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## HISTORY OF FREELAND POST No. 473

Freeland Post No. 473, American Legion, was organized in September 1920, from a small group of Service Men who had faithfully served the United States in a military and naval capacity during the World War. Only those who had served during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, being eligible for membership and only on presenting their honorable discharge.

A meeting being called, John Rugens, Lieut. U. S. A., was chosen as the Commander. Many names for this Post were talked over and finally it was decided to call this Post Freeland Post in honor of the 400 men who left Freeland to enter the service of the United States. The charter from the Department of Pennsylvania gave us our number—473, as it was the 473rd Post in Pennsylvania.

During the year 1921 under Commander James Clark, White Haven was organized, and seventy men taken into the Freeland Post, and later organized into a separate unit in the river town.

The years 1922-23-24 were lean years in the local Post and hard work for Commander Oberrender and the faithful few who kept the Post active by working to raise money. In 1924 the first Legion Home was purchased, but this was later deemed too small for the requirements of the Post.

1925—Comrade Thomas Welshko was Commander and he also had to carry on with the cooperation of only a few members, but the Post did not go back. The American Legion Endowment Drive, a National affair, under the leadership of R. R. Oberrender, was put over with great success and was one of the few Posts in Luzerne County to go over the top for their allotment.

1926—Robert L. Seitzinger was selected as Commander and the Home question again came up. The little Legion Home on Main street was sold to help on a better location, but was finally dropped. Membership increased. The annual banquet for all Service Men of the Civil War, Spanish American War and Sons of Veterans, was originated, and since carried on each year. During the term of Comrade Seitzinger the Centennial Celebration was sponsored by the local Post and finally backed by a group of citizens with Legionaires on all important committees. The closing of the Centennial found sufficient money on hand to plant a Memorial Grove around our new High School. A tree with a name plate for every service man and woman who had died while in service. Today this grove is truly a living memorial to those who gave the most. The grove was officially dedicated on Memorial Day, with appropriate exercises. The Auxiliary was first organized. Mrs. R. L. Seitzinger was temporary chairlady. Mrs. A. A. Redelin being elected Commander.

1927—Col. Wilson was chosen Commander and again the Home question came up, and this time a location was purchased on Front street. Membership was again increased and the Post made arrangements to move their quarters to the K. of C. Building on North Centre street.

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1929—Comrade Ralph Wadlinger was elected Commander and also selected as the Drum Major of the Bugle Corps. Membership was steadily increased. The Drum and Bugle Corps was highly successful. The annual Egg Hunt took care of approximately 2,000 boys and girls. Christmas cheer to the needy—whether Legionaire or not, was made possible. A very wonderful Legion year. Legionaires cooperated with the Sons of Veterans in Memorial Day exercises and a big parade.

1930—Under Commander Ralph Wadlinger the year has promise of surpassing 1929, and every Legionaire looks forward to a bigger and better Legion and a finer Bugle Corps. The year has great promise of wonderful Legion activities.

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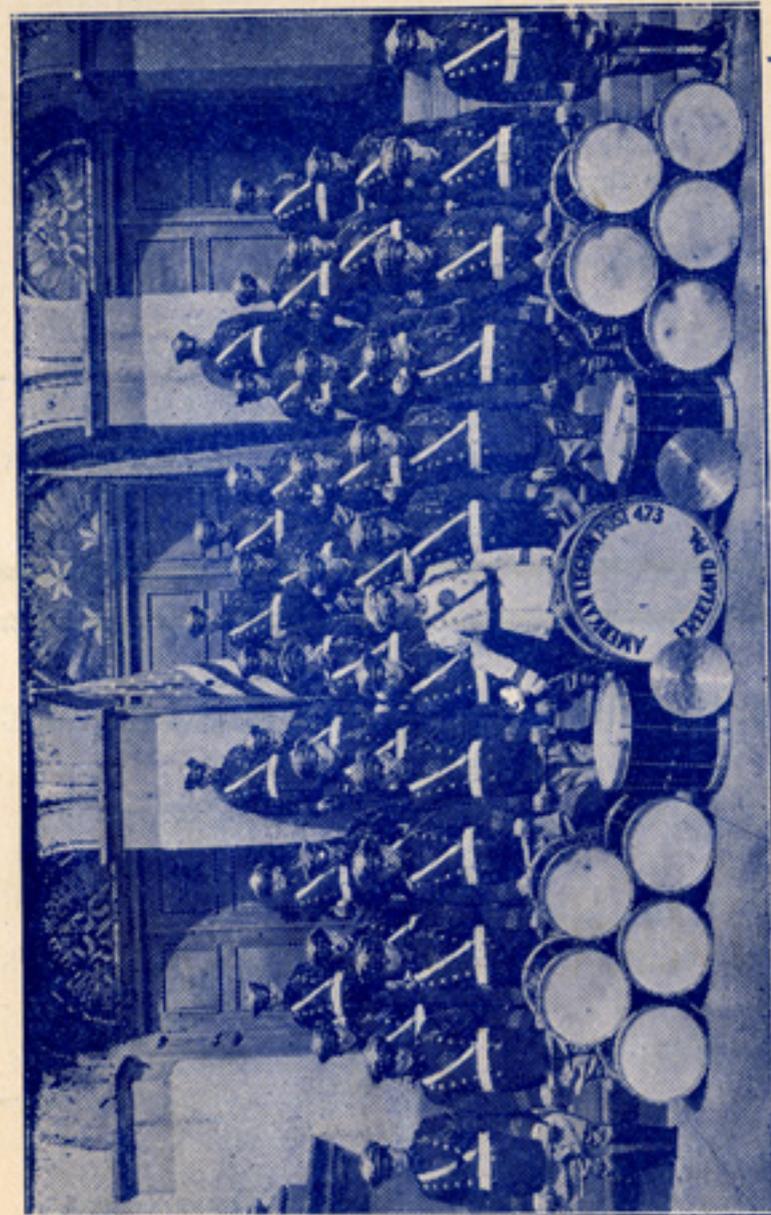
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## HISTORY OF FREELAND POST No. 473 AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Freeland Post No. 473, American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, was organized September 15th, 1928, with thirty men. In a very short time they appeared on the street with a uniform of white trousers, donated to the Corps by the Freeland Overall Manufacturing Co., a blue coat and Legion cap. It was with this combination that the Corps appeared in a parade at Catasauqua, composed of Legion Corps, and where Freeland Corps for the first time realized they needed something more expensive in the line of uniforms. The Corps in the months that followed started a drive in the town for uniform funds, which they were successful in getting from the people of the town.

From the first appearance in new uniforms Freeland Corps continued to carry honors in every contest and parade they participated in, and today are recognized as one of the leading Corps in the country.

Carl Hoch was elected the Director of Freeland Corps and Ralph Wadlinger Drum Major; George Lechman, Assistant Director, and George Allam, Assistant Drum Major. These men have done everything to put over the duties expected of them in the office they hold.

Drum Major Wadlinger has won medals in contests, and has a reputation for making a wonderful appearance and his military style. Freeland Corps also have become well known as a singing Corps and places where they appear they are continually requested to sing the war songs they have composed.

William Burns, Drum Sergeant, assisted by Sergeant William Mahon, have instructed the men on the drums, and if you want to see results of the drum section watch them roll their own.

Freeland Corps has participated in contests and parades in the leading towns and cities, and intend to carry on, bringing Freeland to the front as they have in the past.

The membership is now forty-five uniformed men, with a Color Guard in charge of Sergeant Harry Kreitzberger.

George Lechman is president of the Corps, Carl Hoch, business manager, and Edward McGeehan, quartermaster.

The Trustees are William Mahon, R. R. Oberrender, Leonard Ward, Michael Welshko and John McDevitt.

Sergeant Michael Welshko is in charge of the Bass Bugles.

Freeland Corps has many cups won in contests, several medals won by Drum Major Wadlinger, and a silver bugle, won by Director Carl Hoch at a contest held at Mt. Carmel, Pa.

The Corps is very grateful to the people of Freeland and vicinity who have made it possible to carry on the activities of Freeland Post No. 473, American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

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*The number appearing on the scoreboard denotes  
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- 1:15 P. M. Concert by St. Ann's Band.  
1 1:30 P. M. Hazleton Post No. 76 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
2 1:40 P. M. Lansford Post No. 123 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
3 1:50 P. M. Nanticoke Post Drum and Bugle Corps.  
4 2:00 P. M. Weatherly Post No. 360 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
5 2:10 P. M. Newport Township No. 539 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
6 2:20 P. M. Shenandoah Post No. 370 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
7 2:30 P. M. Catasauqua Post No. 215 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
8 2:40 P. M. Mt. Carmel Post No. 91 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
9 2:50 P. M. Palmerton Post No. 269 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
10 3:00 P. M. Bloomsburg Post 273 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
11 3:10 P. M. Ashland Post 434 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
12 3:20 P. M. Lebanon Post No. 158 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
13 3:30 P. M. Frankford Post No. 211 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
14 3:50 P. M. Wilkes-Barre Post No. 132 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
15 4:00 P. M. Lehigh Post Drum and Bugle Corps.  
16 4:10 P. M. Palmyra Post 156 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
17 4:20 P. M. Slatington Post No. 16 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
18 4:30 P. M. Lancaster Post No. 34 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
19 4:40 P. M. York Post No. 127 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
20 4:50 P. M. Frackville Post No. 398 Drum and Bugle Corps.  
5:20 P. M. Retreat.

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### Rules and Regulations for Competition

Contest to start promptly at 1:30 p. m. (Standard Time), Saturday, July 19th, at the Tigers Athletic Field, Freeland, Penna.

In case of inclement weather contest will be held following Saturday.

All Corps must be bonafide Legionaires. No member shall compete with more than one Corps. Competitive time 10 minutes. Inspection preceding. Cadence 128 to 132 steps per minute. Short parade immediately following the competition, or at the discretion of the committee if the time allotted for the competition is exceeded. Prizes awarded after the competition. Judges of Army, Navy and Marine Corps repute will handle the contest, and their decisions will be final.

### CORPS TO BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING POINT SCALE

Uniforms and Appearance.....	20 Points
Cadence .....	10 Points
General Marching Appearance.....	30 Points
Playing Ability .....	40 Points
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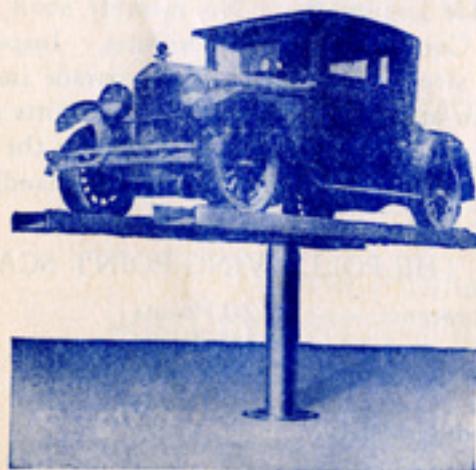
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### CORPS No. 4—FRANCIS DEITRICH POST, No. 360, WEATHERLY

Organized about eight months ago, made their first appearance on Memorial day at Weatherly. This Corps will also make its first appearance in competition in Freeland.

### CORPS No. 5—NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, No. 539

Also organized but a very short time, and will surprise you with their excellent drilling and playing. This Corps won second prize in competition at Fernbrook Park, July 4th.

### CORPS No. 6—SHENANDOAH POST No. 370

Loked upon as a very good outfit, with French Blue uniforms. Drum Major Whealen deserves much credit in the way he brings this Corps in the limelight in the Schuylkill region.

### CORPS No. 7—CATASAUQUA POST No. 215

Wearing red coats and tan trousers they will make a big impression in the contest. Catasauqua has made a number of appearances in Freeland and have always made a big hit.

### CORPS No. 8—HARRY D. GEIST POST No. 91, MT. CARMEL

Attired in red and blue uniforms they have attracted considerable attention in drilling and playing at the many competitions they have appeared in.

### CORPS No. 9—PALMERTON POST No. 269

Robert Mader coming from the zinc town will go through with some snappy drills and manuevers which will show how well trained the zinc town boys are.

### CORPS No. 10—VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG POST No. 273

Appearing here as one of the most popular Corps ever in Freeland, and will have drilling manuevers proving them to be one of the outstanding Corps in competition.

### CORPS No. 11—ASHLAND POST No. 434

Just recently received new uniforms and will come to Freeland ready to fight in the competition for the honors that the Schuylkill region will all be looking for when they will be well represented.

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### CORPS No. 12—LEBANON POST No. 158

This Corps, a distance contender, will appear in Freeland as in many other contests, making a decided hit. They will have about forty men.

### CORPS No. 13—FRANKFORD POST No. 211

National and State champions, known as the pioneer Corps in the United States. Attired in Northwest Mounted Police uniforms they will give an exhibition of drilling and playing. This Corps, due to their standing, will not compete for prizes. However, their exhibition will no doubt be a fitting climax for the Pageant.

### CORPS No. 14—WILKES-BARRE POST No. 132

Organized this spring from a snappy Drill Team which is under the direction of Leland Skaggs. This Bugle Corps is composed of very prominent musicians and men active in County Legion affairs. Winners at Fernbrook Park, July 4th, of third prize.

### CORPS No. 15—LEHIGHTON POST

This Drum and Bugle Corps wears a fine uniform with Stetson hats and will present a very fine appearance.

### CORPS No. 16—FREDERICK M. RODGERS POST, No. 156, PALMYRA, N. J.

Organized in November 1926. They were the first Legion Corps in the State and have the honor of bringing the State Championship to Palmyra from the convention in Trenton in 1927, and Elizabeth in 1929.

### CORPS No. 17—SLATINGTON POST No. 16

This Drum and Bugle Corps will appear in Freeland with a large turnout drilled and equipped for the contest.

### CORPS No. 18—LANCASTER POST No. 34

Eastern State Champions, are prize winners at every contest, and will appear in Freeland in blue coats, white trousers, and numbering 60 men.

### POST No. 19—YORK POST No. 127

Another prize winning Corps at every contest. Attired in yellow and white, they will make one of the neatest appearances ever witnessed in this section. The York boys are in demand at all contests.

### CORPS No. 20—FRACKVILLE POST No. 398

This Corps is known as a snappy organization and will come through with a big impression as they do at every contest in which they appear.

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