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Changes Suggested For Post By-Laws

The Post's Constitution and By-Laws last revised six years ago face some changes if ideas offered by a group of the Post members win acclaim.

The group is headed by Past Commander Charles J. O'Hara. Joining with him in a move for the changes are four other Past Commanders. They are Winthrop Robinson, a charter member and first commander of the Post; and three Post World War II commanders, George Butman, Joe Von Ronne and Al Woehrl.

This group also comprise a committee informally formed last year for the intent of serving as an advisory group with the intent of making recommendations for the new Post commanders that will serve the interest of the post and the betterment of American Legion principles.

Specifically, the group has three recommendations to offer. The proposed changes affect the election of officers, membership on the board of directors and limiting the action the board of directors can take on matters passed on by the general membership.

Last month O'Hara and the others in the group met to discuss these matters.

Their discussions were concerned with these sections of the by-laws: Paragraph 1 of Article I which sets the standard by which the Board of Directors are chosen and their terms of office; paragraph 1 of Article III which affects expenditures of funds by the Post Affairs Committee; and paragraph 2 of Article XII which relates to election of officers and members of the Board of Directors.

"The 1960 revisions", says P. C. O'Hara, "were the first in thirty years. We deem it timely to offer these recommended changes now so that our Constitution and By-Laws can stay abreast of the times and conditions which affect our Post's progress."

"For example" says P. C. O'Hara, "our group believes it would be to the Post's advantage if this sentence would be added to the first paragraph affecting board of directors. 'No director shall succeed himself after a full three-year term. This should not preclude election of such director after one year out of office.'"

"On the expenditure of funds recommended by the Post Affairs Committee the present by-laws give the Board of

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Blanchard Post embarks on this Legion year with the prospect of surpassing its second highest membership record. The goal this year is to beat the 741 which was achieved by last June 21, the County Convention meeting date. By only one member was Blanchard nosed out from becoming the second largest Post in Albany County. While in third place we can still be proud of surpassing our quota which was not made by the county's second largest Post which is Fort Orange. Scully Post remained in first place by just making its 1,075 quota. For the success of last year's rec-

ord a salute is due Past Vice Comdr. Merwyn Atwood.

Membership Chairman for this year is Vice Commander Tom Patterson. Within a few weeks he'll be sending out the first dues notices. Stay ahead of him and get your dues in now. It's \$7.50. By your prompt payment of dues and getting new members you can help Blanchard Post earn special Legion honors in the program to build a larger and stronger American Legion. Veterans Day is the first target date. New Year's Day is another. Others follow. Let's put Blanchard a way out front in membership.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Sept. 5—Labor Day, a holiday, a day to fly the Flag.

TUESDAY, Sept. 6—Post Affairs Committee meets at Post, 7:30 p.m.; Regular Post monthly meeting, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Sept. 19—Mid-monthly regular Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Sept. 24—Social season Kick-Off Party at Post, 10:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 26—Board of Directors meeting, 8:00 p.m.

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REV UP DANCE

Vice Comdr.-Activities Chairman Hugh Stowers has given the go-ahead for a "Blast-Off" of social activities to start Saturday, September 24. For that occasion he has called upon Bill McGoeys to be chairman. Bill has signed up Jerry Romano to supply the music for the evening which begins at ten p. m. Everyone who's danced to Jerry's music before knows a tuneful night is in store.

Helping Bill with the arrangements are Dany Dynko and Dick O'Connell.

At midnight there'll be a buffet prepared by Herman as only he can do. Other events are being dreamed-up to make it a funful evening. Tickets for the occasion will be \$2.50 per person. Two hundred tickets will be the limit. They'll be available from the Activities Committee for this party, and from Art Quinn who's always on duty at the 1040 lounge.

"We know this will be a gala affair," says Chairman McGoeys, "it should be the lead-off for a full season of happy events. Get your tickets early and be among those to launch a happy 1966-67 social year at Blanchard Post."

Others on this dance committee are: Ed Costigan and Red Kernahan, decorations; Ed Tynan, Dick Dalton, John Bidell and Russ Brandon, program; Bill Campbell and Steve Grecny, entertainment; John Brady, Fred Grasser, and Tom Patterson, refreshments.

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Auxiliary President's Corner

By the time this issue comes to press the summer will be officially over with all its pleasant days of picnics, swimming and just good times enjoyed by all. Now is the time to welcome you all back to the Auxiliary and prepare for another successful year of worthwhile activities. Of course, this past summer wasn't all play for some of our Auxiliary members. During convention time in July, Maude Hafley and her committee members were very busy. The two delegates were not mentioned in our June column so for the record they were: Betty Costigan and Helen Reynolds. The alternates were Mary Connor and Maury Flanagan who also attended many of the meetings. Betty Costigan will have a report on the convention at our September meeting.

Speaking of the September meeting, it will be a covered dish supper as it has been many times in the past. The supper will begin promptly at 6:30 with the business meeting following. We would like to welcome all our members back for the beginning of another Auxiliary year. Don't forget the date — September 20.

The nominating committee composed of Mary Connor, Chairman, Leah Hurley, Maude Hafley, Helen Quinn, Helen Reynolds, Fran Tyman and Mabel McCredie have met and will present their proposed slate of officers for the coming year. Election and installation will also be held at this meeting.

Going back a bit to our June meeting we want to report for anyone who wasn't able to be present that a vote was held on the amendments and revisions to the constitution. It was voted that the dues be increased one dollar to the sum of \$3.50 per year. Speaking of dues, our Membership Chairman, Kay Lenseeth, will be all ready to start receiving yours immediately. Dues are due on or before October and to make it easier for the Membership Chairman — pay NOW and we will be eligible for a membership citation!

Being there isn't anything more in the way of news to give you I'll close now and see you all at the September meeting.

Zen

COMMITTEES

Commander Joe Cannizzaro has made these assignments for the 1966-67 American Legion year:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Americanism	Charles J. O'Hara
Membership Vice Comdr.	Thomas C. Patterson
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In making the assignments Commander Joe stated: "Many of these committee chairmen will be requiring help to get their mission accomplished. Some of them will know the 'old reliables' to whom they can turn for help. If you're not called upon don't be so bashful as not to volunteer. That's what makes Blanchard Post a good active Post. So many pitch in to help. If you haven't pitched in yet now's the time to step forward and let your Commander or any of the Post's Officers or Committee Chairmen know of your willingness to take part in your Post's programs."

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All Aboard For Shuffle

Names are being taken now for the up-coming season of shuffleboard. Arranging the details are Red Kernahan, Bill Mitchell and other leaders of last year's successful program. Thursdays will be game night, usually from eight p. m. Anyone interested in getting on the "American" or "National" league teams should contact Red or Bill or go to the Post and put their name on the Shuffle Board program on the bulletin board.

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1. Attend meetings regularly;
2. Bring a buddy;
3. Offer ideas at meetings;
4. Don't be steam-rollered;
5. Get the spirit of teamwork;
6. Stir up interest;
7. Don't dodge thankless jobs that must be done;
8. Back up words with deeds;
9. Be a budget-watcher;
10. Plan ahead;
11. Put life into the Legion's Preamble;
12. Know your American Legion and what it stands for now and in the future for you as a veteran and for your family.

MUSE AWHILE

Doctor Wilfred Funk, lexicographer and dictionary publisher, selected the ten most expressive words in the English language. They are:

the most bitter word is **alone**
 the most reverent, **Mother**
 the most tragic, **death**
 the most beautiful, **love**
 the most cruel, **revenge**
 the most peaceful, **tranquil**
 the saddest, **forgotten**
 the warmest, **friendship**
 the coldest, **no**
 the one bringing the most comfort, **faith**.

AJW + LBJ = PEACE

For the second time in three years Blanchard Legionnaire Al Woehrle called at the White House to take part in the presentation of a peace award to the President of the United States.

On August 11 with eight of his army buddies from the Eighth Armored Division Association Woehrle was present when their division commander, Major General John M. Devine, Retired, gave President Lyndon B. Johnson a plaque which cited him for his efforts in trying to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam war. Al is public relations officer for the World War II veterans' tank organization which meets annually over the July 4 week-end. This year they met in New York City at which time the award for President Johnson was voted.

In 1963, two days before he was assassinated, President John F. Kennedy was cited for his efforts toward peace by the 8th Armored Division Assn.

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Bethlehem Elks Flag Day Program

On Sunday, June 12, 1966, Commander Cannizzaro, Past Commander O'Hara and Adjutant Moessner were privileged to attend the annual Flag Day Program of Bethlehem Lodge No. 2233, BPOE, on their grounds at Route 144 at Winnie Road, Selkirk, N. Y. An impressive patriotic address was delivered by Major General W. Reynolds Carr, Commanding General of the New York Guard. Our Post Chaplain, the Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss, gave the Invocation. Post member William J. O'Neill, a Past Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, handled the introduction of guests.

Book-Cover Prayers Again To Be Issued

Blanchard Post which for the past two years was in the forefront of the American Legion's program to distribute to school children book-covers on which are printed prayers recommended by American Legion Chaplains again prepares for this activity.

With the approval of Post Commander Cannizzaro the Post Americanism Chairman, Charlie O'Hara, has ordered a supply of the book-covers. It is hoped they will arrive in time for the children of the community, both our members children and all other's children who wish to have the book-covers, to receive them.

Come to the September 5 Post meeting to learn if the book-covers have arrived and learn how to get your supply of them.

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CONVENTION REPORT

For Blanchard Post the highlight of the 48th annual convention of the American Legion Department of New York in Albany in July was the turn-out of nearly a platoon of Blanchard Post Legionnaires who marched in the parade behind Post Commander Joe Cannizzaro. As host county Albany was at the end of the parade and at the end of the county, by our own choice, was your Post contingent marching to the cheers of the thousands who saw us. Carrying the colors for Blanchard Post at the head of the Albany County delegation were Dick Lenseth and George Feiden.

At the convention memorial services on the Capitol steps the first evening of the 3-day meeting Dick Lenseth was accompanied by Pat Igoe carrying our Post's colors.

Most active of our members at the convention was our own "Mr. American Legion", Harold Barkhuff. Beside his duties as a member of the Convention Corporation and of the Convention Committee he was kept busy at: being cited for his work in connection with the Legion Oratorical program; escorting the Department President of the Auxiliary to the Convention rostrum; participating in the presentation by retiring Dept. Comdr. William Egan of a new TV to the VA Hospital patients.

Past Commander Given Hynds, as he had done at the previous convention in Albany in 1961, was chairman of the packet-packing committee which took place at the Scully Post in Albany the week before the Convention.

Marching in the convention parade with Commander Cannizzaro were: Harold Barkhuff, Bill Campbell, Ed Costigan, Dick Dalton, Steve Grecny, Ron MacTaggart, Mike Mele, Warren Moessner, Charlie O'Hara, Ollie Palmer, Dave Parr, Tom Patterson, Bob Rosenfield, Hugh Stowers, Joe Von Ronne, Don Wilcox and Al Woehrle.

Dick Dalton attended the final session of the convention meetings. Ed Costigan was in charge of open-house at the Post where a buffet supper and musical combo was furnished for the benefit of delegate guests who called on us at the Post.

The new Department of New York Commander for whom we voted is James P. Heneghan of Suffolk County.

As your delegates to this convention for which we have as a memento a distinctive American Legion delegate's badge to show for our presence we express our thanks and appreciation to serve you and the American Legion.

Blanchard Post had three delegates to this convention. For the other two delegates, Commander Joseph Cannizzaro and past Post and County Commander Harold Barkhuff, this report by the third delegate is

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Alexander J. Woehrle

Special Father's Day Services

At the invitation of Pastor Paul H. Gassmann, our Post was privileged to participate with the VFW in a special program on Sunday, June 19, 1966 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A fine turnout of Post members and their wives were treated to an enlightening address on the Viet Nam situation delivered by Major General A. C. O'Hara, Commanding General of the New York National Guard. The program included the presentation of a special American Flag which had flown over our Nation's Capitol.

Bowlers Getting Ready

After a car accident early in the summer, Bowling League prexy Bryant McCarthy is reported recovered and expected to lead off his league of eight 5-man teams at Sporthaven on Friday night, Sept. 9 at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary Charley Wiley is getting the teams lined up. If you're interested call Charlie at 765-2875.

Hats Off — Caps On

Hats off to our caps on program. This year we are launching a special effort to induce every Post member to obtain an official American Legion cap. For all intents and purposes the Legion cap comprises the sum total of the uniform that each member should have. The cost is very modest and they may be obtained by placing an order with Warren Moessner, our Post Adjutant.



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CHANGES SUGGESTED FOR POST BY-LAWS

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Directors a veto power over the Post Affairs Committee. We believe such power should rest with the membership. To that end we believe the last sentence of paragraph 1 of Article III should be amended so as to read 'It may expend from funds set aside in its name, any sums within its budget, approved by the membership' instead of the present wording which is 'approved by the Board of Directors, subject to such controls as may be set up by the Board of Directors.'

Charley O'Hara, speaking for the group, goes on to state "Our present system of electing officers each year leaves much to be desired. We have a nominating committee which presents a slate of officers which only those present at the meeting hear and at the very next meeting, without the entire Post membership being aware of whom was nominated, an election is held. We'd like to see more time allowed for the presentation of a slate and for members to be made aware of the slate that is offered. To that end we recommend this change: 'The candidates for election shall be nominated in the following manner: At the *first regular meeting each April* preceding the annual election the nominating committee appointed by the Commander *each February* shall present one or more names for each office and for the members of the Board of Directors and delegates and alternates to the county committee. Other names may be placed in nomination from the floor after the nominating committee's report is received.'" (Words in *italics* are proposed changes).

By bringing these recommended changes to the membership at this time it is the purpose of the group led by O'Hara to stir interest in the Post's progress.

It is expected these suggestions will be presented at the Post meetings in September and if formally presented and accepted for action follow-up measures will be taken.

Your interest in these moves can best be expressed by attending the meetings in September to see what occurs.

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COMMITTEE THAT CARES

During the summer months the Committee's efforts were directed to letter-writing to our men in Viet Nam. In addition to the letters, the SPOTLIGHT is being sent regularly as a contribution by the publisher, Bob King, and a booklet, "The Serviceman at Prayer" was furnished through the Tri-Village Ministers Association.

Any Blanchard Legionnaire wishing to take part in the letter-writing effort of the Committee may find convenient the following list of our men in Viet Nam:

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GRAVE MARKING FOR DECEASED VETERANS

This article is offered to explain some misunderstanding which exists with respect to the furnishing of emblem-type organizational grave markers and the flat, plaque-type, governmental marker provided through the United States Veterans Administration.

Organizational Markers

In the Bethlehem Cemetery here in Delmar there are now markers bearing the symbol of sixteen various organizations. Alphabetically, they are:

- American Legion
- Benevolent Order of Elks
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Delmar Fire Department
- Disabled American Veterans
- Elsmere Fire Department
- Grand Army of the Republic
- Guilderland Center Fire Department
- Masonic Lodge
- Order of Eastern Star
- Order of Odd Fellows
- Revolutionary War Veterans
- Spanish American War Veterans
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Veterans of Foreign Wars — Auxiliary
- World War I Veterans

The graves, generally, with these markers are those of members who at the time of death was a member in good standing of the organization which furnished the emblem. There are graves at which more than one organizational marker is mounted. This would indicate the deceased had been a member of more than one organization. We find an American Legion marker beside one furnished by the Elks Lodge, or a VFW marker accompanied by a Masonic emblem.

A most misunderstood problem in the grave-marking program arises when interment occurs in a distant cemetery from the community in which the deceased had been active in an organization. An alert organization upon learning of the burial of any of its members in distant places, or the burial in its community of another distant Post's member should make contact to take the necessary action for providing a grave marker.

Finding veteran's graves un-marked, especially on Memorial (Decoration) Day is a source of distress to many persons. It should be. If the proper steps are taken this distress can be lessened. The cost of providing grave markers should be borne by the organization to which the deceased had been a member.

Where markers have been removed from a grave through vandalism or other acts of desecration the issuing organization should be notified by a member of the family or other interested party so that a replacement might be made.

Governmental Markers

Federal legislation provides for the grave of every American war veteran, who dies before or after honorable separation from the services, to be distinctively marked. The markers may be in granite, marble or bronze. Bronze markers usually are sent to the family by parcel post. On the marker is inscribed the essential information which appears on the deceased veteran's discharge papers.

Funeral directors usually have the required application form for these markers. They also maintain federal forms required for the American Flag to be used at the time of burial and, where applicable, the \$250 burial allowance.

Different cemeteries have their own rules on these matters. Some will allow only the bronze marker because the marble or granite ones have a tendency to chip. Other burial places forbid the placing of any organizational type marker. The funeral director can be relied upon to advise in which cemeteries such restrictions apply.

With respect to veteran burial the important thing to remember is: the location and availability of the person's service serial number and/or discharge papers.

Withrop P. Robinson
Past Commander

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