



Ten Forty Times



BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040

Twenty-second Year

Delmar, New York

MAY 1978

Memorial Day Parade – Tuesday, May 30th

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

This last month of the 1977-78 year is of course also the last month of my year as Commander. The year has been a rewarding and happy one for me, helped along as it was by so many wonderful people in the Post and the Auxiliary.

I would like therefore to dedicate my last "Corner" to all who have helped me along the way, a listing which would fill several pages if I were to name each one. Thus, I am extending my very grateful thanks to the entire Post for the assistance, guidance and support I received during my term of office.

To my fellow officers, to those members who were there when we needed them, to the Auxiliary, I shall be ever thankful.

To all Post members, old or new, by being one of us you have helped me, but most importantly, you have helped the Post.

To Father Kaulfuss, our Post Chaplain, who must have said more than a few prayers in my behalf, my prayerful thanks.

While I leave the office of Commander with mixed feelings, I look forward to joining that "select" group of Past Commanders, many of whom have given me invaluable counsel and assistance during my term of office.

To my successor, the best of luck, and I'll still be around to help in any way I can.
Bill Blanchard, Commander

MAY CALENDAR

- May 1 (Mon) The Annual Post Meeting at 8 p.m. Election of Officers and Board Members for 1978-79.
- 9 (Tue) Monthly luncheon of WW I veterans at La Casa at 1 p.m.
- 14 (Sun) Mothers' Day – Remember Mom
- 15 (Mon) Post Affairs Committee meets at 8 p.m.
- 17 (Wed) Poppy Day
- 18 (Thur) Monthly WW II sponsored luncheon at the Post at noon.
- 19 (Fri) Installation of Post Officers and Board Members for 1978-79.
- 25 (Thur) County meeting
- 29 (Mon) Federal Memorial Day Board of Directors meets at 8 p.m.
- 30 (Tue) N.Y.S. Memorial Day We parade today.

SICK CALL

Henry Ristau, a long time member of the bowling league, was in the Albany Medical Center at press time after having suffered a heart attack.

Good luck to you Hank, we'll see you around soon.

THANKS TO KEN

Your editor offers his sincere thanks once more to that ever-willing stand-in, Ken Burns, for his help again this year in putting out the April issue. O'Hara responded as always this past winter to the call of the Southland with the comforting realization that good ol' Ken could be counted on. Thanks again Duster.

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977
*The Date of Pres. Carter's
 Amnesty for Draft Dodgers*

MEMORIAL DAY – 1978

Parade Chairman Oliver Palmer reports that all plans have now been finalized, after some uncertainty, for the 1978 edition of the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade. Tuesday, May 30th is the day, stepping off time is 11:00 a.m. sharp. As always, the parade will start from in front of the Post on the corner of Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, and follow the route of Elsmere Avenue to Kenwood Avenue, to Adams Place, to Adams St., onto Delaware Avenue to the Memorial Park.

This year's Grand Marshal will be Norman Bender, a World War I member of the Post and a Past Commander, with Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan serving as Honorary Grand Marshal.

The order of the line of march will be the Grand Marshal, the Police Department Color Guard, the Honorary Grand Marshal, Town of Bethlehem officials, Fort Crailo Band, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, Bethlehem High School Band, Bethlehem Shriners, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, Fire Company members and equipment from Delmar, Glenmont, Slingerlands, North and South Bethlehem and Elsmere.

The presentation of an American Flag to the Town of Bethlehem will follow at the Memorial Park. After the Park ceremony all paraders are invited to the Post rooms for refreshments, courtesy of the Post and under the supervision of Rollie Whitney.

GOOD NEWS OF THE MONTH

There has been so much Rotten News, reported by so many publications, that it seemed it would be a welcomed relief if this publication refrained from doing so for this month, with the knowledge that the rotten news is not likely to go away for awhile but with the hope that it will become a little "less rotten".

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MEMBERSHIP

With 876 paid-up members at press time, this has indeed been a memorable year. As a follow-up to our "FLASH" in last month's issue, we not only reached our quota by the date of the Legion's birthday but we were the only Post in the County to surpass its quota by the County meeting of March.

We're very proud of the response of our membership and send our sincere thanks to all of you. We had only 20 members unpaid at press time and we hope that it will not be necessary to suspend any of them.

Some more good news, which will be a good talking point for our Post and enable us to keep up the good work, is that we have just been advised that we are now the NINTH LARGEST POST in the State. The top ten with membership totals are as follows: 1. Adam Plewicki, Erie County, 2554; 2. Cap't. C.R. Oliver, Chemung County, 2013; 3. The Tonawandas, Niagara County, 1237; 4. Watertown, Jefferson County, 1119; 5. Winnek, Ontario County, 940; 6. Henry P. Smith, Oneida County, 930; 7. Matthew Glab, Erie County, 918; 8. North East, Broome County, 881; 9. Blanchard, 876; 10. Lakewood Memorial, Chautauqua County, 872.

The following new members have joined us since last month's report: Walter Ditzel, Chester McAuliffe and Edwin Lawson. And Charles (Ed) Waldron was reinstated. Welcome to you all, and to you and to all of our membership until next month, good health, good fishing, good golfing, good raking, good whatever.

Milt Andre, Membership Chairman

IMPORTANT REMINDER
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 1
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

POPPY DAY: MAY 17
"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.

TAPS

Legion services were conducted by Commander Blanchard for Earl H. Lenhardt who passed away on March 17.

Other recent deaths of Post members were those of Robert E. Hoffman on March 24 and Clyde L. Carl on April 3. Bob Hoffman was a former Sergeant-At-Arms and Finance Officer of the Post.

Also, we had a late report of the death of Rudolph Frank, Jr., as having occurred sometime in 1977. That information came to us through our membership chairman who had gotten it through a relative of the deceased.

Another death reported to us was that of Edward P. Van De Loo, a World War I veteran who, while not a member of the Post, was an active participant in the activities of Win Robinson's World War I group.

The sympathy of the Post was extended to the families of the deceased by Commander Blanchard.

May they rest in peace with their comrades.

JUST IN CASE

The recent difficulties experienced by the wife of one of our members who was stricken very seriously ill while out of town, points up again the wisdom of making sure that your wife and/or family, or responsible relative or friend knows where the records of your military service are. If you have a safe deposit box in a bank, there is no better place to store and preserve these records.

SHUFFLEBOARD
LEAGUE NEWS

The league ended a most successful and exciting season with its annual superb banquet at the Rest Seekers Inn on April 6. Thirty-six people found themselves fully stuffed at the end of the evening.

Paul and Carol Joralemon won the team championship, with Bill Campbell, Jr. taking the Singles title. Our congratulations to them for some mighty exciting shuffleboard expertise.

Officers elected at the banquet for the coming year are: President, Paul Joralemon; Vice President, Jim Quinn; Secretary-Treasurer, Barbara Whitney; Assistant Secretary, Sandy Quinn.

News of the new season will appear in the September issue of the 1040 Times.

BINGO REPORT — MARCH

Five Occasions — 998 Players	
Receipts	\$8,153.00
Prizes	5,000.00
Gross Profit \$3,153.00	
Expenditures:	
Equipment and	
Supplies	\$152.90
Services	107.00
License Fees	135.29
	395.19
Net Profit	\$2,757.81

LUNCHEONS

The World War I "gourmet group" will hold their monthly luncheon at La Casa at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

The World War II sponsored luncheon will be at the Post on Thursday, May 18, at noon. Since this may be the last such luncheon until September, the "younger" group is looking forward to a large turnout.

AUXILIARY NEWS

by *Lillian Blanchard*

President	Pauline Ouderkirk
First Vice President	Carol Cummings
Second Vice President	Lillian Blanchard
Recording Secretary	Rose Ann Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Karla Burns
Treasurer	Dorotha George
Chaplain	Celeste Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gloria Broom
Historian	Freda Sherman

The proceeds from our Irish Night raffle, \$300, have been donated to the American Legion Mountain Camp at Tupper Lake to help with the refurbishing of the Albany County cottage. The members have also voted to donate a color television to the Albany VA Hospital.

PLEASE NOTE: Election of officers will take place at the monthly meeting of May 16. This is your opportunity to take part in the direction of your unit. The annual memorial service will also be held on that night.

Installation of the newly elected officers will be on Friday, May 19, when we join the men of the Post in the installation of their new officers.

May 17 is Poppy Day. If you can help, contact Dot Lantz at 439-4597. Tuesday, May 30, is the Memorial Day Parade. If you do not have an Auxiliary uniform please wear a white blouse, navy skirt, white gloves and Auxiliary hat. And of course, comfortable shoes.

Thank you, Ruth Bruso, for the floral arrangement on the back bar in the Lounge.

Our sincere sympathy to Alice Lenhardt on the loss of her husband, Earl.

Sick Call: Mary Kaplan was in the hospital and Joan Stowers was ill at home. Hope you're both feeling better.

At the Past Commanders' Dinner and Blanchard Night on April 8 the Auxiliary was well represented by many of its Past Presidents. Thank you, gentlemen, for your kind invitation.

Blanchard Post and the Auxiliary received many compliments when the 3rd and 4th District Conference was held at the Post on Sunday, April 2. Thanks to the following for their help: Anna Mae White, Pauline and Clarence Ouderkirk, Grace and Bud Viele, Carol Cummings, Lenore and Bob Smith, Margaret Hasen, Joe Marino, Herbie and Mike White and Art, Bill and Lil Blanchard.

Until next month — **DON'T FORGET MAY 16** — attend the meeting and cast your vote.

TWO MORE TO DUST

... 'n Ed SMITH sure had a long wait before he received that Bronze Star, but now he has it. Congratulations, Ed! ... and whadda ya know ye olde Duster is gonna git a prize at the Bowling Banquet! ... Big Congratulations to all the recipients at Past Commanders' Night namely Frank FUTIA, George WENGER, Dick DALTON, Charley O'HARA, George CLOTHIER and certainly nice-going to Dan LANTZ for putting together such a fine evening ... 'n twas good to see so many of the charming ladies there Lee HURLEY, Norrine COOKE, Madalyn SCHMITZ, Lil BLANCHARD, Margaret HASEN, Lenore SMITH and all the others ... and it was good to see such lads as Dick LENSETH, Rodger FRYER, and others after too long an absence ... 'n I'm gonna hafta ask Gloria & Bob BROOM who those 2 attractive ladies were who were seated at their table, that's what ... and twas a great cast of fine people, but the Star of the Evening was our No. 1 Commander Win ROBINSON ... and ya gotta git Al WOERHLE to show you that fine picture of those puppies ... 'n speaking of fine dogs that Toby STOWERS is right in there with the best of them ... and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Matt KLAPP (gotta hand it to those KLAPP BROTHERS — they sure both have lovely wives.) ... and Dot & John ENNIS at der big party with John giving out with a few boffs ... and Bill DAVISON really doing yeoman's work in the photography department ... and Ed & Betty COSTIGAN, Joe & Pat CANZONERI were another nice coupla couples at the Party ... and certainly a coupla fine couples and favorites of all are Milt & Marian ANDRE and Bill & Jane ALWELL ... and this Duster got in on a swell basketball discussion about 1935-1945 basketball with Orrin "Stretch" BARR, former All-Albany from CBA, Ann WILLIAMS who had several brothers who were All-Troy from CCHS, and Gus WILLIAMS the Water-town High athlete! ... and it was sure great to have Lou Bob LEGLER back to preside over the Past-Post Meeting discussion with such stars as Jack BRADY, Bill KARINS, Bill MITCHELL, Warren MOESSNER, Pat IGOE and a host of others ... and a get-well quick to our buddy Hank RISTAU ... and a "nice

going!" to Publicity Chairman Bob SMITH for scoring heavy with press releases ... 'n a nice-going to V. Cmdr. Milt for exceeding the Blanchard Post membership quota and being the only Post at the March County meeting to do so!!! ... and certainly a gold-star to Norm (WW I) BENDER on hiz fine bowling year! ... 'n tis always a pleasure ta see Mary & Sid KAPLAN ... and a good picture of Tom FOY in the journals with his CYO Basketball team, that's what! ... and George TEN EYCK really blasting the bowling pins a few weeks ago! ... Bill DONNELLY & Millie always right in there working for Blanchard Post ... and before I go to glory I'd like to hear a band play, "Hail Columbia!" and "Columbia Gem Of The Ocean!" — Iz that kooky? If so, I'm glad that I am kooky!!! ...

till the finale ...

The Uninhibited Gutter Duster

FIRING SQUAD ALERT

The members of the Firing Squad are asked by Bill Campbell to meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 1 for a practice session prior to the Post meeting on that evening. If anyone cannot be present for the parade on Tuesday, May 30, kindly advise Bill so that he may recruit a replacement. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the Firing Squad, let Bill know (phone 439-3398) and he will try to get you a uniform.

MORE ON THE MOUNTAIN CAMP

Free convalescent care is available in the Men's and Women's Infirmaries of the American Legion Mountain Camp at Tupper Lake. Applications for admission for treatment may be secured from Oliver Palmer, Mountain Camp Chairman, or by writing directly to the camp at Tupper Lake, N. Y. Any licensed physician may sign the certificate of examination which will be found on the application form. When the application is completed the applicant should mail it directly to the camp. Prompt notice will be given of the action thereon.

Another great service of your American Legion, which we and other Posts throughout the State help to provide through our contributions to the upkeep of the Camp.

DECORATING GRAVES

The annual decorating of the graves of our deceased members with American Flags for Memorial Day will be on Sunday, May 21. Harvey Hasen will again oversee this ceremony at Bethlehem Cemetery, while Bob Smith will do the same at the Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville. Both Harvey and Bob would welcome volunteer assistants, with members of their families, to be at the cemeteries starting at about 1:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

(American Legion News Service and National Legislative Bulletin)

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Defense has announced that former members of the armed forces separated with general discharges for unsuitability due to personality disorders may apply to the Discharge Review Boards for upgrading to honorable discharges. This new policy is available to all qualified service members separated since 1958 whether or not they served during the Vietnam era.

According to Robert E. Lyngh, director of The American Legion's National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, "This change was made to ensure that persons are not stigmatized simply because of a medical evaluation."

It is believed that a large number of former servicemen receiving general discharges since 1958 may qualify for discharge upgrading under this program. Notification letters to potential eligibles have already been mailed, and a second mailing is currently being undertaken. Those applying to the Discharge Review Boards should state "retroactive change under the revised DOD policy announcement" as the reason for application.

WASHINGTON -- The time limitation for conversion of "W" National Service Life Insurance contracts is rapidly expiring, according to a recent report from The American Legion's National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

The issuance of National Service Life Insurance policies with numbers preceded by "W" commenced in January, 1959. The "W" prefix was assigned to policies after exchange or conversion of "RS" insurance, which is renewable term life insurance issued to persons discharged

from service between April 25, 1951, and Dec. 31, 1956. The "RS" policies are known as Veterans Special Term Insurance.

The Legion Commission noted that many veterans holding "W" type insurance are not aware that they cannot keep the limited convertible (W prefix) five-year level premium term policies indefinitely. These policies may not be renewed after age fifty. If insurance coverage is desired after the insured's fiftieth birthday, the "W" type policies must be converted to a permanent plan, or the protection will cease. The earlier the conversion is made, the lower the premium will be.

Some interesting headlines from the News Service and Legislative Bulletin.

CARTER PLANS END TO VET'S PREFERENCE

ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO REDUCE VETERANS' UNEMPLOYMENT

FUTURE OF VA MEDICAL CARE HINGING ON CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING

DOWN THE ALLEY

Congratulations to Ken Havill and his fine Air Force team for winning the team title this year. The team, consisting of Larry Monette, Ed Hanrahan, Dick Oates and Joe Paquette, wound up the season 5½ points in front of the Sea Bees who took the second spot.

Congratulations also to Ken Burns who increased his average by 13 pins over last year. Best wishes to Hank Ristau for a speedy recovery from his recent heart attack. Hank was in Albany Medical Center at press time. Hurry and get well Hank, we all missed you.

Friday, April 14, wound up our season with the annual High-Low roll. The results of that next month.

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Air Force	890	2470	73	54	36	66219
Sea Bees	841	2416	67½	48½	41½	61490
Infantry	875	2453	65	51	39	68324
Marines	906	2452	62	46	44	64955
Tanks	876	2342	57	42	48	64617
Coast Gd.	882	2430	54	41	49	66877
Navy	913	2556	53½	39½	50½	63420
Army	858	2368	48	37	53	63483

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

A CLASS	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Kreh	231	622	14654	81	180
Havill	256	643	14150	80	176
McDonald	254	633	14659	84	174
DiSanto	222	594	12528	75	167
Quinn	213	584	9462	57	166
Bedford	206	597	5423	33	164
Bender	211	574	14079	87	161
Johnston	194	553	13005	81	160
Lantz	213	546	12024	75	160
Foy	210	542	12044	76	158
Oates	213	582	13234	84	157
Viele	199	537	12762	81	157
Marino	234	554	13048	83	157
Giacone	233	543	11623	74	157
Palmer	211	596	11240	72	156
Mitchell	212	556	13063	84	155
Pauquette	201	538	10177	66	154
Karins	204	526	13863	90	154
Hanrahan	220	544	11813	78	151
Pugliese	201	543	10321	69	149
B CLASS	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Whitney	208	528	13002	86	151
Andre	205	526	12462	83	150
Vail	203	511	13493	90	149
Tangora	199	528	12813	86	148
McCabe	222	595	10147	69	147
Donnelly	202	516	12239	84	145
Larkin	186	517	10314	71	145
Heilmann	196	529	11693	81	144
Burns	216	511	12513	87	143
Ristau	204	475	9492	66	143
Campbell	220	525	10694	75	142
Hasen	180	482	12272	87	141
Haker	190	487	11627	84	138
LaForge	187	465	9426	69	136
Brady	209	497	10221	75	136
Mosmen	180	463	7072	52	136
Buker	178	467	8279	63	131
Monette	194	463	9658	78	123
Cole	188	431	10353	86	120
Alwell	171	446	8084	71	113

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CURRENT GOAL

1. Those 20 Unpaid Members
2. New Members