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POST TO VOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGES

The Constitution of Blanchard Post requires that adequate notice be given the membership of proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, and of certain proposals having to do with the fiscal operations of the Post, prior to such proposals being voted upon. Publication of the following resolutions in this issue of the 1040 TIMES shall be deemed to constitute such official notice.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Blanchard Post held on June 28, 1976, the following resolution was passed and is to be presented to the membership for their consideration and vote at a special meeting to be held in conjunction with the regular Post meeting of September 7, 1976.

"WHEREAS, the cost of the construction of the building of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040, Department of New York, Inc., was financed by renewable three-month notes from the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Delmar Branch, New York, under an informal oral agreement that the Post would make annual principal payments on such notes of \$6,666.00 plus current interest, and

"WHEREAS, at the present time the Post is paying $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the current note and the interest rate fluctuates according to the current rate of interest, and

"WHEREAS, since the inception of the notes in 1969, the interest rate has always increased, and

"WHEREAS, at the present time, the yearly interest on said note and its renewals amount to approximately \$4,800, so that the annual payments of said notes exceed \$11,000 and are becoming difficult to meet, and consideration has been given to the advisability of paying off the current notes and converting the debt of \$57,000 to an amortized 20-year monthly payment mortgage which would enable the Post to make monthly payments at a lesser rate and yet steadily reduce the principal of the mortgage, and

"WHEREAS, the Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank has offered to lend the Post \$57,000 on a 20-year monthly amortization schedule with interest at 9%, with monthly payments of \$512.85 totaling \$6,154.20 per year, said loan to be secured by a first mortgage on the Post building, to be wholly paid for at the end of the 20-year period, and

"WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has made inquiries of other banks about loans similar in character and is informed that the proposed interest rate is a favorable one,

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board recommends to the membership that they approve the acceptance of the proposal of Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank to lend Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of The American Legion, Department of New York, Inc., \$57,000, at 9% interest, to be secured by a first mortgage on the real property of the Post, located in Delmar, New York, and to be paid over a period of 20 years by monthly payments of \$512.85, such payments to be applied first to the payment of interest and then to the payment of principal of said mortgage, the proceeds of said loan to be

used to pay in its entirety the current note to the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company. Said mortgage shall be executed on behalf of the Post by such person as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

2. That dissolution of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of The American Legion, Department of New York, Inc., is not contemplated after the payment of said note to National Commercial Bank and Trust Company.

3. That this Resolution shall be submitted to a vote at a special meeting of the members entitled to vote thereon, to be held in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Post on September 7, 1976.

4. That notice of the meeting shall be given to each member of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of The American Legion, Department of New York, Inc."

Since this is a very important fiscal consideration affecting the financial position of the Post, all members are urged to attend. Basically, the Resolution proposes a closing out of the mortgage presently in existence with the National Commercial Bank, and the opening of a new mortgage with the Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank under terms that will lighten the monthly payments. This is just one of the actions deemed necessary to meet the financial problems confronting the Post at this time.

The following changes to the By-Laws have also been proposed and will be voted upon at the regular Post meeting of September 20, 1976.

"RESOLVED, that Paragraph 1 of Article III of the By-Laws of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of The American Legion, Department of New York, be amended so that such paragraph shall read as follows:

1. The Post Affairs Committee shall consist of Commander as presiding officer and three Vice Commanders, the Adjutant and Finance Officer, and such chairmen of standing committees as shall be designated by the Commander as members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Post Affairs Committee shall meet at least once each month, *on the third Monday thereof*, and shall plan and conduct the programs of the Post, its meetings, its public affairs, its social events, its community and citizenship activities, and shall devote its energies to the conduct of such affairs of the Post as will further the purposes and principles of The American Legion. It may expend from funds set aside in its name, any sums within its budget approved by Board of Directors, subject to such controls as may be set up by Board of Directors.

"RESOLVED, that Paragraph 1 of Article VII of the By-Laws of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of The American Legion, Department of New York, be amended so that such paragraph shall read as follows:

1. The annual dues of members shall be Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) *plus such individual membership fees or charges as may be required to be paid by the Post to the National, State and County units of American Legion.*

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BLANCHARD POST

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"RESOLVED, that Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article XI of the By-Laws of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of The American Legion, Department of New York, be amended so that such paragraphs shall read as follows:

1. A regular meeting of the Post shall be held on the first Monday of each month except during the months of July and August. Any regular meeting falling on a holiday shall be held on the day following such holiday.

2. The regular meeting held in May of each year shall be the annual meeting of the Post. If no quorum is present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date, and such subsequent meeting shall be the annual meeting."

LUNCHEONS

A monthly event eagerly awaited by our World War II epicureans (eaters) will be resumed on Monday, Sept. 13, at Schrafft's Motor Inn Restaurant on Route 9W. Time of eating will be 1 p.m. sharp—libations and general good fellowship prior to that in the lounge, and during the meal. We will start this year with a soup, sandwich and coffee menu at last year's price of \$3.25.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, will witness the gathering of World War I veterans at LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk for their monthly get-together. Win Robinson will continue to coordinate the activities of this dauntless group.

Mixed Bowling

George Butman reports that the Mixed Bowling League will get rolling Sunday, Sept. 12. Any inquiries relative to this league should be directed to George at 439-3705. For the uninitiated, "mixed" means girls and boys!

RAY CALLAGAN SAYS

DON'T FORGET...

Golf Day

SEPT. 15, 1976

TALL TIMBERS COUNTRY CLUB

(Any Questions? — Call Ray at 439-5832)

**BINGO**

Chairman Richard Dalton reports continued progress in getting the bingo show on the road. It now appears a possibility that we can begin operations in October, although that is not firm as yet. There are still openings for workers and if you feel the urge, Dick will be glad to hear from you (phone 439-3458 or add your name to the list on the bulletin board at the Post).

**ATTEND
CHURCH****THIS WEEK****A Veteran's Prayer**

BY DAVIC LEUSNER

There's quiet now, the guns are stilled
 Yet in the fight our ranks were filled,
 No trench, nor other lowly place
 Has need of us for war's embrace.

We are veterans—injured from war
 We know the tyrants off our shore,
 Peace was our goal—our lofty aim
 It was our single hope to claim.

And—some have fallen, glory draped
 Paid full measure for freedom's sake
 We ask for them, your pledge, your vow
 You'll keep in trust this peace somehow.

That each of you in somber thought
 Holds high this peace so dearly bought
 That you will guard with love, esprit
 This land of hope and liberty!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

It was indeed an honor and a challenge to have been elected to serve you as Commander of 1040 for the 1976-1977 year. Simply and briefly stated, it is my sincere hope to be able to discharge the duties of the office at least as well as have all the fine Commanders who have preceded me.

We have an excellent team of officers for the coming year, men of dedication to the ideals of the Legion. However, we can only meet our goals through the full support and confidence of our total organization. With over 900 members, we can't miss if we get a 100% effort.

Four proposals that will be presented to the membership for consideration are printed in this issue. It is hoped that these will be approved at our September meetings as it is the consensus of your officers that they will be in the best interests of your Post.

In July, I represented the Post at the State Convention in Syracuse with Past Commander Palmer and current Senior Vice Commander Blanchard. The Auxiliary was also well represented. Though the convention itself was free of heated debates and controversial issues, the experience of meeting fellow Legionnaires from other areas and the lessons learned of the operations of the State Department were most worthwhile.

To Marcia Turner and the members of the Auxiliary, I say "Welcome Gals." Your support and assistance in our joint efforts will help us both attain our goals. You can surely count on my full support.

I trust you and yours have had a happy summer. As the fall of the year approaches and our activities get under way, I look forward to meeting you at the Post.

Dan Lantz, Commander

Taps

Commander Lantz extended the sympathy of the officers and members of the Post to the families of William O'Neil, Sr., and Robert Coburn, both recently deceased. Legion services were conducted at the funeral home in Delmar for Bill O'Neil. Bob Coburn died while in Florida and his ashes were strewn at sea.

May they both rest in peace.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Carol Cummings

OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

President _____ Marcia Turner
 First Vice President _____ Pauline Ouderkirk
 Second Vice President _____ Carol Cummings
 Recording Secretary _____ Rose Marino
 Corresponding Secretary _____ Ruth Bruso
 Treasurer _____ Dorothea George
 Chaplain _____ Rosemary Blanchard
 Sergeant-at-Arms _____ Celeste Blanchard
 Historian _____ Freda Sherman

Congratulations to our new President, Marcia Turner, and her officers. May they have a successful and prosperous new year.

Our grateful thanks to our retiring President, Barbara Whitney, and her officers on a very successful and rewarding year of achievement.

Congratulations also to our Past President, Barbara Palmer, who is this year's Albany County Second Vice President.

Our activities for the new year begin on Tuesday, Sept. 21, with a covered dish supper, followed by our regular business meeting. Girls are reminded to bring a covered dish and their own place setting.

Members are reminded—dues are due. You may pay them to Pauline Ouderkirk, Membership Chairman, at the meeting, or send them to Pauline at 359 Elm Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054. Make the check payable to Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040.

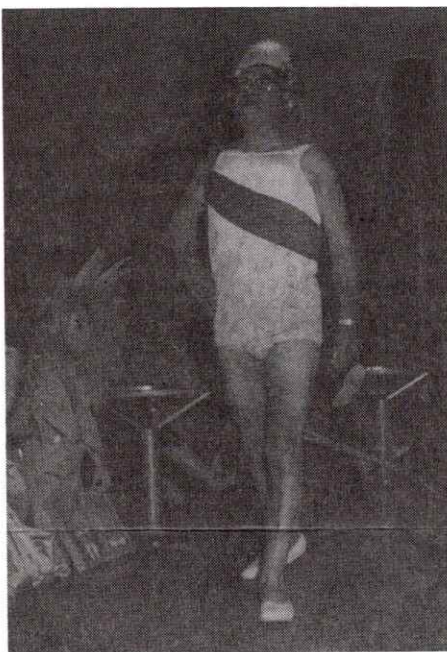
County Meeting will be at Blanchard Post on September 28 at 8 p.m. You do not have to be a member of the County Committee to attend. Let's have a good turnout!

Up and coming events to watch for will be our second Donation Day at the A&P in October. Jane Alwell is chairman; more details later. Our thanks to Jane on the very good job she did on our first Donation Day.

Saturday, Nov. 6, will be our annual bazaar. The hours will be 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Featured booths will be baked goods, plants, white elephant and Christmas ornaments. Lunch will be served. Please plan to donate items, or your time. Help will be needed!

A most important date to remember is October 5. That is the date set for Jr. Past President Barbara Whitney's retirement dinner. Barbara Palmer is the chairman for the event while Lenore Smith will be taking reservations. The dinner will be at Blanchard Post and the men will do the cooking and serving.

President Marcia wishes to express her thanks to the girls who addressed



"AL FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST"

We Get Around

Your editor and the 1040 *Times* are now members of the National American Legion Press Association (NALPA). This is a nationwide organization of editors of American Legion publications such as ours. Since they are now on our mailing list, the 1040 *Times* will get an exposure to other Posts around the U.S.

Vacancy Filled on Board

To fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dan Lantz (now an ex-officio member as our Commander), the Board of Directors elected John Williamson, our former Finance Officer, to serve until the end of the 1976-77 year. In May of 1977 the spot will be filled at the annual Post election.

2481 envelopes for the March of Dimes: Jane Alwell, Rosemary, Celeste and Teresa Blanchard, Karla Burns, Kay Hayes, Christine Hoffman, Roseann Levy and Anna Mae White.

We extend our sympathy to Leora Gazel on the loss of her mother.

I trust everyone had a restful summer and is ready to put in a busy and fruitful new year with the Auxiliary.

September Calendar

- Sept. 6 (Mon.): Labor Day; fly the Flag
 Sept. 7 (Tues.): Post Affairs Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.; Regular Post Meeting at 8:30.
 Sept. 13 (Mon.): Luncheon WW2 Veterans 1 p.m., Schrafft's Restaurant, Route 9W, Glenmont.
 Sept. 14 (Tues.): Luncheon WW1 Veterans 12 noon, LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk.
 Sept. 15 (Wed.): Golf Day at the Tall Timbers Country Club, Slingerlands.
 Sept. 20 (Mon.): Regular Post Meeting at 8:30 p.m.
 Sept. 27 (Mon.): Board of Directors

Items of Interest

Any and all items of interest to the membership is welcomed by your editor and will be published whenever possible. Material may be left at the Post or I can be reached by telephone at 439-4076.

HELLO, REMEMBER ME?

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 remember 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 dad saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart... 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. Do you 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, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

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 theirs 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, Vietnam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls 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 REMEMBER!

1977 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY

Legion Dues are PAYABLE IN ADVANCE BY OCTOBER 20th yearly.

With the receipt of this issue of *your* 1040 Times and your *enclosed* DUES NOTICE for 1977, we open our MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN. *Since each and every Post member* is a member of this very important committee, I expect the same *excellent cooperation and support* I received in 1976.

PLEASE read your notices carefully and follow instructions. It will speed up the return of your new cards to you.

A hearty welcome to the following new Post members:

Reinstatements:

HAROLD HINMAN
LOUIS BARACHINI
BOB OLIVER

Transfers:

HARRY VANCE, Fort Orange Post
FRED BENDER, Bucci McTague Post

New:

WALT SCHEMERHORN
HAROLD CONRAD
EARL G. SMITH
HARRY McCANN
C. GILBERT BECK
TOM MATIAS
RODNEY GARDNER
JIM HOGAN, JR.
FRANK SHUFELT

Welcome aboard, come in and join our activities and meet the members and families!

WHO WAS #1 AGAIN TO PAY HIS 1977 DUES? NEED TO ASK — The perennial WINNER, BEN PEARSALL!

15 MEMBERS ARE PAID TO DATE at press time. *Let's all be "early-birds"!*

Very Important... Report change of address at once!

Milt Andre, VC
Membership Chairman

KEGLERS KICKOFF FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

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| 1. MARINES | Average 742 |
| Havill, Capt. | |
| Butman Vail | Ristau LaForge |
| 2. SEA BEES | Average 747 |
| Johnston, Capt. | |
| Cole Brady | Larkin McCabe |
| 3. INFANTRY | Average 744 |
| Palmer, Capt. | |
| Volk Haker | Feiden Mitchell |
| 4. AIR FORCE | Average 748 |
| Tangora, Capt. | |
| Buker Oates | Pugliese Andre |
| 5. NAVY | Average 742 |
| DiSanto, Capt. | |
| Monette Hasen | Mosmen McDonald |
| 6. TANKS | Average 746 |
| Foy, Capt. | |
| Campbell Dybas | Whitney Lantz |
| 7. COAST GUARD | Average 747 |
| Bender, Capt. | |
| Alwell Viele | Joe Cummings Marino |
| 8. ARMY | Average 747 |
| Aupperle, Capt. | |
| Burns Eagan | Pauquette J. Cummings |

No bowling on Dec. 24, Dec. 31 and April 8 (Good Friday).

The projected banquet date is May 14 and the Hi-Lo will be on April 29, 1977.

Milt Andre, Secretary

Book Covers Scratched

A casualty of the economy drive at the Post was the annual book cover distribution to the school children of our community. There will thus be no general distribution of these covers through the banks as has been the custom for the past 12 years. There is, however, a small supply remaining from last year which will be available to members in the Post Lounge on the first school day, Sept. 9.

WW2 VETS: PLEASE READ!

A false and misleading rumor sweeping the nation is plaguing us at the Veterans Administration and leading hundreds of thousands of veterans such as you to write us requesting dividends on lapsed GI insurance based on service in World War II.

Congress has *not* passed a law giving all World War II veterans a 50 cents per 1,000 dividend on GI policies. We have *not* requested veterans to write us regarding such a dividend. *It is a hoax!*

The only dividends that we are currently paying are to WW1, WW2 and Korean War veterans who have continued their Government Life Insurance in force. These dividends are paid on an annual basis and are distributed on the anniversary date of the policies.

You will do us a real service if you pass along to your friends and associates the above information. Thank you.

Veterans Administration

WEDNESDAY, SEPT.

15th
GOLF DAY

Change of Address

Kindly advise the Post immediately when you change your address. This helps us and guarantees that you will receive your 1040 Times promptly.

Joining with Legionnaires everywhere, the officers and members of Blanchard Post send heartfelt expressions of sympathy to the families of our comrades in the Pennsylvania Department who were "taken" suddenly and mysteriously. May they rest in peace.