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National C'der Barnett Visits South Korea and Okinawa Posts Presides at Post 38 Charter, Stand Up Ceremonies

A Letter From the Publisher

Let me begin by offering every Legionnaire in the Department my warmest, most sincere best wishes for a happy and rewarding holiday season. Regardless of your religious background and preference, the holidays drawn us all together in a special way that isn't to be found at any other time of the year, and heightens our feelings of comradeship and fraternal feeling. In a sense, we all become members of one Post from one end of Asia to the other, united by a common feeling of mutual purpose.

While we were all disappointed that National Commander Barnett wasn't able to include more Posts than Seoul and Okinawa in his Asian trip, we appreciate the demands on his time, and we're hopeful that before his term ends, we'll be able to welcome him at Manila Airport with a sincere Mabuhay!

Innovative thinking and new activities are one source of lifeblood for the American Legion – and new ideas put into play by the Posts keep us, as an organization, young and vigorous. At the December meeting of the Department Executive Committee, your Department officers discussed new ideas, to expand and invigorate the mission and reach of the Department.

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A Message From The Editor

One of the members of my Post has invented an ancient Tagalog proverb – “the difference between Philippine Winter and Philippine Summer is that in Philippine winter we put up Christmas decorations”. There's more to it than that, though – Christmas lifts our spirits, and reminds us of what we have in common, rather than what separates us.

All of who produce *Legionnaire* are very heartened and gratified by the way you've accepted and supported it since the Department Executive Committee authorized it this past September. Our goal is to make it part of a growing reputation for innovation and creativity in the Philippine Department – even if we're separated by thousands of miles of water and air from our comrades, we can set an example of ideas that can be imple-

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National Commander Dale Barnett (2d from left), presides at cake cutting at Post 38 Chartering ceremonies, assisted by ALA National President Sharon Conatser and Post Commander Michael Napsey. Inset: Detail of cake (Photo: Don Wong, Post Historian) Additional photo coverage inside.

By John S. Raughter, Legion National Headquarters

After spending Thanksgiving with the troops in Okinawa, Japan, and continuing his Far East tour in two other countries, National Commander Dale Barnett is excited about all he is seeing.

But it's not official meetings with dignitaries and military officials fueling the excitement. It's the culture of membership growth that he and Auxiliary National President Sharon Conatser have found at two Posts they have visited.

Wayne E. Marchand Post 28 lies just outside one of the entry gates of Marine Corps Base Camp Foster in Okinawa. Chartered in 1946, Post 28 was one of the largest in the Legion during the height of the Vietnam War. After local military restrictions on off-base social activities were recently lifted, the Post is seeing a membership resurgence.

“The Post has a good, diverse mix of members of all ages – men and women”, Barnett said. “The highlight of my Okinawa visit was swearing in seven new members to the American Legion – all active duty and under age 30!”

Meanwhile, Post 38 – aptly named for the parallel that divides the two Koreas – was chartered less than

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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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POST 38 WELCOMES NATIONAL COMMANDER DALE BARNETT TO SEOUL, KOREA

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER PRESIDES AT THE POST'S CHARTERING AND FIRST INSTALLATION OF ITS OFFICERS



National Commander Dale Barnett administered the oaths of office to the Post's Officers, beginning with Post Commander *Michael Napsey* (above); (left, from top to bottom): *Napsey*; First Vice Commander *William Wright*; Adjutant *William Black*; Finance Officer *Steven Tharp*; (right, from top to bottom): Chaplain *Timothy Lane*; Historian/Judge Advocate *Donald Wong*; Service Officer, *William Beatty*; Sergeant-at-Arms, *David Hill*.

Below, a group photo of Post officers closing the installation ceremony.



Below, the Post's first group photo with the National Commander and Auxiliary National President.



If you have a friend in South Korea, give their name to your Post Adjutant, so it can be referred to Post 38!!!



(Left): National Commander Barnett, at left; Auxiliary National President Conatser (center) and Post Commander Napsey (right) cut the cake!!!

**A Message
At Christmas
From
Raymond H. Jones
Chaplain,
Department of the Philippines**

*As the Christmas season approaches,
our thoughts turn gratefully
to all those who have made our progress possible
here at the American Legion's Department of the Philippines.
This includes all of our Department Officers, Members,
Auxiliaries, SAL and all of their extended families.
It is in this spirit that we say ...
Thank You and Merry Christmas,
and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

*Our Department has been very fortunate and blessed this year.
We exceeded 100 percent membership and are well on our way
to surpassing it once again in 2016.
We also continue to be a force in the community by participating
in many activities this year,
and we now are the proud sponsors of Girl Scout Troop 485.*

*Our Service Officers have assisted countless veterans
and dependents with Veterans Administration claims.*

*Please remember that this festive season is for families,
and in that regard, try to take the time to be with them.
Also, let us all consider those Legionnaires and family
members that are hospitalized or ill at home
and make an attempt to visit them.*

*May the joy of Christmas
be with you the entire year.*

Girl Scout Troop 485 Honors Philippine Department For Support



Members and leaders of Girl Scout Troop 485 of Angeles City, sponsored by VFW Post 2485, recently called on the Department Commander. Larry Wade at Department Headquarters, to express their appreciation for ongoing support. In the upper photo, Department Commander Wade is second from right, with Troop Leader Marybel Hammer at the right, and Assistant Troop Leader Rachel Hartzel, accompanied by Girl Scouts. In the lower photo, leaders with Girl Scouts. (Photo: Troop 485)

A Letter From The Publisher

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Another important source of lifeblood is membership – if you know an unaffiliated veteran, tell him or her about the Legion, and what your Post, your Department and your Legion as a whole can do for him or her – and what he or she can do for the Legion. Even though we're separated by a lot of water from the other Departments, we're part of an international organization with a lot to offer. And remember that the public's view of the Legion begins with you.

A new calendar year is beginning – the the Legion Year is an opportunity for all of us to move forward together. MAKE IT COUNT!

Appreciatively and Fraternally,

Larry Wade

Department Commander

A Message From The Editor

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mented elsewhere.

We are now within striking distance of the Legion's and the Department's Centennials. This is the time to begin planning to make the Legion as a whole, and the Department as part of that whole, a vigorous and respected force in our world and in our communities. We want your *Legionnaire* to be in the forefront of that effort! We'll take all the help we can get!

Appreciatively and Fraternally,

Norman Macon

Executive Editor

National Commander Visits Korea

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A year ago. Founded by retired military members in the Republic of Korea, the Post celebrated its charter by hosting the National Commander's delegation during a dinner Friday, December 5. Post officials hope to expand the Legion by adding more Posts to cover US military communities throughout South Korea.

"Because I served overseas, I understand the unique challenges that a military family faces when they leave the United States", Barnett said. "In a foreign country they need to adjust to a new culture, different languages and just being far from home. That's why a support group is so important. I'm thrilled that Post 28 in Okinawa and Post 38 in Korea are providing that support to the newest generation of veterans and their families".

Conatser added that to grow membership in the Legion and Auxiliary, "young people need to see The American Legion together as a family organization. Our missions are the same – to support military members and their families".



National Commander Barnett (left) presents a photograph of Savanna, Georgia to Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeon (American Legion Photograph)

The Legion delegation also met with Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou, a veteran of his country's army, navy and Marine Corps.

"The President was incredible", Barnett said of Ma. "His knowledge of veterans and the United States is extremely high. We also had a discussion of economic ties between our two countries". The Taiwanese leg of the trip also included visits to a Taiwan VA hospital and meetings with the country's VA commission before the delegation arrived in Seoul on Monday evening, November 30.

Barnett and Conatser were briefed by State Department officials at the US Embassy in Seoul Tuesday, December 1. US Ambassador to South Korea Mark Lippert thanked the Legion for standing up to "the idiocy of sequestration".

Recalling his previous position as the chief of staff to then-Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Lippert said, "the American Legion was a responsible voice without piling on. You recognized sequestration was a bad situation. Secretary Hagel really appreciated your voice".

During their visit, Barnett and Conatser visited troops serving in the demilitarized zone and met with officials of Samsung Corporation in Seoul. Samsung provided a \$5 million endowment to the American Legion in 1995 for the establishment of scholarships for family members of US war veterans.

Claire "High Pockets" Phillips: Heroic American Spy In The Philippines

By James Douglas Brown
Post Historian

"High Pockets" was an American spy, entertainer, nightclub owner and author, noted for her heroism in the Japanese-occupied Philippines. In 1951, those heroics were recognized by the award of the Medal of Freedom on the recommendation of General Douglas MacArthur.

Born Claire Maybelle Phillips, she sang in night clubs in the Pacific Northwest in the 1930s, and later joined a musical stock company that toured east Asia, including Hong Kong and Manila. While touring the Philippines, she met Manuel Fuentes, a Filipino sailor in the U.S. Navy, at a night club where she was performing. They married and had a daughter, Dian (later Americanized to Diane). The marriage did not last long, and soon they divorced. She briefly returned to Portland, Oregon.

Shortly before the beginning of the war, Claire Fuentes returned to the Philippines and was starring in a Manila night club, where she met her future second husband, U.S. Army Sergeant John V. Phillips. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, they retreated to Bataan Province with the Army. They were married in the jungle of Bataan on December 24, 1941.

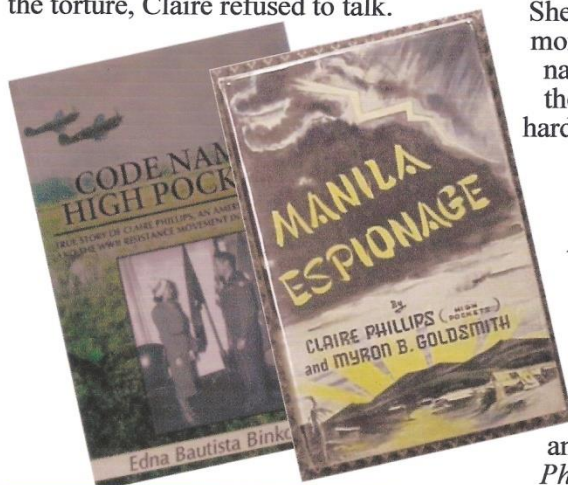
John was among those surrendered and marched from Bataan to Cabanatuan, where he later died, although Claire did not learn this until some time later.



American Prisoners of War move dead bodies under Japanese Army supervision at Camp O'Donnell in 1942 (Japanese Army archives)

and information to the Cabanatuan prisoners. She became known, affectionately, as "High Pockets", a fond reference to her method of smuggling messages hidden in her brassiere.

On May 23, 1944, Claire was apprehended by the Kempeitai, the Japanese military police, after one of the messengers she used to contact the Cabanatuan prisoners was captured, interrogated under torture and killed. She was taken to Bilibid Prison, the infamous Japanese prison in Manila, where she was tortured for information. Despite the torture, Claire refused to talk.



After the Surrender, she was convinced by John Boone, an American soldier turned insurgent, to help the resistance.

Working with Fely Corcuera, a young Filipina dancer, Claire arranged forged papers and created a new identity for herself as a Philippine-born Italian dancer named Dorothy Clara Fuentes. The two women opened a cabaret entitled "Club Tsubaki", a gentlemen's club that quickly became popular with Japanese officers and officials in Manila. Using the cabaret as a cover, Claire built an extensive spy ring, which obtained information from the Japanese officers who patronized the club.

While the spy ring was intended to help the Philippine resistance, some of the information she collected was transmitted to American forces in the Pacific, to General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia, and was used to predict and counter Japanese military and naval activities.

In addition to her spying, she worked extensively with the resistance to smuggle desperately needed food, medicines, supplies

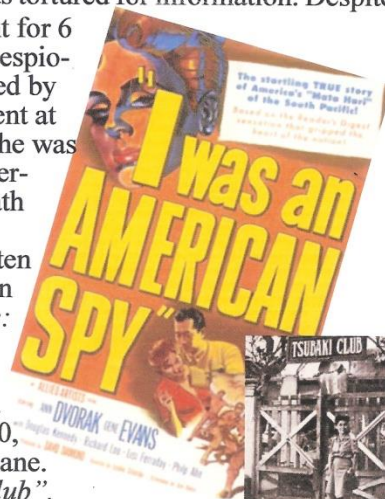
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She was held in solitary confinement for 6 months and was to be executed for espionage. The sentence was commuted by the Japanese to 12 years confinement at hard labor. In January, 1945, when she was liberated from the prison by American forces, she was close to death from starvation.

After the war, 2 books were written about her experiences – her own *Manila Espionage*, *Code Name: High Pockets*, and the movie *I Was An American Spy*, starring Ann Dvorak as Claire.

Claire died of meningitis in 1960, and is survived by her daughter Diane. Photo, right: Claire at "Tsubaki Club".



"AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR: THIS IS NO DRILL!"

By James Douglas Brown, Department Historian

The telephones began ringing off the hook at 3:00 AM on the morning of Monday, December 8, 1941, just as the last formations of Japanese planes were winging away from the ruins of the US Asiatic Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The first American commander in the Philippines to learn of the disaster was Admiral Thomas Hart. Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, in Honolulu, had radioed him the same message he was sending to Washington, and to all warships at sea: **AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR. THIS IS NO DRILL.**

At approximately 3:30 AM, from Army Headquarters in Manila's Intramuros walled city, General Richard K. Sutherland, General Douglas MacArthur's Chief of Staff, phoned General Douglas MacArthur, to inform him of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, at MacArthur's penthouse on the top floor of the Manila Hotel.

At around 6:00 AM, General MacArthur was informed that the town of Malag, on Davao Gulf, Mindanao Island, was being hit by Japanese aircraft.

At 9:25 AM, Major General Lewis H. Brereton, General MacArthur's Air Commander, learned that carrier-based Japanese planes had bombed Tarlac, Tuguegarao in Cagayan Province, and Camp John Hay in Baguio City, Benguet Province, both in northern Luzon.

Shortly before noon, Iba Airfield in Zambales Province, 40 miles west of Clark Field, was attacked. 54 Mitsubishi and 56 Zeros peeled off to swoop down on the single green-grass landing strip and the little radio shack beside it. All 16 P-40s were either on the grass or about to touch down, and all of them were blown to bits, together with the radio operator and his equipment.

Somewhere between noon and 12:35 PM, the attack on Clark Field began.

The attackers came in three waves: heavy bombers, dive-bombers, and fighters. Zeros inflicted greater damage. Coming in low, they ignited one fuel tank after another with tracer bullets. As these blew up, the operations office, the field's headquarters, and the fighter control shack all erupted in flame. By 1:37 PM, when the last Japanese plane soared away, Clark Field was unrecognizable. All the hangars had been demolished. The parked aircraft had been reduced to tortured, scarred skeletons.



Sinking of USS Arizona,
Sunday, December 7, 1941



*It is my earnest hope –
indeed the hope of all mankind –
that from this solemn occasion
a better world shall emerge
out of the blood and carnage
of the past, a world founded
upon faith and understanding,
a world dedicated to the dignity
of man and the fulfillment of
his most cherished wish for
freedom, tolerance, and justice.*

– General Douglas MacArthur,
In remarks preceding the signing
Of the Articles of Surrender
Of the Japanese Empire.



3-½ years after promising that he would return to the Philippines, General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on board USS Missouri, in Tokyo Bay. In doing so, MacArthur brought the Second World War to a victorious conclusion.

My Heart Rejoices

Romantic Fiction by David A. Laibow

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 – PASSION FLOWER RESORT FARM, ORANI, BATAAN

Elena stood on the deck near the swimming pool, looking out over the hills, at the twinkling lights of Manila visible in the far distance to her right, and thought of Mount Pinatubo far to the left, invisible in the starry darkness. Behind her, almost one hundred guests enjoyed the buena noche buffet, served by white-coated waiters. She took Eddie's hand, raised it to her lips, and kissed it. She smiled at him, and Eddie kissed her lips.

"Remember how we stood here the first time, and talked about getting started, right here?" She asked him.

"I remember telling you that you were in the hospitality business now", he told her, slipping his left arm around her waist. "We've come a long way. By the way, why does Jose have such a long face? When I wished him a merry Christmas, he barely spoke to me".

"Jose's been watching too much of the wrong kind of television", Elena replied, unsmiling. "He behaved inappropriately to one of the chambermaids, and I punished him for it. Just because we're a little bit successful, he's gotten the idea that he's a little prince, and other people's rules don't apply to him. I don't think he'll make *that* mistake again, though".

"He's a good kid, though", Eddie pointed out. "He'll be all right when he grows up".

"I'm not going to wait that long", Elena retorted. "He's twelve years old, and *that's* old enough to follow the rules. I want him to take over the chain someday, and that requires self-discipline. We're raising an executive, not a playboy". Eddie nodded agreement.

"I don't like talking business on Christmas Eve", Elena continued, picking up her glass of champagne, "but I've got to go down to Manila on Thursday. We're moving corporate headquarters down to the Excelsior Makati, and I'm making Luz Escobar director of training for the whole chain. I'm leaving Terry Escobar as director of training for north and central Luzon.

"There's something else, too", she went on, after a sip of champagne. "One of the American budget chains, with a dozen properties here and six in Thailand, wants to dump their franchisees here and switch to us. I think I can get them to lower the franchise percentage. I'm going to rebrand them as 'Mabuhay House' and ..."

"Will they *let* you rebrand them?" Eddie asked. "Wouldn't it make sense to continue using their name and reservations network?"

"Maybe", Elena conceded. "I don't know if their name and network will be worth anything, though. Things are getting worse in the States. They may offer me the chance to buy them out at scrap value – break up the chain and sell off the parts, retire and just rake in the franchise fees. Maybe we can buy them out, outright".

"Can we *do* that?" Eddie asked.

"It'd be a stretch", Elena replied. "We'd have to mortgage ourselves down to our underwear, but I think that the bank would back us. We'd go from six to eighteen houses in two countries, but we could lose everything, too. We could end up living in a shack at Smoky Mountain, the seven of us – you, me and Jose; Luz and Terry and their kids. But business is getting better here in Asia, so I'm willing to take the chance. How about you, sweetheart?"

"I'm in", Eddie said. "You've been right so far, and I'm betting your winning streak's going to hold. Let's go join our guests". He offered his right arm to Elena, with a slight bow. She nodded in acceptance, and they went to the pavilion between units 28 and 29, to join their guests. As they walked into the pavilion, their guests, as if they were one, raised their glasses to their hosts, in a salute, followed by loud applause.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2027 – EXECUTIVE PENTHOUSE AT MABUHAY HOUSE MAKATI

"We're very pleased with these results, *Dona Elena*", Francisco de la Pena, Regional Supervisor of the United Philippine Bank and Trust Company said, tapping the folder of statements on the glass coffee table before him, with a long, well-manicured finger. "The Secretary of Tourism is also very impressed. You have the second-highest rate of year-over-year increase of anyone in the sector".

"Who's the highest?" Elena asked, with a slight smile.

"The Manila Hotel", de la Pena replied, with an equally slight smile.

"We'll beat them next year", Elena countered. "We've got some ideas for promotion. Business is even better in Thailand, especially the new property up in Phu Ket. If we could add the Thailand operating figures to those statements, we'd beat out the Manila Hotel".

"You know better than that, *Dona Elena*", de la Pena replied with a smile. "You know better than *that*".

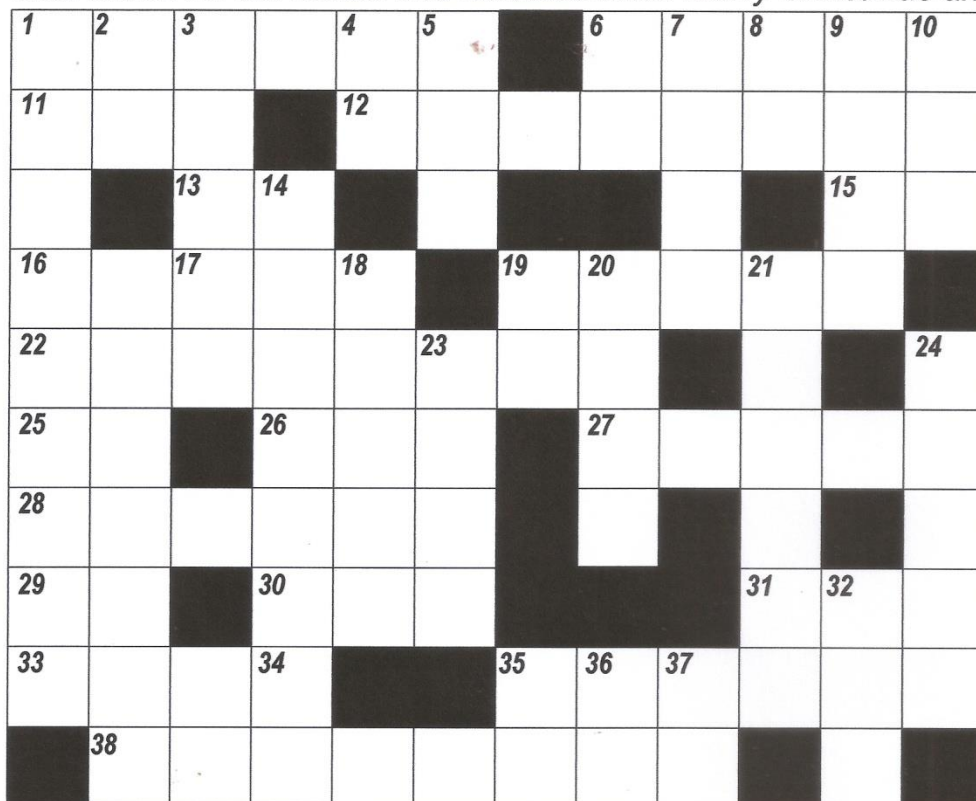
"I'll leave that kind of things to the bean-counters and the trained seals", Elena replied. "I hate to rush you, Francisco, but Eddie and I are on our way to Cebu. We've been offered a resort in Cebu City. The Americans have run out of cash, and they called me last night. I'll get back to you with figures if we like what we see". She rose from her chair, and de la Pena stood up in response.

"Send the figures to Julia Aquila; she'll review them and make a recommendation to me", he replied. "But I don't see any problem. The China thing, on the other hand – I'm not crazy about that. They're in as bad shape as the Americans, they're just better at hiding it. What the Investment Committee would like to see you do is focus on Thailand, Taiwan, Mindanao. We'll back your play in those areas, but we're shaky about China. Even if you could buy properties for scrap value, who'd stay in them?"

(Continued next month)

JAMES WILSON'S CROSSWORD CORNER

James Wilson is taking a few well-earned weeks off from cross-wording, and he surely deserves it! This month, we've got an oldie (but a goodie) that's going to mean some skull sweat for old hands and newbies alike! Merry Christmas and ENJOY!



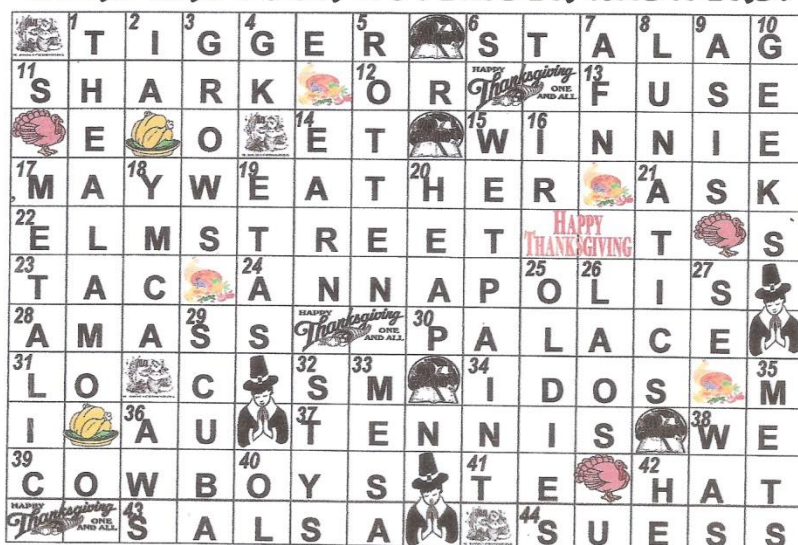
ACROSS

1. Queen of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 123
2. Best Player in the NBA
11. He was "the Greatest"
12. _____ Legion
13. He sang "tutti frutti" (initials)
15. Sam Littlerock (initials)
16. Drummer for Post 123 Country Band
19. No. 1 method women used to sell raffle tickets
22. Commander of Post 123
25. He used to own TBS and TNT (initials)
26. Type of spider
27. Greatest LA Laker
28. How Brad Pitt earned his salary
29. Under Review (abbreviation)
30. Love ____ Neighbor
31. The ability to read minds
33. A type of Party
35. Canteen manager and dog lover
- 38 Jackie Robinson was one

DOWN

1. The second most popular street in Angeles City
2. Chile (abbreviation)
3. Post 123 all-time favorite Commander (hint below)
4. The first man to walk on the moon
5. James Brown's job in the Navy (initials)
6. Between sophomore and senior
7. Tears down one's immune system
8. Event hose (abbreviation)
9. _____ Like Sunday Morning
10. Show that gave us Belushi, Akroyd and Chevy Chase
14. What happens to broke guys when they ask girls for dates
17. A type of pass in football
18. Star of the Iran-Contra hearings
19. Another name for gym classes
20. A branch of the US military service
21. He celebrated his 70 th birthday on June 8
22. What a gossiping person is
24. A type of goal
32. A personality type
34. A military hospital (abbreviation)
35. A movie rating
36. How you can cook eggs (abbreviation)
37. He starred in "The Sting" and "Butch Cassidy" (initials)

HERE ARE YOUR NOVEMBER ANSWERS!





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