



Ten Forty Times

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MAY 1963

THIS IS IT

In the past two issues of the TEN FORTY TIMES there were articles on the question of dues. Last month a well-prepared report by the committee to study this matter was published. The committee appointed by Commander Rodger Fryer had for its chairman Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Charles J. O'Hara. Working with Charlie were Judge Advocate George Wenger, PC Al Greenwood, Edward Costigan and Henry Voorhees. Their report was so good that no one opposed it when it was read at the March meeting. There was some discussion about it. The subject was postponed to give more of the membership an opportunity to attend the April meetings to

express themselves on the issue. Few more than the usual necessary twenty for a quorum attended.

With this for a background the matter is now being presented to the membership formally for their action. For that reason this May 1963 issue of the Post publication is being released on April 26 to comply with the Post Constitution and By-Laws.

The amendment to bring about a change in the By-Laws was read at the mid-April meeting of the Post by George Wenger. His motion to have it acted upon was seconded and approved without opposition. The next move takes place with the vote at the May 6 meeting.

HAEUSSER TO BE GRAND MARSHAL

Leading this year's Memorial Day Parade as Grand Marshal will be Blanchard Legionnaire Charles Haeusser.

Charlie is a U. S. Navy destroyer vet of World War II, who lost his sight in an industrial accident since his discharge from the Navy. Guiding him on the mile-long march will be his cousin, Frederick Mosmen, also a Navy vet but from World War I. The second aide to the Grand Marshal will be Edward Starkweather.

By appointment of Commander Fryer, the 1963 event is again being arranged by Robert E. Mulligan.

PC Bertram E. Kohinke, Town of Bethlehem Supervisor, has the role of Honorary Grand Marshal. He rides — and with him will be some of our venerable vets of World War I and those of World War II who can't walk. Chairman Mulligan has scheduled only one convertible for the head of the parade but he'll be glad to make room for many others if their drivers and occupants will check with him in time to complete the program by May 20. He is most anxious to have any Gold Star mothers or dads — or disabled vets to appear in the parade to inspire the youngsters along the route of march.

The parade route follows last year's path. The Grand Marshal steps off at 10:00 a.m. There will be a halt when the head of the parade turns into Kenwood Avenue from Elsmere Avenue for the purpose of a brief ceremony at the grave of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard. The parade will then proceed to the Four

Corners, make a V-turn and go north on Delaware Avenue to Memorial Park for the closing ceremonies which includes the raising and lowering to half-staff a new American Flag.

Innovations in the program this year include for the first time an entire division of sailors. They will be members of Battalion 3-13, U. S. Naval Reserve, which will provide the Color Guard. Also for the first time, a women-member of our Post will be a Division Marshal. She is Adele Strickland who will head up the Children's Division of Girl and Boy Scouts and the 4-H Clubs. Her aides will be Mrs. LeRoy Cooke and Mrs. Edward Steinke, Jr.

Chief Robert Collins of the Slingerlands Fire Department is the Division Marshal for the motorized and final division. His aides are Chief Henry Kleinke of the Delmar Fire Department and Chief Richard Smith of the Elsmere Fire Department.

As usual the First Division has the Post members, with Commander Fryer the Marshal. He's looking for all Blanchard members in our community to be marching behind him and not watching him with a mere corporal's guard marching by. Our Auxiliary is also in the First Division. The Second Division is reserved for the Bethlehem Memorial Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary. Vice Commander Charles O'Hara and Adjutant Wayne Davis are the First Division Aides-to-the-Marshal.

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COMING EVENTS

MON., MAY 6—Regular Post Meeting—Nominations for 1963-64 — refreshments follow — 8:30 p.m.

MON., MAY 13—Post Affairs final meeting for 1962-63 — 8:30 p.m.

MON., MAY 20—Final Post Meeting for 1962-63—Installation of new members — Election of officers for 1963-64; at 8:30 p.m.

SAT., MAY 25—Installation of newly elected officers at 8 p.m. Dance follows.

MON., MAY 27—Board of Directors Meeting—8 p.m.

THURS., MAY 30 — Memorial Day Parade, Graveside and Memorial Park ceremonies. Parade forms at 9:30 a.m.

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BY LAWS—ARTICLE XVI

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Post meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members of said Post attending such regular meeting; provided, that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of said Post and provided further, that written notice shall be given to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon.

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The following Resolution was read by Judge Advocate George Wenger at the regular Post meeting on April 15, 1963:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 'I' of Article VII of the By-Laws of NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD POST No. 1040 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC., be amended to read as follows:

1. 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. The amount of these dues may be reduced or prorated for any one year by the same methods required for a change in these By-Laws."

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MARY'S CORNER

Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m. will see us gathering for our next-to-last Auxiliary meeting before recessing for the summer months. Should be good weather, so do join us.

May is the month for poppies, memorial services and initiation of new members.

Chaplain Adu Turner is in charge of Memorial Services and is also arranging for flowers to be placed on the altars of the churches in the area to honor all veterans.

Membership Chairman Norrine Cooke is in charge of initiation of new members. At this writing, we have two members eligible—Betty Costigan and Shirley Kirk.

Date to begin the sale of poppies will be announced at a later date by Poppy Chairman Ruth Jorgensen. It is expected to be about the 15th of May. Ruth has already signed up some willing workers—Chris Barkhuff, Catherine Bender, Mary Connors, Norrine Cooke, Maud Hafley, Charlotte Johnston, Kay Mosmen, Betty Tougher, June Wilcox and Kitty Williams—and is looking for additional volunteers. If you can help, it would be appreciated.

Memorial Day Parade Chairman will be ever-faithful June Wilcox. June would like volunteer marchers so that we can have a good showing, and wishes to remind you to wear your Auxiliary hat.

Esther Cooke reports that Peg Lilly, Henrietta Harris and Kitty Williams will serve refreshments at the May meeting.

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Stubs from the sale of the tickets of the Albany County American Legion Baseball tickets allotted to Blanchard Post, and the money to accompany the stubs, should be turned into Post Chairman of this program, Joe Von Ronne, by May 20 so that he in turn can make his report to the County Chairman. Blanchard's score for this program in 1962 was a dim one. Chairman Von Ronne wants this year to be brighter. He needs your help to make it so. He says "Get off your benches and sell tickets . . . buy some, too."

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 Do you pretend to be sick?
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Paraders who drive to the Post before step-off time are requested to please use discretion in selecting parking places for their autos. If possible, it is hoped to have Aides-to-the-Parade-Chairman to ease this problem.

In making the preparations for the parade program, Chairman Mulligan learned from the Post's second Past Commander, Otto de Heus, who was the Number One Legionnaire in Blanchard in 1931-32, that this is the 34th consecutive Memorial Day ceremonies to be sponsored by our Post. Over the years, this annual observance has taken a variety of forms. During the 1930's, the Post had track meets and bicycle races followed by an open house event for the kiddies. A bike accident put a stop to this event and the growth of the town stemmed the open house idea. Today, usually after the parade, refreshments are served to the paraders who return to the Post.

Commander Fryer joins with Parade Chairman in these appeals:

1. All Blanchard Legionnaires in the vicinity of Delmar to make it their business to be a marcher in the parade.

2. If you have a Legion cap, wear it. If you have no cap, try to get one. If you can't get a cap, be in the parade anyway.

3. Display the American Flag in front of your home that day—half-mast is the order of the day. If you're a spectator at the parade—or any parade at any time and the American Flag passes by, be not ashamed to salute it, either in military fashion or the accepted action, if you are wearing a hat, to respectfully remove it.

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