

Commander's Corner

Fellow Legionnaires:

Labor Day, honoring the working man and woman, has been observed for over 100 years. To many, it means the end of Summer. It also means the start of another new season of Legion activities.

To review a little first, our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up has been performed three times so far this year, with one more stint to go in November. The upstairs hall has been cleaned for the first time in several years - by volunteers, thereby saving the Post many bucks. The floors there, as well as in the lounge (and the rugs), have been cleaned professionally. Volunteers on these projects have been - and will in the future - be recognized on a bulletin board in the lounge. Come in to see who they are and perhaps add your name to the list. To quote someone unknown, "It ain't the individual or the army as a whole, but the everlastin' teamwork of every bloomin' soul." So-o-o-How about it? Bingo, Adopt-a-Highway, or kitchen and dining room help at dinner functions could all use the assistance of some new names in addition to the faithful 15 or 20. Chef Bob Glastetter is getting a little tired!

Our Constitution and By-Laws have been reviewed and updated by a committee of three. The latest revision will now be submitted to the Post Affairs Committee for its review and approval, after which the changes and amendments will be printed herein. Thereafter, they will be read at a meeting of the Post members and then voted on by members at the next subsequent Post meeting, all in accordance with said Constitution.

It has also been decreed by the Post Affairs Committee, that future "no-shows" with reservations for Post dinner functions will be charged half-price. We are not a restaurant, and cannot sell your entree the next day.

The "Entertainment Book" is now be on sale for \$40 in the Post lounge. These books offer many discounts at restaurants and motels. Sale of these books is also a source of income for your Post. Help us and help yourself, too!!

It appears that some confusion still exists in regard to dues and delinquency. Dues are payable by the calendar year, not by our fiscal year which is June 1 thru May 31. Dues should be paid directly to the Post, not to National Headquarters as apparently some have done. If you have received a bill from National for \$30, that is for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1995. Dues for calendar year 1994 are \$23 and should have been paid by February 1st to avoid being delinquent. The information following on Page 2 is taken directly from our Constitution:

ARTICLE VIII

Penalties

1. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by February 1st shall be classed as a delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before April 1st, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after April 1st, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on December thirty-first of such year, his membership in the American Legion shall be forfeited.

A member so suspended, or whose membership has been forfeited, may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by a vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs, provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from payment of dues by reason of active military service.

For God and Country,

Warren T. Boutelle
Post Commander

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TAPS are sounded for James H. Ralston, Anthony Casimo, and Marvin T. Hirschburg. May they rest in peace with their comrades who have gone on before them.

**BINGO REPORT for May, June, & July 1994:** 1,544 players yielded a  
Net Profit of \$5,366.92

**Coming Events:**

- Tues. Sept. 6** - 7:00 PM - Post Affairs Committee meeting  
8:00 PM - Regular Monthly Meeting of Post 1040
- Thur. Sept. 8** - 7:00 PM - Shuffleboard organizational meeting.
- Thur. Sept. 15** - 12:00 Noon - Thursday Luncheon meeting in the Lounge.  
Our speaker will be Sheila Fuller, Town Supervisor.

The first **Friday night Dinner** will be held in October. The date will be announced in the October "1040 Times", due out in late September.

**Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1994** - A bus is scheduled to leave the Post at 10:30 A.M. for the **Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall**, and leave New York City at 7:00 P.M. for the return trip. Reservations at \$40.00 per person (includes bus fare and show ticket) may be made by calling Sue or John at the Post Lounge (439-9819). Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. A maximum of 47 persons can be accommodated, so please make your reservations early!



## Won't You Join Us?

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard  
Unit #1040

**American Legion  
AUXILIARY**

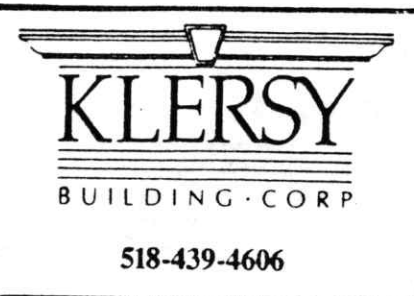
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## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Calendar of Events:

**Sept. 20, 1994** - Regular business meeting at 7:30 PM, in the Post Room. Let's have a real good turn-out for our first meeting of the new season!

**Sept. 27, 1994** - Albany County Meeting of the Auxiliaries, to be held at the Voorheesville Post at 7:30 PM. Again, let's make a good showing!

**Sept. 28, 1994** - 1994 Fall Conference to be held at the North Greenbush Post, Wynantskill, New York.

Registration from 8:00 until 10:00 AM, with the Conference beginning at 10:00 AM. For more information and to make reservations, please call Helen Brockley at 439-4118.

A special **Thank You** to all who volunteered at the July 4th festivities at the Veterans' Administration Hospital! We had a real good time!!

Also, **Thank You** to all who worked on last May's Poppy Day. It was a great success due to your support!

Finally, our Auxiliary project for this year's Christmas Program will be involvement in providing hand-made mittens for the needy in our Town.

There will be a "Mitten Tree", and any size mittens will be accepted for this project. Come on you knitters....**Start Your Needles!**  
Call Barbara Palmer at 439-5385 for additional information, and for pick-up of completed pairs of mittens!

Yours for the Auxiliary,

Celeste Partak  
Second Vice President

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