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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

It hardly seems possible that we here at 1040 are in the last month of our 1976-77 year, which of course is also the last month of my year as your Commander. Post meetings, social functions and Legion programs and activities have made the past eleven months really fly by.

To try and list all those faithful Blanchardites who have helped me during the past year to carry on the great tradition of this Post would come near filling this May issue of 1040 Times. However, a very sincere "Thanks" to all, with a particular nod to the following: Post Affairs Officers, all committee chairmen, Roger DiNucci, Ollie Palmer, Warren Moessner, Harvey Hasen, George Butman, Ken Burns, Bill McGoey, Rollie Whitney, Hank Voorhees, Bill Campbell, Joe Cummings and Charlie O'Hara. A special word of appreciation to Frank Futia for filling the Vice Commander's spot vacated by resignation and to Dick Dalton and his great Bingo crew.

There were two changes to our By-Laws during the year which should be in the best interests of the Post . . . 1. The raising of the dues, and 2. Change to one meeting a month. Also, our financial position will be improved by having changed our outstanding debt to a mortgage rather than the notes previously carried.

Our pre-meeting dinners have not been a howling success to date, but those who attended have enjoyed themselves immensely, both in good food and good fellowship.

My congratulations to the new officers. You can count on my support and, as always, the support of a great Legion membership.

The schedule for May is a busy one. On the 14th is the Bowling Banquet; May 20 will see the installation of Post and Auxiliary Officers in a joint ceremony; 20-Week Club will hold its dinner-dance on the 21st; May 22 is the annual Memorial Service for all of our departed comrades at St. Stephen's Church at 7 p.m.; and on Monday, May 30, we wind up our year with the Memorial Day Parade.

My prayers and sympathy are with the family of our late Past Commander, Mike Mele. Mike loved this Post and, as in all his endeavors as soldier, as father and as businessman, he gave his best. He was an active member, a fine Commander, and an ever-helpful member of the Board of Directors. Mike was there—willing and able—when you needed a hand. He will be missed.

Since this will be the last issue during my term of office, I am extending my very grateful thanks to the entire Post for the assistance, guidance and support I received during the past year. While I am honored to be added to the list of Past Commanders, I leave the office of Commander with mixed feelings, knowing as I do how vital this office is to the every day functioning of the Post.

See you at the Post
Commander Dan Lantz

POPPY DAY: MAY 26 . . . "Wear a Poppy"

The poem, *In Flanders Fields*, written by Col. John McCrea, a Canadian surgeon during the Second Battle of Ypres, has had the greatest impact of any poetry written during wartime. As a result of this poem, written in 1915, some 57 countries, including our own, adopted the poppy as the symbol of relief for the wounded and disabled and their survivors, a practice that continues to this day. So what better reason can there be for each American to support this program and wear a poppy.

Here's the poem as it was first printed in *Punch* on December 8, 1915.

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

MEMORIAL DAY—1977

Parade Chairman Oliver Palmer reports that all plans have now been completed for the 1977 edition of the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade. Stepping off time is 11:00 a.m. *sharp* on Monday, May 30th, from the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive. The Grand Marshal will be Blanchard's first Post Commander, Win Robinson, with Bethlehem Town Supervisor Harry Schaeffer serving as Honorary Grand Marshal.

The order of the line of march will be the Grand Marshal, Police Dept. Color Guard, Honorary Grand Marshal, Town of Bethlehem Official, Fort Crailo Band, American Legion and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, Bethlehem High School Band, Bethlehem Shriners, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, Village Fife & Drum Corps, Fire Company Units from Elsmere, Delmar, Glenmont, Slingerlands and North and South Bethlehem. The parade route will follow Elsmere Avenue to Kenwood Avenue, to Adams Place, to Adams Street to Delaware Avenue to the Memorial Park.

An American Flag presentation and raising will follow at the Park under the direction of Commander Lantz.

After the ceremony all paraders are invited to the Post Rooms for refreshments, under the supervision of Rollie Whitney.

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Memorial Church Service

The annual church service in memory of our departed comrades will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 22. Father Kaulfuss, Rector of St. Stephen's and Post Chaplain, will conduct the service. As always, the public is invited to join with us in honoring our heroic dead.

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

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MEMBERSHIP

S. O. S. MAY DAY HELP

With the delivery of this issue, we will be nearing the end of the 1976-77 Legion year. As of this writing we had a paid-up membership of 860, leaving us 50 shy of our 910 quota. There were 78 members who had failed to remit their dues for this year, members whose 1976 cards have expired and who now cannot have access to the Post.

So, let's get our spring cleanup going and get those checks rolling again. Be a booster and stand up and be counted. The committee has done more than its share in the many contacts that have been made and we are now asking that you help us by doing your share.

The meeting of Monday, May 2, is the Annual Meeting of the Post at which the Election of New Officers takes place. In addition, Commander Dan has asked me to notify all new members who have joined the Post since last fall that there will be a swearing in and presentation of Legion pins to all new members. We are asking that you make an extra effort to attend. The Ladies of the Auxiliary will serve a pre-meeting dinner at 6:30 for a nominal fee of \$3, including free beer. Plan to attend if at all possible, enjoy yourselves, get acquainted and start to take an active part in your Post by participating in the Election of New Officers.

Since the last issue, the following new members have joined our ranks: Arthur F. Warner, William H. Seyler, Frederick Klapp, and Dave Fuld has reinstated his membership. Welcome aboard, and don't be strangers.

Until next month, good health and happy parading.

Milt Andre
 Membership Chairman

Firing Squad Alert

The Firing Squad will hold a drill on Monday, May 9 at 8 p.m. in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade. Since the parade is one of the important performances of the year, all members of the squad should make every effort to come.

**POST ELECTIONS**

The Annual Meeting to be held Monday, May 2, will elect the Post Officers and new Board Members for the 1977-78 year. All who can are strongly urged to attend and join in the elective process. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee was published in the April 1040 Times and is repeated herewith.

Commander.....William J. Blanchard, Sr.
 Sr. Vice Commander.....Francis A. Futia
 Vice Commander.....Milton F. Andre
 Vice Commander.....Arthur P. Blanchard
 Adjutant.....John B. McDonald
 Finance Officer.....Joseph A. Marino
 Chaplain.....Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
 Judge Advocate.....George F. Wenger
 Historian.....George J. Butman
 Service Officer.....Frank Zini, Jr.
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Thomas J. Oro

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Three Years: Joseph P. Cummings
 Hugh W. Stowers
 Augustine Williams

One Year: John A. Williamson

In addition, at the Post meeting of April 4th, George Butman offered the nomination of Charles O'Hara to the Board of Directors, which was seconded and added to the above list of nominees to the Board.

Further nominations to any office or to the Board may be made from the floor at the May 2 meeting prior to election.

MICHAEL R. MELE

On April 14th, the Post lost a great veteran, Legionnaire and dedicated Blanchardite in the death of Mike Mele at the Albany VA Hospital. Mike, a Past Commander and present member of the Board of Directors, will be missed by all. He was an infantry combat veteran of World War 2 and holder of the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Legion services were held on Sunday evening, April 17, by Commander Lantz and a large turnout of Post members. Expressions of sympathy to Mrs. Mele and the children were offered by Commander Lantz and members attending.

Farewell, Mike — rest in peace. You won't be forgotten.

Decorating Graves

Harvey Hasen will again supervise the decorating of the graves of our deceased members, this year on Sunday, May 22. Harvey will be at the Bethlehem Cemetery at 1 p.m. on that date and invites members and their children to come out and help with the decorating.

Luncheons

The World War 1 luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 10, at noon at La Casa.

The World War 2 luncheon will again be at the Post on the third Thursday of the month (May 19) at noon.

With the lovely month of May upon us, we trust that both of these luncheons will attract even larger attendances than in the past, and past attendances have been excellent.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouderkirk
Second Vice President	Carol Cummings
Recording Secretary	Rose Marino
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bruso
Treasurer	Dorothea George
Chaplain	Rosemary Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Celeste Blanchard
Historian	Freda Sherman

May 17... Regular monthly meeting with the election of officers. This is your chance to have a say in who your new officers will be. A Memorial Service will be held for all deceased members. Let's have a good turnout!

May 20... Installation of officers. Our installation ceremonies are held jointly with the men of the Post. Your attendance will help make this combined event a success and will indicate your support for the new officers.

May 22... Memorial Services at St. Stephen's Church at 7 p.m. This service is held in association with the men of the Post and is open to the public. Please plan to attend.

May 26—Poppy Day... The official Poppy Day will be observed on Wednesday, May 26. Auxiliary members willing to work any time on this day can sign up at the regular meeting on May 17, or contact co-chairladies Karla Burns or Kay Hayes. It's a most worthwhile project, so please plan to participate.

May 30—Memorial Day Parade. All Auxiliary members are invited to march. The turnout in previous years has been poor; perhaps this will be the year many more will process. If you do not have a uniform, please wear a white blouse and white gloves, a navy-blue skirt, your Auxiliary hat and comfortable shoes.

The following new members were initiated at the March 15 meeting: Karla Burns, Mildred Karins, Paula Ouderkirk, Grace Viele, Jenny Wahl and Anna Mae White. A very big welcome is extended to these girls and hopefully it won't be long before they are actively involved.

Looking ahead... June 21 will be our last regular business meeting of the year. This will be preceded by a covered dish supper. All members are invited to come and meet their new officers.

Notice to All Auxiliary Members: The May 17 meeting will be the election of officers for the 1977-78 year.

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Once again it is time for the election of new officers, but I can't retire as your President without first thanking my officers, the Auxiliary membership and the men of the Post for all their help during the past year. Nothing can be done without the people on the "sidelines."

DOWN THE ALLEY

With only two weeks left at press time Tom Foy's Tankers held a slim lead of 3½ points over the Air Force and Army teams. The championship appeared unlikely to be settled until the final night.

The league will miss that nice guy, Norm Fentzke, who is relocating to deep in the heart of Georgia due to employment change. Good luck and God speed.

Those Florida vacations apparently agreed with our keggers who were lucky enough to enjoy one. They returned all tanned and ready for action as evidenced by Bill Johnston's 244-598 series.

Another happy circumstance was Ken Burns upping his scores with a new ball. Nice going, Ken, glad you made a productive investment.

By the time you read this issue, our season will be over and all will be looking forward to the hi-low night and the annual banquet, held this year at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk on Saturday, May 14.

Anyone interested in joining our little group for the 1977-78 season, please leave your name, address and telephone number at the Post or call me, 434-6904. Farewell for awhile.

Milt Andre, Secretary

BINGO REPORT

In accordance with Section 297.15 of the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Bingo Control Commission the following report is submitted:

REPORT OF BINGO ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH, 1977

Five occasions—1133 players

Total receipts\$7,194.44

Prizes 4,999.35

Gross profit.....\$2,195.09

Expenses:

License fees\$ 88.59

Supplies, services,
equipment 975.86 1,064.45

Net profit\$1,130.64

Thanks to Ken

Your editor offers his sincere thanks to that ever-helpful stand-in, Ken Burns, for putting together the April issue while the editor saw fit to fool around down in Florida. Ken may be past improving his bowling scores but his cooperative spirit when you need him has no need of improvement. Thanks again, Ken, until the next time I need you.

To the new officers of the Auxiliary and Post, I offer my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for coming year.

Sincerely,
Marcia Turner
President 1976-77

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Tanks	879	2575	66	50	34	65082
Air Force	895	2467	62½	46½	37½	64969
Army	877	2408	62½	45½	38½	62972
Coast Guard	918	2512	59	43	41	60674
Navy	930	2440	58	44	40	62450
Marines	851	2358	50	37	47	59810
Infantry	823	2403	49	38	46	62435
Sea Bees	854	2418	40	31	53	61698

Class A

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
DiSanto	255	624	13832	78	177
Havill	222	591	11875	68	174
Johnston	244	606	11021	65	169
Palmer	222	578	13061	78	167
McDonald	210	565	13008	78	166
Bender	209	586	13978	84	166
Whitney	248	636	12963	78	162
Marino	243	572	13633	84	162
Lantz	228	564	11585	72	160
Oates	223	606	12468	78	159
Mitchell	217	550	12442	78	159
Pugliese	209	544	12369	78	158
Foy	212	586	11036	70	157
Cummings	215	523	8474	54	156
Tangora	242	632	12582	81	155
Larkin	200	531	12981	84	154
Vail	213	539	10151	66	153
Andre	206	554	11001	72	152
Heilmann	183	523	4529	30	150

Class B

Pauquette	234	535	11290	72	156
Aupperle	200	515	10627	69	154
Donnelly	197	557	9908	66	150
Hanrahan	210	545	8535	57	149
Eagan	213	548	11220	75	149
Ristau	197	496	7197	48	149
LaForge	197	524	9782	66	148
Campbell	219	530	10517	72	146
McCabe	224	548	11642	81	143
Volk	183	490	10279	72	142
Hasen	203	504	11423	81	141
Mosmen	178	453	6491	47	138
Brady	223	537	11200	81	138
Haker	178	481	11156	81	137
Feiden	175	449	5700	42	135
Burns	180	470	10990	84	130
Cole	167	460	9535	75	127
Monette	177	438	8928	72	124
Butman	157	410	7354	60	122
Alwell	161	431	7727	66	117

Sick Call

It's good to hear that Joe Von Ronne and Jim Fanning who were hospitalized recently, are reported to be now doing well. We all send them our best and hope to see them back in harness again soon.

More on Sickness

On two successive nights on a recent weekend the American Flag on the Post flag pole was stolen. Measures have been taken which should preclude this happening again, but that such a sickness should be rampant in this community leaves a very dirty taste in one's mouth. Unfortunately, cowards who slink around at night will always be with us.

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MAY CALENDAR

- May 1 (Sun) Loyalty Day
- 2 (Mon) Pre-meeting Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by Annual Post Meeting for Election of Officers and Board Members for '77-78
- 4 (Wed) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 8 (Sun) Remember Mom . . . This is Mother's Day
- 10 (Tue) WW1 Luncheon
- 11 (Wed) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 14 (Sat) Bowling Banquet at LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk
- 16 (Mon) Post Affairs Committee to meet at 8 p.m.
- 18 (Wed) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 19 (Thu) WW2 Luncheon
- 20 (Fri) Installation of new Officers and Board Members for '77-78. Refreshments after
- 21 (Sat) 20-Week Club Dinner-Dance Armed Forces Day
- 22 (Sun) Decoration of graves with American Flags. Memorial Services at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 7 p.m.
- 23 (Mon) Board of Directors, 8 p.m.
- 25 (Wed) Bingo at 8 p.m.
- 26 (Thu) County Meeting
- 30 (Mon) Memorial Day Parade Post Open House

Congratulations

- ◆ To Ed and Pat Starkweather on the opening of their new Stove Shop in Glenmont. They invite one and all to drop in and browse around. I'll try to do just that, but in the meantime the best of luck to them.
- ◆ To Bill Howard, Jr., son of Post member Bill Howard, who has been honored as the youngest recipient ever of a Diploma in Civil War History given by the Institute of Civil War Research at the University of St. Louis.
- ◆ To Jack Selig for his first-ever 300 score bowling in the Sporthaven Major League on Easter Sunday night.
- ◆ To Marcia Turner's son, Jim Trotta, for making the Dean's List at the State University at Cobleskill. Harold Barkhuff would be proud of his grandson.

MAY DAZE

...n howabout three rousers for Milt ANDRE on hiz swell membership work ...was gonna say sumpin to Freda SHERMAN, Gloria BROOM, and Roxie ER- LICHMAN but I forget what it waz! (it's tuff to git old and forgetful) ...some more bingleers: Harv HASEN, Ollie PALMER, Bill BLANCHARD, Warren MOESSNER, Artie Whathizname, Tom ORO, Ed TYMANN, Bill McGOEY, Joe VON RONNE, Ray BENDER, Charley HERBER, Bob Strickland, Ernie GALL, Chuck O'HARA, John WILLIAMSON, Bob SMITH, Al GREENWOOD, George BUTMAN, Dan LANTZ. Ya oughta join the fun—more names will appear...Gotta goodie from Bill ALWELL about a rip-off but you'll have to ask Bill about it! ...n tis always a pleasure to talk with Jane ALWELL, Betty & Pierce GREEN ...and that Pat HAVILL sure looks perky with that short 'n sassy hairdo, that's what! ...and I haven't seen gal-pal Betty WILLIAMSON in too long a time...and more of those Bingo-Refresher gals are Ronnie MOESSNER (who should get a medal), Barb PALMER, Dot LANTZ, Millie KARINS, Ruth BURNS, Marion ORO, Fran TYMANN, with more to follow...n congrats to Jack McDONALD and Bill MITCHELL on their success at waist-trimming (I gotta git their formula)...congrats also to Frank FUTIA, Roger DI NUCCI & Associates on the successful Dinner-Theater. I have only heard cries of "Encore! Encore!" ...und also, mein kinder, congrats go to Ollie PALMER, Bob GENTNER & Cohorts on the super-duper PC and Blanchard Nite! ...and I've missed seeing Eleanor and Mer ATWOOD, that's who! (what's with this, *Merv*, bizness in the bowling scores —gonna have an afternoon talk show 'r sumpin?) ...tis always a pleasure to chat with Betty and Ed COSTIGAN...Where has that rascal Walt VAN WORMER been lately? ...and good buddy Thomas PRATT comes up with, "Yer looking

good. Your undertaker did a good job!" (He's another Rensselaer rascal like Jack BRADY)...and tis always a pleasure to see Alice and Bill JOHNSTON, Grace and John BENSON, 'n where has that great trio of Cora, Carolyn and Bill BLIVEN been lately? — and I'll thinka sumpin to pick on Pauline and Clarence OUDERKIRK about—just gimme time, that's what! ...and t'will be nice ta see Mim and Merle OLIVER...and as the guy sez in that popular magazine, "To err is human and to blame it on the other guy is even more human!"...gotta hunch George HEILMANN fattened up the lambs for slaughter—watch George's bowling average next season! ...betcha Bob HOFFMAN and Hugh STOWERS could do a stand-up duo of joke telling for two hours and neither of 'em repeat themselves or each other! ...make it a big parade, guys 'n gals, and will see yez all in June. *The Gutter Duster*

Hire the Veteran

Theater Party Epilogue

Roger DiNucci, our ever enthusiastic chairman, is happy to report that the innovative Dinner-Theater Evening held April 2 was a most successful one. He is most appreciative for the excellent cooperation and enthusiastic support he received from so many. His thanks go to Commander Lantz, Vice Commander Frank Futia, Chef Hank Voorhees, maitre d' Joe Marino, libation and lighting expert Bill Blanchard, to Tom Oro for the beautifully decorative fern plants, to Charles O'Hara for publicity, to the excellent culinary and serving department of Lillian Blanchard, Rose Marino, Harvey Hasen, Marion Oro and Rollie and Barb Whitney and to Alison Voorhees and Art Blanchard for ably helping the "pros" with their theatrical talents.

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