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BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040

Twenty-first Year

Delmar, New York

JUNE 1977

BLANCHARD LEADS BLANCHARD

At the Annual Meeting of the Post on May 2, the slate of Post Officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was elected by the members present to serve



for the Legion Year of 1977-78. Those elected to the Board of Directors for 3 years were Charles J. O'Hara, Augustine Williams and Hugh Stowers; for 2 years Harvey Hasen; and for one year, John A. Williamson.

Harvey Hasen was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Michael Mele; John A. Williamson the term of Daniel Lantz, still unexpired from his pre-Commander days.

Our new Commander, Bill Blanchard, is no stranger to most members of the Post. Bill is a Navy veteran of World War 2 and Vietnam and has been active in the Post for many years. During the past year Bill was Senior Vice Commander and has seen service on Board of Directors. He is a native of Albany but has resided in Delmar for years. Bill will be fortunate in having his son, Art, on his staff as a Vice Commander.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

I told our editor, Charlie O'Hara, that I would like to continue this column that was started by Dan Lantz, but that I would not get into it in depth until September, after I had gotten my feet wet, so to speak.

However, there were some things that had to be said now. First, to thank all of my fellow members at Blanchard for the great trust and confidence they obviously have in me to have elected me Commander. They can rest assured that I will not fail them in my responsibilities as Commander in the year ahead.

A happy and safe summer to you all. I hope to see a good turnout at the June 6 meeting and again on September 6 when we re-convene for the new year.

Commander Bill Blanchard

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Many at the Post have felt for some time that we have not been receiving the exposure in the community that an organization of 900 members should be getting. Ours is a service organization dedicated first, as the Preamble to the Constitution states, to the community as a stepping stone to service to the state and nation.

Therefore, to fill the void which has existed in this very important function, we plan to initiate a program that will

bring to the attention of the community on a continuing basis programs that we conduct that are part of community life.

In order to carry out this project we will need a volunteer who has an interest in setting up such a program and getting the show on the road. It is not a very laborious task but one which will produce great returns to the Post and great satisfaction to whoever takes the job.

Can we have a volunteer? Commander Blanchard will be glad to hear from you.

JUNE CALENDAR

- 1 (Wed) Bingo, 8 p.m.
- 6 (Mon) Regular Post meeting, 8 p.m.
Come, meet your new officers
D-Day, 1944
- 8 (Wed) Bingo, 8 p.m.
- 14 (Tues) WW1 luncheon, noon at the
LaCasa Restaurant
Flag Day
- 15 (Wed) Bingo, 8 p.m.
- 16 (Thur) WW2 luncheon, noon at Post
- 20 (Mon) Post Affairs Committee meets
at 7:30 p.m.
- 22 (Wed) Bingo, 8 p.m.
- 27 (Mon) Board of Directors, 8 p.m.
- 29 (Wed) Bingo 8 p.m.
- 30 (Thur) Adios until September which
will be our next issue. Let's
have a good turnout at our
first meeting after the summer
on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

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Board of Directors 1977-1978

William J. Blanchard, Sr. (Commander)
Daniel G. Lantz (Immediate Past Cmdr.)
Phillip B. Lee
John V. Ennis
William J. Campbell
Augustine Williams
Charles J. O'Hara
Hugh W. Stowers
Harvey H. Hasen
John A. Williamson
Joseph A. Marino (Finance Officer)

Lest We Forget
JANUARY 21, 1977

WHAT NEXT?
Amnesty for Deserters?
Blackmail Aid to Vietnam?

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Commander _____ William J. Blanchard, Sr.
 Senior 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
 Service Officer _____ Frank Zini, Jr.
 Historian _____ George J. Butman
 Sergeant-at Arms _____ Thomas J. Oro
 Editor, 1040 Times _____ Charles J. O'Hara

FINAL REPORT 1977 MEMBERSHIP

The 1977 paid membership total as of press time was 864, or 46 below quota of 910 as established by the Albany County Committee. However, this is the second largest membership in the history of the Post. It will undoubtedly keep us at the top as the #1 Post in the County as the Legion Year of 1977 ends.

The meeting of June 6 will signal the start of the 1978 Legion Year for our Post and the annual dues (\$13.00) are then payable by Oct. 20, 1977. Your first dues statement will be mailed with the September issue of 1040 Times. Payments may be made by mail or to Jake or Vic in the Lounge when you visit the Post. As an "early bird" in remitting your dues you will earn your "wings" and the gratitude of the Post Finance Officer whose responsibilities to meet our obligations continue throughout the summer months when things generally slow down at the "oasis."

Checks for your dues should be made payable to the Post and mailed to: Milt Andre, Box 9028, Albany, N. Y. 12209.

IMPORTANT—PLEASE NOTE

It has been decided to grant a special dispensation to those members who have not paid their 1977 dues and carry them on the 1040 Times mailing list for the June and September issues. Failure to pay their 1978 dues within 30 days of the dues notice will result in the removal from the mailing list. So we hope to see as many as possible back again as members and boosters of the largest and finest Post in the County.

Thanks to all for the very fine cooperation I have received during the past two years, and to all my sincere wishes for a healthy, happy and relaxing summer and vacation.

Milt Andre,
Membership Chmn.

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PAST PILLARS OF THE POST



NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The National Executive Committee of The American Legion has approved a resolution to support and sponsor legislation that would deny veterans benefits to those individuals whose discharges are upgraded under the present revised procedure for certain veterans of the Vietnam War. The resolution reaffirms the Legion's long-standing commitment to opposing an elimination of the characterization of discharges, lower the requirements for an honorable discharge or to demean in any way the special significance pertaining to the concept of honest and faithful service.

Believing the special discharge review program that in effect automatically upgrades the discharges of those who apply, with very little review, an insult to those who served honorably during the Vietnam War, the National Executive Committee acted.

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The American Legion's National Executive Committee, meeting in Indianapolis, has called for a U.S. policy study on the Republic of South Africa. The resolution, passed during the NEC's opening session, calls upon The American Legion to encourage and support an urgent nationwide educational program on the increasing importance of the economic, political and military significance of the Republic of South Africa and the national interests of the United States.

The resolution noted Soviet intelligence efforts are increasing in that area of the world, that 60% of the oil sent to

Western Europe and the United States is shipped around the Cape of Good Hope and that there is increasing evidence that the Soviets are attempting to control all of southern Africa.

The NEC has also called upon the U.S. government to cease shipments of military equipment to the Republic of Panama, and commended Canada, Mexico and Saudi Arabia for their assistance in helping the United States through the winter fuel shortage.

LUNCHEONS

The month of May saw a very good attendance at both the World War 1 and World War 2 luncheons. June, we know, will be just as good.

The WW1 boys will commemorate Flag Day at their noon luncheon on Tuesday, June 14, at their usual gathering place, the LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk. Commander-in-Chief Robinson reports that, pursuant to 14 years of tradition, their luncheons will continue throughout the summer months, thus continuing unbroken those 14 years.

The monthly luncheon of the WW2 youngsters will be spread at the Post at noon on Thursday, June 16. This will probably be the last one until September but we do plan on taking a vote at the luncheon to determine what the consensus is on the matter.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President	Marcia Turner
First Vice President	Pauline Ouder Kirk
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

June 21st — This will be the last business meeting of the year until after the summer season. It will be preceded by a covered dish supper—which is always terrific. Remember to bring your own place setting. This will also be your first chance to get to know your new officers. Plan to attend and show your support for the start of the new year.

A very big thanks to all the women who gave their time and efforts May 25 for the very worthwhile project of selling Poppies. We had a very successful day.

The following were selected to serve on the nominating committee: Chairwoman Ronnie Moessner, ably assisted by Barbara Palmer, Lenore Smith, Rosemary Blanchard, Betty Worden, Karla Burns and Joan Stowers. The new slate of officers will be in September's "1040."

On May 14, the Third District Spring Conference was held at the Holiday Inn at Latham. Blanchard's Auxiliary was well represented by Barbara Whitney, Lee Hurley, Lenore Smith, Dot George, Thelma Ballard, Pauline Ouder Kirk and Marcia Turner.

Bingo Report: As of May 4, we have earned a profit of \$595.63 by selling refreshments on Wednesday nights. A full report was given at the May 17 meeting. Many thanks to all the women who since December have worked on Wednesday evenings. Special thanks also to Ronnie Moessner who has worked every Wednesday night!

The Girls State Tea will be held on Sunday, June 5th, at the Voorheesville Post. This will be your first opportunity to meet our Girl Stater, Miss Elizabeth O'Leary, who is a junior at Bethlehem Central High School. Everyone is invited.

Sick Call: Sorry to hear Ethel Shiberling was in the hospital but glad to hear she is now home. Best wishes go to her.

The annual Fourth of July Celebration held at the VA Hospital will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in going to aid wheelchair patients can contact Marcia Turner for details.

That about does it for this year. I'd like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and hope everyone returns "rarin' to go" in September. Till then... "Keep Smiling."

BOWLING FINALE—1976-77

	HS	HT	Points	W	L	Pins
Army	877	2408	70½	51½	38½	67445
Air Force	895	2467	67	50	40	69557
Tanks	879	2575	66	50	40	69547
Navy	930	2440	66	50	40	67142
Coast Guard	918	2512	59	43	47	64971
Infantry	823	2403	53½	40½	49½	66891
Marines	851	2358	52	39	51	64057
Sea Bees	854	2418	45	35	55	65879

Class A

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
DiSanto	255	624	14826	84	176
Havill	222	591	12818	74	173
Johnston	244	606	12002	71	169
McDonald	225	623	14197	84	169
Palmer	222	578	13956	84	166
Bender	209	586	14822	90	164
Marino	243	572	14511	90	161
Lantz	228	564	12048	75	160
Whitney	248	636	13400	84	159
Oates	223	606	13360	84	159
Pugliese	209	544	13330	84	158
Mitchell	217	550	13330	84	158
Foy	212	586	11916	76	158
Cummings	215	523	8938	57	156
Larkin	200	531	13502	87	155
Tangora	242	632	13499	87	155
Andre	206	554	11901	78	152
Vail	213	539	10959	72	152
Heilmann	183	523	5448	36	151

Class B

	HS	HT	Pins	G	Av.
Pauquette	234	535	12215	78	156
Aupperle	200	515	11538	75	153
Ristau	197	496	8113	54	150
Hanrahan	210	545	9009	60	150
Eagan	213	548	12103	81	149
Donnelly	197	557	10716	72	148
LaForge	197	524	10212	69	148
Campbell	219	530	11344	78	145
McCabe	224	548	12075	84	143
Volk	183	490	10745	75	143
Hansen	203	504	11897	84	141
Mosmen	190	453	7324	53	138
Haker	178	481	11997	87	137
Brady	223	537	11933	87	137
Feiden	201	502	6202	45	137
Burns	180	470	11825	90	130
Cole	167	460	10154	81	125
Monette	177	438	9707	78	124
Butman	157	410	8060	66	122
Alwell	166	431	8506	72	118

How High Is Up?

Two laborers were hired to paint the new flagpole being erected for the Bicentennial year of 1976. One chap stood on the other's shoulder and reached up as far as he could. The boss passed by and asked them what they were doing.

"We've got to measure how high the pole is so we can know how much paint we will need."

"Nonsense," said the boss, "take the flagpole down and lay it one the ground. Then you can measure it."

"A lot you know," said one of the chaps, "we need to find out how high it is, not how long it is!"

LAST ROUND-UP FOR MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

The champions of the 1976-77 season were not decided until the last night of bowling. Five teams were in the running that last night, but the Flounders, led by Vern Eagan, with John Benson, Marion Bers and Grace Franze came through with four wins to win by three games.

The Muskies, led by Franklin Harris, with Mel Bers, Sandy Moran and an open spot came in second, with Perches, led by George Mayers coming in third. Bowling with George were Bill Tougher, Millie Harris and Peg Butman.

Top scores in the league were:

MEN	WOMEN
<i>High Average</i>	<i>High Average</i>
Gus Franze172	Grace Franze153
Dick Winchell171	Sandy Moran140
John McDonald164	Mary Winchell139
<i>High Triple</i>	<i>High Triple</i>
John McDonald611	Grace Franze555
Gus Franze586	Millie Harris544
Wes Albright582	Mary Winchell501
<i>High Single</i>	<i>High Single</i>
John McDonald246	Grace Franze203
Gus Franze235	Sandy Moran194
Dick Winchell233	Mary Winchell191

Most improved bowler awards went to Marion Ber, up 15 points, and to Bill Tougher, up 10 points.

The annual banquet was held May 7 at the Bavarian Chalet in Guilderland.

If you interested in joining the league next season, call Grace Franze, 463-0822 as there are a few openings at this time.

From Your Editor

With this issue we close the 1976-77 year of the 1040 Times. To say it has been a very interesting and pleasurable experience putting the paper together for the past ten months is another of my understatements. It is hardly necessary to say that it never could have been done without the splendid cooperation of many at the Post. I dislike listing names when passing out accolades—someone is bound to be overlooked. They know who they are, I know who they are and I believe most members know who they are. My sincere thanks to all of you. The Lord willing, I will be around come September as editor and I trust I can count on you again, plus any new volunteers that care to join us.

1976 Flag Kits

Harvey Hasen, Flag Chairman, reports that he has some 1976 Flag Kits for sale at the bargain price of \$4.50. They are fine souvenirs of our Bicentennial Year. Call Harvey at 439-2561 or see Jake or Vic in the Lounge. Regular 50-star Flag Kits are also available for \$5.50.

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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 APRIL, 1977

Four occasions—874 players	
Total receipts	\$5,724.94
Prizes	3,999.60
Gross profit	\$1,725.34
Expenses:	
License fees	\$ 92.30
Supplies, services, equipment	265.49
	357.79
Net profit	\$1,367.55

A decision has been made by our new Commander, Bill Blanchard, upon the recommendation of Dick Dalton, Bingo Chairman, to continue Bingo into the summer months. This action was taken because of our air-conditioned hall and so that there would be continuity to the program, and with the proviso that the decision would be reviewed at a later date if deemed appropriate.

Additional volunteers are needed for the summer months. Call Dick Dalton at 439-3458 or leave your name with Jake or Vic in the Lounge.

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JUNE: THE MONTH OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

Flag Day, June 14, commemorates the date on which the Continental Congress in 1777 passed a resolution adopting the Stars and Stripes as the official Flag of the United States. The origins of Flag Day go back to 1877, when the government requested that the Flag be flown from all public buildings to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its adoption.

The National Flag Day Bill, officially designating June 14 as Flag Day, was signed by President Harry S. Truman on August 3, 1949. Although Flag Day is observed nationally by presidential proclamation and is celebrated by the display of the Flag and by patriotic programs, it is officially a legal holiday only in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Friday Night in the Lounge

The Al Ciampi Stylist Group will play a return engagement for dancing every Friday evening during June.

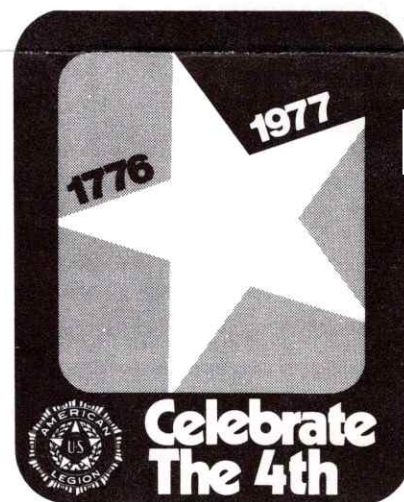
JUNE RAVINGS

...and welcome to former Delaware Avenooer Fred KLAPP & Lois KLAPP—some dancing couple ...and whatta fine time at the Auxiliary Snak-Dance. Flo & Bob QUIGLEY, Jen & Herm WAHL, Lenore & Bob SMITH, Nancy & BOB DISNEY lived it up ...more Bingoleers ya ask! Right on, people! Howza about the Great Red KERNAHAN, Ed STARK-WEATHER, and Hugh STOWERS—there ya go! ...Bay BENDER zapped 'em all at Hi-Lo's and Superstar Jack SELIG with hiz 300 proved whatta great kegler he is. Jack 'n another great guy Joseph CUMMINGS played pro-baseball as did a great guy—the late Bill KNAUF! ...'n congrats to Katherine & Bob LA FORGE who celebrated their 35th! ...tis very nice to see Gert & Jim CLEARY after too long an absence ...'n a kingsize welcome to the personable young gent behind the mahogany Vic MAKI ...always a friendly greeting from Ann & Phil LEE as well as Gwen & Fred GRASSER ...'n Frank FUTIA, do ya ever hear from "Honey" these days? ...and hey-hey people, we gotta new member who was a pal of many of us at P.S. 18—none other than Jim HAHN ...congratulations and best wishes to Norrine & Phil GIACONE on their new venture ...Carol & Paul JORALEMON huddling with Dandy Don DUNCAN over a million \$\$\$ softball contract ...congrats to Artie VEECEE on hiz successful trek for the crippled children fund ...Bingo refresher gals, ya ask! Howzabout Marie BURNS, Grace GENTNER, Pat STARKWEATHER, Ann CARROLL, Ruth DALTON, Chrys DI NUCCI, Marian DOLE! More ya ask, but, mais oui, Ann FUTIA, Isabelle GREENWOOD, Dot GEORGE, Norrine GIACONE and Kathy GERALDSEN!!! Yer crying for more! more! but OK—here goes: Lee HURLEY, Jean POMPA, Carol JORALEMON, Peg LILY, Roseann LOHREY, Phyllis MATTICE, Betty PELLETIER, Marie MORAN, Pauline

OUDEKIRK—so there ya are! ...and Dick COLE is always working for our Post ...must get Shirley & Art WARNER, Marge & George TEN EYCK down to Fri-Nite dancing ...'n always a pleasant greeting from Banker Bob SAGER ...and 'twas nice to see Lois MONETTE, Helen HAKER, Rose FOY, Tanya MITCHELL and all the other great gals at bowling banquet ...John WILLIAMSON and Bill CAMPBELL read so many books that Editor Charlie outta hire him to do book reviews ...if Grace & Bud VIELE come up with a hilly-billy accent—blame it on their extensive southern tour! ...congrats to the Post lads who put on the super banquet for the Junior Bowling League—ya made a good impression with the youngsters ...Joe PELLETIER & Group always seem to enjoy themselves on Fri-Nite at the Post ...and a "Good Job—Well Done!" to Daniel & Company ...'n may Chris & Bob HOFFMAN ride their motorcycle with the wind at their back! ...congrats to Prez Marcia on 2nd great year (betcha Hank sez, "No third!")...

The Gutter is Dusted

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