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## OUR NEW COMMANDER

The esteem and popularity with which he is regarded brought the largest audience in recent years last month to witness the installation of the newest commander and 1967-68 officers of Blanchard Post. Our new executive is Sidney M. Kaplan.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Past Post and County Commander Harold Barkhuff.

Inducted with Sid were his brother officers Vice Commanders William J. Campbell, Joseph Reohr and Walter Van Wormer; Adjutant Merwyn K. Atwood and Finance Officer Eugene F. Fitz-Patrick.

Re-inducted in their posts were Judge Advocate George F. Wenger, Historian Winthrop P. Robinson and Chaplain Reverend Charles H. Kaulfuss.

Our first and only (to date) Vietnam Vet Kenneth N. Simpson, Jr., was installed as the new Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Ex A/L Essayist*

Commander Kaplan, a World War II Air Force vet, has been a member of the American Legion since 1960. His Legion relationship, however, goes back way beyond that year. While in grammar school in his native Larchmont, New York, he was a participant in an Ameri-

can Legion sponsored Americanism essay contest. Sid won and for it he was awarded a silver medal.

His war-time service, as an aerial engineer, earned for him four bronze stars on his ETO ribbon.

We know Sid for his enthusiasm and co-operation in Blanchard Post activities. Whether it be Irish, German or Italian night Sid was in there helping. He was Vice Commander in charge of Activities for 1965-66. A highlight of that year was the "Roaring Twenties" show which had a two-nights run. He has long been a member of the Post Firing Squad.

Looking ahead to his commandership, Sid says: "We must think, talk and act Americanism. This we must do to show our support of our Government. We must let the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces, and particularly those in Vietnam, Korea and the other troubled world spots, know that we are behind their efforts and what they are doing for America and freedom for mankind. We must discourage those who would try to disunite us and bring discredit to us to the relish of our foes."

Sid's best asset for his new post is his wife, Mary. He encouraged her to come to our community from New Rochelle.

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## FAREWELL MESSAGE

It has been a distinct privilege and pleasure to serve as your Commander for the past year. We have had a busy and enjoyable year marked with some measure of progress and improvement in the functions, facilities and operations of the Post. This has also been an excellent membership year, highlighted by the attainment of a new all-time high.

For these successes, I wish to personally thank the entire membership and especially the tremendously capable and devoted group of hard-working officers and committees who made them possible. In reality, it was a high honor to serve with these men and to accept credit for their dedication of time and effort which they put forth, not for themselves, but

for the overall good and welfare of our Post. I give humble thanks to God for their service and sincerely trust that our new Commander will be similarly endowed.

In parting, I am extending to the new Commander and his officers my very best wishes for a bigger and better year in the advancement of our Post's image in the community and the maintenance of its position as a place for friends and family alike. Good luck, on behalf of the outgoing officers.

Sincerely,

For the Good of the Legion  
Joseph L. Cannizzaro  
Commander

## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, June 5 — The Post Affairs Committee meets, 7:30 p.m.

The Regular Post meeting, 8:30 p.m., refreshments follow

TUESDAY, June 13—World War I Vets luncheon at Elsmerian Restaurant 12:30 p.m.; (Win Robinson, Chairman)

WEDNESDAY, June 14 — Flag Day — (Display the Colors at your residence and business places)

MONDAY, June 19—Mid-monthly Post meeting (last for the 1966-67 Legion year), 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 20 — Blanchard Post Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, June 25 — County Legion, election of county officers, at Scully Post in Albany, 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 4 — Independence Day — (Display the American Flag)

WEDNESDAY through SATURDAY, July 26-29—Department of New York American Legion Convention at Buffalo, N. Y.

TUESDAY, August 1 — World War I Vets "Ladies Day", 2:00 p. m. at Murray Jennex Park, Clarksville (Win Robinson, Chairman)

HAVE A HAPPY AND  
SAFE SUMMER

## A SALUTE

With this last issue of this edition of the TEN FORTY TIMES we express a sincere thank you to our advertisers whose financial contributions serve so much to keep the TIMES published.

Commander Kaplan earnestly expects the continuation of our Post newspaper even though a successor to the editorship has not yet appeared. There has been one meeting for this project. It was attended by the Commander, Al Woehrl, Past Commander Al Greenwood, Red Kernahan, Hugh Stowers and Lou Legler. An idea being considered is a committee to gather, edit, prepare and process the publication. Further action will have to be taken before final arrangements are determined. One thing is fairly certain: George Reeber, with whatever help he requires, can be counted on for again gathering the ads. And if there are ads, there must be a paper — for there are always readers!

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**Auxiliary President's Corner**

As this is the last column for the summer, I am a couple of days past my deadline in the writing of it for I knew that you would be interested in knowing who the officers of your Unit are for the coming year. At our May meeting Maud Hafley, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate: President, Mrs. Helen Reynolds; First Vice President, Mrs. Zenith Campbell; Second Vice President, Mrs. Maurie Flanigan; Secretary, Mrs. Janet Setzer; Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Tymann; and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Schraa. Appointed by the President were the following: Chaplain, Mrs. Esther Cooke; Historian, Mrs. Gloria Broome; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. Helen Deitz.

Together with the new officers the following members were elected to the Executive Committee: 3 years—Mrs. Helen Quinn, Mrs. Lee Hurley and Mrs. Maud Hafley; 2 years—Mrs. Mable McCredie, Mrs. Christina Barkhuff and Mrs. Ann deHeus; 1 year—Mrs. Esther Cooke, Mrs. Mary Conner and Mrs. Ann McGoey. Mrs. Elizabeth Costigan as Junior Past President to serve one year also. Elected to County Committee were: Mrs. Helen Reynolds, Mrs. Zenith Campbell, Mrs. Maurie Flanigan, Mrs. Elizabeth Costigan, Mrs. Mary Conner and Mrs. Maud Hafley. Following the election, Maud Hafley administered the oath of office to the new officers.

After the installation ceremonies Maud Hafley presented a lovely Past President's ring to our new Junior Past President Betty Costigan. Betty expressed her sincere appreciation to all of her officers and the many members who have worked with her during the past two years. Our new President, Helen Reynolds, then took the floor and thanked the membership for honoring her with the office of President. Her first job as President is going to be to fill the many committees. When she contacts you to take one of these committees, it will be a tremendous help to her if you can say "yes" and make this job that much easier for her.

It has been announced that our Girls' Stater this year is Miss Jane Louise Hunter of 28 Crannell Avenue, Elsmere. Jane will represent Blanchard Unit at Girls' State when it is held this summer at the State Campus in Albany. Jane is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Hunter and the late Mr. Hunter. Her father had taught English and her mother is a guidance counselor at the junior high school. Jane is a member of the Honor Society at the high school. She is also active in the Student Council and belongs to the choir at school and at her church. Jane was selected by the faculty because of her many qualifications and we hope that her attendance at Girls' State will prove both educational and enjoyable. In connection with Girls' State, Maud Hafley, the County Girls' State Chairman this year, announced that the annual tea will be held at Blanchard on Sunday, June 11. Invitations will be sent to the girls chosen to be American Legion Auxiliary Girl Staters and their mothers. All Unit members are invited to attend to show their interest in this very meritable program. The tea will be held between the hours of two and four on June 11. Please remember this date.

A dinner honoring our Past President Betty Costigan, will be held at the Tall Timbers on Tuesday, June 13. A chicken dinner will be the menu for the evening and all members will be contacted by the Executive Committee in order that you may get your reservation in by the deadline which is Friday, June 9. Let's make this a memorable evening for Betty to show her our appreciation for the two years she served as our President.

Our next regular meeting, and the last for the summer, will be held on Tuesday, June 20. A covered dish dinner is being planned by the Chairman, Liz Schraa, to begin at 6:30. Anyone planning to be present is asked to bring either a hot or cold dish.

Have a pleasant summer and stay in good health.

Zen

**Blanchard Post Helps**

A motion was approved last month to contribute to the sponsorship of the Bethlehem Central Senior High School Band to represent the Town of Bethlehem at Expo '67 on May 25.

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- The diamond is the hardest gem but it is brittle and can crack. The jade is the toughest gem of all.
- Most popular participating sport in America is fishing. Second is bowling.
- Man has about 3,000 taste buds on his tongue.
- The mountainous South Pole is much colder than the North Pole.
- The highest waterfall in the world is Angel in Venezuela, 3,281 feet.
- The largest of the Great Lakes is Superior, 31,820 square miles.
- The deepest lake in the world is Great Bear in Canada, 5,712 feet deep.
- Greenland is the largest island in the world — about 840,000 square miles in area.
- The world has about 57,000,000 square miles of land and 139,950,284 square miles of water.
- The Saint Lawrence Seaway from Montreal to Duluth is 2,400 miles long.
- A magnum of champagne contains two bottles or 52 oz.; serves 18 glasses.
- Sound travels about five times faster through water than through air and much faster through brick and steel.
- The height of Empire State Building is 1,250 feet — The Eiffel Tower in Paris is 984 feet.
- James Buchanan was the only U. S. President who was never married.

**Sick Call**

Through Bill Gannon's newsletter, we learn of the hospitalization of Department of New York Commander Joseph Heneghan who was stricken with an apparent heart attack while in Indianapolis, American Legion headquarters.

Bill, for those who don't know, is a World War I vet, retired from the U. S. Post Office Department, who, when he isn't world-traveling, each month issues a mimeographed publication of several pages of newsy notes about American Legion activities in the City of Albany.

Sick Call and Relief Chairman Hugh Stowers last month reported the hospitalization of Joe Cunningham.

**VACATION IDEA**

The American Legion Mountain Camp at Tupper Lake, N. Y. offers itself as a possible vacation site for a day, weekend or perhaps longer. It is convenient and reasonable. It has many vacation facilities. The camp for many years has served as a frolicsome Labor Day weekend for a group of Blanchard Legionnaires. Henry Kohler — the secret snorer (he was recently reported ill) — gave us an excellent report on last year's funtivities. We're told an equally festive schedule is being planned for this year.

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**Numismatists**

On Sunday, June 4, between noon and 6 p.m. there will be a coin auction at the Post. The Post hall has been rented for the occasion. It is not a Post-sponsored program. The bar is closed. Due to the extensive interest of several Post members, a coin auctioneer was encouraged to hire the meeting hall for the liquidation of a coin collection. It is sure to be well attended since the public is invited.

FLY OLD GLORY

**Family Picnic**

Plans, not yet jelled, were revealed at the mid-May meeting for a family picnic to soon occur. Hugh Stowers found sufficient enthusiasm for it expressed. He was to get to work on it. When the program is ready it is presumed a notice by postcard or other means will be issued.

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**Helped**

Graves Registration Chairman Arthur Quinn reports he had help from the following with the placing of new flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day: Bill Campbell, Norm Bender, Herb Drew, Fred Grasser and Bob Warren.



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### Ladies Day

While the size of their group is diminishing their spirit expands. We are describing that group of World War I vets for whom are #1 Past Commander Winthrop Robinson, is the hub. As has become their custom these ex-doughboys with their Navy, Marine and (we think) Air counterparts, has set a summer's day for Ladies Day. The date is Tuesday, August 1 at 2 p.m. The place: Murray Jennex Park in Clarksville. The wives of the members of the group and the widows of their departed "Buddies" will be the guests of these men for what has always been a joyous occasion.

### Welcome

These new members were inducted into the American Legion last month: Fran Barclay, James Blendell, Lawrence Kavanaugh, Robert Monette, Ray Sorrows and John Stanton.

Past Post Commander Dick Dalton was the inducting officer.

### MUSE AWHILE

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve:

*I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.*

I asked for help, that I might do greater things:

*I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.*

I asked for riches, that I might be happy:

*I was given poverty, that I might be wise.*

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life:

*I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.*

### Mid-Stream Shift

With the impending Memorial Day parade program still uncompleted it was necessary last month to make a change in the chairman. Bob Ballantine who for the two previous parades had prepared excellent programs for the parade found himself suddenly, due to business and personal pressures, in a position that he had to resign. He made his situation known to Commander Cannizzaro, who promptly called an emergency meeting, which was attended by Bob, Win Robinson, Al Woehrl, Gene FitzPatrick, and several others. Pressed into service as co-chairmen for the event were Ollie Palmer and Fred Grasser. The parade which occurred was the result of their efforts.

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**OUR NEW COMMANDER**

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N. Y. after he came here in 1946 to become owner of the New York Auto Radiator and Body Company (see his ad on page 4 of this TIMES). They were wed in Albany. They have a daughter, Lisa, attending Bethlehem Central High School. Mary was a star in the "Roaring Twenties" show and she's shone pleasingly in other Post events. The Kaplans reside at 28 Mayfair Drive, Slingerlands.

Another community activity for Sid is the Bethlehem Lions Club of which he is first vice-president. Through this organization he is on the board of directors of the Sight Conservation Society of Northeastern New York; he is a serviceman for the Eye Bank.

*Experience Counts*

Three staff officers on the new slate come well-equipped for the up-coming Legion year. They are Adjutant Atwood, Vice Commander Campbell and Finance Officer FitzPatrick.

As a former Vice Commander for membership in 1965-66, Merwyn Atwood proved himself by surpassing the assigned membership quota for that year. Our Vice Commander for Membership this coming year is Bill Campbell who continues as a Vice Commander, having just completed a year in charge of Special Events for the Post. Gene FitzPatrick, a physical education teacher at Bethlehem Central Junior High School was a Vice Commander for Special Events just three years ago.

It is believed another factor in the good turn-out for the program was a change from previous years of having installation ceremonies on a Saturday night. This year it was a Friday night.

In his remarks to out-going Commander Joseph L. Cannizzaro the installing officer, Harold Barkhuff, praised Joe for his efforts and good work this past year. The peak of Joe's administration came with the Post's all-time high in membership. He will be remembered also as the commander in whose term the parking lot was enlarged and other improvements around the Post occurred.

For the excellent arrangements for the installation program credit goes to retired Vice Commander for Activities, Hugh Stowers.

A large envelope, contents undscribed, was presented to the retiring Commander by Past Commander Charles J. O'Hara as a token of appreciation for his contribution of time and effort during his commandership.

**BLOOD BANK**

There was one call on the bank during the past month. "Each call shows up the need for more contributions", reports Blood Bank Chairman Fred Trombe. Contributions may be made at the donors' convenience at either the Bender Lab or the Albany Medical Center Blood Banks, where Blanchard Post maintains accounts. Anyone making a donation should be certain it is credited to the Post. Also make sure the Blood Bank Chairman knows of your donation. The Post telephone number appears on page two of the TIMES. It is HE 9-9819.

**New Generation**

Congratulations to Bob and Marcia Rosenfield on the arrival of their first-born — a daughter.

*The New Generation*

What causes kids to act this way.  
Dress this way, sing this way?  
Is it rebellion or resentment?  
Is it freedom or independence?  
Will it last or is it a phase?  
Is this our future government?  
Is this "America, the Beautiful?"  
Should we "Paint it Black"

or

"Red, White, and Blue?"

(by LoW)

**Sign of Things To Come**

Commander Kaplan has inherited a serious problem of the future. A letter from National American Legion Commander calls on the Legion posts to give serious thought to civil defense fall-out shelters. Local commanders are urged to give the support of their Post's to local authorities in the establishment of a community shelter plan.

**Well Spoken . . .**

We have too many men of science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom, and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we do about peace, more about killing than we do about living.

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## BEST EVER

To retired Vice Commander Thomas C. Patterson goes the credit of bringing Blanchard Post to the highest membership it has ever attained. The number at press-time is 756 which is one over the quota assigned to us by the County Membership Chairman. Tom has added satisfaction in the knowledge that he worked alone to this goal. "Well", he'll tell you, "not strictly alone. The Commander, the TEN FORTY TIMES and everyone who brought in a member or more and any who came in of their own volition were all my helpers."

Membership, as everyone knows, is the lifeline of any organization. To move that lifeline the Post membership chairman is given suggestions from the upper echelons of the American Legion. In the Department of New York this past year there were two suggestions of distinction in which Membership Chairman Patterson participated.

In the program for "M. S. Excelsior" it was necessary for a Post to report a ship's crew of which each member had to be credited with from one to five recruited memberships. Earlier this year we reported one such crew. A second crew, of which two members were in the first crew, has since been entered in the "Excelsior Log." This crew and the new members sponsored are:

Captain Joseph Cannizzaro sponsored John Gilday, Richard Schoelank, Ralph Tripple, Henry Tripp, Raymond Sorrows;

First Mate John Fuller sponsored William O'Sullivan, Timothy Fromma, John Whelan, Robert Williams;

Second Mate Thomas Patterson sponsored Len. Sellner, William Alwell, Thomas Preston;

Chief Engineer Fred Grasser sponsored Harry Hanson, C. D. Ouder Kirk;

Purser Merwyn Atwood sponsored Thomas Corrigan.

For this crew "Captain" Cannizzaro moved up from "First Mate" of the previous cruise; "Purser" Atwood (who knows what it is to be membership chairman) was a "Second Mate" on the first "voyage."

In "Operation Buildup" for which the sponsor is entitled to an Empire State Building lapel (or Legion cap) pin honors went to: Merwyn Atwood, John Bidell, John Brady, Don Bushey, Commander Cannizzaro, Past Commander Dick Dalton, John Cummings, Al Davis, John Fuller, Fred Grasser, Hank Kindberg, Larry Monette, Paul Nelson, Membership Chairman Patterson, Charles Redmond, George Spawn and Ken Stinson.



## LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE

Post Commander Joe Cannizzaro and newly elected Auxiliary President Helen Reynolds were among the several representing Blanchard Post and Auxiliary at the "Armed Services Day" program on Sunday, May 21 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A special invitation was extended to the Post by Reverend Paul H. Gassmann. The sermon was given by New York Secretary of State, John P. Lomenzo, who had just returned from the home of his brother in California with the sad news that the secretary's nephew was killed in action in Vietnam.

The published program for the occasion paid tribute "to the American Legion on its 48th Anniversary Year and for the work it is doing to keep Americans aware of their great heritage." Also cited was "the Committee That Cares for showing a Christian and loving concern for our men and women in service." The list, maintained by the Committee, of Town of Bethlehem residents on duty with the Armed Forces in the Vietnam war zone, was read to the congregation.

FLY OLD GLORY

## FLAG DAY

With flag desecration making the news in recent months it should move all patriotically-spirited individuals to take action to counter-act such defilement. The one day in the year set aside by Congress to do honor to the American Flag is June 14. To do your part, you are urged to:

1. Mark the date on your calendar;
2. If you haven't one, secure one (if no place else, get them at or through the Post. George Reeber is Chairman);
3. Display the American Flag on June 14 at home and place of business;
4. Learn the practices of saluting the Flag when it is paraded past you (hand salute when head is covered; right hand over your heart when uncovered head).

The Bethlehem Lodge of Elks invites your attendance to its day for honoring the Flag, Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Flag Chairman Reeber reports the supply of Flags has reduced by two.

GET A NEW MEMBER

Past Commander Charles O'Hara who as membership chairman brought Blanchard Post to its previous all-time high congratulated Tom with the expression that "records are made to be broken." It now succeeds to our new Membership Chairman, Vice Commander Bill Campbell to achieve a new breaking point.

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Blanchard Post will field two teams again this year—Blanchard South, sponsored by Brian Gallagher of Gallagher's Sports Shop; and Blanchard North, sponsored by Doc Brownell of Brownell Agency.

Blanchard North has a new manager in Don Estey, who assisted Lloyd Greene last year. When last heard from Mr.

#### Blanchard North

Saturday, June 17—2:00 p.m.  
Blanchard South at Delmar  
Sunday, June 18—2:00 p.m.  
Coeymans at Ravena  
Saturday, June 24—6:00 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Delmar  
Sunday, June 25—2:00 p.m.  
Fort Orange at State College  
Wednesday, June 28—6:30 p.m.  
Scully at Delmar  
Saturday, July 1—6:00 p.m.  
Green Island at Delmar  
Sunday, July 2—2:00 p.m.  
Watervliet at Watervliet  
Wednesday, July 5—6:30 p.m.  
Menands at Delmar  
Saturday, July 8—6:00 p.m.  
North Albany at Mullon  
Sunday, July 9—2:00 p.m.  
Blanchard South at Delmar  
Thursday, July 13—6:30 p.m.  
Coeymans at Delmar  
Saturday, July 15—7:30 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Bleecker  
Sunday, July 16—2:00 p.m.  
Fort Orange at Delmar  
Wednesday, July 19—6:30 p.m.  
North Albany at Delmar  
Saturday, July 22—6:00 p.m.  
Green Island at Green Island  
Sunday, July 23—2:00 p.m.  
Watervliet at Delmar  
Wednesday, July 26—6:30 p.m.  
Menands at Shaker  
Saturday, July 29—7:30 p.m.  
Scully at Bleecker

Greene, he was coaching the Central Valley Mudders.

Practice and tryout sessions for both teams will be held on Saturday, June 3 and Saturday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Central Senior High School. There are a number of open positions to be filled before the season opens on June 17. Schedules for both teams are as follows:

#### Blanchard South

Saturday, June 17—2:00 p.m.  
Blanchard North at Delmar  
Sunday, June 18—2:00 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Voorheesville  
Saturday, June 24—6:00 p.m.  
Fort Orange at State College  
Sunday, June 25—2:00 p.m.  
Scully at Delmar  
Wednesday, June 28—6:30 p.m.  
Green Island at Green Island  
Saturday, July 1—7:30 p.m.  
Watervliet at Bleecker  
Sunday, July 2—2:00 p.m.  
Menands at Delmar  
Wednesday, July 5—6:30 p.m.  
North Albany at Mullon  
Saturday, July 8—6:00 p.m.  
Coeymans at Delmar  
Sunday, July 9—2:00 p.m.  
Blanchard North at Delmar  
Wednesday, July 12—6:30 p.m.  
Voorheesville at Delmar  
Saturday, July 15—6:00 p.m.  
Fort Orange at Delmar  
Sunday, July 16—2:00 p.m.  
Scully at Bleecker  
Thursday, July 20—6:30 p.m.  
Coeymans at Ravena  
Saturday, July 22—6:00 p.m.  
Watervliet at Delmar  
Sunday, July 23—2:00 p.m.  
Menands at Shaker  
Wednesday, July 26—6:30 p.m.  
North Albany at Delmar  
Saturday, July 29—6:00 p.m.  
Green Island at Delmar

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE UP

For his last Post meeting, Commander Cannizzaro had present 34 members. This five percent of the Post membership was perhaps the largest attended regular meeting for the past year. It's a tribute to the Commander or, as he puts it "they are glad to see me go!"

Meeting attendance, as with most organizations, is somewhat bleak. It's a problem with which all commanders must contend. It's a challenge for Commander Kaplan to overcome. Don't only give him "good luck"—give him your personal support by coming to the meetings next year. They begin on Tuesday, September 5 (day after Labor Day). The next is Monday, September 18 and following that they are generally on the first and third Mondays of the month through June.

### N. Y. GUARD NEEDS MEN

An appeal for participation in the New York Guard was given to Blanchard Post at its mid-May meeting by Lieutenant George Girtler of the N. Y. Guard.

This Guard is set up by the Legislature to take the place of the New York Army National Guard in the event the NYARNG is called to active duty.

The N. Y. Guard meets weekly at the Armory in Albany. It is now a cadre unit with many key positions to be filled by both enlisted and officer personnel. In the event of war or national emergency the New York State Civil Defense will have authority to order individuals into the State Guard to bring it to authorized strength. By joining now individuals can fulfill a personal and patriotic response and thus be prepared for any emergency that may arise.

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