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Poppy Chairman, Noreen Giacone and President, Lenore Smith, distribute first Auxiliary Poppy to Town of Bethlehem Supervisor, Bertram Kohinke.



PAST COMMANDERS DINNER DANCE

Each year it seems as though the Past Commanders Dinner Dance is a nicer affair than its predecessors. This year was no exception as it was a fine, well attended function.

One of the highlights of this year's dinner dance was having some of our 50 year members as our guests. We were sorry all the 50 year boys couldn't make it but were happy to have Cliff Allinson, Norm Bender, George Brown, Earl McGuirk, Peter Schaming, Guy Smith, Sr. and Vince Spinosa. Missing but given public recognition were Harold Barkhuff (deceased), Ralph Butler, Paul Dickinson, Charles Goddard, Keith Hubbard, Eugene Ketchum, Winthrop Robinson, Alton Rowe, Jr., Randall Vaughn and Frank Willard. Certificates from National Headquarters, denoting the occasion, were given by Bert Kohinke.

The Past Commanders Award was presented by Dick Dalton. This year the award was given to a man most responsible for establishing the good reputation of our kitchen and cooks. We, who have enjoyed working in the kitchen for various affairs concur wholeheartedly with the selection of Bob Gentner as Blanchard's "Man of the Year." It is recognition well deserved by him.

John Ennis, as master of ceremonies, did a fine job and kept the evening moving right along. Too bad Bill Campbell chickened out and didn't pin the flowers on the girls when he presented them, but probably most of the rest of us would have followed the same route he took.

The evening was concluded by dancing to the great music of Post member Roger DiNucci and his orchestra. A. F.

ON MEMBERSHIP

WE DIDN'T QUIT!

At the County Meeting at Helderberg Post (Altamont) on April 26, 1973, Fort Orange held fourth place with **417**; Zaloga stayed in third spot with **479**; Scully drove over the 800-mark with an **801** total; but good old BLANCHARD was still numero uno with **843**.

A strong welcome to Blanchard Post to: Paul J. Miville
William A. Marshall
Peter T. Yakel

This is my last report as Membership Chairman. I want to thank you for making the year a success. Accomplishments?

1. We are still Number 1 in Albany County—at least until the end of May.
2. We have hit a record-high Blanchard Post membership.

3. More important by far than numbers is the fact that Blanchard Post has the greatest people in the Universe. I've met more nice people and have made more good friends in the five or six years I have belonged to Blanchard than I have in any other organization that I have belonged to—and I know that I am not alone in holding to those opinions.

Best wishes to the new Vice Commander. I know that you will continue the good support into the New Year and bring the 1974 Blanchard membership to another new record.

Our final count as of May 9 is **845**.

Thanks again for everything.

Kenneth J. Burns
Vice Commander

OUR ADVERTISERS - THE NAMES TO GO BUY

A Winnah

A lucky winner on Friday night on the 18th was Jack Selig. You should see his mustache quiver when they handed him the \$\$\$\$. Yeah, how about that mustache and how do you like it Mrs. S.?

Taps

World War I veteran Bill McCredie passed away on May 6, 1973.

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By MARCIA TURNER

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This will be my last article, so may I thank those who helped with it, and Frank Futia for having the patience of a saint when I was a little slow.

The last meeting to be reported in the article will be the meeting of April 17.

Our Poppy Hat contest was held that night (see photo). The girls who made hats were: Barbara Palmer, Laura Howard, Betty Worden, Joan Stowers, Pat Havill, Gloria Broome and Noreen Giaccone. The winner was Barbara Palmer. Her hat was beautiful—dark green satin with the crown covered with Poppies. The girls put a lot of effort into their hats and we thank them for their time and work. We'd also like to thank the men of the Post who acted as judges: Ken Havill, Bob Edwards, Jack Brady, Phil Lee and Bill Campbell.

Fran Hynds and Norrine Cooke presented a program on Hong Kong complete with tea and fortune cookies after the meeting. Also thanks to Marcia Rosenfield for adding some of her souvenirs from China to the program.

May Smith was elected to one year on the Executive Committee to succeed Maud Hafley.

Chairman Barbara Palmer announced when the Nominating Committee would meet and the following girls were asked to serve on this committee: Lee Hurley, Marcia Rosenfield, May Smith, Esther

Cooke, Ruth Burns and Joan Stowers. Their decisions will be read at the meeting in May when the officers for 1973-74 will be voted upon.

Marcia Rosenfield, Girls' State Chairman, told us that Anita Abolins, a junior at B.C.H.S., had been chosen as the girl to represent our Unit at Girls' State.

Sorry to hear Ruth Jorgenson has "been under the weather." Hope she is better now.

Our sympathies are extended to Mabel McCredie and her family.

In case you didn't know, the LaMoy and Rosenfield families will be enlarged in July. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to the 1972-73 officers on a year's work well done and lots of luck to the 1973-74 officers (who ever they may be).

Have a good summer. See you in the fall. M.



Entrants in our Poppy Hat Contest, left to right, are: Barbara Palmer (the winner), Laura Howard, Betty Worden, Joan Stowers, Gloria Broome, Noreen Giaccone and Pat Havill.

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BOYS' STATE CANDIDATE SELECTED

Daniel Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Craig, was selected by our Boys' State Committee to represent Blanchard Post this year.

Boys' State will be held at the State University of New York Agricultural & Technical College at Morrisville, New York, June 24 through June 30.

Dan, a high honor roll student, is a junior at B.C.H.S. His services to the community are equally impressive — Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow, Key Club, 5 Rivers Independent Project, volunteer worker, counselor, choir member.

Chairman of the Boys' State Committee, Fred Trombe, wishes to express his appreciation for the efforts of the committee members: George Butman and Bob Rosenfield. Appreciation is also extended to Phil Lee. A special thanks to Bob's wife—*thanks Marcia*.

Another Winnah

Number 14 was the winner for the 20/20 drawing on the 18th.

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FLAG DAY

The approach of Flag Day is good reason to dwell on its purpose. A few organizations, notably the Elks, make a special effort to give emphasis to the occasion. For the greater part of the citizenry it is evident there is little meaning to June 14 (which this year happens to fall on a Thursday). Notice especially on that day what, if any, increase is given to the display of the national flag.

Properly it should be not only on Flag Day that special recognition be given to the National Colors. That is an obligation for every day. Ironically, in this period of the history of this country, freedom of speech and expression is forcing the decline of a particular action honoring the flag of this nation. The Pledge of Allegiance for eight decades has been a practice in saluting the flag of the United States. That practice is in the threat of being cast aside. Should there be a question of the authenticity of this it is suggested the doubters check the public, and perhaps some private, schools to ascertain whether, and to what degree, there is participation in the pledge.

Respect for the flag is a mood which occasionally rises and more frequently falls. For a brief period during the United States' participation in the now abated Vietnam War a movement, introduced in part by the *Reader's Digest*, gave far-reaching attention to the United States flag. From it today the practice, to a much lesser extent, of displaying an

emblem of the United States flag by motorists continues. The condition of many of the emblems warrant their removal from the vehicles.

An emblem is not the flag. The purpose of this writing is to arouse a consciousness about the flag: to make an observer who sees the flag of the United States of America displayed in an improper or questionable condition take lawful and proper steps to correct it.

For those who truly think about it, there is a need for flag discipline for the American public. A code of Etiquette for Display and Use of the United States flag exists. Its basis is an Act of Congress. In the current World Almanac pages 511 and 512 carry the history of the Code of Etiquette for the flag. There are Federal and State laws relating to acts of desecration against the flag.

What is missing is a process by which the Code of Etiquette can be made effective. Action is needed to correct such abuses as (1) a torn flag flying from a pole at a public housing project; (2) a similar condition at the local headquarters of a leading grocery chain; (3) the same offense at a community center; (4) faded or tattered flags flying at private residences whose owners undoubtedly are proud of their patriotic spirit but fail to recognize what they are doing is disrespectful to the flag of the United States.

In the past there has been a United States Flag Association. Its last known

address, to this writer, was in New York City. That association may or may not still be in existence. If it is, it would be to its credit to take positive action on this subject. If there is no such organization it may make sense to call upon the government, through either the executive or the legislative branch, to set up a body to take measures for all levels, from local to national, for the establishment of an office to handle the matter of display and use of our country's flag.

Until such action is taken it is to be hoped that all people in the United States take it unto themselves to know that the Stars and Stripes are there for them to display properly and salute at the occasion arises.

Alexander J. Woehrle

Editor

The 1972-73 season for me has been one of the most enjoyable experiences I have ever had. At the beginning of the season the position of Editor of the 1040 *Times* was more or less thrust on me. I didn't know a thing about putting a publication together (I still don't know a thing about it), but with a lot of help from many people, I at least got a paper to you. This is the final issue of the current season, so I'll say to you take care, have a good time during the summer and we will see you in the fall.

To all you people that helped by giving me articles and news tips, I say in all sincerity thank you and God bless.

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New Officers for 1973-74: President, Bill Mitchell; Vice President, Ken Burns; Secretary, Milt Andre; and Treasurer, John Haker.

THE EXTRA FRAME...

... 'n a coupla additions fer da 'Ole Delaware Gang' namely Bob CLARKE, Warren REYNOLDERS and Capt. BLIGH (Who?) — anybody else wanna join? ... 'n Capt. Don SMITH is looking for recruits for the Post Color Guard and Firing Squad. Don promises a free uniform and lotsa abuse! ... and we sure had an attractive group of ladies at our bowling banquet—naming several: Ann PUGLIESE, Lois MONETTE, Helen HAKER, Marion ANDRE, Mary MELE, Magdalena DYBAS, Eleanor KNAUF, Pat HAVILL, Betty PAUQUETTE, Alice JOHNSTON, Kay MOSMEN, Barbara PALMER, Gayle VANDERWOOD, Zen CAMPBELL, Barbara WHITNEY, Ruth BURNS, Dorothy LANTZ, Peg Korp, Helmi BECKMANN, Jayne ALWELL, Joan STOWERS, Betty GWYNN, Della BRADY, Jean SCHRATER, Ethel VAIL, Tanya MITCHELL, Doris BERRY, Anna TANGORA, Gayle CUMMINGS, Mrs. Jules AUPPERLE, Mrs. Walt ROACH, Mrs. Jim BERRY, Mrs. George FEIDEN, Elsie GRIFFITHS, Mrs. Joe MARINO, Mrs. Vern EAGAN, Lucille COLE, Peg BUTMAN, Rose FOY and if I missed anyone I'm sorry but yiz didn't sign me program! ... Put down that beer mug 'n liss', fellas! Bowling starts Fry-Nite Sept. 7, '73 at 6:45 p.m. Banquet to be

Apr. 27, '74 at (wouldn't ya like to know though; If yez do—tell me!) ... Big thanx to Schaefer Brew and Sporthaven Lanes for trophies 'n to Hank RISTAU for a swell program print job, dat's wot! ... and how about the kid who was letting air out of the tires in the parking lot cause (as he sez) "I didn't have anything else to do!" Yeah! yeah! yeah! ... Talk about shootin' fish in a barrel—the handicaps Jack BRADY and Al DAVIS have to give the Duster when shooting darts 'n, Al, I think that food and beer order should be doubled on meeting nights with the attendance we're getting ... and never, but never, ask Hank VOORHEES to "Present Arms!" ... Sure 'n blazes, they come out for da last two meetings ... Good to see past Comdr. Hank KINDBERG the other coupla weeks. ... and aren't those twins at Fri-Nite dance time two attractive gals? ... 'n I wonder if youse guys have made up your mind when the 20-Week dinner dance is? (Shh! ya still owe 'em 20 bucks, Duster!) ... 'n the Duster remarked about somebody talking on ad infinitum at Post meetings but Phil LEE says I think the expression should be ad nauseam—we'll have to refer it to our most learned Judge Advocate George WENGER ... and I haven't seen my pal Lee MORIN in quite a spell (where is that red-headed gal?) ... and I'm getting worried about my contract being renewed. No word yet and I need the \$\$\$ to pay those extra taxes!

So until "the leaves around came a tumbling down, remember? Blue September—in the rain!" (Duster, I always said you were sick.)

Ken 'The Gutter Duster' Burns

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"BATTER UP"

The American Legion Post #1040 is getting ready to start its 1973 baseball season. Being a Post activity I think that we should make an effort to attend the games and give our team some support. The games are very enjoyable and you should plan to attend. All games this year are scheduled to be played on Saturday and Sunday unless rainouts cause a change. I am not pleased with the scheduled program but at the Albany County baseball meeting all programs were already set. This year we hope to carry 18 players. We anticipate playing mid-week games with independent clubs. All home games will be at the Senior High School Field and games will start at 6 p.m. except where indicated. Below are Blanchard's opponents for this year:

June 9	Zaloga
June 10	Menands
June 16	North Albany
June 17	Voorheesville
June 23	Coeymans
June 24 (Bleecker 2 p.m.)	Scully
June 30	Fort Orange
July 1 (Bleecker 2 p.m.)	Zaloga
July 7	Menands
July 8 (Mullon Park)	North Albany
July 14 (Bleecker 7:30 p.m.)	Voorheesville
July 15	Coeymans
July 21 (Bleecker 7:30 p.m.)	Scully
July 22 (Ridgefield)	Fort Orange

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the Mets vs. Pirates game had 10 adults and 30 boys and girls—a good time was had by all. ♦ Our sex and booze leader tells us we have two buses going to West Point on Sept. 22 to see Army take on Tennessee. The limit is 80 (men, women, boys and girls). Get your tickets early. They won't last long. There is some talk of an advance party to set up a picnic for the arriving Blanchard busses. ♦ Take note next year's officers or committee workers. We have a very hard and dedicated worker in the person of Dave Parr (former finance officer) who would work if asked. ♦ Joe Kiskis, Jim Cleary, Stan Brooks and spouses are very willing workers ready to serve. ♦ The "ole coal mining, horn-tooter" John Clendaniel in for congrats on acquiring a position he has worked for many years to attain. ♦ Dan and Dottie Connors laid up with ailments too long now. Get well soon kids. ♦ Real nice people Marie and Ralph Derby. ♦ Many people might not know it but our Post has a guy that never says no when asked to lend a hand. Rollie Whitney—no matter the hour, the person asking, or the job—Rollie is our ace in the hole. ♦ Bubblenose has a birthday July 11. He's already letting you know about it. "Go get him Bluebird." ♦ Well, Nancy, fill up the water cup, put the cover on the cage and pleasant dreams.

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THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

I would like to thank everyone who helped me make 1972-73 a very good and productive year. Without a doubt every social event was a big success, our Post meetings were active and County meetings were well attended.

Also, I would like to thank all of the past Post Commanders who advised and guided be throughout the year, namely Joe Von Ronne, George Butman, John Ennis, Al Woehrle, Dick Dalton, Sid Kaplan, Bill Campbell and Bob Smith.

I can't forget all the chairmen and helpers for the different events — Bill McGoe, advertising; Frank Futia, 1040 Times Editor (they were great, because to me the 1040 Times is our lifeline to all our members).

Thanks to the ladies of the Auxiliary, Lenore Smith and all her beautiful and wonderful helpers. They were always there when I needed them.

I would also like to mention Art Quinn

who was a tremendous help as well as the younger members who pitched in to get their feet wet. We should attempt to get more of the younger crowd to participate because the future of the Post will be passed on to them.

Last but not least, I would like to give honorable mention to the Board of Directors. These fine gentlemen have many duties and are the unsung heroes (heroes ?) of the Post. Their duties ensure us of a smooth, efficient and profitable Post. Hey, let's not forget our Firing Squad under the guidance and direction of Don Smith and Ed Korp.

I don't really mean to forget anyone, but the thanks really goes to you Mr. 1040 Member, for without you there would be no Post.

Again, thanks to all.

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Commander 1972-73

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