

Tentory Times



SIXTEENTH YEAR

MAY 1972

Happy Legionnaires at 41st Annual Past Commander's Dinner



Della Brady and Sid Kaplan say 'cheese'



John Brady receiving Past Commander's Award for service to Blanchard Post

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By May Smith

OFFICERS 1971-1972

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Back to God Breakfast was Sunday, March 19. Auxiliary members who toiled were: Kay Mosmen, Peg Mosmen, Alice Johnson, Isabelle Greenwood, Madalyn Lawler, Kathy Buker, Marge Haeusser, Lenore Smith, Marge Pino, Marcella Gorman and Barbara Palmer. Hope to see more families there next year.

Initiation of new members was held at the March meeting with Jerry Klett as Initiation Chairman. New members received Flags, You and Your Auxiliary pamphlets, Constitution and By-Laws, and their pins. New members initiated were: Margaret Hood, Madalyn Bryant, Pauline Ouderkirk, Rosanne Erlichman, Alice Herber, Gertrude Cleary, Patricia Havil, Alice Johnson, Patricia Starkweather, Beverly Whitney, Mary Winchell, Mary Spencer, Marian Donnelly.

Bake sale for Laryngotomy was held Saturday, April 15. Workers at Grand Union were: Maud Hafley, Madalyn Bryant, Janet Johnson, Lenore Smith, Grace Gentner, Laura Howard, Eleanor Blendell and Barbara Palmer. The food sold out early so that Norrine Cooke and Marcial Rosenfield were not needed to work. \$92.65 was taken in that day but all donations from girls who were unable to bake are not in yet so hope to be able to send \$100 to Laryngotomy. A big thank you girls for sending in your baked goods.

Sheets and material barrels are out for Cancer collection.

Anyone with any Unit Auxiliary history (pictures, etc.), please contact Diane Grasser, our Historian.

The Nominating Committee consists of Helen Reynolds, Norrine Cooke and Esther Cooke plus four additional members to be nominated from the floor at the April meeting.

Election of officers will be at the May 16th meeting.

Poppy Day is May 17. Anyone who can give a couple of hours of her time on that day, please contact Ann Lee, Chairman at 439-2461.

On Sunday, May 21 a Community Memorial Service will be held at the Slingerlands Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Plan also to participate in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29.

New Officers' Joint Installation

On May 19 at 8 p.m., there will be a joint installation of new officers for the Legion and the Auxiliary for the year 1972-1973. This meeting will be followed by a light buffet. Music for dancing and liquid refreshments will also be available downstairs.

All are urged to attend this most important night. Your new officers are embarking on a busy year of hard work. It sure would give them a good start to see a lot of the membership there. Show them they have your support by attending this meeting.

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- ★ That George Wenger won a big case last month—but it only had nine bottles in it.
- ★ That Al Rowe started off in the lumber business with only a chip off the old block.
- ★ That Dick Lenseth is forming a new chapter of the women's liberation movement.
- ★ That Lenny Sellner is the only cook who can keep food cold on a hot stove.
- ★ That Rusty Miller was offered the role of Rhett Butler, but turned it down—he refused to say damn.
- ★ That Milt Andre was voted the 'Bowler with the cutest dimples' by the Friday night Legion Bowling Team.
- ★ That Mike Norton may take the job as Commander-in-Chief of the I.R.A.
- ★ That Ken Havill can take a foggy picture on a clear, bright sunny day.
- ★ That if Bill Kerrigan could Shell Esso and Mobil you could bet your BP it would make a happy Getty.
- ★ That Vince Caccamo's favorite song is "Ireland Must Be Heaven 'Cause My Mother Came From There."

Sick Call

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Richard Bender	V. A.
Keith Hubbard	44
Guy Smith	44
Frank Turner	44
Clifford Whitney	44
Charles Wiley	44

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DRAFT EVADERS

The following Departmental Resolution adopted March 21, 1972, is worthy of support by all members:

RESOLUTION NO. 207 Consolidated with Res. Nos. 578 (New York), 532 (Oklahoma).

DRAFT EVADERS and/or DESERTERS

Whereas, the majority of the young men called to military service through the Selective Service process accepted their responsibility and served their country in time of need; and

Whereas, a minority of young men chose not to accept their responsibility and through defiance of the law and disregard of the manpower needs of their country, dodged their obligation by leaving the United States to seek sanctuary in other countries; and

Whereas, these men and others who deserted from the military are residing in other countries but desirous of returning to the United States if prosecution and punishment can be avoided as they avoid their citizen's duty; and

Whereas, some politicians, some members of the judiciary, news media, clergy and other organizations and agencies are advocating some sort of amnesty or secand chance program for these expatriates; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court saw fit to rule that the five year statute of limitations on draft law prosecution expires five years after a youth is first required to register at age 18; and

Whereas, this ruling would free from prosecution any youth able to avoid induction until his 23rd birthday; and

Whereas, the American Legion since its inception has advocated a universal military training act; and

Whereas, this obligation to the Nation can only be fulfilled by complete compliance by all its citizens; now therefore, be it

Resolved, by the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Houston, Texas, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 1971, that we go on record as opposing any attempt to grant amnesty or freedom from prosecution to those men who either by illegally avoiding the draft of desertion from the Armed Forces failed to fulfill their military obligation to the United States; and be it further

Resolved, that the American Legion encourage and insist upon prosecution to the full extent of the law of anyone guilty of either of the aforementioned violations.

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THE MEMORIAL POPPY Poppy Day: May 17

The poppy as a memorial flower for American war dead is a tradition which began in the years following the First World War. Veterans returning to their homes in this country remembered the wild poppies which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders Field ... and the soldiers of all nations came to look upon this flower as a living symbol of their dead comrades' sacrifice.

It was Col. John McCrae, a Canadian officer, killed in WW1 who immortalized the flower in his famous poem "In Flander's Field the poppies blow..."

Today—over 50 years later, that little symbolic flower continues to pay tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice in World Wars 1 and 2, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict.

However, it is more than a symbol . . . it is a source of hope and aid for many in our nation. It is a handmade flower, made by disabled veterans as a part of their therapy and to aid their rehabilitation, they receive financial assistance for their work. In addition, the funds from Poppy Day are used exclusively for aid to veterans and their families in time of distress.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETINGS OF 3/20 AND 4/3

MARCH 20, 1972

- Meeting called to order by Commander Smith at 8 p.m.
- Acting Chaplain Al Davis read prayer.
- No regular business was conducted so meeting was adjourned in memory of our departed comrade Curtis Bigley.
- Boy Scout Troop No. 58, under the direction of Scoutmaster Clem Dunkley,

Assistant Scoutmaster Ken Bauer, and Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Conley presented a very interesting program which included project demonstrations by three boys from the patrols. Following the program refreshments were served and the Legionnaires had the opportunity to converse with the Scouts about various Troop projects.

APRIL 3, 1972

- 36 members in attendance; 40 members present a year ago. Mike Mele reported that the 20-Week Club is sold out. The banquet will be June 24.
- Reported that Irish Night netted \$469 plus a \$1500 bar business.
- Ed Korp reported on Memorial Day Parade activity.
- Al Greenwood reported on the progress of the Memorial Church Service.
- Sick Call: Announced that Cliff Whitney and Guy Smith are patients at the VA Hospital.
- Frank Zini explained VA Hospital's new re-admission policy.
- Membership at 782 our quota has been reached. Joe Cummings was given a standing round of applause.

- Thank you communications were read from the family of William Knauf and from P.F.C. Benton, U.S. Army.
- Howard Gmelch inducted into membership by Past Commander Woehrle, Commander Smith and Sergeant-at-Arms Brady.
- Next County Meeting at Colonie Post on April 27, 1972.
- Department Commander Dinner Dance at Scully Post April 8, 1972.
- Third District Meeting at Conesville April 9, 1972.
- Boys' State will begin on June 21.
- Meeting adjourned in memory of our departed comrade Paul Simmons.

Kenneth J. Burns, Adjutant

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2	M. Andre	-13256	75	176
3	P. Giacome	4193	51	174
4		_ 8835	51	173
5	R. Bender	13234	78	169
6	W. Johnston	11203	66	169
7	W. Mitchell	-12887	78	165
8	E. Korp	_13309	81	164
9	G. Lantz	-12240	75	163
10	W. Berry	13183	81	162
11	T. Foy	_13040	81	162
12	K. Havill	4837	30	161
13	J. Aupperle	13466	84	160
14	J. Cummings	_11000	69	159
15	D. Smith	9862	63	156
16	E. Hanrahan	10733	69	155
17	A. Pugliese	_12013	78	154
18	D. Roach	11531	75	153
19	A. Beckmann	9838	58	151
20	W. Donnelly H. Ristau	8794	58	151
21	H. Ristau	_11730	78	150
22	W. Volk	11167	75	148
23	G. Feiden		57	148
24	W. Roach	_11410	78	146
25	B. Mosmen	10900	75	145
26	V. Eagen	_10857	75	145
27	G. Butman	_ 9143	63	145
28	F. Buker	8268	57	145
29	J. Brady J. Pauquette	12008	84	143
30	J. Pauquette	11596	81	143
31	R. Cole	_ 9708	69	141
32	J. Haker	.11728	84	139
33		11585	84	138
34	W. Alwell	- 9637	71	136
35	C. Wiley	9151	69	133
36	W. Campbell	9097	69	131
37	A. Vanderwood L. Monette	8628	69	125
38	L. Monette	_10437	84	124
39	H. Stowers	9064	78	116
40	V. D'nza		66	111

THE EXTRA FRAME...

... Tuff to lose Jack BRADY on the Hempstead Tourney, but the cause merited the skipping . . . Looks like Ron 'Infantry' UNSER is in like Flinn for high average honors and the Artillery team of Capt. Milt ANDRE, Hank RISTAU, Al PUGLIESE, Joe CUMMINGS, Jack BRADY have first place all sewed up . . . Banquet May 20 at Bavarian Chalet and there's an awful lot of politikin' going on fer them hi-offices . . . Quick recovery to Charley WILEY and a speedy return

home from the VA Hospital—ain't rite without our Secretary at the lanes! ... Deepest sympathy to Vince 'Coast Guard' D'ANZA and to Fred 'Infantry' BUKER on their recent bereavement . . . By the time ya read this you'll know if Bill 'Engineers' MITCHELL got a car for the Hempstead Tourney (It's a long hike, Bill, and I'm not a gonna make it!) ... And how about those new Blanchard Post jackets! Rowdy-dow-de-dow! And it looks like Ed KORP, Bill MIT-CHELL or Walt BERRY are stuck with the Duster for the Hi-Lo's . . . And I bet Giff LANTZ is saying, 'If that Adjutant sends me one more order to send in, I'll moider 'em!' No, Giff wouldn't say that, would ya, Giff?... WE SHOULD RE-SUME BOWLING SEPT. 8, 1972, Friday at 6:45 p.m. If interested, contact any member . . . List of new officers will be included in next issue.

... And Joan STOWERS wonders how come Ollie PALMER and Rollie WHIT-NEY were trying to make The Flying Nun out of Diane GRASSER at the Irish Night Party—what ever happended to that Joan STOWERS-Ruth BURNS papering and paper hanging business? and Marcia TURNER is a swell gal even if she does snitch to the Duster's wife on the frequency with which she sees him buying beer in the super-market . . . Seen that A.A.A. Travel Tour Executive Fred STAHLHUT at a recent wind-ding! Come back to the league, Fred! . . . And Mike MELE really keeps that 20-Week Club a churning and ya notice Mary and Mike are some dancers!...And is it true, Gloria and Helen, that Bob Broom and Art QUINN once made a recording of 'I've Been Workin' On De Railroad, backed up by Vaughn Monroe's Orchestra? ... Where has that rascal Guy SWITZER been of late? ... Gettin' time to worry again, folks! Pretty soon Coxey's Army also known as the Blanchard Post Color Guard will have rifles in their hands again! ... And I'd like to see Millie and Bob CONNOLLY down at the Post some Friday night—same said for Marge and Ed AHERN! (and not to toss a good guy in, but the Editor could get a darn good writer for the 1040 Times if he could persuade Ed to write for the paper! ... I wonder if the students at Way-Out University holler, as they dive into the swimming pool, "Last one in is a latent, neo-fascist pig!"—ya say that they wouldn't git that close ta water? Maybe you're right! . . . Till ya hear me Croon in June, I'll Be-goon! (Gad, Duster, how awful can ya git!) Oh yeah what's this about Dick COLE becoming a 'fuzz'? . . . see ya! The Gutter Duster

U.S.M.A. Appointment

Charles J. O'Hara, Jr., 17, son of Past Commander Charles J. O'Hara was notified by Congressman Stratton's office on April 11, that he had been nominated by the Congressman as a member of this year's entry class at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Young O'Hara will report to West Point in July.

Drill Team

The Drill Team meets every first and third Monday, 8 p.m. Please be on time. Memorial Day is fast-closing in on us. The drill (sergeant?) thinks you might be rusty.

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Town of Bethlehem Serviceman's Memorial Service will be held this year at the Slingerlands Community Church, Rev. Bryson Smith, Pastor, on May 21 at 7 p.m. This service, which is sponsored by Blanchard Post, is open to the public of the Town of Bethlehem. Not only is it open to them but rather they are urged to attend, whereby the various service organizations of the town honor their deceased member veterans.

It is hoped that this year we will fill the church. Organizations and their auxiliaries who are joining Blanchard Post are: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185, the fire companies of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem, South Bethlehem, Selkirk and Glenmont, the Bethlehem Elks No. 2233, the Bethlehem P.B.A. and the Committee That Cares.

Participating units are requested to assemble at the Slingerlands firehouse by 6:45. We will all march from there to church in a group. Naturally all organizations will have their colors with them. As the sponsors of this most meaningful service, please help Blanchard Post have the largest turnout by being among those who are there.

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Memorial Day, Flag Day and July 4th are all coming up shortly and all are special occasions to display the American Flag. By so doing, let us all express our support of the American credo: "One nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all." Let us fly this Flag proudly to show what a privilege it is to be an American.

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, American Legion, will continue to offer for sale 3x5 feet cotton bunting 50-star Flag kits with jointed metal pole, halyard and metal bracket for mounting, priced at \$3.95 per kit. These may be purchased at the Post on Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, Elsmere, daily after 3 p.m. or from the Flag Chairman George Reeber, 524 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. We will also give a kit free to any honorably discharged veteran of our Armed Forces, living in the Tri-Village area; also any boy or girl Scout pack in the Tri-Village area.

American Flags will be distributed free along the line of march at the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29 starting at 10 a.m.

We sincerely request all residents and businesses along the line of march (Elsmere, Kenwood and Delaware Avenues) to display the American Flag.

STATE QUARTERMASTER MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Colonel Frank Eyre, New York State Quartermaster and member of our Post, will be principal speaker at the Memorial Day Services to be held May 29 at the Town of Bethlehem Memorial Park.

Col. Eyre began his military career with the N. Y. National Guard in Syracuse in 1941. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the same year and commanded a company in a replacement training center for the next two years.

His service overseas earned him awards of battle stars for the Northern France, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received and the Bronze Star medal for actions in these campaigns. He served in Berlin, Germany, in military government prior to his release from active duty in July 1946 with rank of lieutenant colonel.

During the period July 1947 to May 1960 he served with Headquarters of the 108th Infantry and Combat Command "B" of the 27th Armored Division. In 1960, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the 27th Armored Division and promoted to colonel in the same year.

In 1965 he was assigned Military Support Plans Officer for the Hq. N.Y. Army National Guard. In 1967 he retired from federal service and was appointed State Quartermaster with the N.Y. State Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

He attended Syracuse University and graduated from the American Institute of Banking. His military education includes the U.S. Army Infantry School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army Armored School and Civil Defense Staff College.

Colonel Eyre, his wife Ingeborg, and their son Michael, reside at 5A Harding Avenue in Delmar.

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Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day falls on May 29 this year, in a time of disagreement in the country about service to the Nation. To honor those who have honorably served the Nation in the Vietnam period, the members of our Post and all other town residents with service during this period have been designated as Grand Marshals to lead the Town Memorial Day Parade. Phil Giacone, Jr. and John Vogel have agreed to contact all of these veterans that they know and to make them aware of our feeling toward them, by honoring them. If any member knows of a Vietnam veteran, member or not, who has not been contacted, please let Phil or John know.

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