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## PAST COMMANDERS MEET

A move started by Past Commander Charlie O'Hara this summer brought the largest group of Blanchard Post Past Commanders at a single meeting other than the annual Past Commanders' Dinner.

The purpose of the gathering was to encourage thinking among the past leaders of the Post that will be helpful to succeeding Post commanders. Commander O'Hara pointed out to those attending the meeting that during his commandership last year he recognized a lapse of coordination in the programs of the Post.

To meet this lapse an Advisory Committee to the Post Commander was formed with Charlie as chairman and members to be Past Commanders George Butman, Rodger Fryer, Joe Von Ronne and Al Woehrle. After their initial meeting in July they arranged for a second meeting last month. This was attended

by Commander Ed Costigan, thirteen past commanders of the Post and Bob Coburn, who is a Past Albany County Commander, Past Commander of the Ravena Post and now a very active and interested member of our Post. Past Commanders present included the Post's first and third Commanders, Winthrop P. Robinson and Ralph S. Butler. Also, Clif Whitney, Bert Kohinke, George Butman, Bill Segur, Joe Von Ronne, Jim Fanning, Bob Schreck, Al Greenwood, Al Woehrle, Rodger Fryer and Charlie O'Hara.

The interest brought about by the meeting was so warming that it was decided to have a follow-up session on September 1. Besides the discussion at the larger meeting the Advisory Committee presented Commander Costigan with a "blue book" containing a summary of the Post's present activities with guidelines for new programs.

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## QUORUM

"A funny thing happened to me on the way to the quorum." That's what one of our brethren recently exclaimed. "Especially when I realized that here at Blanchard Post we require a quorum of only twenty members for a meeting. Today with over 700 members that's the same quorum requirement Blanchard had thirty years ago when the Post began with little more than 100 members."

This remark led to a discussion of what might happen if the quorum ratio was altered to fit into today's membership quota. The wind-up of the discussion was that if we increased the quorum we may never get any Legion and Post business accomplished. That's where the discussion ended.

For the benefit of those 95% of our members who seldom get to a Post meeting we offer here for their thinking the Preamble to the Legion Constitution which is recited aloud by those Blanchard members who do attend the Post meetings at which a quorum is present:

## PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good-will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

#### **BLANCHARD CALENDAR**

MONDAY, Sept. 6 — Labor Day is an occasion to fly the American Flag.

TUESDAY, Sept. 7 — The first monthly meeting for the new Legion year, 8:30.

TUESDAY, Sept. 7 — Monthly meeting of Post Affairs Committee, 7:30.

TUESDAY, Sept. 14 — This is Primary Day. Do your patriotic duty and vote.

MONDAY, Sept. 20 — The regular midmonthly meeting, 8:30.

MONDAY, Sept. 27 — Board of Directors monthly meeting, 8:00.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

For this year Blanchard Post has a quota of 735 members to meet. This is only twenty under the peak membership we attained a few years ago. More importantly, Blanchard is close to becoming the second largest Post in Albany County which has thirty posts.

The task of getting out the dues notices and processing the membership records this year rests with the Membership Committee under Vice Commander Merwyn Atwood.

National American Legion Headquarters sets successive dates for special recognition to posts which meet their quota by those days. The first deadline is Veterans' Day, November 11. It would be a great tribute to our Post and ourselves if response to the initial dues call would swamp Membership Chairman Atwood with a return of dues payments. To that swamping we'll also have to have a wave of new members into the Post to replace those whose membership in Blanchard Post have ended. These can be transferins, re-instatements or from that huge flood of possible Legionnaires who have just never been asked to join. Every Blanchard member can, and should, do his part in this work. "Please do yours," say Commander Ed Costigan and Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Merwyn Atwood.

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#### **IRENE'S CORNER**

Welcome back from your vacation! I hope you enjoyed every minute of it and that you're now in the mood to get back to work in this new Auxiliary year.

The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, at 8 o'clock, President Irene presiding. A pot luck dinner will be held promptly at 6:30 with Peg Lilly in charge.

A very fine report on the Third District Conference, held in Liberty on Saturday, May 22, was given by President Irene at our June meeting.

Betty Costigan, Membership Chairman, thanked the Unit for sending her to the Conference and presented bangle pins (received at the Conference) to Ann McGoey, Helen Quinn, Mary Conner and Norrine Cooke for the assistance they had given her in bringing in *new* members and helping her go over the top on membership.

"Fran" Hynds reported on our Poppy Day, which was most successful and we say "Thanks" to "Fran" for heading this committee which adds to our funds to carry on our year round Rehabilitation and Child Welfare work.

The nominating committee composed of Ruth Dalton, Chairman, Fran Hynds, "Gerry" Klett, Zenith Campbell, Lottie Van Dyke, Jane Fearnside and Viola Knapp have met and will present their proposed slate of officers for the coming year at the September meeting. Election and installation will also be held at this meeting.

President Irene White will report on the Department Convention held in Buffalo on July 15, 16 and 17. She and Betty Costigan attended as our Unit delegates. Maud Hafley, Past Department President, also attended the Convention.

Auxiliary sessions were held in the Statler Hilton Hotel beginning Thursday morning. Our girls attended the State Dinner held in the Golden Ballroom of the Statler on Thursday night. Maud also attended the Hospital Workers breakfast held at MacDoel's Restaurant, Friday at 7 a.m. and the Past Presidents' Tea held in the Empire Room of the Statler on Friday at 3 p.m.

Despite the very busy schedule a good time was reported by our "gals".

This will be my Swan Song for *Irene's Corner* and Irene wishes me to thank her "official family" and all who have worked with her on various committees and events during this past year.

We have to start right away saying DUES ARE DUE and payable on or before October 20. Let's everyone make the Membership Chairman's job a bit easier by paying dues NOW. Let's all help so that we may be eligible for a membership citation!

I'll be seeing you.

Chris

## WANT TO HELP?

Any Blanchard member with a pet activity to introduce to the Post should make it known. This can be best done by attending a Post meeting and expressing yourself. Or you might tell your wishes to Commander Costigan or any of the other Post officers. Commander Costigan, except for a few changes, has retained most of the Committee Chairmen of last year. Here there are:

Membership, Vice Commander Merwyn Atwood; Activities, Vice Commander Sidney Kaplan; Special Events, Vice Commander Joseph L. Cannizzaro: Service Officer, Robert Ballentine; Americanism, Charles J. O'Hara; Boys' State, William Hazell; Oratorical, Russell Denegar; Baseball, Richard P. Dalton; Refreshments, Albert Davis; Sick Call and Relief, Hugh Stowers; Resolutions, Judge Advocate George Wenger; Color Guard and Firing Squad, Richard C. Lenseth; U. S. Flag, George Reeber; Back to God Breakfast, William Johnston, Jr.; Graves Registration, Donald Quackenbush; Legion Mountain Camp, Arnold "Bud" Mosmen; Ice Carnival, Fred Stahlhut; Community Relations, Rodger J. Fryer; Indoor Sports Program, Michael J. Norton; Bowling, Lloyd "Barney" Greene; 1040 TIMES, Alexander J. Woehrle.



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There remains a small supply of the covers from last year's introductory step in this effort. Any member interested in securing a supply of the covers for their own children or for any other school children should make their wishes known to any of the Post officers. When our current supply is exhausted a reorder will be sent to the Department Chaplain.

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For the third straight year Blanchard South won the Southern Division Championship. However, we were beaten two straight by Colonie for the County Championship. In our regular season we won fifteen straight, finishing with a record of 15 wins and 0 defeats, with one tie. Two of our games were rained out and our opponents declined to play them off.

In the County Championship, Colonie simply outplayed us. We have no excuses but are looking toward next year.

We had some excellent pitching this year from Scott Sargent, Bill Balfoort, Gary Toomer, John Westervelt and Jim Shea. We had some tough luck this year, losing the hard-hitting Vince Martino for most of the season due to an appendectomy, Scott Sargent for four weeks because of a leg infection, and the team captain and sparkling Chip Estey to the U. S. Naval Academy after seven games.

Boys who finished their Legion careers this year are Jim Shea, Scott Sargent, Gary Toomer, Chip Estey, John Westervelt, and Vince Martino. Coming back next year will be Steven Rogers, Ed Perry, Jim Dynko, Joe Marotta, Bill Balfoort, Frank Crowley, Jim Leonardo, Todd Conklin, and Pat Gabriel.

Many of Blanchard's recent graduates are playing varsity college ball, and quite a few are in the Albany Twilight League, particularly with John Stokoe's club.

It is hoped that next year will be another successful season for Blanchard Post and our sponsor Gallagher's Sports.

> Blanchard South Team Manager, Dick Dalton Coach, Warren Boutelle

This newly formed team ended its season with a 12 and 5 record, tying with Green Island for second place in the Northern Division. Basically, it was the Bethlehem Central Junior Varsity Club, with a few other former Bethlehem Babe Ruth boys "thrown in".

A most pleasant surprise was the pitching of Tom Siciliano, the only boy from any other school other than Bethlehem Central. Tom had an 8 and 1 record, with two other saves in relief and totaled 109 strike-outs. Rick McGoey was also a workhorse, throwing a total of 46 innings, and saved 3 or 4 for Tommy. The overworking of these two was made necessary by a broken ankle to "Bumpy" Vandenburgh (Hondo, of course) after he had thrown and won his first game, chucking no hit ball for five innings.

The leading hitters were Bob Bellizzi, Jim Denham and Rick Dunn, and Craig Herrick had 14 stolen bases in 14 trys.

The only boys leaving the club this year are Tom Siciliano, Joe Tucci and Bill McGoey. Returning is the entire infield of Rick Dunn, Bob Bellizzi, Doug Chesser and Steve Prue, as well as Bruce O'Connell, Dick Gibbs, Gregg Harmon, Craig Van DeCar, Craig Herrick, Jim Denham, Mike Flanigan, "Bumpy" Vandenburgh and Rick McGoey.

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## DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REPORT

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For Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, highlight of the 47th Annual Department of New York Convention at this city on July 14-17, 1965, was the unanimous adoption of a resolution that had its origin at our Post. The resolution expresses support of President Lyndon B. Johnson for his actions relating to Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic.

From the Department Judge Advocate it was learned that at least two other posts from other counties in the Department had similar resolutions. Only the Blanchard resolution, approved and submitted through Albany County was presented by the Convention Resolutions Committee.

Your Post delegates helped to some extent in the Albany County Legion Committee's successful campaign to have the 1966 Department Convention in the City of Albany next summer.

We attended a Third District Caucus at which routine matters were conducted including the election of the new District Commander, Harold Barkhuff of Blanchard Post was among those named delegates to the National American Legion Convention at Portland, Oregon, next month.

The Third District position in the Convention Parade, based on member-ship accomplishment, was the sixth of ten divisions. Our presence helped to bring the District's representation to among the highest in the nearly four-hours long march along Delaware Ave.

Our votes joined the other delegates to unanimously acclaim William E. Egan, Jr., of Westchester County, the Department Commander for 1965-1966.

We express our sincere thanks for the opportunity of being your delegates to this Conventionn.

Respectively submitted, Frank J. Nealon Alexander J. Woehrle

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#### Down the Alley

Bowling League Prexy Barney Greene announces the Blanchard Post bowling season gets underway at Sporthaven at 6:45 p.m., (EDT), Friday, September 17 (which is Constitution Day).

Secretary Charlie Wiley reports all eight teams filled with five members. He has a waiting list to make another team but the alley only has eight lanes (downstairs).

Treasurer Garry Guertze will be on hand to collect and Vice President Bryant McCarthy may be asked to do something about uniforms.

## **OPENER**

"By Gemini," says Vice Commander-Activities Chairman Sid Kaplan, let's get together and dance—right out of this world." That will be on Saturday, September 25 at the Post. For the occasion Bill McGoey and Ray Callagan will be co-chairmen. Jerry Romano and his music makers have been engaged for the event. Dancing starts at 9 p.m. and lasts until 1 a.m. A dollar donation will be asked of the dancers.

This will be the first social event at the Post for the fall season. Co-chairmen Bill and Ray say "come early and bring a group. Choose your own table and you will be set for the evening. We're sure this will be a happy night so that our members and their guests who attend will be anxious to come to our other dances."

## World Series Day

For the annual World Series Day at Blanchard Post, Hank Voorhees is expected to again prove himself an outstanding chairman for this event. At this time the date is uncertain but it's been scheduled for the first Saturday on which the Series is played. For \$2.50 per man, there will be plenty of hot dogs, beer, clams, etc. Servings begin at 1 p.m. The program is still being arranged. By the next issue of the 1040 TIMES we should know the exact date and whatever other plans Hank and Vice Commander-Activities Chairman Sid Kaplan have arranged.

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