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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Our Department Commander, John Sampson, visited Nassau County on November 5, 2016. The day started out with breakfast, a visit to the Teddy Roosevelt Museum and ended with dinner at the Edwin Welch Post, # 1132. Commander Sampson thanked the County and all Legionnaires for making his day and that of his staff, a spectacular and enjoyable.

On November 6, 2016, we visited the Eisenhower Park for their UVO Ceremony and had a color guard. Our color guard was also present at the Long Island National Ceremony later that day for their Veterans Day ceremony.

November 22 is the Nassau County Standdown at the Freeport Armory in Freeport from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed so please plan to arrive early.

My National Emergency Fund project has collected \$2,450 towards my goal of \$5,000. This goal will only be met with all posts assisting. With the transfer of Robert Robesch to Suffolk County, we are in need of a new chairman for this Fund. Until such time that we have a chairman on board, please send your donations to me at my address (Frank Neal, 295 Crowell Street, Hempstead, New York 11550). Checks should be made payable to Nassau County American Legion, and earmarked NEF. Thanking you in advance for your help.

The County Legion is also in need of a color guard. If you are interested, please let me know.

I would like to wish all of our Legion family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Frank Neal

First Division Report

Al Ficalora, Commander

November was a busy month for the County and the First Division especially November 5th. It started at 8 AM with the Department Commander John Sampson's breakfast and greeting in a Westbury Diner. This was followed by a visit to Teddy Roosevelt's Home at Sagamore Hill by half of the Staff and the other half of the Staff went to the Parade for the Vietnam Vets in Lynbrook at 10 am. This was followed by Assemblyman Brian Curren's 6th annual salute to outstanding veterans.

One from each of the 21st District's posts was honored. I was one of the Honorees from Baldwin Post 246. Each one received a plaque and Citations from the Town & County. It was a special honor.

There were many dignitaries in attendance from the County Exec to Village Mayors.

But the day wasn't over yet, that night was the Dinner honoring the Department Commander Sampson, Madam President Debbie Krintowski, of the Department Auxiliary, and Dept. SAL Commander Ruthben at the Edwin Welch, Jr. Post in Seaford. A memorable time was had by all.

Second Division Report

Phil Strehl, Commander

At the dinner for the Department Commander John Sampson, I handed the Commander a report in more detail concerning the item printed in the "MilitaryTimes". I also extended an invitation to visit the grave of L/Cpl Greg Buckley from Oceanside, located near the ceremony for Veterans Day at the Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale. Previous Department Commanders, Frank Peters, and Jim Yermis, had joined me at his "Stone" which is right next to our Marine from Farmingdale, L/Cpl James Argentine. His schedule prevented him at that time. as he had to travel to other Suffolk County affairs that called for his participation. The Commanders sent me an E-Mail concerning Major Brezler, voicing support from the American Legion. More to follow on this. I have been following this story since Buckley's funeral in 2012. I'll also send a complete report to Department Judge Advocate Charles Mills.

The UVO Veterans Day Service at Eisenhower Park was not well attended but it was important non the less.

Floral Park Held their installation of officers on Nov. 4th. One of the oldest Posts in Nassau 98 Years, congratulations to Cmdr. Matt Caciatore and his Staff - well done ! Happy Thanksgiving !

THIRD DIVISION REPORT

GREGORY FALING – COMMANDER

FYI – PUFL (Paid Up for Life - \$1.50 per PUFL Member) dues are now due to Nassau County American Legion and are to be mailed to: Dennis Dietrich, 1414 Amend Drive, North Merrick, NY 11566. Make checks payable to Nassau County American Legion, (earmarked PUFL). The PUFL dues are in addition to the Member Dues but with the exception that PUFL checks are payable and sent to Nassau County American Legion (North Merrick address above) directly, no PUFL Dues are to be sent to Department. If you are unsure as to the amount to be sent, contact me at 516-503-1225.

Posts that have not sent a Certification of Post Officers to Department and one to me, Gregory Faling, Commander 3rd Division, for my records, please do so as soon as possible. This certification was due at Department prior to July 1, 2016 for this the 2016/2017 Membership Year. Without the Certification of Post Officers on file in Department, Post will not be on the records of the NY American Legion Department and access to MyLegion.com will not be permitted.

The Nassau County Committee Directory, which shows all Posts within the boundary of Nassau County, should be in the hands of all Post Commanders within the 3rd Division NOW. If you do not have this Directory, contact Gregory Faling, 3rd Division Commander at 516-503-1225. (for Post within the 3rd Division only, other Posts, if you need County Directories, contact your Division Commander.

Time again to start the accumulation of information for submission of your Post CPR (Consolidated Post Record) which must be delivered to American Legion Department, Albany, early 2017, either by e-mail or hard copy mailed. I would suggest that Posts download a copy of the CPR form from Department and begin filling in the form. It will be easier and less time consuming to complete the CPR when you have the information readily available at your fingertips.

516-270-3876

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

As of November 9, 2016 Nassau County Membership was at 68.93 %. By December 12, 2016 all Posts should be at 75%.

All Posts should be sending in their membership transmittal forms as soon as possible. To receive credit faster for your Post you can send the transmittal forms to the State by regular mail.

Please send in your PUFL's as soon as you can. Send \$1.50 for each PUFL member to me @ 1414 Amend Drive, North Merrick, NY, 11566. Make checks out to Nassau County American Legion, Earmark PUF's. If you need forms you can download them from NYLegion.net.

If you need anything, please call me at 917-699-0603.

Dennis C. Dietrich

NC Membership Officer

The following checks were presented to the Nassau County American Legion by Lynbrook Post 335 for the following purpose.

Nassau County Children & Youth Programs	\$100.00
Nassau County Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Nassau County Rehab Fund For Hospital Visits, Northport & Stony Brook	\$100.00
National Disaster Fund (NEF)	\$100.00
National Commanders Legacy Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Support of Boy's State Program	\$100.00
James MacLean Memorial Library Collection	\$100.00
Sub Total	\$700.00

Other Contributions mailed directly to the following Organizations were:

Northport Va Hospital (Voluntary Services)	\$1,000.00
Stony Brook LI State Veterans Home	\$500.00
St. Albans VA Community Living Center	\$1,000.00
St Albans NY State Veterans Home	\$500.00
Wounded Warrior Project (through the Lynbrook Fire Department)	\$500.00
America's Vet Dogs	\$100.00
Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary	\$200.00
2016 Gift Shop Program	
Sub Total	\$3,800.00

AMERICANISM

American Legion Outlines Expectation for Respect of U.S. Flag

The American Legion believes in the U.S. flag and everything it stands for, and Legionnaires who fought for the nation's symbol take deep pride in it. To continue its flag-protection efforts, the Legion's National Executive Committee adopted a resolution at its recent Fall Meetings in Indianapolis that outlines the organization's expectation for rendering proper respect to the flag during Legion program participation at the department and national level.

Resolution 16 – brought forth by the Americanism Commission – also comes in light of recent actions by professional athletes, and now that of several youth sports teams, who are kneeling during the national anthem out of protest.

“The American Legion does not deny the right to protest, for that is a privilege given to all citizens of this great nation that is protected by our military and the service of our membership to defend our democracy,” said Richard Anderson, Americanism Commission chairman. “To foster and perpetuate a 100 per-cent Americanism’ defines our responsibility to instill character, citizenship and sportsmanship, among other values. Resolution 16 defines only a small commitment to our youth, to maintain the values upon which The American Legion was founded.”

As stated in the resolution, The American Legion expects participants of its programs to show proper respect to the U.S. flag at all times, including during the national anthem. It recommends for department and post leaders of all Legion programs to clearly state to individuals in advance of program participation about the organization's expectation for respect of the flag. If a participant involved in any Legion program “cannot or will not” meet the Legion's expectation, the resolution states that “the individual should not be a participant in American Legion programs.”

“While we cannot mandate this resolution to our respective departments, we hope that this will be a guideline for them to respond in a similar manner (as national) to teach and respect the honor and rights of American citizenship and its responsibilities,” Anderson said.

For individuals participating in American Legion programs at the national level, the resolution states that those who “cannot or will not” meet the organization's expectations for proper flag respect “will be removed from the program and not be allowed any further participation.”

“The resolution is going to set an example for our youth, and our youth will lead by example, for respecting our flag and respecting our national anthem,” said American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt. “And hopefully our youth, through our American Legion programs, will be examples for those professionals who choose not to respect our flag and our national anthem.

“That's what The American Legion does – we are building great role models for the future of this organization and for this country.”

This article was originally published online at www.legion.org on October 17, 2016

Reginald Butt, Jr. Chairman

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The revised Protocol & Planning guide (Revision 2) is available on the Department Web-site. The following is Appendix J of the manual:

Legion Cap Etiquette

The American Legion Cap is both symbolic and illustrative to Legionnaires and conveys a distinct message to the general public about American Legion Membership. The cap should be decorated in accordance with the guidelines of Resolution 31, July 1967, of the Department of New York. It must be neat and orderly in its appearance.

Women Legionnaires may remain covered at all times, generally following the directives of the uniformed military personnel regarding headgear.

Male Legionnaires may wear the Legion Cap at all times during Legion functions except for:

- Religious segments of functions such as invocations and benedictions and other prayer
- Memorial to Departed Comrades
- Recital of Pledge of Allegiance
- Playing of the National Anthem
- As routine courtesy during dining
- During the POW/MIA Remembrance Service

Master of Ceremony or Meeting Chairs should remind attendees to uncover during the above activities.

Cap over Heart:

The Cap should be worn in church only by the Honor Guard or Color Guard while in marching order or standing guard. When returning to or while seated in pews, the Cap should be removed.

Legionnaires not in formation will remove the Cap while in church.

Legionnaires will hold their Cap over their heart in the following instances:

- If marching in formation into church, until seated in the pew and as exiting the church.
- Approaching a casket. (Note that the Cap over the heart is a form of salute. If a legionnaire desires to render a hand salute at the casket of a Departed Comrade, he/she may cover, salute and then uncover.)
- At the Graveside, during the entire service, except for cold or inclement weather when the Cap should be doffed
- Religious segments of Legion Functions such as invocations, Benedictions and other prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance (Female Legionnaires will place their hand over their heart if covered)
- National Anthem (Female Legionnaires should render a hand salute and not sing if covered)
- Memorial to Departed Comrade(s)
- POW/MIA Remembrance Service

Cap Embellishments:

Pins, Patches and other items should be kept to a minimum and are never placed on the left side (side with the Legion Emblem) of the cap. Nothing should be placed forward of the piping on the right side of the cap (area with post number).

VAV's Report FOR 11/18/2016

Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545
Dep. Rep William Harms, PCC 516-795-3679

VETERANS AT NORTHPORT VA NEED OUR HELP

The VAV's would like to thank the following
Posts and Legions Since last month
For their greatly needed Donation to help the
Vets at Northport VA Hospital.

To get needed items the VA does not pay for.

REMEMBER YOUR DONATION GOES 100% TO THE VETS

TOTAL FOR 2014 -2015 \$2435
TOTAL FOR 2015 -2016 \$5200

Donation as of 11/18/2016

Glen Cove Post 371 \$100
W J Longuet Post 101 \$1000

TOTAL FOR 2016 - 2017 \$1100

PLEASE DONATE as ever little bit helps:

DO NOT MAKE CHECK OUT
TO THE COUNTY AS IT
WILL NOT GET TO VETS

Make the check to: -
VAV's Executive Board
&

Mail it to Vic Pres of Exc. Board
Robert Reahl, PCC
69 Hope Drive
Plainview, NY 11803-5646

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a check for \$63 just before last month's meeting and I gave it to the County Treasurer. The Treasurer was asked to split it between the NEF and the Legacy Scholarship programs. I have approximate 15 phones and cannot ship until I have at least 50.

The recycling center accepts the following devices: smartphones, cell phones, handheld gaming systems, tablets, i-pods and i-pads as well as any chargers or accessories that come with these devices. They can no longer accept laptops, portable CD players/drives or digital cameras.

Keep collecting any of the above, bring them to the County meeting or if you have a large amount call me to arrange a drop off or pick up.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

This Year's Boys State Program will run from 25 June 2017 thru 01 July 2017. The price for Boys State will remain the same, the only question is the cost of the buses.

I am talking with two bus companies and the contract with one of them will be firm by the December meeting. Start your planning now and make sure you put it in the post budget. I believe we will be tasked with a quota of 50 again this year. The Boys State Web site with this year's application and forms will be available after the Mid-Winter Conference. It will be up and running on or about 1 February 2017.

Recap of the November 12, 2016 Day at the Races

Unfortunately, no Post on November's schedule were on hand to help run our program. However, Post Commanders from Oceanside Memorial and James Brengel did respond to our reminder courtesy call and we are grateful to have heard back from them.

PLEASE REFER TO *Legionnaire* Newsletter each month for Day at the Races schedule. Post are encouraged to come out on the 2nd Saturday and brighten the afternoon of our veteran comrades who call Building 92 their home.

The following Post are on the schedule for the 10th of December at 1:30pm:

Team #4 - Please be at Bldg. 92 by 1:30pm
Cathedral Post #1087

Malverne #44
Merrick #1282
Nassau Police # 1050
New Cassel Memorial #1861
New Hyde Park Ernie Pyle #1089

Any Post who cannot come out when scheduled this year, you're invited to help out on the 2nd Saturday of each month from December 2016 through May 2017.

Mary Norris, Chairperson

NASSAU COUNTY REHAB ON T.V

THANKS TO BETTY HARMS AND THE MASSAPEQUA MOMMA'S, CHANNEL 2 NEWS DID A STORY ON THE ITEMS COLLECTED FOR THE VETERANS

CINDY SHU FROM CBS NEWS CONTACTED BETTY HARMS AND ASKED IF THEY COULD COME AND DO A STORY ON THE VETS. SHE WAS INFORMED THAT ALL ITEMS WERE STORED AT A LOCATION IN ROCKVILLE CENTRE.

I WAS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT FOR THEM TO COME AND TAKE PICTURES AT MY LOCATION. I SAID O.K.

WHEN THEY ARRIVED THEY PHOTOGRAPHED THE HOUSE AND THE GARAGE AND SPOKE OF THE ITEMS COLLECTED BY US FOR THE VETS. BETTY HARMS WAS INTERVIEWED ABOUT HOW SHE AND THE MASSAPEQUA MOMMA'S GOT INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM.

THE MAIN POINT OF THE PROGRAM WAS "WE NEED SPACE TO STORE THE ITEMS WE COLLECT FOR THE VETS." WE HAVE TO TURN AWAY SO MUCH THAT THE VETS COULD USE, DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE

THE CLIP CAN BE SEEN ON OUR WEB SITE nassaulegion.org (just click on the link)

N.C. VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM

THE UVO REPRESENTATIVES GOT A WALKING TOUR OF THE NEW COLISEUM THAT IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

BILL HARMS, PRESIDENT OF THE UVO AND HIS COMMITTEE, KEN CADIEUX, FRANK COLON, JR AND LEN GOLDSTEIN ALL WERE BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK. IT WILL RE-OPEN IN APRIL WITH A BILLY JOEL CONCERT THAT IS ALREADY SOLD OUT.

L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY

AN SURVEY WAS DONE BY AIR OF THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE AND THERE WERE ALMOST 1000 SPOTS WITHOUT GRAVE STONES. THAT MEANS THAT THE SPOTS WERE RESERVED BY A VETERANS YEARS AGO BUT NOT USED YET.

A SURVEY WILL BE MADE TO VERIFY THE GRAVE HOLDER IS STILL ALIVE AND NOT DECEASED AND BURIED ELSEWHERE. IF SO THE GRAVE WILL BE RELEASED FOR BURIALS.

A MEMORIAL WALK WILL BE BUILT AROUND THE MEMORIAL GARDEN WITH BENCHES AND MEMORIAL MARKERS TO BE PLACED BY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN PLACING A BENCH OR MEMORIAL STONE SHOULD CONTACT KEN CADIEUX FOR INFORMATION AS TO SIZE AND COST. BENCHES WILL BE ALLOWED IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF FAMILIES OR VETERANS OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

REHAB AND STANDDOWN REPORT

WE HAVE JUST SHIPPED OUR SIXTH LOAD OF CLOTHES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO THE BEACON HOUSE FROM OUR RVC WAREHOUSE (Ha Ha) SINCE THE LAST STANDDOWN IN JULY.

NASSAU COUNTY WILL PICK UP THEIR TRUCKLOAD OF ITEMS FOR THE STANDDOWN ON MONDAY 11/21/16.

WE WENT TO STATEN ISLAND TO PICK UP THREE WHEELCHAIRS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM A FAMILY WHO CALLED BETTY HARMS FACEBOOK PAGE

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR POWER WHEELCHAIRS AND SCOOTERS FOR OUR VETS. IF YOU KNOW OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ANY ITEMS PLEASE LET US KNOW.

WE ALSO NEED ADULT PAMPERS IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO HAS SOME.

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program
Post Teams Schedule 2016 – 2017

Team #4 – December 10, 2016
CATHEDRAL POST #1087
MALVERNE #44
MERRICK # 1282
NASSAU POLICE #1050
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089

Team #5 – January 14, 2017
(LIU) ADMIRAL CONOLLY #2014
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082
ELMONT # 1033
PLAINVIEW # 1812
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285
BALDWIN POST 246

Team # 6 – February 11, 2017
ARCHIE McCORD # 86
BELLMORE # 944
GLENWOOD LANDING #336
JOE MURPHY #1957
LEVITTOWN #1711
PORT WASHINGTON # 509

Team #7 – March 11, 2017
CHARLES WAGNER POST #421
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449
MANHASSET #304
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
WANTAGH # 1273

Team # 8 – April 8, 2017
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
FLORAL PARK # 334
HEMPSTEAD # 390
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342
HOWARD VAN WAGNER POST

Team # 9 – May 13, 2017
CARLE PLACE # 1718
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

IF YOUR POST CAN NOT MAKE YOUR
SCHEDULED DATE, CONTACT MARYNORRIS
AT CELL # 287-3569

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING
A \$50 CHECK TO OFF-SET OPERATING COST.
IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR
\$100 TO COUNTY.

County Historian

Future Thoughts for County Historians

After Roger Eastman had been County His-
torian for seven years I Became Nassau County
Historian in 2007 when Bill Harms asked me to be
his Historian.

But next year 2017-2018, I will have to decline
the job because my wife Ellen is to be the 10th Dis-
trict President, and I might be asked to be the
Williston Post 44, Commander

James Randle, Historian



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM

YOUR COUNTY OFFICERS,

STAFF AND

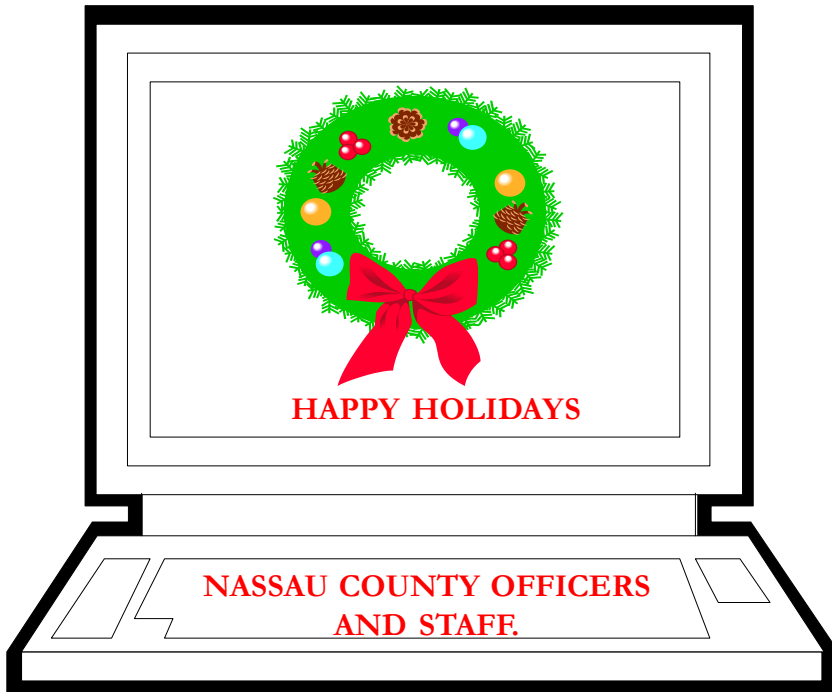
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE
121 POWELL AVENUE
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570



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New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2016 -2017

DEC	4	UVO MMETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	11	LINC MO MEETING 11:30 AM - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS	11:30 AM
	16	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL	



DON'T FORGET OUR VETERANS GIFT SHOP
HAS YOUR POST MADE A DONATION YET ?
IF NOT CONTACT PAT O'BRIEN, CHAIRPERSON
NASSAU COUNTY AUXILIARY AT 516-627-4622
THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28,29,30
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: A.L. AUXILIARY