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BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040

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Delmar, New York

SEPTEMBER 1977

## RAYMOND CALLAGAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY

For a number of years Blanchard Post has sponsored an annual golf tournament for its members and their guests. Ray ran the tournaments. This year Ray is no longer with us. The tournament, however, will continue and will be held at the Tall Timbers Golf Course on Wednesday, September 7 (rain date is Thursday, Sept. 8).

A donation of \$12.00 per man will be required. Free beer will be available at the "Barn" and at the "Spike Lounge" (above the Pro Shop). No dinner will be provided but food is available at the Spike Lounge at your own expense and an informal gathering will be held in the Spike Lounge at about six o'clock, when prizes, etc., will be awarded. Sign in at the Post with Jake or Vic. *Carts are available but must be reserved and paid for in advance.* If you desire further information, call Tip Nelson at 439-1069 or Joe Cummings at 439-9188.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Writing this column is certainly new and different for me.

July 14-16 was the Department Convention in Binghamton. Frank Futia, Dan Lantz and I (with our wives) attended. Had a fine time; met some old friends and made some new ones. During the summer weeks Bingo has been going well, pretty good crowds on Friday nights, quiet on Saturdays.

Hope your summer was a good one. I am looking forward to the coming year. See you at the September meeting.

Bill Blanchard

## New Members

The following new members have joined our Post since June. We welcome them aboard!

Richard Bedford  
John E. Brennan  
Frederick Bousson  
Robert Glastetter  
Donald Halsdorf  
Douglas Kreh  
Thomas J. Little  
Richard K. Smith  
Al Yezzi

## National Headquarters News

WASHINGTON (ALNS)—A recent Supreme Court decision has established the principle that military service must be counted in computing pension eligibility when a veteran returns to the same employer after military service. Ruling in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Davis vs. the Alabama Power Co. on the pension eligibility matter, the Court decision is expected to benefit thousands of veterans. Veterans who have already retired may apply for recomputation of their pensions based on the decision.

INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS) — Representative John Myers (R-Ind.) was successful in denying funds to the Carter Administration to process the President's pardon of Vietnam-era draft dodgers and deserters. The House added Rep. Myers' restriction to an appropriations bill providing funds for the Department of State, Justice, Commerce and the Judiciary for fiscal year 1978.

## Notice

The judges for the wet "T" shirt contest will meet on the third week in September at the party chairman's home.

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 5 (Mon.) Labor Day  
Sept. 6 (Tue.) Regular Post meeting at 8 p.m.  
Sept. 7 (Wed.) Bingo 8 p.m. and Golf Day  
Sept. 14 (Wed.) Bingo 8 p.m.  
Sept. 21 (Wed.) Bingo 8 p.m.  
Sept. 26 (Mon.) Board of Directors will meet at 8 p.m.  
Sept. 28 (Wed.) Bingo 8 p.m.

## New PR Man

Bob Smith has accepted the position of handling Public Relations for our Post. Bob will take care of all publicity for Blanchard Post and its many activities. All news releases and other publicity oriented information will be his responsibility, and his alone.

Good luck Bob and the thanks of all of us for taking on this very important function of an American Legion Post.

## Help Wanted

Cooks, waiters, bus boys, waitresses, etc. The new season is just starting and the Activities Chairman needs help. In order to make this season a success, we need volunteers. Don't be bashful.....work a party.....have fun in addition to making new friends. The pay is low but the prestige is high.

Any volunteers check with the Activities Chairman for further information.

## Luncheons

World War I veterans at the LaCasa Restaurant on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

World War II veterans at our Post on Thursday, Sept. 22.

**Lest We Forget**  
**JANUARY 21, 1977**

**SEPTEMBER BINGO**

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*The family of  
Raymond Callagan  
will hold in grateful remembrance  
your kind expression  
of sympathy*



**BLANCHARD POST**

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 Service Officer ..... Frank Zini, Jr.  
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 Sergeant-at Arms ..... Thomas J. Oro  
 Bob Smith ..... Public Relations  
 Editor, 1040 Times ..... Charles J. O'Hara

**Membership Reminders**

◆ 1978 dues are due and payable in advance by October 20 (\$13.00).

◆ If you are one of the few who failed to pay the 1977 dues, you must remit your dues check before October 20, or your name will be removed from the mailing list.

**Board of Directors**

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William J. Blanchard, Sr. (Commander)  
 Daniel G. Lantz (Immediate Past Cmdr.)

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 William J. Campbell  
 Augustine Williams  
 Charles J. O'Hara  
 Hugh W. Stowers  
 Harvey H. Hasen  
 John A. Williamson

Joseph A. Marino (Finance Officer)

**Football**

We are again running a football bus to Schaefer Stadium. We will see the New England Patriots and Baltimore Colts on Sunday, October 23. One of these teams should be in the Super Bowl in January. The tickets, including beer, lunch and bus fare are only \$25.00 per person. First ones paid up will go. See or call Bill Campbell at 439-3398.

**BURIAL ALLOWANCE FOR VETERANS**

We receive numerous inquiries as to burial allowance for veterans. The following information is presented in an effort to clarify the regulations:

Families of veterans should be aware of the burial allowance available to former servicemen and women, i.e., the VA provides a payment of up to \$250 toward the burial expenses of eligible veterans. An additional \$150 is available as a plot or interment allowance when burial is not in a National Cemetery or other cemetery under jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

Burial or plot allowances are not paid to the extent that payment has been made by a state agency or political subdivision of a state.

When the veteran's death is service-connected, payment of an amount not to exceed \$800 will be made in lieu of the usual burial and interment allowances.

With the exception of Arlington National Cemetery, burial is available to eligible veterans at all National Cemeteries having space. Burial in these cemeteries may also be authorized for an eligible veteran's wife or husband, minor children and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children.

Since 1967, burial in Arlington National Cemetery has been limited to persons dying while on active military duty, Medal of Honor winners, former service personnel on official service retired lists who are eligible for compensation stemming from their active service; certain high officials of the Federal Government and certain members of the immediate families of those listed above or those already buried there.

Veterans eligible for the plot allowance are those who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and who served in the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border period, World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Era, or peacetime veterans entitled to service-connected compensation at time of death or discharge, or who were retired for disability incurred in the line of duty.

**Thanks**

Vivian Hopper donated a large Flag to the Post in memory of her late husband, John. Thank you Mrs. Hopper, and God bless.

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**Letters Make A Difference**

Acting on an impulse, a doctor in Boston wrote a note of thanks to a childhood teacher whose faith in him had greatly influenced his life. She replied with a shaky scrawl:

"Dear Willy: I can't tell you how much your note meant to me. I am in my 80s ... lonely like that last leaf of fall. I taught school for 50 years and yours is the first note of appreciation I ever received. It cheered me as nothing has in years."

We all have such impulses. They flash through our minds at odd moments.

We feel inspired to write to a friend, to respond to or comment on something we've read in the newspaper or seen on TV, to encourage or oppose a piece of impending legislation, to congratulate someone. Then we become busy or are distracted by another thought. The good intention often fades and is forgotten.

When you don't follow that impulse to write, you will never know what opportunity you missed. When you do follow it, the effect of your letter could be beyond anything you imagined—or even hoped. And you'll know you have made a difference because you took the time to "put it in writing."

Also, the following from an anonymous author puts into a very few words the value of positive action: "To live when there is little hope is to risk failure. Not to try at all is to guarantee it."

# ATTEND CHURCH THIS WEEK

**SPORTS DAY**

Where can you get raw clams, clams casino, steamed clams, hamburgers, hot sausage, corn on the cob....and all the beer you can drink for \$7.00 per head? At the Blanchard Post on OCTOBER 15 that's where. If you want an enjoyable day, watch the World Series on a large color TV set; see good friends....then come to this affair, have a good time and help the Post at the same time. Buy your tickets at the bar from any or see Bill Campion or Frank Futia...



## AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lillian Blanchard

### OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

President	Pauline Ouderkirk
First Vice President	Carol Cummings
Second Vice President	Lillian Blanchard
Recording Secretary	Rose Ann Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Karla Burns
Treasurer	Dorotha George
Chaplain	Celeste Blanchard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gloria Broom
Historian	Freda Sherman

Congratulations to our new President, Pauline Ouderkirk, and her officers, and sincere best wishes for a successful year.

Our thanks to Marcia Turner and her officers for their past year of dedication and achievement.

Past President Barbara Palmer is this year's Albany County First Vice President. Congratulations, Barbara.

July 4 was the annual holiday party for the patients at the V.A. Hospital. Thank you Marie Burns, Marie Moran, Carol Cummings, Pauline and Clarence Ouderkirk, Barbara and Ollie Palmer, Betty Pelletier, and Barbara and Rollie Whitney for your time and help.

American Legion Auxiliary Convention Department of New York was held in Binghamton on July 14-16. Pauline Ouderkirk, Carol Cummings, Barbara Palmer, Marcia Turner, Lee Hurley, Dorotha George, and Thelma Ballard attended. Despite the very hot weather everyone had a great time, and particularly enjoyed the parade on Friday.

September 24th is the date for an off-station party for V.A. Hospital patients. We'll need workers and home-made pies. Please contact Ronnie Moessner to offer your help....439-2288.

Dues are due. Make your \$6.00 check payable to N.A. Blanchard Auxiliary Unit 1040. Carol Cummings is Membership Chairman. Give your dues to Carol at the meetings or mail to her at 234 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

Bingo is every Wednesday night. We need Auxiliary volunteers to sell refreshments. Call Margaret Hasen, 439-2561, and she'll gladly schedule you for some Bingo night. Try it, it is fun, and we truly need you.

We extend our sympathy to Ronnie Moessner on the loss of her sister.

Marie Smith was hospitalized during the summer and is now recuperating at home. Hope you're feeling better, Marie.

On October 4, Junior Past President Marcia Turner's retirement dinner will be held at the Post. Chairman is Lenore Smith; reservations, Rose Mary Blanchard; and decorations, Dorotha George and Thelma Ballard.

We have a busy year ahead — the Auxiliary needs you.

## GRAVE MARKING FOR DECEASED VETERANS

This article is offered to explain some misunderstanding that exists with respect to the furnishing of emblem-type organizational grave markers and the flat, plaque-type, governmental marker that is provided through the United States Veterans Administration.

### Organizational Markers

In the Bethlehem Cemetery here in Delmar there are now markers bearing the symbol of 16 various organizations. Alphabetically, they are:

American Legion  
Benevolent Order of Elks  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Delmar Fire Department  
Disabled American Veterans  
Elsmere Fire Department  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Guilderland Center Fire Department  
Masonic Lodge  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Order of Odd Fellows  
Revolutionary War Veterans  
Spanish American War Veterans  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Veterans of Foreign Wars—Auxiliary  
World War I Veterans

The graves, generally, with these markers are those of members who at the time of death were members in good standing of the organization which furnished the emblem. There are graves at which more than one organizational marker is mounted. This indicates the deceased had belonged to more than one organization. We find an American Legion marker beside one furnished by the Elks Lodge, or a VFW marker accompanied by a Masonic emblem.

A most misunderstood problem in the grave-marking program arises when an interment occurs in a distant cemetery from the community in which the deceased had been active in an organization. An alert organization will, upon learning of the burial of any of its members in distant places, or the burial in its community of another distant Post's member, make contact to take necessary action for providing a grave marker.

Finding veterans' graves un-marked, especially on Memorial (Decoration) Day is a source of distress to many persons. It should be. If the proper steps are taken this distress can be lessened. The cost of providing grave markers should be borne by the organization to which deceased had been a member. Where markers have been removed from a grave through vandalism or other acts of desecration, the issuing organization should be notified by a member of the family or other interested party so that a replacement might be made.

### Governmental Markers

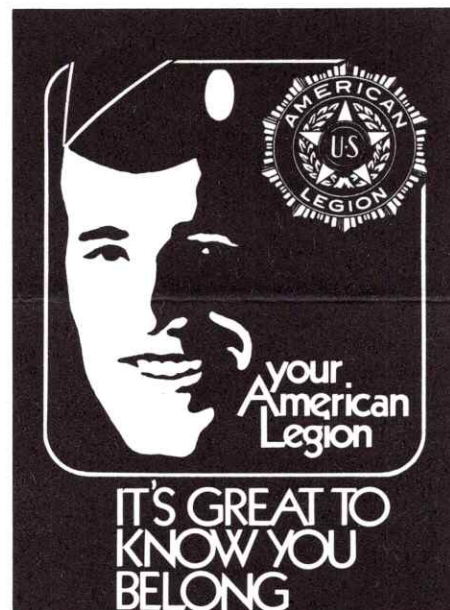
Federal legislation provides for the grave of every American war veteran—who dies before or after honorable separation from the services—to be suitably marked. The markers may be in granite, marble or bronze. Bronze markers are usually sent to the family via parcel post. On the marker is inscribed the essential information which appears on deceased veterans' discharge papers.

Funeral directors usually have the required application form for these markers. They also have federal forms required for the American Flag to be used at the time of burial and, where applicable, the \$250 burial allowance.

Different cemeteries have their own rules on these matters. Some will permit only bronze markers because the marble or granite ones have a tendency to chip. Others forbid placing of any organizational type marker. The funeral director can be relied upon to advise in which cemeteries such restrictions apply.

With respect to veteran burial, the important thing to remember is: location and availability of the person's service serial number and/or discharge papers.

Winthrop P. Robinson  
Past Commander



### Friday Night Music

Now that summer is over, let's get out and see our friends. Every Friday night we'll have music. Let's support the Post.

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## 1977-78 BOWLING ROSTER

The bowling season starts on Friday, September 9. Please try to be at the lanes by 6:30 or earlier to avoid confusion.

*For your information!* If you're listed on the roster under Team 1, you start bowling on Alley 1 the first night; Team 2 on Alley 2, etc.

Here's for another successful season of good? bowling, fun and fellowship. (Remember Gals.....be sure to remind hubby what his team is!)

#1 Army (759)	#2 Air Force (756)
DiSanto, Capt.	Havill, Capt.
Vail	Monette
Larkin	Oates
Cole	Ristau
Heilmann	Hanrahan
#3 Tanks (762)	#4 Navy (762)
Johnston, Capt.	McDonald, Capt.
Karins	Kreh
Campbell	Alwell
Buker	Eagan
Foy	Hasen
#5 Coast Guard (761)	#6 Infantry (759)
Palmer, Capt.	Bender, Capt.
Cummings, Jim	Burns
Brady	Tangora
LaForge	Mitchell
Aupperle	Andre
#7 Marines (759)	#8 Sea Bees (756)
Marino, Capt.	Lantz, Capt.
Haker	McCabe
Pugliese	Whitney
Donnelly	Mosmen
Viele	Pauquette

Milt Andre, Secretary

### Notice

20 Week Club books are not automatically renewed. Please contact Art Blanchard or Jake to make sure you have a new book. Drawings commence in August. Thank you.

Art Blanchard, Chmn.

### Friday Night Refreshments?

If you are interested in having Friday night hamburgers, then let's hear it!!! Please leave written comments at the bar c/o Activities Chairman. If enough folks are in favor of this, then we will activate this activity.

### Bingo

Want to help 1040 Post? Work on Bingo. Only you can make this activity a success. The hours are not too long.

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## DUST FROM SUMMER

.....'n acting Editor SVC Francisco FUTIA sez, "Laddie, ye gie us a column from the Gutter Person. We hae space to fill!" (he's a Mediterranean Highlander) —so here tis.....and Ray BENDER, Dick OATES, Merle OLIVER and others toiling hard at the Firemens' Carnival. So many people from the Post down there: Pat & Ed STARKWEATHER, Barb & Rolly WHITNEY, Gay & Bud RUKWID, Barb & Ollie PALMER, Doris & Jules AUPPERLE, Zen & Bill CAMPBELL, Millie & Bill KARINS and a host of others.....Always great to see Bobbie & Norm FENTZKE.....Big congrats to May & Don SMITH (also Honey & Bruno) on their new domicile.....and more Bingo refresher gals ya ask—howza bout Joan STOWERS, Anna May WHITE, Roxie ERLICHMAN.....and always a pleasure to converse with Clarence & Pauline OUDERKIRK.....I'm wondering if Alice & Charley HERBER knocked 'em cold at Las Vegas?.....and I'll have to ask Ann WILLIAMS if Gus won a merit badge on that recent canoe trip.....I think Editor Charley & Mary O'HARA ought to give a little demonstration of Hawaiian dancing this fall.....Big congrats to Mgr. Ernie GALL & Blanchard team on a successful season.....How come we never see those two Master Golfers Al DAVIS & Harry BROWN on those TV shows?.....and t'will be good to see Marian & Milt ANDRE again and all the rest of a great crowd.....Bette & Jim REAGAN celebrated their first anniversary—can't call them newlyweds anymore!.....Good to have Josephine & Ed BOLLMAN with us even if it is only till the cold winds blow .....Marge AHERN had a great golf story that's a zinger (wonder where that traveling Ahern family will be off to next?) .....and it was sad indeed to lose Ray CALLAGAN—always a song, always a joke, always a smile—a real great guy! .....See that swell gal Betty COSTIGAN going into church of a Sunday AM—

youise is a good girl, Betty.....and always a great couple are Anne & Bill McGOEY that's who!.....'n I've surely missed seeing a couple great couples Mary & Al WOEHRLE and Marjorie & Sherwood DAVIES.....At Past Commanders Dinner Win ROBINSON always such an entertaining speaker that we oughtta git him out more often!.....and with that great Fri-Nite musik I kinda expected ta see those great dancers Renna & John HAUF .....Hope that the Post or Auxiliary has another "hoe-down" this year.....C'mon, Betty WILLIAMSON, did they really make John ride the goat at that initiation.....and it was nice ta see Carol & Vern EAGAN but sorry to hear that he is hobbled with a torn ligament.....Russ PETRIE & Partner sure put a lotta pazazz to the dancer floor—ree-ly great! .....Dick DALTON & Bingoleers should be congratulated for their great summer season.....Remember the trolley cars and buses that went every place and often, pro-baseball in Albany, Mid-City Park and Pool, Day Boat Trips?—Now tell me again about progress!.....Our sincere sympathy to Joe PAUQUETTE, Cathy BUKER and other family members on their recent bereavement.....Congrats to the crew who did the great job marking the Post Parking Lot.....Until the next get-to-get-her..... *The Gutter Duster*

### BINGO SCHEDULE Every Wednesday

September 7  
September 14  
September 21  
September 28

Games start at 8 p.m. sharp.

Come on over and bring a friend

### Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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