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A COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of a program for his administration, Commander Sid Kaplan has announced a continuance of last year's National American Legion campaign to encourage community action toward an orderly society.

To do this he has called upon Americanism Chairman and Past Commander Charles J. O'Hara to guide the program for Blanchard Post.

The first action on the program is the distribution of a bumper strip which has the American Legion emblem and the words, "Maintain Law and Order."

A supply of these strips have been ordered from National Legion headquarters and should soon be available.

Last year Blanchard Post had the pleasure and distinction of reflecting the American Legion's effort in saluting law enforcement officials when it presented Town of Bethlehem Police Chief Pete Fish with a plaque honoring him and the Town's police force for the effective work they have been doing.

When the program was conceived and inaugurated at national headquarters it was not intended to be a "one-shot" affair. It was formulated to continue as an active program. The bumper-strip use is a means of making this a continuing program. "Your acceptance and use of the bumper-strip will serve to express your participation in this Legion activity in the interest of bringing betterment not only to our own community but in whatever area you may drive", say Commander Kaplan and Chairman O'Hara in launching this activity.

Department Convention

Blanchard Delegates to the 49th Department of New York American Legion Convention in July were Commander Sid Kaplan and our own "Mr. American Legion", Harold Barkhuff, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Past Post and Albany County Commander.

Their votes were among the unanimous tally which elected Albany County's Ed Delehanty as our Department leader for the next twelve months. The high respect with which our new State Commander is held is evidenced by the fact this is the second time in a very short while a candidate from Albany County was chosen Department Commander.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Once again with the beginning of school Blanchard Post will distribute book covers imprinted with a non-denominational prayer. This is in keeping with a program initiated three years ago by the Department of New York American Legion. The program followed a Supreme Court decision banning the reading of prayers aloud in public schools.

Americanism Chairman and Past Post Commander Charles J. O'Hara points out "Blanchard Post has participated in this program from the beginning. We are extremely gratified by the generally favorable reaction that has met our effort in distributing these book covers. Like a great portion of the American people many of the residents in our community responded in a manner to leave little doubt where they stand on this matter."

This is the prayer printed on the cover:

"We acknowledge our dependence on Thee, Almighty God, and pray Thee to assist with Thy spirit of counsel and fortitude the leaders of our country. Grant that they may perpetuate to us the blessings of liberty and freedom. Bless our teachers and parents and all the people of our beloved country and may we ever be faithful to Thee. Amen."

The book covers are obtainable at your Post and like last year will be made available through the Delmar and Elsmere branches of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company.

Perry Promises Shirts

For many a year it's been discussed. This year it'll happen. So says Bowling League President Perry Smith. He's talking about bowling shirts for the forty members of the League. The League commences the season at its usual Sporthaven Lanes in Delmar on Friday, September 8. The time is 6:45 p.m.

Secretary Charlie Wiley has contacted all of last year's bowlers and reports only two changes so far. Past Commander George Butman is still recuperating (and making fine progress) and Past Commander Al Greenwood expects a busy work schedule which will keep him away from the game. Treasurer Gary Guertze continues to handle the money matters for the league.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

TUESDAY, September 5 — Post Affairs Committee meets, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, September 18—Mid-monthly Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, September 19 — Blanchard Post Auxiliary meeting, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 23 — "Get Acquainted Night"; Jerry Romano emcee; dancing; refreshments; 9:30

MONDAY, September 25 — Board of Directors meeting, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 28 — County Legion meets (place to be announced).

THE YEAR OF 'CAN DO'

From National American Legion headquarters we are advised this is the third straight year of membership growth. Here in Blanchard Post we can attest to the correctness of this statement. With the highest membership roll in the Post's history we look ahead to the fiftieth anniversary of the American Legion in 1968.

The theme for this coming Legion year is "Can Do". Charged with the responsibility of "Can Doing" is our 1968 Membership Chairman and Vice Commander, William J. Campbell.

By next month Bill will have sent out the initial dues notices. As the re-newals come in and the new memberships come in he'll be issuing the 1968 American Legion Membership Card.

This year you'll recognize a new type of card that has really been streamlined in keeping with the new machine age. Its format is intended to make the work of the membership chairman at all levels, and especially at the Post, easier. But the way to make his work easiest is to respond to your first dues notice and get your \$7.50 to the Post.

Besides having the highest membership ever in our Post history, it's near 760, Blanchard has attained the distinction of becoming the second largest of Albany County's 30 posts.

If you've moved and wonder why the AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE has not been coming you should know it takes up to 60 days to change an address at national headquarters. We can do slightly better, we think, with the TEN FORTY TIMES.

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Auxiliary President's Corner

September 19—Tuesday—8:00 p.m. a date to remember. It's the first meeting of the Auxiliary, the beginning of an eventful and enjoyable year. Let's all be active participants in this worthwhile community organization. In this time of national dissension we should be our strongest in stressing all that is Americanism. We have 176 members doing so. Won't you be a participant for the betterment of community, state and nation? JOIN US each third Tuesday of the month at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post.

The meeting will be preceded by a a covered dish supper beginning at 6:30 under the chairmanship of Zen Campbell. Please bring your favorite gourmet specialty, either hot or cold, and your own place setting and silverware. Rolls, butter, dessert and coffee will be provided. For those working or otherwise pressed for time, a small donation of \$1.00 is usually offered. This is an opportune time to invite a friend, a perspective member, and introduce her to the Auxiliary at this social affair.

During the business meeting President Helen Reynolds will report on the activities at the Annual Department Convention held in Buffalo, July 26 through the 29. She, along with Betty Costigan and Maud Hafley, both past presidents of the Auxiliary and Maud a past Department President also, were our representatives. At the convention Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy of Brooklyn was elected Department President.

President Helen also announced the Standing Committee Chairmen for this

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Would you like to make somebody happy. Then be an 'early bird' and send your dues, \$3.50, to Zen Campbell our Membership Chairman, before the October dateline. Checks and money orders should be payable to Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary and mailed to Mrs. William J. Campbell, 264 Kenwood Ave., Elsmere, New York 12054.

Edna Rooney sends an S.O.S. out to all gals interested in bowling. A league is starting Monday, September 11, 9:00 p.m. at Del Lanes. Whether you're a potential 300'er or a novice to the game come along for fun and relaxation. You do not have to be a member of the Auxiliary to join the league. Call Edna now, 439-5279, so she can place you on a team.

A special thank you to Zen Campbell who wrote this column for the past two years. Has she retired? Definitely not! Just check the repetition of her name in this column. This vivacious gal is going on to accomplish more. Thank you, Zen.

Marcia

Sick Call

We're hopeful by the time you read this full recovery will have come to Art Ouinn and he'll be back at his familiar station behind the bar at our Post. In July while off for a brief vacation up in New Hampshire with his family Art was suddenly stricken with an attack of gall stones. After local hospitalization he was brought back to Albany VA Hospital for an operation.

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FAMILY STEAK ROAST A GREAT AFFAIR

The first big social event of Commander Sid Kaplan's Legion year occurred last month. It was a Steak Roast at Sunny Acres in the Town of Bethlehem. A Sunday afternoon and evening affair, it attracted over two hundred. Statistically, there were consumed 250 steaks, sixty pounds each of hot dogs and hamburgers, 300 ears of corn, and lots of beer, soda, and other delicious eatables and drinkables.

There was a softball game between the Legion dads and their sons. The sons, it is reported were gentle to their elders and let them win.

The success of the program is due to the untiring effort of Vice Commander Walter Van Wormer. His chief aides were Jack Sullivan and Maury Maskin with assists from Bob Rosenfield and Bob Smith, Pierce Green, Fred Grasser, Ollie Palmer, Bill Mitchell, Joe Phillips, Bill Steraney, and Ed Costigan.

Junior helpers were Wally Erlichman's sons, Jim and Joe. Among the ladies who helped on the committee were Irene Van Wormer, Betty Costigan and Ann Carroll.

For publicizing the affair credit goes to Publicity Chairman Bill McGoey.

"The success of these social affairs," says Commander Sid, "and our programs for national and local service is only accomplished by a group effort by our very active membership. It is a pleasure to belong to an American Legion Post where the people work together for the benefit of all."

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At Ease

In the interest of improving the comfort of our members and their guests at the Post bar we have eighteen new bar stools with leather seats and comfortable high backs. These and the recently acquired new colored-TV set in the airconditioned downstairs lounge helped to lessen the summer swelter. Plaudits for shopping and acquiring the stools go to Board of Director member Gus Williams who was assisted by Fred Grasser and helping them with uncrating and putting the chairs in shape were Bill Alwell, Red Kernahan, and Pierce Green.

COMMITTEES

Commander Sid Kaplan has named the following committees and their chairman for this year.

Americanism	
Back to God	
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Oratorical Contest Russell Denegar
Publicity William J. McGoey
Refreshments at Meetings Al Davis
Sick Call & Relief Hugh Stowers
United Nations John F. Bidell

"Most of these chairmen", says Commander Sid "are continuing the job they have done so well in the past. We can count on them for they are dedicated Legionnaires. To help them with their committee work we want to encourage the junior as well as the senior members of our Post to get interested in these committee activities. Anyone so inclined toward a certain committee, or an idea for a new activity has only to make his views known to the committee chairman or an officer of the Post and we'll go on from there."

HEARD 'ROUND TOWN

The playful, middle-aged wolf sidled up to the brunette. "Where have you been all my life?" he asked.

Turning to him coolly, she replied, "Well, for the first half of it, I wasn't born."

A farmer, used to driving in his village where only one traffic light existed, came to the city and was stopped by a red signal. He looked both ways—then continued through. A policeman stepped from nowhere, asking, "What's the idea of going through the red light?"

"Why," replied the farmer, "we always do that in Happyville if nobody's using the green."

Another farmer asked a veterinarian for some free advice. "I have a horse that sometimes walks normal and at other times has a decided limp. What shall I do?"

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

"Sound off!"

Many opinions have been expressed among us concerning our Post meeting room. Criticisms include "too small, "too hot," "too drab!"

The point is to not merely criticize but to get something done. The best place to start to get things done is at the Post meetings. If you're of the opinion something should be done on the matter of the Post meeting room—or some other issue — then you should come to the Post meetings and "Sound off!"

> Sid Kaplan Commander

AL WOEHRLE ELECTED CO. VICE COMMANDER

Sponsored by Blanchard Post its past commander, Alexander J. Woehrle was elected an Albany County Vice Commander at the County Legion meeting in June. Albany County Legion arranges for its three vice-commanders to share the City of Albany, northern Albany County and southern Albany County for which Al is responsible. With Blanchard Post there are five other posts that come within his jurisdiction. They are Clarke-White Post No. 589 in Rensselaerville, Coeymans Post No. 177, Helderberg Post No. 997 in Altamont, Ravena Post No. 114 and Voorheesville Post No. 1493.

Woehrle is serving under Albany County Commander Emil Vanderkruik from Voorheesville Post who has served on many County Legion committees and last year was County Adjutant.

Blanchard Post will be host to the Albany County Legion at the County's pre-winter meeting which occurs in late November.

Season's Opener

A social event to launch Blanchard Post's 1967 fall season takes place at the Post on Saturday, September 23. Activities Chairman and Vice Commander Walter Van Wormer bills it as a "Get Acquainted Dance". For the new-comers to the Post this is just the thing to break the ice and meet the rest of the gang.

Jerry Romano will emcee the occasion and with his singing and the dance music he's providing it will enter another round of festivities for which Blanchard Post is so well known.

In a tribute to our Commander which will be shared by all who attend the function there will be a midnight snack to include pastromi on rye with a kosher dill fresh from the Jewish Delicatessen.

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1967 BLANCHARD POST BASEBALL

Once again Blanchard Post has completed a successful season on the baseball field. The record this year was 12 wins—3 losses and two ties (both with Coeymans). We led the league all season and lost out to Green Island in the last week, dropping a 5-4 game to a fighting Scully Post team, and then losing a 2-1 battle to our old enemy — Fort Orange. Green Island went on to win the Third District championship at Bleecker Stadium and then lost a real tough game to the fourth District champs from Plattsburgh.

This year Blanchard Post went back to one team. This was due to lack of enough candidates to fill two rosters. However, there were more than enough for one team — which made it necessary to cut the squad. This is the most distasteful item in Legion baseball for me. When a boy wants to play baseball and has some ability, it really is difficult to tell him that you can't use him.

Even though we lost one team we retained both of our sponsors. Brian Gallagher the sporting goods man, and Doc Brownell, the real estate and insurance tycoon both were behind us 100%. A note of appreciation here to both these gentlemen for their contributions and interest in our program.

The 1967 team were a fine group of boys — no prima donnas, and all in all a very co-operative bunch. When the season opened we had several question marks, but the team clicked right from the start, getting timely hitting and some excellent pitching from a young staff. Our high point was our first game with Green Island, which we won 7-0. A slight batting slump in the last week was the cause of our downfall, but still Green Island's fighting comeback should not be over-looked.

We are losing at least six players from this year's club and they will be missed. However, our younger players developed rapidly through the season and should be raring to go in 1968. In addition the Bethlehem Babe Ruth League has an outstanding crop of 15 year olds waiting to get into Legion ball. Once again, I'll use that old Brooklyn refrain — "Wait till next year."

Our 1967 roster included: Tom Arnstein, Bob Bellizzi, Tom Byron, Dave Chenault, Jack Dalton, Mike Flanigan, Keith Furlong, Pat Gabriel, Ed Kleinke, Jim Laffey, Ken Levy, Steve Peters, Rich Plass, Steve Prue, Tony Tuzzolo, Craig Vandecar.

Thanks are also due to coaches Warren Boutelle and Don Estey.

Dick Dalton Chairman

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To relieve the "duress" under which your Post paper is being edited it will help if someone will come forward to take over the editorship or perhaps share it

Taps

This past summer brought us the loss through death of Blanchard Legionnaires Howard Bruso, John Burton and Charles Walsh. Legionnaire Walsh only recently joined our Post.

Close Call

Past Commander William Segur and his wife, Avis, and another couple escaped wet but generally unharmed last month while boating in the Hudson River in Bill's cruiser, Camelot, which suddenly caught fire and exploded. Cruising up-stream, Bill and his companions suddenly noticed a flash fire. They dove into the river moments before the explosion. Able swimmers the foursome swam to a nearby yacht which brought them to the Tri-City Yacht Club in Coeymans.

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The Committee had its start in the fall of 1965 at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion. In a short time the Committee had many of the Town's church, civic, veteran, fraternal, and volunteer fire organizations participating.

To date no women from the Town of Bethlehem have been reported in Viet Nam. The list of men has grown to thirtythree. The names of sixty men have been entered and removed from the Committee's list.

The work of the Committee is divided up so that each month a member organization is assigned the work of a shopping, packaging and mailing a parcel to each man on the list. The mailing address labels have been donated as are some of the contents of the packages. Cash contributions from the Committee's organization as well as personal contributions keeps the Committee financed. Contributions have also come from parents of the lads on the Committee's list as well as from some of the men for whom the Committee is functioning.

A special event by the Committee of last year can be expected to be repeated. That is a meeting to which the parents of those men in Viet Nam are invited. At the last session the parents of half the men then on the Committee's list attended.

Names are added to the list as they become known to the Committee through publication or from parents or friends of those on duty in Viet Nam. The Committee maintains a list of the men serving in Viet Nam on a bulletin board in the lobby of the Delmar Post Office.

The Committee served a specific usefulness this past summer when "Action Line", in the Albany KNICKERBOCKER NEWS, replied to a writer seeking the names of service-men in Viet Nam to whom to write letters. As a result a score of persons who wrote to the Committee were supplied with names.

Committee plans for the coming year will be discussed at its up-coming organizational meeting, Thursday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Blanchard Post.

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G. I. LOAN PROGRAM FOR KOREAN VETS

Public Law 87-84, approved on July 6, 1961, provides for an extension of eligibility for loan benefits for veterans of the Korean War to January 31, 1975. The maximum date is inclusive. It is subject to a formula used in computing the individual terminal date for loan benefits for each veteran. Under the formula, each Korean War veteran has ten years of basic eligibility from the date of discharge or release from his last period of active, any part of which occurred during war-time, plus one year of eligibility for each three months of active war-time military duty, but not to exceed the maximum terminal date for the individual veteran. Korean War veterans' eligibility began to expire on January 31, 1965, and every day since that date, eligibility expires for many

G.I. loan entitlement of many veterans was increased as a result of a change in the VA's method of computing the duration of a veteran's entitlement. Credit is now allowed for the "extra days" in the veteran's period of qualifying active military duty over and above the number of whole ninety (90) day period of such active duty. The credit amounts to four (4) days of eligibility for each such extra day. Each eligible Korean War veteran has and will continue to have ten (10) years of eligibility from the date of discharge from the last period of qualifying active duty, plus one (1) additional year for each ninety (90) days of active duty. The extra days in excess of the whole number of ninety (90) day periods, heretofore disregarded, will now be considered.

The change was effective December 30, 1966. The basic requirements for G. I. loan eligibility have not changed. The new rule will not revive expired eligibility, unless it produces a future expiration date, nor will it extend the maximum terminal dates of eligibility. No Korean War veteran will be eligible after January 31, 1975.

The G. I. loan benefit is a valuable asset, and no veteran should use his entitlement until he is sure he has a good buy and the financial ability to keep up the loan payments. The G. I. loan is not a gift—it must be repaid by the veteran. If he does not do so, and the VA has to pay the lender, then the veteran will owe the U. S. Government the amount which it has paid out for him. The veteran should be sure, then, that the loan will be a benefit and not a burden.

Korean War veterans may obtain a G. I. loan to purchase a home, a farm, or business. An appraisal of the property or business will have to be made. It should be remembered, then that the VA appraisal report can indicate only a price which is reasonable for the veteran to pay for the property at the time an appraisal is made. It cannot indicate whether the purchase is wise or unwise, or

what the resale value may be at some future time, or whether, in the case of a farm or business loan, the veteran can repay the loan from earnings of the farm or business. Advice concerning the possibilities of conducting a successful farming operation can be secured from the county agricultural extension agent in the county where the farm is located, and the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau should be consulted for advice concerning business ventures.

G.I. loan applications must be received by the VA on or before the terminal date of the veteran's entitlement. It is important, therefore, that the veteran obtain a certificate of eligibility so he will know when his entitlement expires. He can then make sure the lender knows his terminal date and that the lender submits the loan application to the VA before the deadline. The fact that a veteran has obtained a certificate of eligibility, or signed a contract to purchase a home, farm, or business before his entitlement expired does not meet the requirements of the law. The VA must have the application before the entitlement expiration

State veteran counselors, and veterans' service agency directors, located in every county in the state, are available for assistance in helping the veteran obtain a certificate of eligibility.

There are two types of guaranteed farm loans. The first is somewhat like a farm-business loan. The veteran can purchase farm equipment and machinery for farming operations or land on which to conduct farm operations, or both. In such cases, he need not live on the farm but must actively supervise the farming operations. It must be established in these cases that the farming venture has a reasonable likelihood for success. This type of farm loan can only be made with a guaranteed loan from a private lender.

The second type of farm loan permits the purchase of a farm and a farm residence which is to be occupied by the veteran personally as his home. He may or may not conduct farming operations. If farming operations are to be the primary source of the borrower's income, then it must be established that the venture has a reasonable likelihood of success. If the veteran plans to use the residence but has a source of income, other than the farm, which will be the primary source of income, then the farming operations need not be considered.

A G. I. farm real-estate loan may be made for a period of up to forty years, while a G. I. home or business loan may be made for up to thirty years under the law. Interest is at the rate of six percent.

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