



Ten-Forty Times



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September 2000

Commander's Corner...

Members of Blanchard Post and Fellow Legionnaires:

As many of you know, Ernie Gall, Post Commander for the past 4 years, has been incapacitated as a result of major heart bypass and aneurysm surgery in late June. While the prognosis is good for his recovery, it is going to be a lengthy process; therefore, he felt it important to think of himself and his family at this time, and consequently submitted his resignation as Commander and ex officio member of the Board of Directors. The Officers and Board Members have accepted his resignation with sincere regrets and understanding, and have conveyed this message to him.

As Senior Vice Commander, I have been projected into the position of being your Commander for the remainder of Ernie's term. It is not a job that I assume lightly, and I know I'll need help...right now! As I get a handle on this responsibility, I'll be asking some of you for some specific help. The transition will require that I learn a lot in a short time. I ask that all current officers remain. The Post Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 5th to plot our course for the Fall and Winter seasons.

While I did not seek the position in which I now find myself, I will do my best to maintain the standards set by previous commanders. I accept the challenge and am certainly open to suggestions, and can be reached by 'phone at 768-2918, by fax at 768-8054, or by email at bencjjs@aol.com.

Thanks, Ernie! Our wish for you is a complete recovery and a return to whatever level of participation with which you're comfortable.

For God and Country,
Jim Benton, Commander

WELCOME BACK PARTY

Friday, Sept. 29th

Sliced Sirloin Tips with Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables,
and Apple Crisp for dessert.

First 80 Reservations, with
payment of \$11.00 per person,
is due by Saturday, Sept. 23rd!

Social Hour from 6:00 P.M.

Buffet served at 7:00 P.M.

*Music will be provided for your
listening and dancing pleasure
by Jennie Moak at the Piano.*

*Come and help us kick off the fall
season with a rousing start!*

Fish Fry Friday

The first Fish Fry of the new season will
be served Friday, September 22nd.

- MENU Fish Fry,
 French Fried Potatoes,
 Cole Slaw,
 Cookies and Coffee.
- WHERE: Post Lounge
- TIME: 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- COST: \$5.00 Per Plate

R.S.V.P.: - Call Sue or Bev
at 439-9819 by
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE FOR
ANY TAKE-OUT ORDERS.

September Calendar

Tue., Sep. 5 - 6:30 P.M. - Post Affairs
Committee meeting

Tue., Sep. 5 - 7:30 P.M. Regular
monthly meeting of Post #1040.

Thu., Sep. 7 - Shuffleboard League
organizational meeting at 7:30pm at
which time a date for start of play
will be discussed.

Thu., Sep. 21 - No Thursday Luncheons
have been scheduled while we
await a volunteer to take over the
responsibility of arranging for monthly
guest speakers.

Fri., Sep. 22 - Fish Fry Night. (See
details below in Column 2.)

Mon., Sep. 25 - 7:30pm - Board of
Directors' Meeting.

Fri., Sep. 29th - Welcome Back Buffet
Dinner. (See details in Column 1.)

BINGO -- Every Wednesday
at 7:30 P.M., with up to
\$1,500 in Prizes Nightly!

Come on, join us! Bring a friend!
Coffee, doughnuts, soda
& snacks are available from
The Ladies' Auxiliary Unit #1040!

Coming Events...

Fri., Oct. 27th - Halloween Buffet

Tue., Nov. 7th - Election Day

Sat., Nov. 11th - Veterans' Day

Fri., Nov. 17th - Thanksgiving Buffet

Taps are sounded for...

John J. Martin (June 2000),

John Mather (July 2000,

George W. Chesbro (August 2000)
and

John R. Devine (August 2000)

May they rest in peace with their
comrades who have gone on before them.

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Blanchard Post 1040 Events Chairmen

Post Baseball Team.....	Ernie Gall
Assistant: Anthony Fittizzi	
Empire Boys State Convention.....	Dick Welch
Callagan-Ennis Golf Day.....	Fred Holligan
Legion Bowling League.....	Domenic Caminiti
Shuffleboard League.....	Merle Oliver

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October "1040 Times" will be Wed., Sep., 20th.

Blanchard Post Bowling League

The Blanchard Post Bowling League will start its 2000-2001 season on Thursday, September 14th.

New bowlers are always welcomed and needed.

Anyone interested in joining our fun group can call either Dom Caminiti at 439-3449, or Bill Johnston at 439-3448

National American Legion Expresses Concern over National Security and Funding for Armed Services and Personnel.

With America's fighting men and women deployed in 134 countries, military defense spending hovering at pre-World War II levels, and every branch of the military except the Marine Corps falling short of recruiting goals, the American Legion's National Executive Committee has approved a plan to educate America on its declining military.

"America is facing a security crisis, said National Commander Al Lance. "We must urge our fellow citizens to consider this subject when they cast their votes on November 7th!"

A video tape has been produced by the Legion that details the decline in America's military readiness and asks voters to elect candidates who will rebuild the military. "Our focus is on issues, not parties," explains the director of the Legion's national security-foreign relations division. Copies of the video were given to the National Committee Chairmen of the both Democratic and Republican parties, and a copy was forwarded to the Reform Party's acting chairman.

Let's hope that each party will give this subject proper attention!

Bingo Report - July 2000

Four Occasions - - - - 436 Players

Gross Receipts	\$ 8,026.00
Prizes.....	- 6,598.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 1,428.00
Expenses.....	- 488.38
Net Profit.....	\$ 939.62
Post Bills & Donations.....	\$ 219.89

Bell Jar Report - July 2000

Total Ticket Value.....	\$ 24,747.00
Prizes & Unsold Tickets.....	- 19,068.00
Gross Profit.....	\$ 5,679.00
Interest Income.....	+ 11.97
Total Proceeds.....	\$ 5,690.97
Bell Jar Expense.....	\$ - 614.00
Bell Jar Income.....	\$ 5,076.97
Post Bills Paid/Donations.....	- 563.50
Net Income/(Loss).....	\$ 4,513.47
Ending Balance.....	\$ 19,258.46
Beginning Balance.....	- 14,744.99
Net Change.....	\$ 4,513.47

20-Week Club Underway

The January 2001 version of the 20-Week Club has begun, with the first weekly \$30 drawing scheduled for Friday night, September 8th.

With ever-rising costs, and as indicated at the June Dinner-Dance, the committee has been forced to change the format of the party from a sit-down dinner to a buffet, and to move the event from the large upstairs hall to the downstairs lounge. This means we can accommodate a maximum of 100 people for the dinner, and must change from the 3-piece band to something "less elegant." The alternative would be to charge an additional fee for the dinner, as well as raise the price for guests to attend.

A note from those who might want to consider - and would support - continuing the past "format", and your thoughts on a price increase, would be appreciated as there is plenty of time to consider other options.

For those of you who indicated you wanted to continue your support, we will understand if you decide to discontinue your club membership and number reservation.

We will continue to hold weekly drawings and will try to maintain the prize levels of the past at the January 2001 dinner party.

Non-League Shuffleboard

During the weeks following the end of the regular shuffleboard season in the spring, a group of "dedicated diehards" continued playing each Thursday evening into and through the summer in an impromptu manner just to continue the camaraderie which was enjoyed during the winter months, - and to sharpen skills-(??) -!

Those participating on various nights included Steve Riedel, Paul Lukatschat, Sue Wilson, Christine Hoffman, Pat Cummings, Carol and Jim Benton, Jim Quinlan, Dave Duff, Doris Salvesen, Charlie Herber, and Wally Boswell. All are looking forward to the start of league play in the fall.

Anyone wishing to join the group in its weekly matches on Thursday evenings should plan to attend the informal organizational meeting Thursday evening, Sept 7th in the Post Lounge.



Auxiliary News

N. A. Blanchard Unit #1040

~ American Legion Auxiliary ~

President.....Lois Smith
1st Vice President.....Lillian Blanchard
Secretary.....Barbara Palmer
Treasurer.....Anne De Grush

Assistant Treasurer.....Pauline Ouderkirk
Sergeant-At-Arms.....Lillian Blanchard
Chaplain.....Marcia Turner
Historian.....Marcia Turner

From your President...

As we begin a new year of activities at the Post, this may be one of our hardest.

By now you all should have received and hopefully read the letter mailed out. The bottom line is it will be a struggle to keep the Auxiliary going if we all don't pitch in and help. There are too few of us doing the work that many should share.

I know that we all are getting older and can't do as much as we used to, but what we ask of our members doesn't take a great deal of time or effort, and we try to make it as easy as possible.

For instance, start by coming to the monthly meetings and finding out what we have to do and how you can help. Helping out at Bingo for two hours once a month on a Wednesday night. In May of each year when we have our "Poppy Day", take an hour or two of your time to come and help hand out poppies. Keep in mind that what we collect goes back to our veterans in our area and also to their families. We're not doing this for the Auxiliary - we're doing it for them!

Come join us and be proud of what we can do. Without you, we can't continue to fight for them like they did for us. Meeting night is the third Tuesday of each month that we hold meetings. In September, that will be on the 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Room.

In closing, we want to express our condolences to Ann DeGrush on the recent loss of her son.

Yours for the Auxiliary,

Lois Smith

President

A Cute Story -

A man walking along a California beach was deep in thoughtful prayer. All of a sudden he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have been faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii, so I can drive over anytime I want to." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the logistics of that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take!"

I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I have been married and divorced four times. All of my wives have said that I am uncaring and insensitive. I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing', and how I can make a woman truly happy"

After a few minutes the Lord said, "Did you want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

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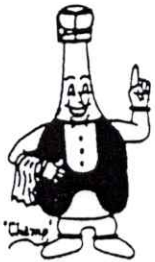
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