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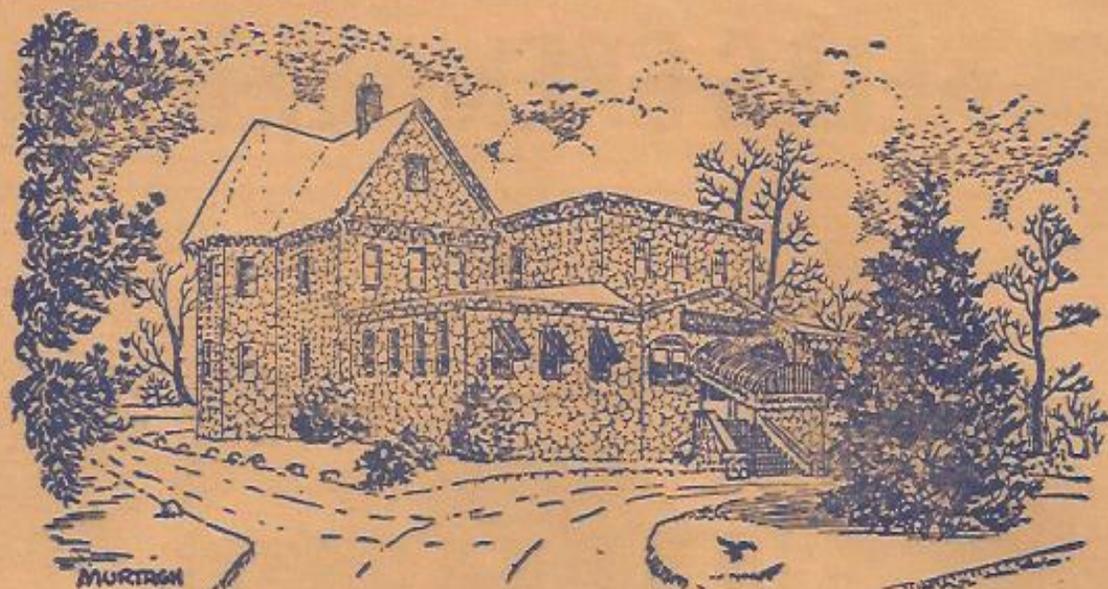
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Fellow Legionnaires:

At this writing I am glad to report our members who reported injured or sick, are on the road to recovery. We also had Little Joe Caravaglio and Bill Aninowsky laid up with bangs and bruises, they too, I am happy to say are on the mend.

The last report I received from County Membership Chairman Ralph Legge, shows we are roughly 40 members behind our total for last year at this time. What the reason for this decline is, I am sorry to say, "I do not know". Our Membership Chairman Ray Swanson certainly has made it easy for all to renew their membership. If there is any sound reason behind it Ray and I certainly would like to know about it.

At our last meeting Lou Somma and Joe Smith reported the ticket returns for our Annual Dance have been very slow. This is one affair you certainly would not want to miss. Not only will you have a good time but you will be helping your Post financially.

During the month of February we will celebrate the Birthday of two of our countries greatest Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Before George Washington became President, he distinguished himself by leading the Continental Army to Victory over the British in our fight for Independence.

In 1861 just one hundred years ago another great war raged in our Country. That being the Civil War. At that time Abraham Lincoln was the President of the United States. It was his leadership and human understanding that led the Union Armies to Victory over the Confederate States.

While on the subject of Presidents, our new President John Kennedy delivered one of the most impressive Inaugural Speeches of our time. One of the most impressive sentences in his speech was the following, "And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your Country can do for you, ask what you can do for your Country. These words should ring loud and clear in the minds of every American. Think about them every so often you will find they are quite inspiring.

Due to the bad weather the past two weeks there hasn't been any bowling on Thursday night. Despite this, I am happy to report that the two teams representing your Post are still riding high. I hope they can maintain this position at the end of the season. It would be a great thrill and an Honor to have both teams finish on top of their respective leagues.

Another project we will get started shortly will be our Blood Bank. This project I am happy to say will not cost anyone any money, During one of my later messages I will give you full particulars.

Don't forget our meeting nights, the Second and Fourth Friday of every Month.

Yours for the Legion,

Arthur Volsario.

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CHIT-CHAT!!!

Your editor wishes to thank all those members who sent cards, telephoned, and otherwise wished me well during my recent illness, including FRANK ROONEY who called from Park Forest, Ill..... also thanks to JOE MILLER who delivered the January issue to the printer for me. MEMO TO JOE SMITH: "I am still waiting for the extras of the December and January issues of the K-G News...include February now....Our best wishes to PC Councilman Edward V. Curry who is seriously ill at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Staten Island, N.Y.... send him your own personal wishes...The Commander's message states membership is behind last year..this only means that some of YOU have not renewed your 1961 membership..get on the ball and do it now!!!!THEN-----

LEGIONNAIRES !

Get into the swing! Bring in new members.

DO IT NOW!

It is the Duty of every member of this Post to help secure New Members.

Contact your neighbors, fellow employees and friends.

Help your Post set an all-time record.

Sign on men's room: "To hell with Coca Cola, this is the pause that refreshes.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The observance of the 42nd birthday of the American Legion, March 11-17, will take on the appearance of a gigantic family reunion as Legion Posts throughout the nation embark on the "Operation Welcome Back" theme of this year's celebration.

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Members of the American Legion's National Security Commission attending the Mid-Winter Conference, February 25 thru March 3 in Washington, D.C., will also have the opportunity to attend top level military inspection and demonstration at Hampton Road, Va.

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President John F. Kennedy has been invited by Department Commander Joseph Weeda of the District of Columbia to be guest of honor at its ceremonies which will mark the formal observance of George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22.

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Leydon-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1 of the American Legion, Denver, Colorado, again heads the list of super posts -- those posts with 2000 or more members for 1960 as of December 31st.

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There are 245 members of the American Legion serving in the first session of the 87th Congress.

The Story of the Stars and Stripes



(Continued from January issue)

The brilliant Henry Ward Beecher said: "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history that belongs to the nation that sets it forth. The American flag has been a symbol of Liberty and men rejoiced in it. The stars upon it were like the bright morning stars of God, and the stripes upon it were beams of morning light. As at early dawn the stars shine forth even while it grows light, and then as the sun advances that light breaks into banks and streaming lines of color, the glowing red and intense white striving together, and ribbing the horizon with bars effulgent, so, on the American flag, stars and beams of many-colored light shine out together...."

More than a score of years ago President Wilson said: "This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us---speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it. We celebrate the day of its birth; and from its birth until now it has witnessed a great history, has floated on high the symbol of great events, or a great plan of life worked out by great people....Woe to the man or group of men, that seek to stand in our way in this day of high resolution, when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and

made secure for the salvation of the nation. We are ready to plead at the bar of history, and our flag shall wear a new luster. Once more we shall make good with our lives and fortunes the great faith to which we were born, and a new glory shall shine in the face of our people." Thus the Stars and Stripes came into being; born amid the strife of battle it became the standard around which a free people struggled to found a great nation. Its spirit is fervently expressed in the words of Thomas Jefferson: "I swear, before the altar of God, eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

The Stars and Stripes which in 1941 flew over the United States Capitol on December 8, when we declared war on Japan and on December 11, when we declared war on Germany and Italy has indeed proved to be the "flag of liberation." This same flag went with President Roosevelt to Algiers, Casablanca and other historic places, and flew over the conquered cities of Rome, Berlin and Tokio.

The Stars and Stripes that flew over Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, rippled over the United Nations Charter meeting at San Francisco and over the Big Three conference at Potsdam. This same flag was raised over the White House at sunrise, August 8, 1945.

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, those present in uniform should render the right hand salute. Men not in uniform should remove their head-dress and women should salute by placing the right hand over the heart.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Beginning with the March issue a description of early American Flags will be recorded in this column. Thanks to those members who have told me they think these articles are most enlightening.)

Your Service Officer Speaks!

State Veteran Counselor
LEO D'A. BALBACH

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TAXES: Military and Naval Pay is subject to the New State Income Tax. NYS taxpayers who are assigned to the U.S. armed forces installations outside NYS remain subject to the NYS tax. They are required to file NYS tax returns at the same time and in the same manner as any other taxpayer. This also applies to wives or husbands of U.S. armed forces personnel who may reside in localities near the military or naval installations to which their spouses are assigned. Military and Naval pay received by members of the several Reserve Corps of the U.S. armed forces is also taxable. Family allowance payments, however, received from the Federal Government by families of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel are exempt from the NYS income tax.

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NYS BONUS: Inquiries are continually being made concerning a Korean NYS Bonus. No Korean bonus legislation was enacted during the 1960 session of the State Legislature. Bonus legislation in NYS requires constitutional amendment approved by two successive State Legislatures, after which it is submitted to the voters for their approval. There is no Korean Bonus now in effect, and due to constitutional processes, if the present Legislature should approve one the earliest it could possibly be paid would be 1964.

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