



Ten Forty Times

DELMAR, NEW YORK



SEVENTEENTH YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1972

NEW COMMANDER



Mike Mele accepts the gavel from Harold Barkhuff as Past Commander Robert Smith looks on with approval.

REMINDER #1

September 13—Annual Golf Day Outing
Ray Calagan is the chairman for this "bash" and asked us to remind you to sign up for this activity and help him make this affair a success.

Prizes and roast beef dinner are included for the lowly price of \$20.00. This includes open bar, 5 till 7 p.m.; tee off time 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We urge you to sneak down to the Post Bar and get signed up now—for once this news hits the streets, you may get trampled in the stampede.

A CALL FOR HELP

A few weeks ago all American Legion members received by mail a plea for contributions to help relieve the suffering and damages caused by Hurricane Agnes. Each of us should "dig down" and send a check to the following:

305 Hall of Records
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Old Timers To Be Honored

Blanchard Post would like to honor its long-time members. At a meeting in late fall or early winter, time will be set aside for honoring our veteran members.

In order to make this effort a success, we must have the cooperation of the long term members involved.

Commander Mele has asked Bob Smith to try to obtain a list of old timers and their length of Legion membership. In order to aid Bob in his job, please tell him personally, drop him a card, give him a call or leave a notice with Artie stating your name and years of membership. We are primarily interested in the members with 20 or more years of continuous membership. Please give us your cooperation as that is the only way this program can be successful in honoring those members deserving of recognition.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 5 — Post Affairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting 8:30 p.m.

Sept. 13—Golf Day

Sept. 21—Saratoga Race Night

Sept. 23—New Orleans Night
Dinner Dance

*Regular meeting every first and third
Monday of each month at 8 p.m.*

*Board of Directors Meeting fourth
Monday of each month at 8 p.m.*

ANNUAL CALENDAR POST ACTIVITIES • 1972-73

Sept. 13—Golf Day

21—Saratoga

23—New Orleans Night
Dinner Dance

Oct. 14 — Sports Day

21—Italian Night Dinner Dance

Nov. 11—All International Night
Dinner Dance

Dec. 9—Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance

17—Egg Nog Party

23—Childrens' Christmas Party

31—New Year's Eve Party
Dinner Dance

Jan. 13—20 Week Club Party
Dinner Dance

20—German Night Dinner Dance

Feb. 3—Indoor Sport Day

10—Valentine's Day Party
Dinner Dance

Mar. 15—Back-to-God Breakfast
Family Sunday

17—St. Patrick's Party
Dinner Dance

Apr. 7—Welcome Spring Party
Dinner Dance

21—Past Commanders Party
Dinner Dance

May 25—Installation of Officers
30—Memorial Day Parade

Book Covers

Charlie O'Hara tells us that text book covers are available. (That should make the kids real happy.) Book covers may be obtained at the four bank offices in Elsmere and Delmar.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By MARCIA TURNER

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 Sergeant-at-Arms Ruth Burns
 Historian Patricia Havill

Congratulations ... to our new President Lenore Smith and her staff of officers, may you have a very successful year.

... to our retiring President, Barbara Palmer and her officers on a successful year.

... to our Past President Helen Reynolds, who became the Albany County Chairman in June. We are proud of you.

The best of everything to you all!

Hope everyone had a good summer and are all rested up for another busy year in Blanchard Auxiliary.

The committee chairmen for the year are as follows:

Americanism Norrine Cooke
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 Past President Parley..... Barbara Palmer
 Refreshments: Ruth Burns, Joan Stowers
 Veterans Affairs (Rehabilitation)
 Barbara Palmer

Our activities begin on Wednesday, Sept. 13, with a retirement dinner for Barbara Palmer. The dinner will be held at Tall Timbers Country Club. Those wishing to attend should contact Maud Hafley for reservations.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19 a covered dish supper will precede our meeting. Husbands of Auxiliary members are invited to attend, and hear Laurie Vaughn, 1972 Girls Stater, and David Hotaling, 1972 Boys Stater, speak of their experiences while attending these schools.

October 3 will be our Fall Card Party, with fashions from The Fashion Wheel.

Chairman Laura Howard has announced that Auxiliary members will model. Any members with a book of trading stamps are asked to donate them. They will be used to buy door prizes.

Up-coming happenings to watch for:

October 17..... regular business meeting
 November 21..... regular business meeting
 December 19..... Christmas Party

President Lenore would like to express her thanks and appreciation to the following—Norrine and Esther Cooke, Joan Stowers, Maud Hafley, Marcia Turner, Chris Barkhuff, Della Brady, Barbara Palmer, May Smith, Mary Spencer, Bette Smith, Mrs. Gleason (Maurie Flanigan's mother) and Ethel Wood, for answering the call for the March of Dimes for volunteers to address, stuff and seal envelopes. We were able to complete 1425 envelopes.

Also Lenore reminds us that the time for renewing your membership is approaching. Dues are still \$3.50. Why not plan to attend the September 19th meeting and get your new card from Della Brady, our membership chairman? She will be glad to issue you one, or a check payable to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Unit 1040, may be sent to Mrs. John Brady: 1 Ellsworth Place, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

During the summer we were sorry to hear of Kathryn Bender, "Tootie" Flint, Agnes Day, Marcella Gorman being confined to hospitals. We sincerely hope all are now on the road to recovery.

So long for now,
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Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you... because it is about you and me.

I recall some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that the hand was directly over his heart... do you remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart... remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old Flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of yesteryear.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting... they don't seem to know who I am... I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anybody else with hats off, so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been?... Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and now Vietnam? Take a look at the Memorial Honor Roll sometime, of those who never came back to keep this Republic free. One Nation under God... when you salute me, you are actually saluting them!

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again so, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart... and I'll salute you, by waving back... and I'll know that you remembered!

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REMINDER #2

SEPTEMBER 21 is "1040"
SARATOGA RACE NIGHT

Tickets are \$10.50 per person and include the bus ride and admission to the track. Busses leave from the Post at 6 p.m. sharp. All members wishing to go should get in touch with Bill McGoe.

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Lenore Smith, newly installed President of Blanchard Unit, receives the gavel from Past Department President Maud Hafley, as retiring Unit President Barbara Palmer smiles with approval.

REMINDER #3

The Editorial Staff for this publication would like to remind all members (especially the chairmen for the various committees) that we welcome all news items and pictures (black and white).

This material can be left at the Post Bar and must be submitted by the 12th day of the month in order to reach the printer by the 15th.

Hard Work—No Pay

The Post is again putting out the word for volunteer help. Starting out another year, we need willing and able bodies, to assist in the kitchen, dining room, at parties, etc. Let Ken Havill or Art Quinn, Commander Mike Mele, or anyone, know you're interested. Hard work, no pay, no taxes. We may charge you 1/30th of \$5 for the use of the lot, that's all!

SOME INTERESTING 'STATS'

Current Average Age of Living Veterans

Spanish American War	92.0 years
World War I	76.6 years
World War II	51.6 years
Korean Conflict	42.0 years
Vietnam Era	27.1 years

No. of Participants, Death in Service and Living Veterans

Spanish American War:	
Participants	392,000
Death in Service	11,000
Living Veterans	4,000
World War I:	
Participants	4,744,000
Death in Service	116,000
Living Veterans	1,368,000
World War II:	
Participants	16,535,000
Death in Service	406,000
Living Veterans	14,240,000
Korean Conflict:	
Participants	6,807,000
Death in Service	55,000
Living Veterans	5,904,000
Vietnam Era:	
Participants	8,184,000
Death in Service	87,000
Living Veterans	5,457,000

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Ken Burns Fred Buker

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Bud Mosmen Vern Eagan

John Haker, President
Larry Monette, Treas.
Milt Andres, Sec'y

Bowling Starts Friday, Sept. 8

THE EXTRA FRAME

... and off we go on 9/8/72 at 6:45 and all wondering what team we'll be on & the Duster wondering what new guys he'll have to pick on ... New Officers, ya ask—but right on, man! President, John 'The Seaman' HAKER; Vice President, Bill 'The Champion' MITCHELL; Secretary, Milt 'The 700 Man' ANDRE; and Treasurer, Larry 'Sure-Shot' MONETTE ... Hi-Average 71-72 Ron UNSER with 183; Hi-Single Ollie PALMER with 256; Hi-Triple Milt ANDRE with 687; Winning Team and recipients of individual trophies donated by Ron Unser—Artillery composed of Capt. ANDRE, Hank RISTAU, Jack BRADY, Al PUGLIESE, Joe CUMMINGS; the Most Improved Bowler, Hughie STOWERS who's average rose 13 points in a year; High-Low Winners: Team of Hank RISTAU and Al PUGLIESE; Triple: Al PUGLIESE a 584; Single: George BUTMAN at 222 ... and have you heard about???? ... a 4th of July Picnic at 78 Hudson and our esteemed Color Guard and Firing Squad Captain—that super patriot Don SMITH giving out with 'Rule Britannia' followed by 'Scotland The Brave,' 'The Marseilles,' 'Leichtensteiner Polka.' Me thinks the U.S.A. got shut out? Never! Those Caissons Came Rolling Along!!! ... and it's always good to see Vi and Steve MAYZEL and with Earl COOPER at the Post on a Friday night ... thought the Duster was kaput? Well, they took a vote—277 votes say the Duster must go!

3 votes say keep the Duster. *BUT* 275 of the go votes contained foul language so were declared null and void. The Duster therefore stays by a landslide vote of 3 to 2! Thank you for the vote of confidence! ... and a nice coupla couples that brighten up the Post are Bud and Muffie KREIDLER with John and Barb HORNBERGER ... (Take that, you Whiteface Mountaineer!) ... Heard that Artie BLANCHARD refers to Brother Bill BLANCHARD as Straight Arrow! Huh? ... and I tell you a guy who's some new member recruiter and worker. That is John VOGEL, our distinguished County Delegate, that's who! ... Remember, it takes one to get one—new members that is. Call Ken BURNS 439-4548 or give the name or application to Art QUINN. Who wants new members? WE DO. The more the better! ... and I tell youse gud people that Ed KORP deserves one big round of applause for many reasons, but I'm thinking of the fine job Ed did with our Color Guard and Firing Squad ... and ask Joan if it's true that Hughie STOWERS is so proud of the M.I.B. belt buckle he won that he wears a belt on his pajamas!!! ... I tell you that Ted LOHREY is right on for Blanchard Post on a Friday night ... and a nice going to Matt KLAPP and all the other ham radio operators for their fine work during the recent floods ... and you can mention CAMPBELL, VOGEL, BURNS, GENTNER—talkin' about the Legion? No way, man! We're talkin' about the Fraim's Carpets baseball team in the Tri Village Little League, that's who! ... and that Helen KEMNITZER just hasta have a magic touch! ... that Betty and Pierce GREEN are sure a nice, pleasant couple ... and I betcha two shilling and a hae-penny that Diana and Bill McKEOUGH could give any couple a run for their money at shuffleboard! ... and what a nice thing Jane and Bill ALWELL did when they made a lad very happy with that set of youth's golf clubs ... (Hello, Marie SMITH! Just wanted to see if you were reading my column.) ... and ask Ed AHERN to see that novel, very functional bizness card of his! ... and where has that rascal Bill McGOEY been lately? ... ask Giff LANTZ if that 18th hole at Cordial Greens isn't 2950 thousand yards long on those hot, humid summer days (daze would be more like it!) ... and a man who can show yez how to shorten golf clubs is big Al DAVIS, the Pro! ... ya think bartenders don't get stumped? Jack BRADY had 'em guessing at the bowling banquet. He asked for a Presbyterian and a Catholic ... and as Grandpappy Jones sez "school busing is awful. Imagine busing them

poor old schools all over the countryside" ... Give us a glance in October and remember, "Oft you do right that you hear never! Once you do wrong that you hear ever!"

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A SPECIAL THANKS FOR YEAR 1971-1972

I think a word of thanks is in order to the following people for the great work they performed in the 1971-72 season. Many others deserve thanks, but the list would be endless. So to each chairman and member "thanks," for without you there is nothing.

ROBERT SMITH—your immediate Past Commander. Bob conducted Post meetings and Post Affairs meetings. He also attended County meetings and Board of Directors meetings and was liaison between Post members and Post affairs and Board of Directors.

PHIL LEE—Past Chairman, Board of Directors. Phil directed the Board of Directors' monthly meetings and was responsible for all Post business.

MIKE MELE—Past Vice Commander; presently Post Commander. Mike was in charge of the 20 Week Club and also handled records, prizes and the 20 Week Dinner Dances. In case someone doesn't know, the 20 Week Club is for benefit of the Building Fund.

HANK VOORHEES—Past Vice Commander and Activities Chairman. This job is a very difficult one. Hank had to secure chairmen for each of the annual functions throughout the year, check on menus, music, help, etc., etc., and when not too busy Hank would pitch in and do some of the cooking.

JOE CUMMINGS—Past Vice Commander—in charge of Post membership, acquiring new members, dues, etc. This chap also doubled on the bar and cooked in the kitchen.

KEN BURNS—Past Adjutant. Ken attended all Post meetings and recorded all business taking place. He also doubled in writing the Bowling News, and believe me, did a beautiful job.

DAN G. LANTZ—Past Finance Officer. Dan put in many, many hours keeping our books straight. He is the fellow who pays the bills and mortgage and acts as a go-between for the Post Affairs and Board of Directors.

There are so many people involved that should be thanked, but to boil it down to each and every member—"thanks," for without you, there would be nothing.

NEW ORLEANS NIGHT

New Orleans Night (September 23rd) will soon be upon us once again. If my memory serves me right, last year was a real blast. However, Ken Havill promises me that this year's New Orleans Night will make last year's look like a prayer meeting.

Tickets will be for sale at the Bar and will be based on a first come, first served basis. So, to help get the season started right, get your tickets early and avoid the last minute rush.

BILL CAMPBELL—Past House Chairman. Bill was responsible for the Bar and all outside activities such as weddings, banquets, etc.

GEORGE REEBER—Past Flag Chairman and Advertising Manager for the 1040 TIMES. What a tough job—getting new ads, renewing old ones, and of course, keeping up with the Flags on Memorial Day and other occasions.

DON SMITH—In charge of the Color Guard. Don made sure our Color Guard and Firing Squad looked sharp—and they did!

JACK BRADY—Past Sergeant-at-Arms. Jack saw to it that the Colors were in their proper position at each meeting.

GUS WILLIAMS—Acted as a Maintenance Man in and out of the Post—sometimes I think this was a sideline to his real job of being Chairman of Italian Night. Nice job, Gus.

ART QUINN—Art is our Senior Super Mixologist. He is our Steward and also a great help in collecting money and dispensing of tickets as well as making reservations for all social functions. By the way—he makes a helluva drink to boot.

ED KORP was Editor of 1040 TIMES. He did a great job of getting our publication out on time and keeping our Post informed of activities. His "Did You Know" column was appreciated by all.

ERNIE GALL—Baseball Chairman and Manager in charge of the Blanchard Post team, had a great team that went right up to the semi-finals. But Ernie says, "Wait till next year!"

LADIES AUXILIARY did a wonderful job last year. Without their help in the Post functions, things would have been very difficult. Right, Bill Campbell?

20 Week Club

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