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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE



Pictured above, left to right, are: Kenneth J. Burns, Post Commander; Merwyn K. Atwood, Parade Marshal; and Oliver H. Palmer, Senior Vice Commander, discussing plans for the Town of Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 26, 1975, beginning at 11 o'clock. The speaker for the brief Memorial Service following the parade will be Francis S. Currey of Selkirk, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

WEAR A POPPY May 21

"In Flanders' Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row."

Department Convention

- ♦ The Place: Rochester, New York
- ♦ The Dates: July 16 and 19, 1975

PLAN TO ATTEND!

In Memoriam

ARTHUR J. QUINN
Sept. 11, 1919—Mar. 16, 1975

All members of Blanchard Post are advised that the Annual Election of Post Officers and Members of the Board of Directors for Post fiscal year (June 1, 1975 - May 31, 1976) will take place during the course of the regular meeting to be held at the Post on . . .

MONDAY MAY 19 1975

Meeting commences at 8:30 p.m.

Your attendance and participation is strongly urged!!!

Your 1975 dues must be paid to be eligible to vote!!!

Kenneth J. Burns
Post Commander

Arthur Blanchard
Post Adjutant

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AUXILIARY NEWS

BY RUTH BURNS

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The following new members were initiated during our March 19 meeting; Marian Andre, Carolyn Bliven, Cora Bliven, Christine Hoffman, Carol Joralemon, Catherine LaForge, Rose Marino.

President Marcia Turner wants to thank all who worked and contributed to make our card party a success.

On May 20 a service will be held in memory of our deceased members. This is a beautiful service. Please try to attend this meeting.

POPPY DAY—MAY 21st. If every member would volunteer an hour or two to sell poppies, we could make this day a smashing success. Call Irene White, Peg Pulfer or Ann Heilman, the ladies who are co-chairing this event.

Blanchard Auxiliary will be hostesses for the Albany County Auxiliary on May 27th. A Memorial Service will be conducted by County Chaplain Marcia Turner. Let's see a lot of our members out for this meeting.

On May 26, the Memorial Day Parade will step off at 11 a.m. Our turnout last year was quite small. Let's make a really great showing this year. With a membership of over 200, we should have a good representation.

Thanks to Lottie VanDyke for the beautiful floral arrangement on the rear of the bar.

If anyone works on the cancer drive, please contact Marcia Turner, as our Auxiliary will get credit for any member participation.

Our sincere sympathy to Grace Von Ronne on the death of her brother.

Mildred Talbot and Rose Marino are recuperating from surgery while Marcia Turner is again on her feet after being felled by a bad back. Good health to these girls.

ON MEMBERSHIP

At the regular meeting held April 7, Vice Commander Edward Korp stated that membership is at **834** and slowly climbing. Our quota for 1975 is **854** which, if reached, would be another new high in membership for Blanchard Post for at least the *fourth* straight year.

Let us all give Ed Korp a *big* helping hand to get at least 20 more dues paid and in the books. Ed remarked that we are about 20 ahead of last year at this time, but not to let up until we hit quota.

John Williams and Earl Lenhardt were inducted into membership by County Vice Commander Robert J. Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Schenk, and Commander Kenneth J. Burns at the April 7, 1975 meeting.

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ANNUAL CALENDAR

May 23 • Joint Installation of Blanchard and Auxiliary Officers at 8 p.m. Buffet follows the ceremonies. Dancing in the Lounge tops off the evening. Come and enjoy this worthwhile night. Free to all and all are welcome!

May 26 • 10 a.m. Memorial Service at the grave of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard who was killed in action during WW1. This brief but impressive service is conducted by Father Charles H. Kaulfuss, Post Chaplain. Our Post Color Guard and Firing Squad participate in the ceremony. The service is completed by the playing of Taps by a trumpeter of the Bethlehem Central High School "Eagles" Band.

At 11 a.m. the Memorial Day Parade commences from the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive.

At 12 noon (approximate), a brief ceremony in the Memorial Park.

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FAREWELL, GOOD FRIEND

Suddenly and without warning, on March 16, Blanchard Post lost a dedicated Legionnaire, Post Steward Arthur J. Quinn.

On Sunday afternoon, Artie went to the Post—his home away from home—to check after the Irish Night social function. Clean-up was in progress by the committee. His own home was just around the corner. After a brief stay at the Post he walked home. Helen was there. Then it happened and Artie was no more.

For 18 years Artie served his Post with dignity and honor. His cheery personality brought new members to the American Legion. His attention to duties in the operation of the Post Lounge gave it a cordial and congenial atmosphere which won acclaim in our community and beyond.

Artie arranged the decorating of veterans' graves on Memorial Day. We wish that the Legionnaire who succeeds Artie in this program will take as much pride in placing the Flag on Artie's grave as he did for departed comrades.

No longer can our Commanders, the Auxiliary and other members in need of guidance say, "Let's ask Artie." It was Art's desire to improve all functions. In a memorable way he did. It will not be easy to succeed him. Whomever does will have to be full of warmth, creativity and have the capacity of patiently listening to the problems of others.

Husband, father and veteran, Artie was good at all. Mostly, he was a great guy. To this man we dedicate:

*"The voice is mute, and stilled the heart,
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trail to part,
From a comrade as good as you."*

Edward Costigan
Secretary
Board of Directors

County Meetings

The May meeting will be on May 29 at the North Albany Post.

The June meeting will be the County Convention and held at the Scully Post.

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TROOP 58 RECEIVES ANNUAL CHARTER

Troop 58 of the Boy Scouts of America which is sponsored by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion received their annual renewal of their charter at a recent spaghetti dinner put on for parents of Troop members and other guests.

Following the excellent meal, Commander Burns presented the charter to Mr. Louis Spelich, Chairman of the Troop Committee. Commander Burns in his remarks stated, "The members of Blanchard Post are proud to be associated with the Boy Scout movement in this capacity. We are doubly proud to be associated with such an outstanding group as Troop 58!"

Various awards and merit badges were presented. Scoutmaster Ken Bauer gave a fine presentation on the functions of the Troop. This was followed by a movie on scouting projects.

Senior Vice Commander Oliver Palmer, Finance Officer John Williamson, and Auxiliary Vice President Ruth E. Burns were Blanchard Post guests of Troop 58.

SUPER-STARs

Joe Von Ronne emerged the victor in the first Super-Star Round with 13 pts. In second place was Bill Campbell with 9½ pts. Third place was captured by Hank Voorhees with 8½ pts.

The Dart/Shuffle/Pool Super Stakes is bringing forward a lot of contestants. Bob Schenk stated that John Vogel and himself would, "... (censored) the ... (censored) from these ... (censored) so-called super-star champs." To which Bill Campbell replied, "Really, Robert, I abhor profane language and we must keep this competition on a gentlemanly, sportsmanlike basis."

See Joe, Bill, Hank or Bob, if you want to get in on this super-star contest.

THE ARTHUR J. QUINN MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

We, of Blanchard Post, have lost a true friend and loyal Legionnaire who worked faithfully for our Post for 18 years. True, he was a paid employee but he was also a member of Blanchard Post and the welfare of the Post was uppermost in his mind as he carried out his duties. He performed many chores over and above those he was paid for.

Those of us who worked with, knew and loved Artie; wanted to do something of lasting value to honor his memory and give tangible evidence of our feelings for him. At a Post meeting held on March 17, the Arthur J. Quinn Memorial Education Fund was established. What better way could we possibly choose to honor this man than to aid in the education of his two children?

A bank account has been set up to handle these funds. Contributions will be

welcomed for a period of several months. When it appears that no more monies will be received, the account will be closed, and then turned over to Helen Quinn for her to use toward the educational expenses of James and Kathleen.

Checks should be made payable to the "Arthur J. Quinn Memorial Education Fund," and forwarded to either of the co-chairmen, William J. Campbell, 264 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar or Robert J. Smith, 144 Hudson Avenue, Delmar. Properly labeled donations may also be left at the Post Bar.

A Memorial Book of *names only* will be compiled and given to the Quinn family. Please see that your name is in the book by making a generous donation.

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For the past eight months your columnist has outlined the structure of the Americanism program of the American Legion. This we will continue to do in subsequent issues, but this month we believe it is particularly appropriate to note two dates of great significance to our patriotic heritage on the eve of the 200th anniversary of our great nation. These days are May 1 (Loyalty Day), and May 26 (Memorial Day).

In recognition of the need for "a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom," the Congress, by a joint resolution of July 18, 1958, designated May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day, inviting the people of the United States to observe this day each year with appro-

"TO THE COLORS"

priate ceremonies. Again this year on March 4, President Ford reiterated what all presidents have done since 1958, calling upon the American people and patriotic, civic and educational organizations to appropriately observe Thursday, May 1, 1975, as Loyalty Day.

The formal observance of Memorial Day dates from 1868. However, the graves of soldiers killed in the Civil War had been decorated with flowers before that year, especially in the South. Gen. John Alexander Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued the following order in May, 1865, just a month after the end of the Civil War:

"The 30th of May 1868, is designated

for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

Thus was born Memorial Day. In the course of time regulations were adopted by the Army and the Navy for the observance of the day and was eventually established as a national holiday by Act of Congress.

CHARLES J. O'HARA
Americanism Chairman

COMMENDATIONS

★ To Oliver H. Palmer on being awarded the Diamond Pin by the Past Commanders in appreciation for his outstanding services to Blanchard Post throughout the years of his membership.

★ To Past Commander Winthrop Robinson on being made a Life Member by the Past Commanders of Blanchard Post. "Win" was the prime organizer and first Commander of Blanchard Post.

★ To Past Commander Joseph V. Von Ronne on being made a Life Member by the Past Commanders of Blanchard Post. Joe has served the Post well in many offices and capacities including being a member of the Board of Directors.

JAMES TROTТА

A hearty congratulations to our Boy-Stater James Trotta. Congressman Sam Stratton has appointed Jim to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Our congratulations also to President Marcia Turner, who must indeed be a proud mother. We can well imagine Mr. American Legion himself—the great Harold Barkhuff—how proud he would have been of grandson Jim Trotta.

Remember to Fly The Flag

May 26 ★ Memorial Day
June 14 ★ Flag Day
July 4 ★ Independence Day

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONS... MARINES or NAVY?

With the curtain ready to ring down on the 29th bowling season, the League Champions *will not be crowned until the final night's matches.* HAVILL's MARINES and AUPPERLE's NAVY teams are going right down to the wire, separated by a scant 1½ points at this writing. The last night's schedule pits Navy vs. Tanks / Marines vs. Air Force.

Commander KEN finally reached half his goal on the first Friday in March by rolling his first 200 game—201 to be exact. Congrats!

REMINDER to the GALS: Banquet on Saturday, May 10 at LaCasa, Selkirk and Pres. Hank says, "BE ON TIME!" Dinner served promptly at 7:30. Rumor has it that he has lots of "Goodies for the gals." Wonder what they could be? Cocktail hour is at 6:30—Dutch treat.

ALL POST MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

The League officers and captains have *unanimously adopted* the following rule regarding *league membership*. In the future: Preference to Post members. Those on the *waiting list* who are *open bowling* with the League over those who *do not*. First preference for one season for those bowlers who are forced to drop out due to *illness or work!* For everyone's info—the League has bowled two consecutive seasons without perfect attendance on regular bowling nights!

High-Low on Friday, April 18 will ring down the 29th season. More about that next month. All the bowling vacationers back safe, sound, tranquil and tanned. Have a good month.

Uncle Miltie

TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Marines	894	2466	65	50	37	67295
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Infantry	931	2599	61	45	42	67821
Air Force	932	2611	60	43	44	67387
Tanks	915	2518	58	43	44	67315
Army	870	2487	55	43	44	66702
Coast Guard	862	2464	54	41	46	67198
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INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A			Class B		
Korp	78	170	Miller	42	158
Havill	81	168	Pugliese	84	155
Foy	83	168	Marino	81	154
Palmer	68	167	Eagan	81	153
Lantz	81	166	Pauquette	72	152
Oates	79	164	Dybas	75	151
Johnston	74	164	Feiden	55	151
Mitchell	87	163	Volk	78	150
Whitney	87	163	Hasen	75	147
Bender	87	162	Mosmen	78	145
Tangora	87	161	Campbell	75	145
Larkin	75	161	Brady	87	143
Cum'ingsJim	72	161	Ristau	74	143
DiSanto	57	160	Haker	84	141
Andre	84	159	Buker	60	141
Aupperle	75	157	Burns	87	137
Cum'ingsJoe	72	157	Cole	81	136
LaForge	87	155	Alwell	69	136
Vail	69	155	Butman	85	134
Beckmann	75	155	Stowers	84	124

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Dear Commander Ken,

Thank you so very much for the \$100 that you donated to our Gift Shop. With the cost of everything so much higher this year, it was really appreciated.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Barbara M. Palmer
Gift Shop Chairman
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BLANCHARD vs. VOORHEESVILLE

The friendly, work-together spirit that exists between Blanchard and Voorheesville Post is no accident nor just a geographical approximation. Dandy Dor Duncan and the Voorheesville crew support Blanchard functions and we in turn support their projects.

However, we have built up home-and-home contests with Voorheesville in many sporting activities.

March 4 witnessed Joe Marino, Bill Alwell, Bob Schenk, John Vogel, Bill Campbell, Paul Joralemon, Ed Korp, Rolly Whitney, Mike Malaik, Al Adams, Henry Engel, Art Martin and Jack Brady successfully take on Voorheesville at shuffleboard in a manner that would make Shuffy McDuffy proud.

The Blanchard Tug-of-War team, consisting of Bill Mitchell, Bill Davidson, Al Vanderwood, Ollie Palmer, Paul Joralemon and Rolly Whitney are training for the forthcoming summer "Tug" with Voorheesville.

The Blanchard Dart Team of John Vogel, Bob Schenk, Angie Dominico and Guy Smith, Jr., are in heavy training for their upcoming matches with the Voorheesville squad. They are trying to recruit a spectacular fifth player of the caliber of Bryant McCarthy.

News of proposed softball games will be in shortly. Such diamond stars as Ray Bender, Jack Selig, Ken Stinson and others are already in spring training.

Tryouts among the Auxiliary gals for the Cheerleading Squad will be held in the near future by John Ennis.

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This and other generous acts extended to the Post have been greatly appreciated by the members. Indeed we at Blanchard are fortunate to be "back-to-back" with such fine neighbors.

Our best wishes for your continued prosperity.

Yours for God and Country,
 Kenneth J. Burns,
 Post Commander

Ed Ahern at Home

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