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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

With the Holidays coming, Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year, I have been very busy with installations, attending Veterans Day ceremonies, and honoring our Pearl Harbor Veterans and others. We can never do enough for our veterans.

The Standdown at the Freeport Armory on November 22 went without a hitch. 200 veterans were served. I thank all those who assisted to make this day a success.

The Oratorical Contest will take place on January 3 at Hempstead Post 390, at 6.00 pm, and the District Oratorical will take place on January 28 at Malverne Post 44 at 7.00 pm.

Our mid winter conference takes place on January 20-22, at the Desmond Hotel, in Albany New York. I hope those attending have made their reservations and look forward to seeing you there. The county is planning on having a hospitality room so if there is any way you can help here, please let us know.

My National Emergency Fund project continues to grow. To date we have collected \$3,650. I need all posts assisting in being able to make my goal of \$5,000. Checks should be sent to me (Frank Neal, 295 Crowell Street, Hempstead, New York 11550) and made payable to Nassau County American Legion, and earmarked NEF, until such time a new chairman is appointed. Thanking you in advance for your help.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, the County Legion is 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 Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year.

Frank Neal, Commander

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Al Ficalora, Commander

On November 22nd, along with other County Officers, I attended and assisted at the Freeport Armory Stand down. It was well attended by homeless and under privileged Veterans, who were treated to many useful items, including clothing, groceries, turkeys, flu and pneumonia shots and legal assistance for housing and VA care. The number of volunteers was impressive this included many non-military people and even some high school students. Before everyone left they were treated to a good hot meal.

On December 1st, I attended one of my Division posts in Lynbrook combination Post Meeting and Christmas party along with Frank Neal.

On December 7th along with other County Officers and Staff, I attended the ceremony of "The dropping of the Roses" an annual event remembering Pearl Harbor. It is held at the Farmingdale Air Museum. A Noy man brought a box of embroidered baseball hats with the names of different WW-II ships, Air Craft Carriers and submarines. Among those were three that immediately caught my attention two were COMFLEET Pearl Harbor and one Was The Arizona, Pearl Harbor and at the Dec 7th Ceremony I met and presented the three hats to the two remaining Long Island Pearl Harbor Survivors. Jerry Barbosa, who was on the cruiser, the USS Raleigh that faithful day, and Seymour Blutt, who was stationed at Hickham Field. After the ceremony the hanger doors were opened and as we stood on the tarmac a WW-II Plane with two men taxied to the runway and took off to drop 75 red roses around the Statue of Liberty in honor of the 75 th anniversary.

I found out two interesting facts, one that the water used to bless the roses was taken from the waters around the sunken ship USS Arizona and was that Jerry Barbosa shot down six Japanese zeros that day. A very moving and memorable time was had by all.

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Phil Strehl, Commander

After receiving feedback concerning veteran suicide in my recent message, I can report, after followup with many people involved with treatment and counseling vets in peril and their successes. A full report will be developed and copies made available to all Nassau County Posts through their Service Officers and Adjutants. This will be a positive report of successful treatment, but with much more to do.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all with wishes for good health and good fortune in the new year.

MILITARY BALL / POST CMDRS NIGHT

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman - 516-766-6563

OUR EVENT WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 18th FROM 12 NOON TO 5 pm. THE COST WILL BE \$67.00 PER PERSON.

MAIL YOUR REQUEST FOR TICKETS AND YOUR PAGEANT FORM TO 85 CLEVELAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570. THE CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS WILL BE FEBRUARY 1st.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT THE PAGEANT INFORMATION FORM AND SEND WITH YOUR TICKET REQUESTS.

THE ADDRESS OF THE EVENT LEONARDS "LaDolce Vita" 555 NORTHERN BLVD., GREAT NECK, NY

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYBODY ATTENDING THIS EVENT.

DEPT COMMANDERS DINNER

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS, AUXILIARY AND SAL FOR SUPPORTING THIS EVENT. SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR

THIRD DIVISION REPORT

GREGORY FALING – COMMANDER

Post Commanders and Membership Personnel should be concentrating their energies to assure that dues payments received in the Post are sent to the American Legion Department in Albany regularly. It appears that many Post within the 3rd Division are not doing that. Some Post have not sent dues to Albany in over a month. If assistance is needed in processing membership dues received, do not hesitate to contact me at 516-503-1225.

Time again to start the accumulation of information for submission of your Post CPR (Consolidated Post Record) which must be sent 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 (legion.org) thus when you are ready to submit the CPR you have the information readily available at your fingertips.

Still some 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.

The American Legion Department of New York Mid-Year Conference will be held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York, 19 – 22 January 2017.

NC Legionnaire of the Year 2017

I will be sending out the applications to all Posts for the selection of NC Legionnaire of the Year. Please adhere to the guidelines to assure your candidate will be considered.

Mail your resume with the report form signed on or before March 1, 2017. Should you have any questions call me at 917-699-0603.

*Dennis C. Dietrich
NC LOTY Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

DENNIS DIETRICH

As of December 13, 2016 Nassau County Membership was at 76.24%. By December 12, 2016 all Posts should be at 75%. By January 12, 2017 all should be at 80%.

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 PUFLL's as soon as you can. Send \$1.50 for each PUFLL member to me @ 1414 Amend Drive, North Merrick, NY, 11566. Make checks out to Nassau County American Legion, Earmark PUFLL's.

If you need forms you can download them from NYLegion.net.

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

**GET THOSE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
IN TO DEPARTMENT TODAY.**

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 12/16/2016

Plainview Post 1812 \$100

TOTAL FOR 2016 - 2017 \$1200

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

Mineola Flag Company

The Mineola Flag Company located on Sunrise Highway in Rockville Centre, will be relocating to 269 Merrick Road in Lynbrook, NY in January or February of 2017
Phone 516-536-3311.

The same personnel will be available to help you and they look forward to continuing to do so.

Please make a note of the new location so that everything can continue to operate smoothly.



Frank Colon gives thank you citations to the Wellington C. Mephram Chior members who sang at the L.I. National Cemetery Vets Day Services in Farmingdale.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ALBANY FROM JANUARY 19 THRU THE 22ND AT THE DESMOND CONFERENCE CENTER. ALL FORMS FOR RESERVATIONS ARE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE



GOT ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE? LET ME KNOW ! IF YOU HAVE AN AFFAIR OR POST AWARDS SEND ME THE PICTURES FOR THE PAPER.

Legislative Alert: New Bills on School Tax Relief for Vets

New bills have been introduced in both the Assembly and Senate to provide school tax relief for veterans. The proposed legislation would reimburse school districts for partial property tax exemptions offered under existing law, the New York American Legion Legislative Committee reports.

The new legislation is sponsored in the Senate by Senator David Carlucci (S-1699A), while the companion bill in the Assembly is sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas Abinanto (A-966).

While scores of school districts have adopted the partial veterans' exemption, many other school districts have failed to do so, citing it would shift the tax burden onto non-veterans.

Veterans and their families wanting this legislation enacted should contact their local representatives to encourage support of the new bills, which will allow school districts to provide the partial tax exemption to their veterans without shifting taxes to the other school district taxpayers by having the state pay the cost through state aid.

Veterans Do the Extraordinary

*by John Sampson
Commander, Department of New York*

This day comes just days after a contentious presidential election, which decided who will be the new commander in chief for the next four years.

Speaking of leaders, it was another future president, then-Governor Ronald Reagan, who posed a question about veterans in 1974, "Where do we find such men?"

He answered: "We find them in our streets, in the offices, the shops and the working places of our country and on the farms."

He was referring to ordinary people – both men and women — doing extraordinary things.

Thank you, my fellow veterans, for stepping up and being extraordinary.

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program
Post Teams Schedule 2016 – 2017

REHAB REPORT
Mary Norris

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 MARY NORRIS
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.

Recap of the Dec. 10, Day at the Races

During December's visit to building 92, we deviated from our normal routine and celebrated the season by singing Christmas Carols with the residents, staff and Legionnaire volunteers.

Merrick Post 1282 provided the song books, piano player, movie and bowling passes. The Post also provided canvas bags with adult coloring books and pencils. The movie and bowling passes, canvas bags, coloring books and pencils are valued at \$1,020.

A total of 22 patients participated on Saturday and members from Auxiliary Unit 1282, Legion Post 44, 1050, and 1087 came out to Northport to help make the afternoon a happy one.

For January, the following Post are on schedule to come out to Northport:

Team #5 - Please be at Bldg. 92 by 1:30pm

(LIU) Admiral Conolly #2014
Andrew Fatscher # 854
East Meadow Memorial #1082
Elmont # 1033
Plainview # 1812
Robert H. Spittel # 1285
Baldwin Post # 246

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

To help off-set operating costs, Posts are asked to bring a \$50 check (made out to the Nassau County American Legion) with them on Saturday. If a Post is not able to attend, send a check for \$100, made out to *Nassau County American Legion* and on memo line mark "Rehab/Day at the Races". Mail check to Mary Norris @ 81 Bobwhite Lane, Hicksville, NY 11810. Your Post will receive credit for the operating cost contribution.

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 New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!	
	3	ORATORICAL CONTEST - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:00 PM
	8	UVO MMEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	8	LINCMO MEETING 11:30 AM - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS	11:30 AM
	19-22	MID WINTER CONFERENCE ALBANY	
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	28	10TH DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST - MALVERNE POST	10:30 AM
FEB	5	UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	5	LINCMO MEETING	11:30 AM
	18	MILITARY BALL / POST CMDRS NIGHT - LEONARDS GREAT NECK	12 - TO 5 PM
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