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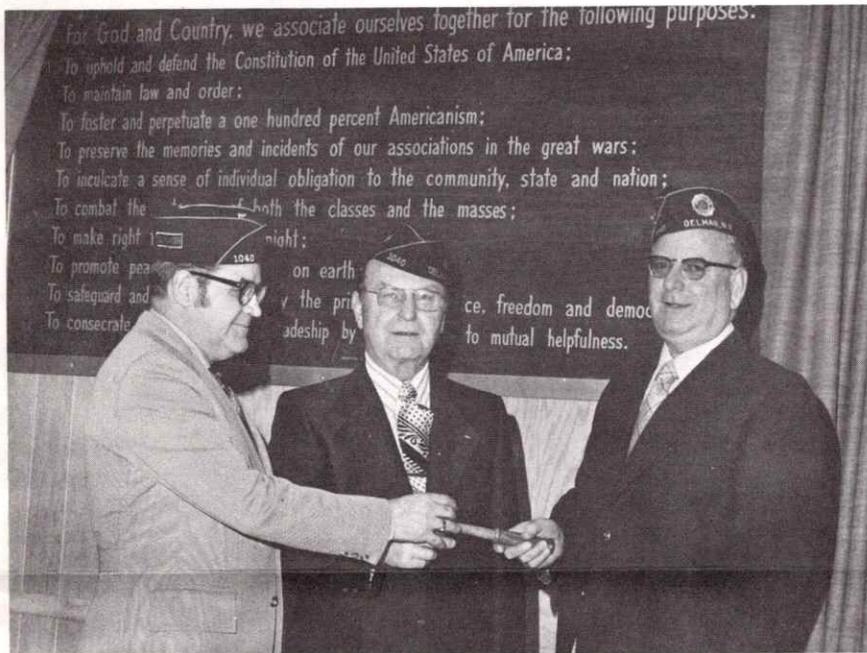


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SEPTEMBER 1973

OUR NEW COMMANDER



Once again we come to that time of year when The American Legion Post 1040 starts its 1973-74 season. In the picture above we see our new Commander, Merwyn Atwood, accepting the gavel from the current past Commander, Mike Mele, as Installation Officer Bertram Kohinke, looks on. We offer Commander Atwood our congratulations and hope for him and his staff a successful reign.

NICE GOING!

Manager Ernie Gall of the Blanchard Post American Legion Baseball Team and his coaches, Gene Usher and Joe Caruso, proudly announce their team came in second place in the 1973 Albany County League. By beating Voorheesville two games to one and Fort Orange likewise, Blanchard won the Albany County Championship. All Tri-Village boys on this year's team played J.V. and Varisity for Bethlehem Central High School. The team finished the season at 14 and 4.

The top pitcher was Jeff Young with a 5-0 record. Pete Toohey had 5-1 and Shawn Fitzgerald had 4-3. Left-fielder Gary Maher led the team in batting with a neat .450 average. The rest of the roster is as follows:

- Dan Barclay Infield
- Dick Brewster Outfield
- Steve Caruso Outfield
- Bill Donlon Third Base
- Jim Flynn Outfield
- Pete Flynn First Base
- Ken Gall Catcher
- Mark Kerrigan Infield
- Glen Palmer Infield/Outfield
- Kent Sellner Infield
- John Terko Shortstop
- Bill Toffenetti Outfield
- Mike Usher Second Base

Many thanks to Russ Denegar and Rudy Toffenetti for handling the score book and to all the parents and Legion members for their loyal support and Blanchard Post for their financial support.

Ernie Gall

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sept. 4—Regular meeting 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 12—Golf Day
- Sept. 15—New Orleans Night Din/Dan
- Regular monthly meetings every first and third Monday at 8:30 p.m.
- Board of Directors meeting every fourth Monday of each month at 8 p.m.
- Albany County Meetings:
See October issue for time and place

ANNUAL CALENDAR

- Sept. 12 Golf Day
- Sept. 15 New Orleans Night
- Oct. 13 Sports Day
- Oct. 20 Italian Night Dinner Dance
- Nov. 3 20 Week Dinner Dance
- Nov. 17 International Night Din/Dan
- Dec. 8 Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- Dec. 16 Egg Nog Party
- Dec. 22 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 19 German Night Dinner Dance
- Feb. 2 Indoor Sports Day
- Feb. 16 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
- Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Day Din/Dan
- Mar. 24 Back-to-God Breakfast
- Apr. 6 Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
- Apr. 20 Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
- May 24 Installation of Officers
- May 27 Memorial Day Parade

OUR ADVERTISERS - THE NAMES TO GO BUY

New Orleans Night

October 15 is the first dinner dance affair for the coming 1973 season. This dance is being chaired by Ken Havill and he promises us a fine dinner and wonderful music for dancing which will follow. Please make life a little easier for these people and buy your tickets early. They may be purchased at the bar or call Ken Havill or Ollie Palmer.

Pro Football

We have 40 tickets for the New England Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins game on October 28. This will be a men's only bus. Tickets are \$20.00 which covers game, bus and beer. Bus leaves Post at 8 a.m. The first 40 paid will go. See Bill Campbell. B.C.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

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Congratulations to our new President Della Brady and her officers. May they have a prosperous and successful year.

Our grateful thanks to retiring President, Lenore Smith and her staff for a job well done.

Congratulations also to our past President, Barbara Palmer who is Albany County Corresponding Secretary this year.

Our fall season will start Tuesday, Sept. 19 with a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Rooms. All members and their husbands are invited to attend, and immediately following to hear our Girl's Stater, Anita Abolins, and the Post's Boy's Stater, Daniel H. Craig tell us of their experiences at each of their respective gatherings this past June. Each Auxiliary member attending is reminded to bring a covered dish and place settings for herself and her husband. At the conclusion of the talks, the Auxiliary will have their first business meeting of the fall season.

Monday night, Sept. 24, the Stardust Restaurant in Schenectady will be the setting for a retirement dinner for our Junior Past President, Lenore Smith. General Chairman for the affair is Barbara Palmer, assisted by Ruth Burns in charge of reservations, and decorations provided by Marcia Turner and Marcia Rosenfield. If you are not contacted and wish to attend, please call Ruth Burns, 439-4548.

To wind up the month of September, on Saturday the 29th, we are having a Harvest Hoe Down at Post Rooms with round and square dancing to the music of Ray Jones Tune Toppers. At 7:30 p.m. a buffet will be served, followed by dancing from 9 to 1. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and reservations must be made with Barbara Whitney, 439-1057. Tickets are limited to 200 and all reserved tickets must be paid for and picked up by Friday, Sept. 21. The committee for this gala affair is Barbara Whitney, Wanda Whitney, Barbara Selig, Lynn Cummings, Dorothy Lantz and Betty Worden.

A special reminder: Dues are Due and Membership Chairman Marcia Turner will be on

hand at the September meeting to collect same and issue new membership cards, or you may send them to Marcia Turner, 6 Bedell Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054, making all checks payable to N. A. Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040.

The stork was kept busy in July—proud parents being Marcia and Bob Rosenfield with a new daughter and Shirley and Ray LeMoy with a new son.

Agnes Day now recuperating from surgery. Do you know of any Auxiliary member who is ill, in the hospital, or has had a death in her family? Have you sent cards of any type, flowers, given a gift to an Auxiliary member or visited a hospitalized member? If so, please let our Chaplain, Barbara Palmer, know of them as all of this is included on the monthly Chaplain's report.

Thanks

A new year has just begun for the Auxiliary. As Jr. Past President, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank those who supported me this past year. The success of any organization depends upon the cooperation of its members. Each one of our members has contributed something in her own special way.

I would particularly like to thank my officers and those who were committee chairmen. Having just attended the Department Convention where reports were given on the outstanding work performed by Units throughout the state, we should be proud that we are associated with this great organization. Blanchard Unit

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Incoming President, Della Brady, receives the gavel from Marcia Rosenfield, Installing Officer and Past Pres., as Junior Past Pres., Lenore Smith looks on.

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will be receiving several certificates of commendation to be added to our History Book.

I look forward to many more years of service in Blanchard Auxiliary, and hope for continued growth in our membership.

Best wishes to Della Brady and her officers for a successful and rewarding year.

Lenore Smith

An Unfortunate Happening

Everyone is familiar with the Auxiliary Poppy Program. There is no denying that it involves a lot of hard work on the part of the girls and that none of them has any personal gain from this sale, only the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped the disabled veteran. Perhaps it is because we are Legionnaires, but it seems that Memorial Day and Poppy Sales are as American as apple pie.

It will come as a shock to the members to learn that McDonalds, sponsors of the All American Band refused to allow the girls to sell Poppies in front of their establishment in Elsmere. A similar attitude was taken by the Albany Public Market. This store did give a check for \$10.00, far below what they would have collected had they been allowed to be in front of the store as in former years.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 16 Regular Meeting
 November 20 Regular Meeting
 December 18 Christmas Party

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1973 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CONVENTION REPORT

It has been four decades since the last Department Convention was held in Binghamton. For bringing the 55th annual session to that city this year the response of the Binghamtonians was tremendously displayed at the Friday night parade for which thousands stood for five hours on the sidelines to watch it pass by. Marching with Albany County contingent it was heart-warming to hear the applause as we trekked the two-mile stretch. Blanchard Post colors was there with four other Albany County posts that followed the County colors in the sixth of the ten-division parade. Albany County was fifth in the seven county Third District line-up. Position in the parade, to county level, is determined by membership strength.

The meetings met at the nearly completed Broome County Veterans Arena. The yet-to-be installed public address system combined with the acoustical problems left some of the major speeches unheard by many of us. We did hear well N.Y. State Lieutenant-Governor and Legionnaire Malcolm Wilson who lauded the Legion for its legislative efforts. However, from Legislative Committee Chairman John H. Cogan Jr., who regretted certain Legion-backed legislation was vetoed by Gov. Rockefeller, we heard no explanation as to why it was vetoed. A telegram from U.S. Sen. William Buckley, stating his opposition to any general amnesty for draft-dodgers, was read and roundly applauded.

Of the 45 resolutions, generally initiated at post level, given to the Resolutions Committee about three-fourths were presented to the delegates who unanimously voted their approval. The contents of the approved resolutions will be given to the posts later this year. (None came from Blanchard.) Only a single issue arose at the convention. It was a repeat of what occurred last year. The Amityville, L. I., Post objected to the Resolutions Committee not releasing to convention body its recommendations to set aside a portion of the American Legion magazine for special treatment of Americanism items. Your delegates voted with the majority in supporting the Resolutions Committee after it was explained to give special treatment to the Americanism Committee would then cause other committees to seek similar attention.

The Bowling Committee reported the 1976 bid for hosting the 1976 tournament is open; Membership Committee reported a slightly lower figure over last year in the Department; the Historian, not customary, made a report in which awards were cited for those posts that submitted reports. (Blanchard was not among them.)

Of local interest, for the first time in the history of the Department, a chaplain from Albany County was elected. He is the Rev. Everett E. Gardner of Albany (Scully Post), pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

The new Department Commander is William H. Kelly of Cornwall-on-Hudson (Orange County). His theme for the year is "Community Service." Henry Gurney is new Department Vice Commander for our area; George Bragg of Ulster County is now the Third District Commander.

Next year's convention is set for Niagara Falls.

A happy ending story occurred to your Delegate Woehrle who, after the parade, lost his Legion cap on the highway at a ramp leading to Interstate 81. It was returned to him the next morning at the final session of the convention.

For the privilege and honor of representing the officers and members of our Post at this convention we are deeply appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Smith, PP.C.
Alexander J. Woehrle, PP.C.

Family Date at West Point

We have 80 tickets for the West Point vs. Tennessee game for September 22, which is the opening game. Make sure you bring mother and all the children. Tickets are \$12.00 each, which pays for bus, tickets to game and box lunch. The buses leave the Post at 8 a.m., so we will have time to see museum and parade. The first 80 paid will go. See Art Quinn or Bill Campbell. B.C.

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POST BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS or THE LUCKY DUSTER

... 'n we crash the maples beginning Sept. 7, '73 at 6:45 p.m.—good to get back in the action! ... and a big congrats to Ken HAVILL, Joe PAQUETTE, Bob BALME, Bill DAVIDSON on their upward move ... and a 21 gun salute to Ernie GALL and the mighty Blanchard Post Baseball Team on winning the Albany County Championship ... Have Tom FOY tell you about the time he ate skatey-eight pancakes in Kingston at one sitting! ... and I'll have to ask May and Carol if it's true that Don SMITH and Vern EAGAN were out in a boat in the middle of Loon Lake singing 'We Won't Git Home Until Morning' ... and a big doff of the ole chapeau to those Legionnaires working at those swell carnivals put on by the friendly firemen—naming some: Bill CAMPION, Lou PICARAZZI, Merle OLIVER, Al BECKMANN and others ... and, Mary, does anybody ever yell at Ray and say, "Hey, CALLAGAN MAN!" ... and a couple that can put on a picnic are Ruth and Hank VOORHEES that's who ... and as Jud Strunk says, "If there is a nip in the air some of you guys would drink it." ... Glad to hear that the V.F.W. Carnival was such a big success ... and you can bet a bob and a tupence that Mr. and Mrs. Duster will find their way to FLINT Manor next Memorial Day ... and as I've said so often, Blanchard Post has the best bunch of people in the world and right up near the top are Dot and John ENNIS (who is known as 'Smoky' down Kingston way because of his football and track exploits, according to his former side-kick Al SONNENBERG.) ... It's good to see Blanchard people this summer at various social functions including Helmi and Al BECKMANN, Ann WILLIAMS, Ruth and Marie BURNS, Joe ROMANO, Joan

and Hugh STOWERS, the Bruce MACDONALDS, Betty and Pierce GREEN, Rollie WHITNEY, and a host of others—very civic minded group we Blanchardites ... Waiting to see if that duel between Jim BERRY and Ollie PALMER shapes up again this year ... Haven't heard how that softball game between the young Blanchardites and the Geritol Vets came out ... and I got to ask Col. Al WOEHRLE how come Legion Delegates have to stay in Oneonta (when the convention is in Binghamton!) At any rate congrats to Al for his publicity and picture in the paper right up there with those government officials ... Next issue hope to have the details on captains, teams, newcomers to the league, etc. etc. ... Takes a while for the Duster to get going (how would we know the difference you ask?) ... Don't forget us and give us a glance in OCT.

The Gutter Duster

Team Rosters

<i>Tanks</i> —Ollie Palmer, Capt.	Hugh Stowers
Doug Roach	Angie Tangora
<i>Coast Guard</i> —Ken Havill, Capt.	Al Pugliese
Al Vanderwood	Jack Brady
<i>Infantry</i> —Dan Lantz, Capt.	Bill Alwell
George Feiden	Dick Cole
<i>Air Force</i> —Bill Johnston, Capt.	Matt Dybas
Walt Roach	Ed Vail
<i>Army</i> —Jim Berry, Capt.	Larry Monette
Joe Marino	Joe Pauquette
<i>Marines</i> —Ray Bender, Capt.	George Butman
Al Beckmann	Walt Berry
<i>Navy</i> —Rollie Whitney, Capt.	Bill Campbell
Tom Foy	Bud Mosmen
<i>Sea Bees</i> —Garry Roach, Capt.	John Haker
Ken Burns	Hank Ristau
	Milt Andre

OFFICERS: Bill Mitchell, Presiednt; John Haker, Treasurer; Ken Burns, Vice President and Milt Andre, Secretary.

Change of Plans

The officers of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post accepted with regret the resignation of Howard R. Gmelch as Finance Officer for this coming term.

In the meantime, "Gif" Lantz agreed to continue acting as Finance Officer (having served in this capacity for the past 3 years), until a new candidate can be found. However, Frank Zini agreed to assume the responsibilities of this office starting in September, while at the same time continuing as our Service Officer for the coming year.

We are sorry to lose Howard as an officer, but look forward to his continuing interest as an active member. Our thanks to "Gif" for all his help and cooperation, and a very warm welcome to Frank!

"So What"

The top 20 Week prize that was raffled off in late June was won by none other than yours truly. "Man, that \$500 came in handy." The second prize was won by Ken Burns. Boy, you should have seen him smile. I must apologize for there were several other prize winners that night but I lost my notes. *Ed.*

Welcome Aboard

This year the editorial department has acquired a new addition—two in fact! The 1040 TIMES now has two assistant editors. They are Art Blanchard and Bill Blanchard. It will be greatly appreciated by the TIMES for members to continue to give a helping hand to these two "nice guys" whenever the occasion arises. *Ed.*

Book Covers

Charlie O'Hara again comes through like a real champ. He says he has "millions" of school book covers for the kids. These may be obtained at the four bank offices in Delmar and Elsmere. (Caption—John O'Hara and Kathleen Mooney.)

Let's Dance

We are still looking for members to sign up for dancing lessons. Anyone wishing to enroll may do so by contacting Art Quinn at the lounge. It promises to be a lot of fun. *Ed.*

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Three cheers, a roll on the drums and a blast on the trumpet for Ernie Gall and his fine ball team that represented our Post this summer. Their won and lost record ranks right up near our best ever. ♦ A full program of seasonal and nationality nights gets off to a flying start Sept. 15 as we celebrate our third New Orleans Night. Then on Sept. 29 the gals of our Auxiliary will be presenting their version of "Harvest Hoe Down"—a fine buffet and dance. Get your tickets early. Come to enjoy yourself among friends at Blanchard Post. ♦ Summer visitors from Florida included Chris Barkhuff, Marian and Bob Coburn, Winnie and Bob Butler. ♦ Many Post members and their offspring had many enjoyable evenings these past few weeks in the Isaac Walton fashion, thanks to Len Sellner. Thanks, Len, from all of us who enjoyed your invitations. ♦ Long time member Lee Marden brought us a new Legionnaire, Mason "Mace" Hutchins. Lee has been doing alright this year, he picked up an application for his son. ♦ Gus Williams went to a 30-year high school reunion and couldn't believe how much older his classmates were than he. ♦ The rummy continued during the summer, thanks to a steady flow of the paste board devotees. ♦ Peg and Matt Dybas, Gert and Jim Cleary, Diana and Bill McKeough, Gloria and Bob Broom, Sandra

and Fred Weber, Agnes and Ben Persall, Avis and Bill Segur, Susan and Bob Falumarco, Emmy and Bill Hazel were a few of recent Post members visiting Cape Cod. ♦ Our annual men's Sports Day is set for Oct. 13, so plan to attend and bring a friend. ♦ Shuffleboard will be under the charge of George Spawn, who did a fine job after taking over for the late Jim Cornes. ♦ Bowling starts again in a few weeks and it will be good to see some of our winter faces. ♦ Each Friday night we have live music as well as the 50/50 Club drawing. These two go hand in hand, because without the 50/50 Club we couldn't have the music. So, come on in! A few names that come to mind who assist on Friday nights: Barbara Selig, Barbara Whitney, Jane Alwell, Barbara Palmer, Mildred Stowell, Bernice Lawson, Zen Campbell, Gloria Broom, Betty Green, Pat Starkweather, Della Brady, Betty Pellitier, Jack Selig, Rollie Whitney, Sid Kaplan. Thanks to all for the help. (How come the women outnumber the men?) Thanks also to you ticket purchasers. ♦ We had a poor summer when it came to our hospital patients: Fred Vogel, Jim Fanning, Tom Hasselbarth, King Rabineau, Fran Lenseseth, Gert Fanning, Agnes Day were just some who had a stay in the hospital. Hopefully all are on the mend and God-speed to any we may have missed.

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"GOLF DAY"

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case all the precautions are in vain, a rain (I hate to use that word) date has been set for one week later. B.C. Please plan to attend. (Ed.)

Congratulations

At the organizational meeting of the Third District of New York American Legion, at Coxsackie on August 5, these Blanchard members were assigned committee appointments as follows:

Alexander J. Woehrle, District Americanism Co-Chairman; William Johnston Jr., Boys State for Albany County; Robert J. Smith, Children & Youth for Albany County; Michael Mele, National Security for Albany County.

They also are chairmen of their respective committees in Albany County. The appointments were made by District Commander George Bragg.

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