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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

I received the following letter from our Department Commander:

Dear Commander Scheib:

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest congratulations to those Legionnaires of your Post who participated in the Post Everlasting Ceremony at the 60th Annual Convention of The American Legion at New Orleans, La.

I wish you could have heard the congratulatory comments that I heard from many Legionnaires from all over the country. Their interest in the ceremony and the manner in which it was conducted made me feel especially proud that Post 272 was from Pennsylvania.

I am sure that the services conducted by Post 272 will be remembered by many and your Legionnaires brought additional honor to the Pennsylvania American Legion.

I would also like to mention the great show that the WESTSHOREMEN put on in the Super Dome as they captured the national title of The American Legion for Senior Drum and Bugle Corps.

Legionnaires of the Robert H. Hoke Post 272, Linglestown, have many reasons to be proud of their organization.

Sincerely yours,
STEPHEN J. MIKOSKY
Department Commander

The nationally honored Degree Team of our Post was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by 19th District Commander, Dominic DiFrancesco at the District meeting on Sept. 12 at the Millersburg Legion . . . To George Wagener and the Team — A SUPER JOB.

To the National Champion Westshorem

Drum and Bugle Corps, who represented Post 272 in New Orleans — A SUPER JOB.

On Sept. 2 our Post held installation of the new officers for the 1978 - 1979 year. It was a gala evening, which was enjoyed by all. I congratulate the officers and look forward to a banner year. Your service and dedication will make the difference.

On Sept. the 5th Dauphin County Council held installation at Post 272. It was a pleasure to attend and witness Post 272's own Fred Schwarz being installed as Dauphin County Commander. Congratulations to a Comrade who will do a good job.

Again, for the third consecutive year, our editor, Clive Beatty, has won the PALPA award for our newsletter. His dedication to the Post is deeply appreciated — A SUPER JOB.

A letter of thanks was received from Art Heilman for the Legion Team that went to the V.A. Hospital on Sept. 10 to provide bowling entertainment for the patients. We enjoyed the visit. This engagement took about 3 hours of our time. Time? Art Heilman - he will give you the meaning of time. He has compiled over 10,000 hours of service to our hospitalized Veterans. We congratulate you, Art. It is always a pleasure to be part of your entertainment program.

Mrs. Ruth Malone is our newly elected Ladies Auxiliary President. I extend congratulations to you and your officers, wishing you the best year the Legion has ever realized.

Following is an accounting to date, Sept. 15, 1978, of contributions thus far received for the parking lot paving project, in addition to the monies already expended for paving entranceways

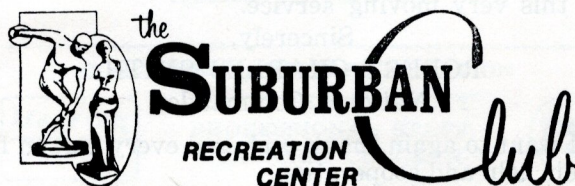
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HOME OF 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION "POST EVERLASTING" DEGREE TEAM

better get down to the task of finding out. Won't you please help? After all your reputation is at stake also; Isn't it? ?

H. J. Mickey McNaughton
Senior Vice Commander
Membership Chairman

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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Having been in office for only a short while I'm amazed at, and deeply appreciate, the help and advice I've received for bingo.

We still need more help and more players.

My mainstays in assisting with bingo have been Marty Malone (who has often stayed late), Gip Mummert, Chuck Hatfield, Jim Pearson, Mickey McNaughton, Fred Schwarz, Stan Hulsizer and Art Scheib. Sorry if I missed anyone.

We're trying something new at bingo. We're offering strips at the tables.

We've improved our bingo facilities by purchasing new cards and new bingo balls.

Due to the efforts of Shirley, our cook, and thanks to a lot of volunteer help, our kitchen is coming along quite well. Shirley does a heck of a job. In addition to our regular kitchen service (kitchen hours on the back page of this newsletter), Shirley serves most anything to tempt your palate during bingo each Wednesday night.

Bingo offers food and fun for everyone. Come on out and enjoy our bingo program each Wednesday night.

George Vachon
Junior Vice Commander

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OUR DEGREE TEAM'S HOUR OF TRIUMPH

Most members are now aware that Post 272's delegation attending the 60th National Convention in New Orleans returned home in a jubilant

mood. Rightly so, for not only did the Westshoremen Drum and Bugle Corps, sponsored by our Post, win first place in national competition in the musical spectacular held in the Superdome, but our Degree Team performed, for the first time in National Convention history, the "Post Everlasting" ceremony and won wide acclaim for their excellence in the presentation of this solemn ritual.

I want to personally thank all the Districts, Posts and individuals who gave money, time and effort to make this trip and performance a reality. The cooperation and understanding, even through moments of frustration, were all that anyone could desire.

My special and deep-felt thanks and appreciation go to the Degree Team members:

Chuck Hatfield, Sergeant-at-Arms, who gave more of himself than words can express, and commanded the Team flawlessly.

Mickey McNaughton, Stan Hulsizer and Frankie Rakowski, despite their visible nervousness, presented a perfect "stack".

Art Sheib, Brazier Bearer, mindful of its significance, fulfilled his responsibility with dignity and grace.

Andy Doyle, Adjutant, who lighted the candles with perfection.

Norm Myers, Narrator, who gave his all and moved the ceremony according to schedule.

Mike Euker, our singing cop, who rendered a moving performance as usual and received the highest accolades for same.

Last but by no means the least, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Frank Alessi, Jr., of New Orleans, who so graciously appeared as our Bugler and gave us a flawless and outstanding performance.

Our gratitude and sincere appreciation are expressed to our Past Commander, Harold Beatty, who, along with his wife, Esther, conducted a most tedious fund-raising campaign for the benefit of the Degree Team. Harold's cooperation, encouragement and wisdom greatly enhanced the ultimate performance of this historic event by our Degree Team.

To exemplify the cooperation received from so many individuals to attain our goal to perform at National Convention, the following letter was received from the President of the Musicians' Union in response to a request for a bugler within the New Orleans area.

Mr. David Winstein writes:

Dear Mr. Wagener:

Ordinarily, a request like yours would have been met with a summary refusal. But for some reason, your letter struck a responsive chord. With that in mind, and knowing the cost of a professional trumpeter to appear for your brief Memorial Service, I have spoken to a brother Legionnaire who will be happy to co-operate with you most fully.

From here on out, you will contact and direct

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NOTES FROM THE MIGHTY 19th

In last month's column, if you will recall, I emphasized my pride in the accomplishments of the 19th District. This month, I will dwell upon the immense pride I have in being Commander of the District; this includes my respect for Post 272, who sponsored the "Westshoremén", National Champion Drum and Bugle Corps, and for the first time ever, performed "Post Everlasting" ceremonies at a National Convention.

I, like all the Pennsylvanians at the National Convention, was extremely pleased when on Sunday night the "Westshoremén" captured the National Drum and Bugle Corps title while carrying the Post 272 colors. However, in my opinion, a greater honor was bestowed on the 19th District on Tuesday morning when the Post 272's "Post Everlasting" Team went into action during the opening session of the National Convention. There is no way that anybody could explain or detail the tense anticipation of the Team as they prepared to start. I spoke with each member prior to the beginning to wish them luck and success, and I doubt very much if any of them even knew I was there. However, no matter what was going on prior to their cue, it certainly was not evident when they began their ceremony. This team did a most outstanding job, and it would be impossible to pick out any one man as doing more, or performing better, than the others. This was truly a superb team effort and this team opened the eyes of the National Legion to a display of perfection. Following the ceremony I spoke once again with the team and congratulated them. Their nerves were still shot and I don't believe that they fully realized the extraordinary joy they had just done.

Gentleman, from an extremely proud Commander, I once again thank you for the honor you have brought to your Post, County, District and State.

Dominic D. DiFrancesco
19th District Commander

LINGLESTOWN LEGION LAUDED AT NEW ORLEANS NATIONAL CONVENTION

In a triumphant mood, members of American Legion Post 272, Linglestown, returned home this past weekend from the 60th National Convention held in New Orleans, La., August 19 through August 24.

The Westshoremens Drum and Bugle Corps, representing Post 272 in the musical spectacular of the Convention activities, were awarded first place in the competition and became the National Champions. Their performance brought thundering applause and cheers from the huge crowd gathered in the Superdome to observe this event. The Corps received another most enthusiastic ovation when they appeared later that evening in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel (Pennsylvania's Headquarters), as well as resounding applause and cheers for their participation the following evening in the American Legion National parade.

The highlight of the Linglestown delegation was the overall acceptance and appreciation of its performance of the "Post Everlasting" ceremony by the Post 272 Degree Team at the opening session of the 60th National Convention. This honor was, in itself, most gratifying; to heighten its elation, however, was the fact that Post 272's Degree Team was the first to ever perform this solemn ritual in the 60-year history of National Conventions of the American Legion.

A set of special shoulder pads honoring both the Degree Team and its appearance at the 60th National Convention was presented to the Team Commander, George Wagener, during the Penna. Caucus on August 21, by Dr. Almo Sebastianelli, National Executive Committeeman. The name of each participating member of the Post 272 Degree Team and his function are as follows: Norman Myers, Commander; Andrew Doyle, Adjutant; Charles Hatfield, Sergeant-at-Arms; Art Scheib, Brazier Bearer; Harrison McNaughton, Rifleman; Frank Rakowski, Rifleman; Stanley Hulsizer, Rifleman; Michael Euker, Soloist; Frank P. Alessi Jr., Bugler; and George Wagener, Team Commander/Coordinator.

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