



Ten Forty Times



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DALTON NEW COMMANDER

The job of guiding Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post through the 1963-1964 Legion year has been given to Richard P. Dalton. His name headed the slate of officers prepared by Nominating Committee Patrick Igoe, Ralph Butler, Arthur Quinn and George Butman.

Without opposition the slate, as presented to an unusually large attended meeting in mid-May, was voted into office. The other new officers are:

Adjutant: Charles J. O'Hara,
119 Orchard St., Slingerlands

Finance Office: Paul D. Nelson,
32 Bender Lane,
Elsmere

Vice Commanders:

Fred H. Stahlhut,
78 Palmer Avenue, Delmar
Russell L. Adams,
7 Flint Drive, Delmar
Eugene F. Fitzpatrick,
134 Adams Place, Delmar

The Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss Pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere, was re-elected Post Chaplain.

Re-elected Post Historian is Otto de Heus and George Wenger retains the office of Judge Advocate.

Albert T. Davis, 61 McCormack Rd., Slingerlands is new Sergeant-at-Arms.

The other elections included: Past Commanders Harold C. Barkhuff, Richard C. Lenseith and Rodger J. Fryer to three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

As County Delegates: Commander Dick Dalton, Vice Commanders Adams and Stahlhut, Past Commanders Harold

Barkhuff, William V. Johnston, Jr., Dick Lenseith and Al Woehrle; also Pat Igoe.

Alternate County Delegates are: Past Commander Rodger Fryer with Ken Jopp, Vice Commander Gene Fitzpatrick, Adjutant Charles O'Hara, Hugh Stowers, George Feiden, Joe Cannizzaro and George Reeber.

For his background and devotion to the Legion and our Post, the selection of Dick Dalton is a natural. He has come up through the ranks. Last year he was Vice Commander, a post he held previously. He's been a Post Finance Officer three times. For the past four years he's been manager of the Post Baseball Team. For two years he served as secretary for the County Legion Baseball program.

What free time Dick has from Legion activities his business affairs find him as an Administrative Officer for the New York State Banking Department. And the few waking moments remaining in his busy daily schedule he devotes to his wife Ruth Blanchard Dalton and their two children, Carol, 17 and John, 13. Ruth is a niece to Nathaniel Adams Blanchard who was killed in World War I and for whom our Post is named.

Dick's war-time service records his duty with the Fifth Bomber Command of the U. S. Air Force in World War II in New Guinea and the South Pacific Theatre of Operations.

The gavel, as the symbol of the office was turned over to Dick by out-going Commander Rodger Fryer at installation ceremonies on May 25.

Dick officiates at this first Post meeting on June 3 and he's looking for a turnout as large as the meeting that elected him commander.

Summer Vacation

This is the final issue of the 1040 TIMES for the 1962-63 year. The next issue is scheduled for publication before the first fall meeting. That meeting date should be Tuesday, September 3, the day after Labor Day.

With our Post having grown to its largest membership ever it seems timely to suggest to all 750 of you to have a happy and safe vacation, on the road, on the water and wherever you and yours may happen to be.

A few summer-time Legion events you

may wish to keep in mind include the Department of New York Convention at Rochester, July 31—August 3; National Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana, September 6-12; or you may wish to look in on the Boys' State meeting at Colgate University, June 23 to 29. Then there is the Legion Baseball program with County Baseball Championship playoffs set for Saturday, July 20 and County All Star games at Ravena on July 21 and Cohoes on July 28, both at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

COMING EVENTS

MON., JUNE 3—Regular Post Meeting 8:30 p.m.—refreshments follow.

MON., JUNE 10—Post Affairs meets — 8:30 p.m.

FRI., JUNE 14—Flag Day — Fly the American Flag.

MON., JUNE 17—Mid - monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m. — refreshments follow.

SUN., JUNE 30—Albany County Legion Convention at Scully (air-conditioned) Post in Albany at 2 p.m.

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A Message

The duties of the current administration have come to an end. Without mentioning names, I wish to humbly thank all of the Officers, Committee Chairmen, Post members and the Ladies Auxiliary who worked so diligently to make our Legion year...1962-1963... the success it has been.

We all know what has been accomplished. These accomplishments were achieved through the efforts of you, and our goal for next year should be more of the same.

I am confident Dick Dalton, our new Commander and his team, can look forward to your continued loyal support.

My wife Marilyn and I have thoroughly enjoyed the warm reception and many friendships resulting from our frequent visits to the Post. We shall always cherish these pleasant memories. Good luck and best regards to everyone.

Sincerely,
RODGER J. FRYER

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Sick Call

Ed Spain is in Albany Hospital. Also there is Mrs. Gerald Rowley, wife of Blanchard Legionnaire Gerald Rowley, a deputy N. Y. State Tax Commissioner.

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Welcome

Formally accepted into the American Legion ranks at the mid-May meeting were new members Howard Clark, Alfred Shutts and John Hamburg. Officiating at the induction ceremonies with then Commander Fryer was Past Commander Harold Barkhuff.

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BLANCHARD POST BASEBALL — 1963

The Blanchard Post team will open the season on June 8 at 2 p.m. in Bleecker Stadium, Albany, when they will oppose the Scully Post representatives. Blanchard is looking forward to the coming season with a fair share of optimism due to the fact that we have a veteran team, with some real fine pitching talent. Last year's team missed going to the District Playoff by only one game, after leading the league for five weeks. We have lost several stars from last year, but the natural development of young talent, plus some new additions give rise to our usual championship aspirations.

Reporting back from last year are: Dave Spence, Paul Bradley, Don Boone, Jeff Hutchinson, Denny Emery, Jock Walsh from Bethlehem Central, Arnie Skogstrand, Denny Empie, and Dick Broom from Guilderland, and Jeff Arnold from Manlius. Included in the new talent are Chip Estey and Joe Crispell of Bethlehem. At the present time the complete roster is not definite but several fine prospects are being contacted in the hope of fielding a winner.

As mentioned above we will expect good pitching with Don Boone, Dick

Broom, and Arnie Skogstrand leading the way. These boys are all winners in Legion ball and have been outstanding this spring in the Suburban Council. With Denny Empie and Jeff Hutchinson handling the catching we will not take a back seat to any team in the league in that department. Paul Bradley at short and Dave Spence on third are experienced, capable and full of desire. These boys will make the team go. Jock Walsh, Jeff Arnold, and Denny Emery will furnish the lefthanded power to give us balance. Joe Crispell, a newcomer, looks like Iggy Walters around first base. If you don't know who Iggy Walters was, ask Art Quinn.

For the first time in many years Blanchard Post will not have an outside sponsor. Money is no object this year however, because the new administration is partial to baseball. For that matter, the past four administrations have been very cooperative with the present baseball management. Last year Blanchard Post played host to Bayway Post from Elizabeth, New Jersey. This game proved to be one of the best played of the year. It is hoped that Blanchard can bring some other teams to Delmar this year.

At the present time we are negotiating to take our team on the road during a weekend in June. Blanchard Post will continue to provide first class American Legion baseball to the youth of our community.

The 1963 schedule is as follows:

Sat. June 8, 2 p.m. Scully at Bleecker Stadium
 Sun. June 9, 2 p.m. Voorh'sville at Voorh'sville
 Sat. June 15, 2 p.m. Capital City at State College
 Sun. June 16, 2 p.m. Coeymans at Delmar
 Wed. June 19, 6:30 p.m. Ft. Orange at Delmar
 Sat. June 22, 6 p.m. Scully at Delmar
 Sun. June 23, 2 p.m. Voorheesville at Delmar
 Wed. June 26, 6:30 p.m. Capital City at Delmar
 Sat. June 29, 5 p.m. Coeymans at Ravenna
 Sun. June 30, 6 p.m. Ft. Orange at Lincoln
 Wed. July 3, 6:30 p.m. Colonie at Shaker
 Thurs. July 4, 2 p.m. Green Island at Delmar
 Sat. July 6, 6 p.m. Beverwyck at Delmar
 Sun. July 7, 6 p.m. North Albany at Delmar
 Wed. July 10, 6:30 p.m. Menands at Menands
 Sat. July 13, 6 p.m. Cohoes at Delmar
 Sun. July 14, 2 p.m. Colonie at Delmar
 Wed. July 17, 6:30 p.m. Beverwyck at Delmar

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LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

For any gambling men in our midst, and at last report we did not have any, we would suggest that you play 750 the next go-around. In submitting his final report at the meeting of May 20, Membership Chairman Charles O'Hara greeted the new chairman with a total membership of 750. Parlaying that figure with the new dues of \$7.50, and you have a natural if we ever saw one.

Seriously, this past year has been a most gratifying one to your outgoing membership chairman. The cooperation given by the membership has been tremendous and that is what makes a chairman's life a happy one. It would be futile to try and name those who have assisted along the way, suffice to say that each member who has paid his dues has rendered a service to the Post and to the Legion. Then too, in past editions we have listed the names of new members and their sponsors, in order to recognize this extra effort on the part of so many. We feel however that we would be remiss if we did not publicly express our thanks to Art Quinn and Bob Ballantine for their continuing help — they've really been great.

Your new Membership Chairman, Russ Adams, will have a quota of better than 750 handed to him in September. With the continued cooperation that has become a hallmark of Blanchard, this will be no problem at all. Russ is going to have all summer to rest up and be prepared for a hot fall campaign. If we set our sights on 800 for next year there is not a reason in the world why we should not make it. Then with a growing Post in a growing area we'll see a diminishing debt, and a realization of some of those plans that we would like to put on a drawing board.

One more word on this subject before your present chairman bids you a fond adieu. It has been our policy when accepting new memberships after May 31 of each year to hold the payment for the following year's dues in order that the new member will not be hit too quickly again. Because of the increase in dues for 1964 we cannot ease the burden in just that way this year. Therefore in signing any new members up after May 31 we suggest that the sponsor explain that \$5.00 will only carry the new member through the 1963 membership year. We think it would be preferable to take \$7.50 on and after June 1, with an explanation to the individual that he would thus be covered for 1964, and would receive his card sometime in September. This in effect would be similar to our former policy.

Wiley's In

Among those helping Blanchard Post to hit its record-membership roll of 750-plus is Charlie Wiley who paid his dues to Commander Rodger Fryer last month at the Bowling League Banquet.

Tom Boehm to be Boys Stater

Blanchard Post's delegate to Boys' State this year will be Thomas Boehm of 123 Winne Rd., Delmar, a BCHS junior. His selection was announced by Commander Fryer after a committee headed by Whitman Daniels made the choice. The other committee members were Herb Drew and Bill Hazell. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Boehm. His father is with the N. Y. State Dept. of Taxation and Finance. His mother is librarian at Delmar and Glenmont Elementary Schools.

Boys' State takes place at Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y., June 23-29. We can look forward to Tom's report of this major American Legion annual event at an early fall meeting.

Bike Safety

At the request of Chairman George Lewis of the Tri-Village Safety Committee, one of the last duties Commander Fryer did was to appoint Al Greenwood to head up the Post's participation in this program to encourage safety on bicycles in our community.

As part of the program, Al will require ten of us to take turns to inspect bikes on Friday-Saturday, June 21-22. On Friday it will be a two-hour stint from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Volunteers for this program thus far are Bill Segur and Al Woehrl. Other Blanchard members who are interested and can give two hours of their time on these dates should contact Al Greenwood for the details as to time and duties.

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USNR Commander Anderson To Speak At Blanchard

Those Post members who have sons in their late teens are urged to bring them to the mid-June Post meeting, June 17, to hear a talk by U. S. Naval Reservist Commander E. W. Anderson.

The meeting will be open to all who wish to hear Commander Anderson describe the Naval Reserve Program in our area. In more detail the Commander, who is also the commanding officer of the U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center at 780 Washington Avenue in Albany, will explain why there is a need to get and train recruits. He says "we're in the business of backing up the United States Navy to keep American strong and prepared." Come to the Post on June 17 at 8:30 p.m. and hear Commander Anderson.

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Rods — Golf and Fish

For those who missed it, a double-header program starred the mid-May meeting. For the golf enthusiasts, Jerry Dwyer, MUNY Pro, gave an enlightening and entertaining talk about his experiences in the golfing world which has spanned for several decades. His story about the attic-trained golfer warmed-up his talk which had with it many valuable tips on how to improve your golfing technique and your game.

He was followed on the program by Jim Butler who had his audience bursting with enthusiasm over the hide-away places he disclosed for finding abundance of fish in the up-country streams — and tricks about how to get the fish to bite on your line.

The program was arranged by Fred Stahlhut, who was last year's meeting-program chairman and for which work he won his new post of this year's Vice Commander.

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BLOOD BANK IN ACTION

Chairman Warren Moessner reports the balance in the Post's Blood Bank at Albany Medical Center has reached a new low and there is an urgent need for blood donors to replenish the supply.

The following letter from Frank Provo to Commander Fryer vividly records the usefulness of this Post program and emphasizes the reasons for a strong response to Chairman Moessner's appeal:
Dear Rodger

Having recently returned home after a stay in the Albany Medical Center, this is my first opportunity to contact you with the request that my many thanks be extended to the Post for the existence of its Blood Bank, which gratefully, I was able to take such wonderful advantage of due to the nature of my illness.

Our Post has always been one of my proudest associations. When a situation such as mine occurs, that of blood replacement, you'll never know how wonderful it was to say to the hospital people my Legion associates have already made this replacement possible and that the supply is likewise, already available.

Please feel assured also, that at our first opportunity, both my wife and myself will lose no time in doing our part towards replenishing the supply used on my behalf.

Again may I express my deepest thanks to you and my fellow members of the Blanchard Post for kindness received.

Sincerely,
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Buker Bowling Prexy

At the annual banquet of the Post's Bowling League last month at Beck's Tavern, Fred Buker moved up to become the League's President for the 1963-64 season. Ken Stinson was elected Vice President and the work of keeping the League going stays with Charlie Wiley, who was re-elected Secretary and Garry Guertze who retained his post as Treasurer. Doc Stan Klett became past president. Guest of honor at the banquet was Post Commander Rodger Fryer.

The occasion was a happy one to close a full season. It was marked by one sad moment of silence in a final tribute to Charlie Carlsten whose bowling success earned for him an award for high triple. A sudden heart attack at home brought about his recent death. The award was forwarded to his widow.

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