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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

In keeping with the pattern of our Post's progress, I look to having us active in the community's programs and perhaps get some others started.

Over the years, Blanchard Post has been a prime mover in such developments as children's welfare and recreational activities, highway safety, improved traffic conditions and many other events which have brought credit to Blanchard Post and the American Legion.

Anything to start needs an idea. Ideas usually are inspired. I have my ideas. Besides them I am most anxious to get thoughts from the Post's members. Especially, anyone who has something to contribute in the interest of our American Legion Post to better serve the community. Frequently, I've heard inquiries about means if initiating an activity in the Post. The best way to start is to attend the meetings and express yourself. Next, you might try offering your suggestions to the Post Commander or any of the officers of the Post or its committee chairmen. If your time doesn't allow for attending a meeting, there's always the use of a telephone or writing a letter.

Meeting attendance is one area I hope to see improved. Post meetings generally are the first and third Mondays of the month. They're timed for 8:30 but usually get underway within a half-hour. It's been the practice recently to have the first meeting of the month given over to American Legion and business affairs of the Post. The mid-monthly meetings have been used for presentation of a speaker on a topical event. With the months to come I hope to continue this practice. But more importantly, I am hopeful that the membership will respond to the meeting announcements which appear in the Blanchard Calendar of the TEN FORTY TIMES.

Commander Dick Dalton

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World Series Weekend

This is a reminder to mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 5, when the Post has its annual TV-World Series party. The chairman should have details about it to be announced in the next issue of the TEN FORTY TIMES.

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Blanchard Post hasn't yet received its membership quota from the Albany County Legion but it looks as if seven hundred and fifty will be the magic number. That, by coincidence, is the dues fee for the coming 1963-64 Legion year. Within a few weeks the initial dues notices will be mailed by Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Russ Adams. When your notice arrives he hopes that you'll be quick to return your \$7.50 renewal dues. And if you know of any prospective members be sure to sign them up quickly so that the Post can achieve its quota. The quicker the quota is met and passed the more certain we can be that Blanchard Post will again be recognized as one of the leaders in the American Legion's membership program.

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McArthur C. O.

A promotion in status was achieved this past summer by Blanchard Legionnaire Larry McArthur who became commanding officer of the Reserve Unit of the Selective Service Officers assigned to New York State Selective Service Headquarters in Albany, N. Y. Larry wears the silver eagles of a colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3—Regular Post Meeting — 8:30 p.m. — refreshments to follow

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 — Annual Baseball Dinner — 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9—Post Affairs Committee meets — 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16—Mid-monthly Post meeting — 8:30 p.m. — refreshments follow

MONDAY, SEPT. 30—Board of Directors meeting — 8:00 p.m.

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Last Time

The bus-load of Blanchard Legionnaires who went to the Polo Grounds in New York on Saturday, August 17 will remember it as the last time such an outing can take place. After this season there will be no Polo Grounds. (Of course, there'll be the new stadium to house the Mets). The thirty-six Met-Loser fans who responded to Chairman Dick Lenseth's call had a happy day even though the Mets lost "as usual". The score — who cares? The winner was the Dodgers — no longer from Brooklyn — and at this writing the National League leader.

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Read the Obits

At the June meeting of the Post a complaint was made that a telephoned notice was not made about the death of Legionnaire Gilmore. To this the Graves Registration Chairman recommends that Post members residing in the ALBANY KNICKERBOCKER NEWS and TIMES UNION area daily read the obituary notices which usually has an announcement from the Post Commander and Adjutant advising when and where a Blanchard Legion service will be held for a deceased Comrade.

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New County Commander

After several successful years as Albany County American Legion Chairman it was only natural that the man to become this year's County Commander is James C. Farrell of Albany.

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BLANCHARD POST BASEBALL

This was the "almost" year for Blanchard Post. After winning the Southern Division championship in grand style we lost the County Championship in a tough two out of three series with Colonie Post. The overall record this year was sixteen wins, five losses and two ties. One of the ties was the first game of the playoffs in which Don Boone pitched a no-hitter for six innings only to see the game rained out in the seventh with both teams scoreless.

Spectator interest in the team improved greatly this year. The last game of the season with Colonie really drew a large crowd, including many baseball scouts, Legion officials, and Town of Bethlehem dignitaries. It was unfortunate that our season came to such an abrupt end, but the interest in the team should carry over to next year when we will try again.

Some of the highlights of the season:

The win over Brooklawn, New Jersey — this team is annually a standout in Jersey competition and came here after a successful tour of New Hampshire. Dave Spence amazed the crowd in an unfamiliar role of relief pitcher to save this game.

Dick Broom's almost perfect game against Ft. Orange. Only one baserunner reached first base (via a walk). He was quickly thrown out on an attempted steal by Denny Empie.

Arnie Skogstrand's hitting against Voorheesville, two homers and two doubles to singlehandedly ruin the hopes of Charlie Crow's boys.

The come-from-behind win over North Albany, in which Jim Gallaher and Denny Empie produced the big bats.

Arnie Skogstrand had a terrific hitting and fielding record for the year. He led the team with an average of .408; his five doubles, four triples, five home runs, and batted in twenty-five runs, besides playing errorless ball in center field. Dave Spence had a great year on

third base, making only three errors all season while hitting a steady .315, and getting many clutch hits.

Paul Bradley batted .362, lead the team in scoring and stolen bases and sparked the infield from his shortstop position. Denny Empie was a tower of strength behind home plate, and very few teams even tried to run on him. Denny's hitting improved tremendously over a year ago, which indicates that he will really be a big hitter next year. Don Boone and Dick Broom both had great years on the mound. Don was undefeated winning eight games, striking out 81 in 58 innings. Dick lost three tough games, while winning four. He struck out 87 in 49 innings. Both of these boys have another year to improve these records.

Jeff Hutchinson and Denny Emery along with Skogstrand, Spence, and Bradley finished their Legion careers this year. Jeff and Denny were real assets to the team for the past three years and will be sorely missed by the management.

Returning next year in addition to Boone, Broom and Empie will be Jeff Arnold, Jock Walsh, Jim Shea, Jim Gallaher, and Chip Estey. These boys are all fine ballplayers and form a strong nucleus for 1964. With some fine prospects coming out of the Babe Ruth Leagues (Delmar and Guilderland), we hope to field a County champion in 1964.

At this time we wish to express our thanks to Jim Hamlin who has coached the team for the past four years and who helps to calm down the blood pressure of the manager. Incidentally it was Jim who discovered that Dave Spence was a pitcher.

The annual baseball dinner will be held in the Post Rooms on Thursday, September 5th. The time is 6:30 p.m. Team members and staff will be guests. Others who wish to attend the function will be asked to contribute two dollars a plate.

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Visit by Rulon

A notable visitor to Blanchard Post last month was George Rulon, the national chairman for American Legion Baseball. He was enroute to the Baseball

Hall of Fame at Cooperstown and with Dept. Chairman Dich Connors of Albany made a stop-over at our Post to discuss future baseball programs with Commander Dalton.

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STATEMENT ON BUILDING REMODELING & RENOVATION

As one of his final official acts, past Finance Officer Bill Hayes prepared the following (May 31, 1963):

Paid Bills

Charles A. Schade, Architect	\$ 892.00
Weber Brothers, Inc., General Contractors	16,221.00
Delmar Lumber and Builders, Acoustical Tile	267.29
Richard L. Tubbs, Acoustical Tile	131.04
Burr V. Deitz Co., Electrical Contractor	1,152.67
D. A. Bennett, Plumbing Contractor	1,411.00
A. E. Rooney, Plumbing	104.00
Lewis Equipment Co., Bar and Bar Fixtures	4,782.50
Gentiles, Inc., Rubber Stair Risers	82.00
Gentiles, Inc., Extra Base for Bar and Rubber Mats	57.25
Kinary, Florist, Artificial Flowers for Foyer	40.00
Total	\$25,140.75

Unpaid Bills

Charles A. Schade, Architect	\$ 962.00
Weber Brothers, Inc., Placing Drain Tile Around New Entrance	365.00

(Paid June 18, 1963 from Checking Account) **Total \$ 1,327.00**

Breakdown of Money Used to Pay the Above Bills

From the Savings Account	\$ 4,000.00
From the Checking Account	2,350.75
From the Building Fund Account	1,890.00
Loan from Bank	16,900.00

Total \$25,140.75

Payments on Bank Loan

April 2, 1963 (\$500.00)	From Checking Account
May 3, 1963 (\$500.00)	From Building Fund Account
Balance Now Owed on Bank Loan: \$15,900.00	

LEGION IN ACTION

The next time you hear the question "What has the American Legion accomplished in the way of legislation in behalf of veterans?" use this for a reply:

Through its National Legislative Commission with offices in Washington, D. C., The American Legion has sponsored and piloted through Congress practically every piece of legislation of benefit to men and women who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States during World Wars I and II and the Korean emergency. Some outstanding examples of basic veterans' laws accomplished after World War I are: Public Law 11, 66th Congress, providing vocational rehabilitation of disabled ex-servicemen; Public Law 47, 67th Congress, establishing the Veterans Bureau (now the Veterans Administration); Public Law 194, 67th Congress providing a hospital construction pro-

gram for World War veterans; Public Law 120, 68th Congress, the Adjusted Compensation (Bonus) Act; Public Law 73, 73rd Congress, restoration of compensation reduced by the Economy Act of March 20, 1933; Public Law 484, 73rd Congress, widows' and children's pension, or Compensation Act. Other examples applicable to World War II veterans are: Public Law 16, which provides vocational rehabilitation for those who served in the armed forces during World War II who were honorably discharged because of disabilities incurred in service; Public Law 346, the G. I. Bill of Rights and its amendments; and Public Law 550, the G. I. Bill of Rights for Korean veterans. Many state Legislative Committees have secured beneficial legislation for men and women of both World Wars and the Korean emergency.

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On Orders

The smiling face of Bob Ballantine who filled in for Art Quinn at the Post Bar on Art's day-off has departed. Bob has over 20 years service in the U. S. Army. He was thinking about putting in his papers for retirement. At the same time the Army was thinking about transferring Bob from his job as a sergeant in the Albany recruiting station to a post in Viet Nam. He's waiting to see which orders come thru first. Bob and his family formerly lived in Delmar and for the past few years has been residing at the Schenectady Army Depot.

Bob's replacement at the Post is Pete Roche.

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Taps

The Post meetings in June were ad-journed in memory of Al Brown, Irwin Gilgore and Arthur Main.

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Second Place

With \$134.00 collected from Blanchard Legionnaires by Joe Von Ronne for booster tickets for the Albany County Legion Baseball program, our Post had the second largest contribution in the County which had a grand total of \$1,424.00.

CONVENTION REPORT

The 45th annual convention of the American Legion, Department of New York was held in Rochester on August 1-2-3, 1963, with Harold Barkhuff and Richard Dalton attending as delegates from Blanchard Post.

J. Arthur Petty of Great Neck, L. I., was elected Department Commander to succeed F. Herrick Connors of Cohoes. Mr. Petty, a Postal employee is the first World War II veteran to be elected Department Commander.

The Legion was addressed by Lt. Governor Malcolm Wilson, C. D. DeLoach, assistant director of the FBI, and by Senator Kenneth Keating.

Among resolutions passed were the following.

Urging action by the President to use appropriate and necessary steps to effect

removal of Communist troops from Cuba and eliminate the Communist government which enslaves the Cuban people.

Urging disapproval of action by U. S. delegates to the United Nations in abandoning opposition to admission of Communist representatives from Hungary to the United Nations.

Endorsing support of every lawful and orderly effort by every citizen of the United States to obtain for himself those rights of equal opportunity provided in the U. S. Constitution.

Reaffirming support for a referendum on a constitutional amendment for paying a state bonus to Korean War Veterans.

Harold Barkhuff was elected a delegate to the National convention in Miami. This convention will be held in September.


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Bowler Up

The third Friday of this month, September 20, will see the launching of the 1963-64 bowling season for the Blanchard Post Bowling League. Seven p.m. is the time. Sporthaven in Delmar, the place. League president, Fred Buker re-

ports a full complement of eight 5-member teams. But any interested bowlers in the Post should get their names to Secretary Charlie Wiley for any vacancies which may occur.

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