"Freeze War Surplus Until Veteran Is Assured Share"

Stelle Also Tells Congress That Supposed Priority of Veterans Is Miserable Failure; Those Who Made Goods Surplus Can't Get Them

In a letter to members of Congress and in a national radio broadcast over the NBC network on March 27, National Commander John Stelle has turned the spotlight on the surplus property situation—a situation in which the veteran has been getting a run-around.

Commander Stelle has asked Congress to freeze surplus properly temporarily until the entire system can be overhauled and the veteran assured of his fair share.

When Congress framed the laws for the disposal of surplus property, 50 per cent of the war materials was earmarked for priority clients, of which the veteran was one—trailing after federal government, state government, county government, municipal government and tax-supported institutions.

But it worked out good for the veteran to be allotted a preference. It was a piece of the structure in order to rehabilitate the men and women who had performed national service.

Paid Off in Pennies

But unfortunately for the veteran, that procedure has failed entirely. The pay for surplus property has not been in dollars, or dimes, or nickles—but in pennies!

"I cannot get housing, the choice jobs and positions in both public and private employment are filled, he finds.

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The Veterans Administration is in the process of doing the job, it was made clear to the sitting.

Now there is this added affront to the veteran—his inability to purchase surplus consumer goods as promised him by the government.

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Others Get the Goods

Surplus has property has had a strange and puzzling way of ending up in hands other than those of veterans. Foreign governments have snapped up large quantities of it. Much of it has been disposed of in UNRRA and other relief and the government also has turned over its surplus to aid veterans, as demanded in an American Legion mandate.

Pension Insurance, Housing, Terminal Leave for E. M.

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Legion Booklet Goes Into Best Seller Class

The American Legion membership booklet, "It's a Fact," is now in its sixth millionth printing—which establishes it high in the list among all-time "best sellers." The book was written originally and has been revised by Dr. Wilson, chief of the Expedition and Washington Services of The American Legion.

Complaint Letters Sent to Washington

The hundreds of letters from veterans in which they have related their unfortunate experiences in trying to take advantage of a veteran priority in obtaining War Surplus property, or goods, are documented in the office of the National Public Relations Division of The American Legion at national headquarters in Indianapolis, and are forwarded to the Washington, D. C., branch of national headquarters, for presentation of the facts contained in them to the proper authorities of the government there.

Legislative 6-Point Battle

For Veteran on in Congress

Housing, Property, Terminal Leave for Enlisted Men, War Surplus, Are Sectors on Which Legion Is Waging Fight for Victory

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A legislative battle that will give the veteran a break over all others on five vital sectors of the home front is moving steadily forward in Washington under American Legion drive and with every prospect of swift victory soon.

These sectors include housing surplus property, pension increase, life insurance, and terminal leave for enlisted men.

In addition, The American Legion's seventh major legislative project, universal military training, is gaining strength day by day.

"A House World War Veterans Subcommittee is now drafting an insurance bill which will give the World War II veterans the same breaks as a World War I veteran. There is every possibility that the new act will be passed in the next two weeks," said John Thomas Taylor, national director of legislation.

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Seven sons and one daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Illes, have signed up for mem-
San Francisco Is Convention-Minded

Golden Gate City Preparing to Entertain Legion in September

With the signing of the official convention contract by the city of San Francisco, plans for the 38th National Convention of the American Legion have gotten under way. This being the first time that the convention city, or any American Legion city has held since the Miller-Hayes contest, it has been with an anticipated络mber of well over 3,000,000, by convention contract with the city of San Francisco.

The convention is to open on September 28 and continue through October 4, with the closing ceremonies to be held at the Civic Auditorium and the Auxiliary building. The main event of the convention will be the annual meeting of the national commander and national executive committee of the American Legion on October 4.

From the city first honored to hold the world meetings of the American Legion; then the state of California, and now the entire Union of which the Legion is a part, we will do everything possible to make the 38th National Convention the greatest ever held.

Library of Congress

Library of Congress has undertaken the establishment of a complete clearing house of information on Government motion picture pictures, and is now preparing for the distribution of this film material. Information on many various Government agencies doing work concerning foreign service examination, public health, and other matters of national and historical value. Catalogues for this material are not now available, but files of requests for service until funds and personnel become available to the Library.

One Brother Signs For Six in Utica, N. Y.

Keller, member of Utica Post 188, (N.Y.) has recently renewed his own membership and that of five brothers, all of whom were still in service overseas on April 16, when the law of March 25, 1943, went into effect. They are: John, Navy lieutenant; Edward, Army first lieutenant; Frederick, Navy ensign; Charles, Army corporal; Walter, Army private; Earl, Marine Corps, private.

Lexington Post Proud of Retired Members

Lexington Post No. 28 of New York City is justly proud of the accomplishments of two of its members. Having served in the war in France and Belgium and Philip J. McCook retired as captain in the Army, and_hz._

LaBoon Observer At United Nations

National Commander John Stills, and Commander County Ral's has been named as the observer for The American Legion at the United Nations Security Council meeting that opened in New York City on March 28, 1946, and will be assisted by National Commander John Stills. The observer for The American Legion has more than an academic interest in the United Nations Security Council, to which he will be returning, since he has been with doing what has to be done to prevent the recurrence of the catastrophic situation that in Lompton spent three years as a war prize of the Japanese, and he has served the death march as an Indian.

One Chance for a Job In Foreign Service

The Department of State holds examinations for positions in the foreign service. The applicant must have been born between July 1, 1925 and July 1, 1924. He must have been an American citizen and have been a member of the armed forces or veterans of the armed forces. The applicant must have served overseas as a member of the armed forces or have been employed as an employee of the United States government.

The applicant must have been active in Legion affairs. The applicants must possess a "reasonable facility in reading the following languages: French, German, or Spanish.

Tone Checks in Legion Official Ranks

Department Adjutant Edwin Linz tells his Pennsylvania adjutants that any heart attack recently reported in the news has never been reported before.

The Managing National Commander of the American Legion, James H. Ringler, Chicago, will have to resign his post by reason of failing health. He has been ill for some time at the time this letter was written, and the department is hoping to have him in the hospital in a few days.

Department Adjutant Tom Hagen of Wisconsin, who was laid up for some time at the time this letter was written, and the department is hoping to have him in the hospital in a few days.

Proposes Use of Spare Hospital Ships

Todd Memorial Post 1201, of New York, has made a proposal that hospital ships, when no longer needed for military service, be returned to harbor centers and be used as hospitals to relieve overcrowding of local hospitals. The hospital ships will accommodate 1,000 patients each.

Members of Todd Post, employees of the United States Shipping Board and members of the National Executive Committee for the Department of the Interior, are completely equipped with all needed hospital facilities.

Out for Big Party

Naval Reserve Is To Be Organized

LaBoon's Report

NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 25—"United Nation's main strength lies in its universality and universality, in its rejection of secret deals and private conversations," the opinion of the National Commander to the American Legion, speaking at Hunter College, New York, March 25, 1946.

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When Brunswick Post No. 14 of Kingman, Ariz, heard about a building to use for a hall and club, they finally selected and prepared to do so. It has been the policy of the Brunswick Legion to keep its post in public health, and now it is being used for clubs, a library, a branch of the Army National Guard.

Army War Relief drives and sold more than $1,000,000 worth of war bonds for a time in an oxygen tent, has been active in Legion affairs. He has been named as the observer for The American Legion at the United Nations Security Council meeting that opened in New York City on March 28, 1946, and will be assisted by National Commander John Stills. The observer for The American Legion has more than an academic interest in the United Nations Security Council, to which he will be returning, since he has been with doing what has to be done to prevent the recurrence of the catastrophic situation that in Lompton spent three years as a war prize of the Japanese, and he has served the death march as an Indian.

Post Occupies Historic Building

Library of Congress

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Legion Needs Room to Grow; Plans Many New Buildings

Construction Boom Awaits

Only the Releasing of Required Materials

When the time comes that honor and valor have been achieved, and the monuments to this end have been built, what will become of these? The answer is, they will be publicized in the future. Others will accommodate the tremendously increased way, with literally hundreds of buildings being planned. This is being done in anticipation of the demand for these pieces of property, which will result from the tremendous increase in activity that has followed the end of World War II. Many of these plans have been announced in the columns of The National Legionnaire. Others will be published in the future.

Some of the more ambitious plans that are now in the making, as we have discussed, are for the point where work is ready to start at any time, are listed here.

Considerable information has already been published as to the addition to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the World War Plan in Indianapolis. This is one of the national headquarters made necessary by the great number of veterans who have been acquired by them to accommodate the tremendous increase in activity that has resulted from the end of World War II. The space expansion. There are also plans in the making for the accommodation of a new building in Washington, D.C., which will be made possible by the number of national headquarters in the national headquarters. Several plans are needed to accommodate the vast space and work being handled there.

An $850,000 Deal

From Austin Texas, comes word that the Department of Texas has taken over an old municipal water tower which is to be turned into a national headquarters building. The building will be located in the center of the city and will be used as a community center for the city. The building is being planned so that it will accommodate the space needed for the purpose.

The Jacksonville Beach Post 129, of Jacksonville, Fla., was recently purchased for $1,000,000. The building is located in the center of the city and is to be used as a community center for the city. The building is being planned so that it will accommodate the space needed for the purpose.

Canada Concession in Toronto, Ont., June 1

The annual convention of the Department of Canada will be held in Toronto, Canada, on June 1, 1946. The date was changed from June 8 in order to avoid conflict with national convention scheduled for Indianapolis.

Four Brothers From Air Force in Post

American Legion Post 366 of Lohrville, Iowa, recently signed as members the four Christian brothers, all air force officers in War II. Lowell, Loyd and William were pilots, and Walter was a bombardier. They are the sons of Legislator Carl Christiansen and Anntula Christiansen of Lohrville.

Led District 17 Years

Educators to Hold a Work Conference

The National Education Association announces a National Work Conference for Veterans Education, to be held at the Hiatt Hotel, Chicago, Ill., on April 11 to 13, 1946. A symposium on housing is to be a feature of the conference. Enrollment of veterans in colleges and universities is expected to reach next year, and it is hoped that plans come from the conference that will be helpful in this situation.

St. Louis Inquires: Is This a Record?

St. Louis County, Missouri, has looked forward to one of its commanders being a member while serving in office. Waiting for a post commander who could have a baby, seemed just a little too unusual. Now it has happened.

St. Louis Woman's Memorial Post No. 464 is exclusively a World War II women's post. Their charter was granted this month, and the commander, Mrs. Harriet Lohrman, is now the proud mother of a baby girl. Her application was accepted for membership in the Auxiliary of Post No. 464 when she was 18 years old. Is this what another post whose record means this?

Six-Point Battle

On in Congress

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opposition: It will get the rest this quan, percent help In this critical period. One battle is being planned, and the post is building a new building to be able to go ahead with building. A bond campaign is being staged March to add to the fund.

In South Chicago, Ill., Post 409 has received the title to the property of the late C. H. C. Stone, department store owner, from his daughter, in deference to her father's wishes. Located at 2312 South Avenue, the improvement of the present property and the initiation of a building campaign will bring the building to the building is to be used as a community center.

Canada League Member

GEORGE W. TERRILL

One of the precious possessions of George W. Terrill, of South Carolina, is a resolution adopted by the 14th District, American Legion, in his state, in which his service as state commander a continuous period of 17 years are rated, and his accomplishments and qualities of leadership are given the written appreciation of his friends of the district.

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Sports Competition Engages Growing Interest of Posts

Kansas Basketball Tourney

Most Ambitious of the Recent Season

The greatest interest of Legionnaires, as such, in athletic competition this year will be in the Junior Basketball program in Kansas. The tournament was sponsored by the legion, and had participants from throughout the state. There are American Legion posts in 19 counties in the state, and participants from many of these counties will participate in the tournament.

Also, however, with the membership taking on so many younger men, who retain their athletic ability, the expansion of Legionnaires, post-League, is a growing space. Perhaps the most notable has been the organization of basketball teams in Los Angeles, composed of players who are themselves Legions. This is a good reason to watch the tournament, which is being held in Kansas City, where the final game will be played.

Minnesota Utilities

Child Welfare Film

Of Interest in April, which is Child Welfare Month, is the screening of a film by Frank Mayer, department public relations director in Minneapolis, concerning the showing of the Child Welfare Film, "A Square Deal for Every Child." Through an arrangement made with the Monogram Pictures agency in Minneapolis, six copies of the film are to be distributed to Minnesota locations. A film has been received in or is currently being looked for 60 locations.

Pearl Harbor Post 24, with a membership of 1210, should have been listed in 78th place among the 50 largest member posts in 1946, advises Joe M. Rice, commander of the farthest Hawaii outfit.

Big Class at York, Pa.

World War II members continue to join The American Legion in increasing numbers, as indicated by this picture of a class of 6M being initiated into York Post 2X7 at York, Pa., on March 3. This class is a portion of the 950 new members assigned during January and February. The others will be publicized in the future.

With this new increment, York now has 4,500 members, of whom 4,100 are World War II veterans.
SIGN A NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH

There are 16 million persons who have been made eligible for membership in The American Legion by their military or naval services in World War II.

More than a million of these 16 million have already joined The American Legion. The Legion is preparing to give new pep and vigor behind the programs that the organization has been promoting for the benefit of community, state and nation this past quarter of a century and more.

That means there still are in the neighborhood of 15 million of eligibles still available for membership in the local posts all over the land.

"Every member get a member in April," is the slogan suggested by National Commander John Stelle when he initiated 3,000 new members of one class at the Cleveland, Ohio, Area recently.

Many posts are wondering where to put their new members, as their quarters—once so commodious—prove inadequate for the doubled and tripled membership they are now attaining.

Putting a halt to membership effort will never solve the problem. New members will solve it—eventually. Once it is certain that new quarters or larger quarters are needed, the services of these new members in obtaining the funds or doing the work will be invaluable. They will be the more interested in the welfare of the post they have had a part in building. In addition, by getting all the members into the ranks now that you can, you will obtain a better picture of the capacity you will have to prepare to handle.

The larger cities have the greatest tasks to perform. It is in the larger cities where the greatest task can be performed. There is where the largest group of eligibles will be found, and there is where the other members and where the Legion needs the members, more than in the smaller communities. However, the same rule seems to prevail in both the urban and the rural communities. The same grip and the same call is what it takes to get them to join.

Shoes and dances, entertainment programs, food and drink are all relied upon by everyone—but these will not attract membership unless a genuine call is made along with them.

The best membership records have been made in places where entertainment features and free foods have not been relied upon, but where teams of Legionnaires or Auxiliaries have paid personal calls on eligibles, have explained what the local post has to offer to the new member, when its meetings are held, how much it costs to belong, this followed by an invitation to the eligible to sign an application blank and become a Legionnaire.

One community reports signing seven out of ten eligibles called on in a house to house canvass—and this was in a pretty fair sized city. This is the path that will work equally well in both town and country, in city and village.

Ask each eligible member to join The American Legion. Ask him this month!

Every member get a member—in April!

OPEN YOUR HEART

Hundreds of thousands of persons in this world face stark famine and starvation today. In order to provide a minimum diet, sufficient to save the lives of as many of these as is possible to save, an Emergency Food Collection will be held throughout the United States in the very near future. The dates for each local collection will be made known to you in regulation time in the Legion’s new Headquarters.

The great heart of America, which has always responded to calls for aiding the needy, will surely respond to this nation-wide holiday.

War victims are still in urgent need and the end of their sufferings has not come. They must have food today—and they must have more tomorrow.

Each of us can do our part to help save the lives of these war victims by making contributions to the Emergency Food Collection.

I Learned the Hard Way; Must YOU?

I’m young, as World War I vets go but my joints are old. Thirty years ago good old Doc Daniels told me to go easy on my knees or I’d be a rheumatic cripple at middle age. Ten years ago I laughed at my friends who sat around the fire while I skied. Three years ago I heard my skillful young doctor tell me that I shouldn’t pitch hay out on Fred Flora’s farm, “you may be a good tennis but weight-lifting isn’t your line. You haven’t quoted how many broken fences and low men get arthritis at middle and old age.” In my hay-pitching work where the win the war. Cut it out or you won’t even be able to sit at your desk and work.

I was so pining away that a frustrated spinster process put me in a leather collar. Did I hate the warming? Not at all. That winter I skied Mt. Mansfield with one of two oldest sons, my neck secure in an arm splinted to the collar bone by metal bands. 1 was still overcoming my inertia—so I could hardly bend, though most of it? Wasn’t I showing the world the merits of my arthritis? In 1943 when I skied Mt. Mansfield with my two oldest sons, my neck secure in a steel collar, I did indeed feel better. The expert told me I had rheumatoid arthritis.

The doctor says my type of arthritis will never put me in a wheelchair. 1 am a hardy skier. 1 even played tennis with knees crooked in Ace bandages. 1 was still overcoming the after effects of this time. 1 said, “the shoulder or the other would turn up for a day, or two, and an arm would be pinned against my side. Still I wasn’t worried. 1 played tennis until my knees ached. I hitched, it even splinted. Others might have arthritis or some malady but not me! 1’d keep so active that the joints the doctors have time to get stiff.

Well, you guessed it. I finally went to a well-known firm of rheumatoid specialists. You know, it was a big operation, with casts of feet, foot plates, back brace, exercises, rest. For a while I was taken with the idea that the one shoulder or the other couldn’t handle the job I finally worked on Fred Flora’s farm. 1 was still overcoming my inertia.

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The Willet C. Sanford Post 435, of Mt. Morrisville, N. Y., is honoring the first veteran of the community to lose his life in World War II, this being George Dietz, by baking the name of the Post to Sanford-Dietz Post, Sanford was killed in 1938 in the Battle of the Marne in France. Dietz was killed in action in the African campaign in April, 1943.
CORRADO HINGE—And we hope that you who have been Victory gardeners during the war will continue to plant and hoe and reap, because the world needs the food that can be spared by few years.

...for the American Legion. The Ninth District of Ohio had a real show. A trip flying of the Bob Hope from California show for the affair. Hope class in Cleveland—and the 12,000 others who came out to see these men on the new starting-off place and go on from there. The lads from elsewhere in the land has been-'down' in membership accomplishment in the past, as Ohio, and Detroit, Mich., and if he could have transferred some of the credit to them for him, the way they applauded his address to the audience at the post in the past, it Is far tougher than in the smaller city or the village community—but it Is coming close to solving if they will just take that Cleveland show as a new starting-off place and go on from there. The lads from elsewhere in the land has been-'down' in membership accomplishment in the past, as shows that through the use of atomic energy and new heat absorbent metals, future gunpowders contain the secret to power and speed as the old timers will show...Folks—that’s too fast for me!

Myriad Firing Squad Manager

Now that we are receiving U.S. citizens, citizens of 5000, Members of the Order of The American Legion, we are age 21, and a minimum of three years service in the U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force.

Taking the “Catch” Out of the Enfield
Advice to Rifle Squads Which Fail Fault With Their Army Rifles
By CLYDE WHITTLING
Finance Officer, Enfield, Connecticut

Where and How Much
Information of Interest to All Post Rifle Squads

National Headquarters has been asked to point out to you that the following information on rifles and blank ammunition, is brought to you by the Chief of Personnel of the American Legion, Washington, D. C., with the consent of those who have requested the same.

Black ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re- spected by the Director Taylor to be now available, with 30-caliber ammunition cost at $0.25 per thousand, 1520 cartridges per box. Blank ammunition is also re-
News Is Sought About These People

Wentworth M. Norton, Pvt., Co. D, 24th Div., reported killed December 19, 1944, near Okinawa. Additional information is sought by his mother, Mrs. Wentworth M. Norton, 216 Eads Ave., Struthers, Ohio.

Bud Long, Pvt., Co. A, 377th Inf., reported killed December 19, 1944, near Okinawa. Additional information is sought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bud Long, 2208 W. Encinal St., Los Angeles 37, Calif.

Cheney L. Stickle, Pvt., Co. D, 88th Div., missing December 23, 1944. Additional information is sought by the State Office for War Deceased in the War, 212th St., New York City.

John W. McVicker, Pvt., Co. F, 43d Inf., missing December 25, 1944. Additional information is sought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McVicker, 1034 E. 13th St., Tulsa 1, Okla., and the State Office for War Deceased in the War, 212th St., New York City.

Robert F. Rodgers, Pvt., Co. H, 8th Div., reported killed December 28, 1944. Additional information is sought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Rodgers, Route 2, Lenox, Mass., and the State Office for War Deceased in the War, 212th St., New York City.

Kenneth D. Samuel, T-Sgt., Co. C, 511th Inf., reported missing January 1, 1945. Additional information is sought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Samuel, 718 S. Colorado Ave., Los Angeles 11, Calif., and the State Office for War Deceased in the War, 212th St., New York City.

Canaulajari, N., Y., Points With Pride

Raymond W. Smith, Post 223 at Mcallen, Tex., is the proud successor of the old member, Silas Ahern, who has personally signed up 200 new members of his post this year. Post 223 has a membership of 400 from a town of 3,000 population, and is looking ahead now to the erection of a new memorial building to cost in excess of $100,000.

Gen. Spatz at Air Round-up

Gen. Carl (Towy) Spatz, commanding all Army Air Forces in the Pacific, has accepted an invitation to be the speaker at the third annual Air Post dinner to be held in Indianapolis that with the post-war renewal of the American Legion Air Medal Round-up.

This year’s American Legion Air Round-up will revert to the pre-war practice of being held in one set of cities each year. American Legion headquarters plans all over the country actually from one to five Air Round-up dinners and will again present each of the ten citations - the Air Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Post Medal, the Air Medal for Meritorious Flight, and the Air Medal for military Valor. Post-war American Legion Air Round-up dinners will be held in one place at one time in the nation, as well as an evaluation of membership needs.

The pre-war American Legion Air Round-up was discontinued during the war, and Air-Medal Membership Round-ups were substituted for the war.

This year’s Air Round-up will converge on Indianapolis on Sunday, June 2.

Best Legion Rookie

Johnny Peiky, Boston Sox Infielder, Changes From Outfield to Shortstop

Johnny Peiky, voted the most valuable rookie developed in professional baseball in 1942 and now in Florida with the Boston Sox, training camp, has joined Williamette Vietnam Veterans as a member of the Legion at Portland, Oregon. Johnny was the regular shortstop for the Red Sox, who were defeated by the army, and was discharged as a private at the end of the war.

Johnny's brother, Vincent, also a private of the army, is now attending the University of Notre Dame.

President's Post

Adds 450 Members

Independence, Mo., With a Population of 15,000 Has Post 750

Tivy 2, Ford Post 23 (The Post of the President) at Independence, Mo., added membership of more than 450 new members into the post. This class, known as the President Harry S. Truman class, had a very warm welcome among its members. Each member of the class was given a picture of President Truman.

The Tivy 2, Ford Post, in a town of 15,000 population, now has a membership in excess of 750. In order to further increase membership the post has established a service center in the town of Independence, and will remit to it a fine American Legion home.

The Guard of Honor of Arthur Harvey, which in April to be held here a sponsored a memorial program commemorating the 75th anniversary of the United States in Maine, at the Maine Post of the American Legion in Watertown, Mass.

35 Women Veterans

In Legion Class of 200

A mass initiation of 200 World War II veterans in the American Legion was held recently. Members of the class included 35 former WAVES, WACs and nurses.
SALUTING DEMON FLASHBACK

[Civil War related content]

Legionnaire Is Named

Dictionary Project Chief

Dr. Kurt F. Leidesco, Com-  
mander of the 6th Inf. Div.,  
Washington, D.C., has been  
appointed to the post of  
Director of the Dictionary  
Project and editor-in-chief  
of the Air Force English-German  
Dictionary. This position was  
made available in 1944 by  
the end of World War II,  
when the need for such a  
dictionary was no longer  
justified, and the project  
was continued at the  
request of the government.

 onstage, he would not tell  
the press anything about  
the dictionary project.  

During the war, Dr. Leidesco  
was in charge of the  
American Forces Press  
Office in London, where  
he supervised the  
production of the  
ictionary. He has also  
written extensively on  
language and literature,  
and is a member of  
the American Academy  
of Arts and Letters.  

The Dictionary Project  
was founded in 1917 by  
the American Legion,  
and has been supported  
by the government since  
1918. It is now owned  
by the United States  
Government, and is  
operated by the Office  
of the Director of the  
Dictionary Project.  

One Big Class

7,000 Join In

Cleveland Arena Is Filled

At 12,000 Spectators

View Spectacle

March 20 was a big day for  
Cleveland, Ohio, and the  
Ninth District Legion.  

On that day, the Advertising  
Club at the Hotel  
St. Clair, which was  
opened for the  
inauguration, attended a  
gala evening in the  
arena, and took their  
places of honor at the  
inauguration of the  
Legionary.

This was the culmination  
of a lot of work done by  
a very active Legionary  
and automobile parties  
from all over the state.  

One of the biggest affairs  
of its kind in this area,  
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the entire evening was  
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Stelle Named on  
Famine Council

Commander Accepts  
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by President

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by President Truman to membership  
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with the problems of famine  
in various countries.  

Steffel, who is a veteran  
of the U.S. Army, is  
now a member of the  
American Legion, and  
is well known for his  
work in the field of  
public relations.  

In his letter to members of  
Congress, Commander Steffel  
charged that the Legionary  
is faced with the problem  
of the goods being set out  
surfaced, and that the little  
of them is shoddy and usually  
up to exceed or more money  
than the government.  

The American Legion  
has a long history of  
work in the field of  
public relations, and  
has been active in  
many different areas.  

Important decisions are reached  
over to some civilian agency.  

Until the time of the  
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Income Tax for War Prisoners To Be Forgiven

Other Tax Information of Value to Persons Still in Armed Forces

At the suggestion of a War II veteran, member of The American Legion but still in service, that something be published about income tax obligations of persons on active duty with the armed forces, Dana C. Hill, legal consultant of The American Legion connected with the Washington, D.C. office of The American Legion, has prepared the following:

"Section 141, Public Law 214, 73rd Congress, exempts all military and naval enlisted personnel after December 31, 1945, and makes possible a rebate of any amounts paid from such military income by such persons.

"Subsistence and quarters allowance for officers is not regarded as income. A $300 deduction from income is permitted for all officers (provided they received that amount before or after the expiration of their enlistment or commission)."

"For all enlisted men and officers who have been overseas a delay in filing income tax returns has been permitted until six months after their return to the United States. Unpaid tax due at that time may also be paid over a 36 month period.

The file of Internal Revenue Service at Washington, D.C. was cleared of returns for officers Is not regarded as income for officers. Income earned after December 31, 1940, and made possible a rebate of any amounts paid from such military income by such persons.

"The platter is a double-faced 16-inch transcription, produced by the Columbia Recording Division of the Columbia Broadcasting System. It consists of 30 one-minute announcements on one side, and 16 half-minute announcements on the reverse side. These membership appeals were produced with a cost of four radio actors and musical and sound effect background. Each announcement promotes the idea of the advantages of American Legion membership not only for social activities, but for individual participation in the national headquarters. This program also reviews benefits for World War II veterans, which resulted from work carried on by The American Legion.

"Flattens will be available for use in membership drives or on special occasions April 20.

"Every post having access to radio facilities may make arrangements with radio stations for the use of these spot announcements.

"The Expansion and Stabilization Service at National Headquarters has announced the availability of a radio script for use in membership work. Posts in cities having radio stations can secure one of the platters without cost by writing to C. M. Wilson, Chief, Expansion-Stabilization Service, National Headquarters, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Veterans Administration
Issues Statistics Report

It was announced in this publication, in the February 1946 issue, that National Commander John Stelle would recommend to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion that a joint administrative committee be made by members of The American Legion concerning the operations of the Veterans Administration, and that this report be made public.

This is in accordance with the suggestion of the National Commander that such a report be made.

The Veterans Administration, following this action by The American Legion, issued a joint administrative committee issued under date of February 28, 1946, such a detailed statistic summary of its operations as was contemplated in the Legion’s proposal. The Veterans Administration also announced that such a report would be made public, containing the full details of the findings of the joint administrative committee.

Since the figures which would have to be used in the proposed American Legion report would have to be obtained from the regional or hospital managers, they would have to be furnished in complete detail in the summary which was issued by the Veterans Administration. Under the best of circumstances, it would be a duplication of effort to attempt to compile similar figures for publication by The American Legion in its monthly magazine. The American Legion will encompass others.

Many Figures

Under the best of circumstances, it would be a duplication of effort to compile and release these statistics as promptly as they will be by the Veterans Administration. If the Legion made an effort, it would not be possible for us to make more than our best effort in the compilation and publication of the Veterans Administration, because of a number of physical and other limitations.

The American Legion 1946 Circular No. 165, issued in April, re-issues its figures, as follows: "The dissemination of information to the public as prescribed by the above mentioned National Command post is necessary to furnish separate reports to individual veterans, to enable personnel assigned to these reports to the reduction of work load to other duties. In addition, numerous requests or branches offices for information not included in any current report or edition of Guidebook or Central Office Guidebook." Items Added

At the suggestion of the American Legion, a number of items not contained in the April 165 Circular were added to the new report issued by the Veterans Administration. The next report to be issued under date of April 30, will be included a subsequent report.

The Rehabilitation Division and the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration of The American Legion will study these reports and make suggestions to the readers of this publication such as may be desired. It is not expected—and hoped—that these suggestions will be more instances of improvement than the others that have been submitted to the National andLegion staff. The latter, however, will be interested in the reports in the future.

Post Honors Member

On "All-American" Team

O’Connor Doyle Post 623, Highland Falls, New York, sent a letter of commendation to one of the post members, Richard U. Senett, holdwhipped at the U.S. Naval Training Camp, New York, N. Y. Maj. Gen. Edward J. Meehan, chief of the Auxiliary’s national poppy committee, has announced. Members of the little red flowers, which will be worn throughout the entire United States on Poppy Day, May 30, in honor of the nation’s war dead, have already been completed by the Auxiliary volunteer workers on Poppy Day.

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Twin's Active in SAL

MEMBERSHIP

An organization and an individual have much in common. The well-being of both is determined by the "life-blood" coursing through it. Membership is the life-blood of the Sons of The American Legion. With membership, programs become simple and effective, and interest more readily maintained. There is something wrong with membership if and when the "life-blood" or organization (The Sons of The American Legion) needs blood transfusions—and QUICKLY!

Meet the Vinstub twins—Bill on the left and Frank Jr., on the right. Bill is now captain of the SAL Squadron at Pottsville, Illinois, succeeding his brother Frank who held the position last year. The lads are 14 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vinstub, and are juniors in high school. The lads really have an advantage—for when Captain Bill has to do less from a Squadron most of the boys, however, Frank Jr., takes over and runs the meeting and no one can tell the differences that is, practically none.

Comparative Membership Standing

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Certificates to Be Awarded in '46
Squadrons and Posts Can Again Qualify for Those By Their Activity

The National Organization of The American Legion will again certify Squadrons and Posts for achieving the goals of the Legion's program for 1946. The Certificates will be signed by National Commander John J. McKeon, National Executive Committee, which has approved the program.

Squadrons are advised to: Joseph J. Grant, Chairman of the Sons of The American Legion National Committee.

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Many Squadrons to Mark Father's Day

Some of our squadrons are planning to honor not only their "Dads" who are with us, but those who have passed away during the past year, on Father's Day. The Headquarters Department is hereby advising squadrons that the honor of the occasion should be given to the men who served as Headquar ters would like to know of the plans of the squadron which plan to make this day. It's really a great day, that sad of yours. It will appreciate being given some "extra-special" attention.

The Paul Luther Coleman Post 404 of Indianapolis, Pennsylvania, recently initiated a class of 11 new candidates, bringing the post membership to the 200 mark.

Squadrons Sponsoring Musical Organizations

Announcements will be made on competition open to Sons of The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps and Bands. Recent entry is anticipated at American Legion National Convention in San Francisco, California, September 30 to October 4. Details in next monthly issue of The National Legislator. Start making your plans NOW.

Photo Contest Is Open to the SAL

Conin. Squadron Will Give Cash Prizes for Winning Pictures Entered

William M. Brown, member of the National Committee on Boy's and Girls' National Week, and Captain M. M. Hackett, National Adjutant, have announced that the pictures entered in the Sal Photo Contest will be judged among the best entries of the National Legionnaire and presented to a splendid opportunity to "take the community. Parades, pageants, opening of exhibits and displays, election of boy and girl mayor, citizenship projects, visits to governmental and natural attractions.

April 29—Church Day, Squadron leaders should assist church services in a group, and special speakers should be acquainted with emphasis on youth.

April 29—Church Day, Emphasis on preparation for youth, with words, music, art, factories, art and crafts exhibits, occupational guidance addresses.

May 1—Health Day, Al- most nationwide health and physical fitness. Health and safety campaigns. Selection of healthful boy and girl, physical examination.

May 2—United Nations Day. Co-operation, tolerance and understanding of all people throughout the world. This is a time to call it to the

Every community, regardless of size, is invited to sponsor a Boys' and Girls' National Week, or an equivalent project. The purpose is to stress proper use of leisure time, and to stress the vital part that the school, the church, the Legion (Detachment) can play in the education of youth.

Five-Star Medal to Heroes' Next of Kin

A feature of the annual installation of the American Legion National Headquarters, is the presentation of the Five-Star Medal to the nearest kin of seven members of the following units dying in service for their country.

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Two years ago I first reported on the Advisory Committee on the Air Forces Convalescent and Rehabilitation Program. Your enthusiasm and encouragement inspired and helped us more than you know. It was like a cross-country jaunt through some of the rough spots that beset the development of any new organization.

The war is now over but the job of rehabilitation of those who have been wounded in the war is barely beginning. It is a broad field of rebalitiation is really the valescent and Rehabilitation Program in the AAF was involved the whole man—his mind, his body, and his problem. The process of recovery and training which would make "waited around" to get well. The facilities of the convalescent hospitals, at first small, have broadened to minister to these patients while they were still in bed. Spe-}

**The Challenge of Rehabilitation**

By HOWARD A. RUSK, M. D.

Former Chief, Army Air Forces Convalescent Services

The Army and Navy and Air Forces Program was established in 1942 to provide vocational rehabilitation for disabled soldiers, sailors, and airmen who were too sick or disabled to go back to their former jobs. The program has been designed to give the disabled individual an opportunity to regain his physical or mental capacity and thus become useful to society again. The program has been a great success, but there is still a long way to go before all disabled veterans have been helped.

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GOVERNMENTAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS (REVISED)

When THE NATIONAL LEGIONNAIRE first published the tabular form of governmental benefits in tabular form, in November, 1946, it proved most popular. Many requests were received for extra copies. This revised table should be used instead of the old appearing in November. This revision takes into account the amendments to the GI Bill of Rights recently adopted by Congress. Fifty thousand reprints will be made and will be supplied upon remittance as they last.

 TYPE OF BENEFIT
PENSION OR COMPENSATION FOR DISABILITY—SERVICE-CONNECTED

BASIS OF ELIGIBILITY

Disabilities resulting from injuries or disease incurred in or aggravated by active service. Discharge from service for war or peacetime disability is not necessary.

REASONABLE SERVICE—NOT SERVICE-CONNECTED

Ninety days' active service during World Wars I or II; or, if less, discharge for disability in line of duty. Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE (Unemployment Insurance under GI Bill) Applies to War II only

In active service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and prior to termination of World War II. Discharge under circumstances other than dishonorable. Minimum of 10 per cent service-connected disability required.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION—STATE

In active service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and prior to termination of World War II. Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. Minimum of 10 per cent service-connected disability required.

LOAN GUARANTY

Veteran must have accrued credits prior to entering service. No service requirement.

FEDERAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (in schools, colleges, or industry) Applies to War II only

State Vocational Rehabilitation Division—State capital city.

STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Need for training to overcome vocational handicap due to disability. No service requirements.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (Provided for by GI Bill) (Post-War Law 38, 79th Congress) Applies to War II only

In active service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and prior to termination of World War II. Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. Minimum of 10 per cent service-connected disability required.

RE-EMPLOYMENT

Service after May 1, 1945. Discharge under honorable conditions. Applies for re-employment within 90 days after discharge.

EMPLOYMENT

Service during a war period. Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE—FEDERAL (Also provided by some states)

Active service in time of war or service-connected disability. No service requirement. Non-service conditions under honorable conditions.

HOSPITAL CARE (Also provided by Veterans Administration facilities)

Service during a period of war, or a service-connected disability due to war or peacetime service, with discharge under honorable conditions. For non-service conditions, veteran must have served for a 'sufficient time to acquire a disability. See chart.

MEDICAL TREATMENT AND PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES

Service during period of war or service-connected disability due to peacetime service. Applies to War II only.

DOMICILIARY CARE—FEDERAL (Also provided by some state soldiers' homes)

Service during period of war or service-connected disability due to peacetime service. Applies to War II only.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE Veterans of World War II only

National Service Life Insurance must have been accepted and paid for during active service or arrears for claim. Premium payments must be continued after discharge for service-incurred disability. Inspection of service incurred disability prior to 90 days after effective date to continue insurance.

PENSION OR COMPENSATION FOR DEATH DUE TO SERVICE

Ninety days' service or discharge for disability in line of duty during World Wars I or II, or service under conditions other than dishonorable. No other service record required. In case of World War II veterans, World War II veteran's service must also have been service-connected disability for which pension would be payable if 90 days or more.

PENSION FOR DEATH NOT DUE TO SERVICE

Service during a period of war, or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty, or in receipt of disability retirement pension, due to death. Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

BURIAL ALLOWANCE—FEDERAL (Also provided by some states)

Service during a period of war. Peacetime service qualifies if deceased covered by line of duty. Burial under conditions other than dishonorable.

BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEMETORIES

Service during a period of war. Peacetime service qualifies if deceased covered by line of duty. Maximum guarantee on non-real estate loans $1,500. Administration hospital. Paying at minimum rate of $105 per month for 30 years for service-connected disabilities. Prosthetic appliances furnished under certain conditions.

BURIAL FLAGS

Service during a period of war, or a complete enlistment or discharged for disability in line of duty. Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

HEADSTONE OR GRAVE MARKER

Lost service must have terminated honorably.

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Pension

$11.50 to $15 a month, depending on degree of disability, World Wars I and II; $9 to $15 a month, depending on degree of disability, World War II. Benefits payable to most disabled for one year, then $11.50 to $15 a month until age 65.

Compensation

$50 per month for permanent total disability. Incessed to $80 After continuous receipt for 10 years, of age by World War II veterans.

Readjustment Allowance

$100 per week, less any wages received in excess of $3. Eighty-seven percent of the remainder of first 90 days' service. Four weeks per month thereafter. Maximum number of weeks, $3,240. Time to average between net earnings and $100 per month.

Vocational training or school expenses paid. Training to a minimum rate of $50 per month for single veterans. Additional allowances for dependents.

Reinstatement

Additional credits and preference allowed under terms of Serviceman's Readjustment Act if prescribed conditions are met.

Unemployment compensation

Tuition, books, tools for training, treatment, appliances, maintenance under varying circumstances, local, state, federal funds.

State Vocational Rehabilitation Divi-ision—State capital city.

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