open house on March 8. Ed did a great job. He commended all the members, workers and the donators for the splendid work and effort in the success of the new Post building. Also Ed said the speaker's program would last for 30 minutes and it did! Nice going Mister Chairman.

One of the coffee pourers Lenora Smith, stopped me to have a cup. She complained that the punch and beer people were doing all the business. Another pourer who was soft spoken and gentle with the coffee, turned out to be an ex-sergeant in the WAC Corp during WW2. None other than Josephine Bollman. Two years overseas service in Europe under Eisenhower. (I heard she was a tough sarg at that. Ask her husband Ed.)

Bill Campbell was very busy working the bar downstairs all day Sunday. Yes, very busy telling the many people the bar was closed! Our County Commander Klimek remarked how honored he was to be invited, and praised Blanchard Post for its cooperation and work with the County, and also donated a beautiful desk set for the commander's room (donated by the County). We thank you.

Sid Kaplan was in charge of the check room. They tell me he put all the pretty gals' coats way in the back, so they had to go back there to pick up their coats. Watch out girls; there's a hidden room back there—I know!

Ruth Dalton was proud as punch when Ed Costigan reminded the audience that she was the neice of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard for whom the Post has been named after.

Senator Walter Langley was seen there inspecting our new Post, and also commented on what a beautiful Post it is. We were all honored to see him present.

Well known Bertram Kohinke, Town Supervisor and also the Post's first WW2 Commander, spoke and praised the past and present members for doing a fine job, for the community, town projects and the building of the new Post and was very proud to have us in the Town of Bethlehem.

Our very own Firing Squad was all dressed up in their new uniforms, and had the tough task of directing the hundreds of people coming in and out all day long.

Chairman of open house, Phil Lee, and Co-Chairman Fred Grasser should be complimented for the terrific job that was done. Phil and Fred in their own quiet way, handled everything to perfection. And all their helpers were on hand to see that everything was taken care of good and proper. Fine work men.

Maud Hafley, President of the Auxiliary (I know) was very happy and proud of all the Auxiliary that handled the food, punch and coffee. They did a remarkable job. All the food incidentally was donated by the Auxiliary.

Hugh Stowers, our Commander (first in the new Post), gave a fine speech that you can read in another page of this edition. Gus Williams presented our Commander with the keys. We can't say enough for this member, as you know. But to show our appreciation for Augustine, everybody make Italian Night (Gus in chairman), and buy lots of tickets for the top prize given away that night. (It helps the building fund.)

Last, but not least, who was that gal that stayed at the food table all afternoon? I heard her say, "I'm staying here until I have tried everyone of the food stuffs." She was a trim small girl. I don't know her name but her initials are M.M. Oh boy!

Well, that's it for now. So long.

Editor

Brotherhood

Dear Commander Stowers:

On behalf of Post 105 of the Jewish War Veterans and myself, I would like to express appreciation for your participation in the Fifth Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award ceremonies on March 1. The presence of your color guard and members of the Post contributed substantially to the affair's success.

This example of cooperation among the various veterans organizations further strengthens the concept of brotherhood which we were trying to exemplify together with the commemoration of the heroic sacrifice of the Four Chaplains some 20-odd years ago.

Sincerely,

Harvey M. Lifset,
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Commander Hugh Stowers has named Past Commander George Butman as the chairman, with Past Commander Bill Campbell, Warren Moessner, Bob Smith and Michael Mele as members of the Nominating Committee. They nominated the following members for office in the coming year. They are:

Commander "Hank" Kindberg
 Vice Commanders John Ennis
 Mike Mele
 Joe Cummings
 Adjutant Robert Smith
 Finance Officer Edward Korp
 Sergeant-at-Arms Walt Smith
 Judge Advocate Geo. F. Wenger, Esq.
 Historian Bill Davidson
 Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
 Service Officer Al Greenwood

Board of Directors: Dick Dalton, Gus Williams and Phil Lee.

County Delegates: Bill Campbell, Al Woehrle, Harold Barkhuff, Sid Kaplan, Donald Smith, Robert Smith, Jack Brady and Hugh Stowers.

Alternate County Delegates: Al Hofaker, Ray LaMay, Walt Smith, Ed Gollman, Murray Maskin, Bill McKeough, Warren Mosmen and Len Sellner.

The election will take place at the mid-May meeting.

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THANK YOUs

My sincere thanks to all my friends for their cards, visits, and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I'm home now and I hope to see you all soon.

George Reeber

and

Thanks to Bill O'Neil for giving to our Post a full set of the 1040 TIMES. Bill has kept the papers from the beginning to the present. Again, thanks Bill. They are valuable to the Post.

IRISH NIGHT

On Saturday, March 14, the Post had its first social fling—Irish Night—and the dinner was, of course, corned beef and cabbage. Our cook for that night was Herman Liebick and believe me when I say, "Herman always comes through." (It was great!)

Bill McGoe was chairman and Ollie Palmer the co-chairman. Even though it became sticky at times everything turned out fine. Bill and his helpers certainly did a fine job and should be commended for it. To see a large crowd attending, and still being comfortable with many more people dancing and enjoying it, was a pleasure. I know Bill was glad it was a success and he gained a lot of pointers which he will be glad to pass on to the next chairman of coming events. I for one, working on Bill's committee, learned a lot and will try to remember in the future. Again Bill... the Post thanks you for a good job well done.

The meal was served hot and the service was very good. The music by Marv Hirshberg was delightful and there was a couple of lucky winners in the 50-50 Club which also was successful, thanks to Ed Bollman, Bill Bellinger, Sid Kaplan, Harold Reohr and Jerry Romano. Without their salesmanship we couldn't have made it.

Commander Hugh Stowers worked on the dinner that night and although he 'lost' his voice due to a cold, he continued to stay and greet the people as they arrived.

Sick Call

Nice to see George Reeber up and around once again and being able to enjoy the facilities at our new Post rooms. He and his lovely wife, Claire, attended our Twenty-Week Club Dinner in February and saw them enjoying corned beef and cabbage on Irish Night. Stay well George.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Fred Vogel, a member of our Post, was a half miler on the track team while going to Kenyon College. They say he was one of the best in his day. And while the conversation went on, Ed Korp also mentioned that his father broke records and still holds records as a quarter-miler. Ed's father attended Lafayette College in 1914-1917.

While sitting at the old pub on its last night of serving the members, a lot of shuffle board members were around because the league was cancelled that night (due to moving of the old Post to the new). So they decided to challenge each other in a game of darts (anything for a little action). Anyway, Art Quinn came over to me and said that a certain shuffle board player had mentioned that Dick Dalton is getting old, and that he has trouble reaching the other side of the board. I won't mention any names but the one that said this is a short man and used to be his partner. (His initials are A.A.)

They say Art Quinn will have to wear roller skates while working at the new bar or perhaps a skate board will do. Better get in shape Art! Have you seen the new Post yet? If not, you don't know what you're missing. The cocktail lounge is beautiful and on Friday nights Joe Emma is there for your dancing pleasure. Real class, I tell you. Who is that guy that comes every Friday night and brings his *harem* with him? How lucky can you get. Need any help C.W.?

Jerry Romano, who's advice on certain things to help make our new Post what it is, mentioned that when a "mike" is set up at the lounge he will sing a few songs like he promised. (Some Friday night, O.K.?) With a little encouragement, I'm sure he will.

Did you hear about a certain member that had to send a letter to Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower on Post business? Well, this member received word that Mrs. E. was vacationing in Warm Springs, Ga., so to speed up matters he sent the letter there. The letter was returned to the Post soon after stamped *addressee unknown*. Oh well, B.E., you can't win them all.

THANK YOU

Hugh W. Stowers, Commander
Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post
Dear Hugh,

My wife and I want to thank you and the members of Blanchard Post 1040 for the great courtesies extended to us at your Open House on March 8, 1970.

I also want to convey best wishes from officers and members of the Schoharie County American Legion to you and your Post for a very successful future in your new Post Headquarters.

Also, I salute your Auxiliary for the wonderful buffet they served.

Thomas H. Burton, Commander
Schoharie Co. American Legion

POST BASEBALL NOTES

The Blanchard Post Baseball Team this year will have a new manager. He is Warren Boutelle, and he is well qualified for any baseball job. Warren, who lives in Delmar, and has been a member of Blanchard Post for many years, has a background in the diamond sport. He is a graduate of Northeastern University, where he spent three years on the varsity as a right-handed hurler. After settling in Delmar, Warren became active in the Little League and then Babe Ruth Baseball. In 1964 he joined Blanchard Post as coach. That year was the best year Blanchard has ever enjoyed. We won the championship of Albany County, the Third District, and the Upstate New York title. A tough loss to Staten Island in the state semi-finals kept us out of Cooperstown. In the following years Warren has spent a lot of time helping develop the talent in our young athletes. It may be said here that nobody should sympathize with Warren because after six years he should know what he is getting into.

Blanchard Post had a young team last year. In fact, last year could have been called a rebuilding year. Only two players completed their eligibility, so this means we will have spirited competition to make the squad, as well as an experienced group of athletes waiting for the bell to ring. The next issue of the 1040 TIMES will have more information relative to tryouts and practices. Aside to Warren: Good luck and thanks.

PAST COMMANDERS' DINNER

The 39th Annual Past Commanders' Dinner will be held in the Post Hall at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25th, it has been announced by last year's Commander, William J. Campbell. Traditionally, the immediate past commander is chairman for this annual event.

Dick Connors will be guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Connors is the immediate past County American Legion Baseball Chairman and also is President of the Albany Common Council. Richard Dalton will act as master of ceremonies.

In addition to honoring those who have served Blanchard Post as commander, the event is the occasion for presenting the Past Commanders' award—a diamond-studded American Legion lapel button to the Blanchard Legionnaire chosen by the past commanders as having contributed of his time and energy to the American Legion and our Post in an outstanding manner. The announcement of the recipient is withheld until the occasion of the dinner.

Tickets for the dinner may be secured from any past commander or from Art Quinn. Dancing will follow the dinner, featuring Francis Murphy's Band, with songs by Jerry Romano.

Proposed Amendments To the By-Laws

No. 1

So much of Section 1, Article IV of the By-Laws of the Constitution of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of the American Legion, Dept. of New York as reads "The Commander shall also be an ex-officer member of the Board of Directors" is amended to read "The Commander and Finance Officer shall also be members of the Board of Directors."

No. 2

So much of Section 1, Article VIII of the By-Laws of the Constitution of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of the American Legion, Dept. of New York as reads "The annual dues of members shall be Seven Dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) payable in advance on the 20th day of October in each year" is amended to read "The annual dues of members shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) payable in advance on the 20th day of October in each year."

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TWENTY-WEEK CLUB

My wife Mary and I attended the 20-Week Club dinner and dance that was held Saturday, Feb. 28, and although it was the new Post's baptism of fire (first occasion) it went over smoothly. The kitchen got its first workout and according to all responsible, it worked out fine.

John Ennis, chairman of the event, was very excited and happy over the results, and wants to thank all of his helpers who made it the success it was. Also to thank the 200 members that bought the books, for without them nothing could have been successful.

A lot of money was given away that night, and although everyone couldn't win, they enjoyed it. The dinner (roast beef) was terrific and served beautifully. No time wasted at all. The Post affair had over 200 people there and it had plenty of room. What a pleasure it was to attend a dinner and dance without being crowded. The dance floor was packed but still enough room to get around.

Well members, you sure have something going for you now. Support it!

John Ennis would like to mention his staff that worked so hard. In the kitchen cooking—Bob Gentner and Phil Giacone (what a job). Bill Campbell in charge of the dining room, with helpers Zen Campbell, Ken Stinson, Ann Carroll, Fred and Gwen Grasser, Tony Pelone, Kitty Williams, Bob Strickland, Bill Flint, Joan and Hugh Stowers, Joe Cummings, Art Quinn, Hank Kindberg, Grace Gentner, George Laird, Noreen Giacone and Gus Williams.

BROTHERHOOD AWARD

On Sunday, March 1, the Jewish War Veterans, Albany Post 105, presented the Fifth Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service and Brotherhood Award program that was held at Chancellors Hall. Representing Blanchard Post were Commander Hugh Stowers, Ed Costigan, John Brady and John Mullin.

The heroic deed of the Four Chaplains and their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for human liberty and freedom is an inspiring and everlasting example of true brotherhood to all peoples of the world. To perpetuate their memory and foster their spirit in all men, Albany Post 105 annually selects a man or woman of the Capital District Area whose exemplary service and devotion to the cause of brotherhood is worthy of special recognition and meet

POST HISTORY

Winthrop P. Robinson, charter member of the Lt. Herman Silverstein Post of Albany, conceived the idea of forming an American Legion Post in the Town of Bethlehem after he purchased a home in Delmar in 1929.

Robinson compiled a list of potential members by culling the telephone directory. The organizational meeting was held in the Elsmere Fire Hall with Mr. Robinson elected chairman, and, after the Post charter was granted, he became the first Post Commander at a meeting held in what now is the Bethlehem Town Hall. Other officers elected were Otto deHeus, George H. Fowler and Frederick W. Whitney, Vice Commanders; Fred D. Dysinger, Adjutant; Harry J. Kellan, Finance Officer; Edwin B. Piper, Historian; Alfred J. Brown, Service Officer; and George Lauer, Chaplain. There were 107 charter members.

The new Post was named for Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, a member of one of the founding families of Delmar, and the only Delmar resident killed during World War I. He was born in what is now Town Hall, and was 22 years old when he died on November 9, 1918, two days before the termination of hostilities. He was a member of the 307th Infantry.

Subsequent to the initial meeting, bi-monthly meetings were held in what is now the Delmar Elementary School until the first Post building was obtained on Poplar Drive, Elsmere, in 1931. The old building was a former railroad station and also served as one of Elsmere's early schools.

The cornerstone of the first Post headquarters was laid on October 10, 1931.

Blanchard Post now totals almost 700 members.

The Post Auxiliary was formed in February, 1930, with Mrs. Ralph S. Butler as President. Today's President is Mrs. Herbert E. Hafley.

Taps

This past month brought the passing of two World War I vet members of our Post. We mourn the deaths of Albert D. Warner and Kenneth B. Jopp and extend our sympathy to their families.

on Brotherhood Sunday in order to do him honor. This year there were two award recipients—William H. Wallace and David L. Marks. The awards were presented by Hon. Erastus Corning, the Mayor of the City of Albany.

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