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COMMANDERS REPORT

We are off to a good start and our first meeting at the Plainview Post went well. We had a great attendance and the meeting accomplished a lot. I hope to see more of the Post's in attendance at the future meetings.

The Finance Committee will present the new proposed County Budget for approval at the next meeting in August and all committees are asked to make a report on what they are doing and their progress at each county meeting. All report should be typed or printed and two copies should be presented, one for the Adjutant and the other for the newsletter.

The Pink & White reports and the Directory applications were passed out to all Post's in attendance. Please fill them out as soon as possible and return them to the proper person listed on the forms.

1ST DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

Gus Lanzo, Commander - 678-3392

I'm sorry I missed the first meeting and I will try to do better from now on. I am in the process of appointing my staff for the First Division, If anyone in the First Division would like to serve on a committee please contact me at: 678-3392.

2ND DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

Lincoln Parsons, Commander - 378-7607

As the new Division Commander for this legion year I will be an active officer and I hope to see more of the Second Division Posts at the County Meetings. If any Post needs my help I can be reached at the above phone number.

Let's all work together to further the programs to assist our veterans and members. I know that I can count on all the Post's in the Second Division for their support and co-operation.

3RD DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

Jim Barton, Commander -484-4471

All Third division Posts have received their membership cards and related information. And, I am happy to report, some posts have gotten off to a great start, reporting 90% and greater already processed. (Don't forget the PUFL's)

I will be contacting all the Post Commanders about arranging post visits and will pass along any new ideas to help with membership recruiting and retention.

I had the honor of carrying the County colors at the Town of Hempstead's Salute to Veterans earlier this summer, and again for the July 4th Parade in Oyster Bay. What a fabulous turn out at both events.

Thank you to the Charles A. Fowler Post for an additional \$60.00 donation to the VetDogs fund raising campaign.

I would like to send a personal thank you to Commander James Brooks of the Manhasset Post for their early invitation to their installation and warm hospitality.

POW-MIA YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!

WINAL Report Nassau County Meeting-

Arlene Howard, PCC , Chairperson

When as the last time you had your mammography? I just has mine July 13th at the Carol Baldwin Cancer Center on the grounds of the Stony Brook Hospital. Make you appointment now thru the VAMC Northport and use the facilities of this beautiful new Cancer screening center.

Nassau County has fallen down in membership a little over 7,000 members. It is time to get out there and recruit those women veterans. Tell them about all the wonderful benefits they will receive as members of the American Legion.

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

Ed Aulman - 572-8452

Warriors to Work

Nassau County's "Warriors to Work" program was launched by County Executive Tom Suozzi in December 2008 as a project aiming to provide returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with employment opportunities at local businesses on Long Island. In tough economic times, all that can be done needs to be done to help our returning heroes adjust to this new civilian lifestyle. If you are a local business representative and you wish to become involved with the "Warriors to Work" program or you are a veteran seeking our services in job employment assistance, call program coordinator, Scott Castillo at 516-572-8451.

Annual Salute to Veterans

Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre will host the 22 Annual Salute to Veterans program on Saturday, August 1, 2009. The free concert will begin with the USO "Liberty Bells" and conclude with the rock and roll of the Cavaliers and the Performers. Concert goers will see the ceremony that begins at 6:45 P.M., should bring folding chairs or blankets, and use parking lot 6 and 6A..

Old Baseball Tournament

Old Bethpage Village Restoration will host a baseball tournament August 1-2 Saturday and Sunday. Nine teams are involved and they play according to the rules between 1860 and 1899. Games will be held between 10am and 4 pm.

Battle of the Branches III

The Fort Hamilton Fitness Center will host Battle of the Branches III Boxing invitational 6 PM August 15, 2009. Male and female categories available. For registration or questions call SFC Gregory Henderson 718-630-4321.

Operation Homefront Announces

Military Spouse Scholarship Program

Operation Homefront is pleased to announce its 2009 Military Spouse Scholarship program. The program is open to spouses of the active duty military. The awards will be granted based on their written essays, their commitment to volunteerism and their grade point average. Applications are available at www.operationhomefront.net

Veterans Get a Hand at Court

Brooklyn, Queens, and Nassau County have joined in a combined effort to help veterans who have found themselves involved with the criminal justice system. This program opens the door for healthcare providers with mental health and substance abuse services.

Golf Outing for 2/25

Monday August 3, 2009 Marines of 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines will be hosting their sdr annual Golf Outing at Eisenhower Park. For information visit their web site at www.225marines.org.

Number of VA Claims Poised to Hit I M

According to the VA there are 722,000 claims and 172,000 claims on appeal for a total of about 900,000. That is up from 800,000 in January.

Military Ball/Post Commanders Night Report

Anthony Paternostro, PCC, Chairman

The Third Annual Military Ball/Post Commanders Night will take place on February 20, 2010, at the Stuart Thomas Manor, Farmingdale. The function will run from 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM, with the Post Commanders coming at 4:30 PM for pictures. I am in hope to have a price by either the August or September County meeting.

Last years event was a huge success, and hopefully this years will be also. The pageant went off with almost no problems, and that was thanks to the help of the county staff, and the full co-operation of those in the pageant.

The letters announcement with the pageant information form on the back will be handed out at the October County meeting. Those not in attendances will have them mailed to them. I stress again this year that you must send back the pageant information form with your check. Without that I cannot formulate the lineup for the pageant. It also saves me time in trying to contact those who did not send it.

Remember; keep February 20 2010 open for this great function.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC - 922-7135

The last week in May I shipped 111 phones and their value was \$58.35. I have presented the check to the Treasurer and have requested that \$29.20 be put in the Legacy Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$29.15 be put into the NEF. On June 12 I shipped 48 cell phones and their value is \$24.80, I am awaiting receipt of that check. On July 13th I shipped out 75 cell phones and their value is \$50.05 and I am awaiting receipt of that check. The amount we are paid has been fluctuating due to the economy but the value of high end phones has gone up from \$15 per phone to \$30 per phone. I receive a minimum of \$.45 per phone so the program is still making money for the two funds. We do not pay for shipping as the recycling company sends me prepaid shipping labels via UPS. Keep collecting cell phones and bring the cell phones to the county meeting or if you have a large amount I will come to you to get them. A large amount is 25 or more, make it worthwhile for me to drive to where ever you may be. I still pickup phones from the Town Hall for the Town of Hempstead and from Levittown Hall.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

Reginald Butt, Jr. PCC - Chairman 922-7135

We had 45 boys going to Boys' State this year and they were sponsored by 25 posts. Three of the Boys backed out in the last 3 weeks, they Commitment Letters were forward to the sponsoring posts and it is up to the posts to collect the money or let it go. The first boy decided to go to a baseball camp as scouts from the colleges were going to be there. The second boy choice to go to a football with the school as the coach told him if he didn't go he could not play in his senior. The third boy a Chaminade student failed one subject and had to attend summer school, if he did not attend and pass the subject he would not be going back to Chaminade. Of the 42 boys going up on the bus, one boy had to be sent home early due to illness. He had the swine flu. He is doing better now and everything should be alright. My financial report has been submitted to the treasurer with copies to the Commander and the Finance Committee.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC, Chairman

In June I shipped out 18 to 20 boxes to 10 different individuals. The items I shipped were collected from the County, gotten from Ken Cadieux and from the Oyster Bay Historical Society. The Oyster Bay Historical Society Held a WWII remembrance night honoring veterans and collected items that I had suggested, plus \$297 in checks and cash. I deposited the monies in my post account and then wrote checks to the County. I have also shipped out packages of books and magazines for a woman who had registered with "Books for Soldiers", she packages them, fills out all the paper work and I ship them. In June 15 packages were shipped and so far in July 9 packages have been sent. She was shipping them thru a VFW post but they could not longer handle the task. The shipping costs run approximately \$40 to \$60 each week, we have the money so it is still in support of the Troops. Get me some new names as I will be setting up to ship out items in Mid-September.

CONVENTION REPORT

Arlene Howard, PCC, Chairperson

A new Legion year has started and plans are being made for the programs for 2009-2010 and one of those programs is the Nassau County Convention which is held the first week of June every year.

Is there a Post who would like to hold the convention and dinner? If so please contact me as soon as possible. Information is available on how to hold the convention and host the dinner. I can be reached by hone at (516) 938-1373 or you can write me at 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville NY. 11801-2435

"HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR, PCC, CHAIRMAN

When disasters happen volunteers are needed to mobilize other local volunteers and resources. Disaster related volunteer work may include such tasks as damage assessment, food preparation, language interpretation and message delivery. Other tasks run the gamut from cleaning up to entering data to transporting people to answering phones. We are now in the hurricane season and Long Island is overdue to get hit with a bad one. Volunteers are needed the most when these type disasters hit.

Volunteer the use of the post building in emergency or disaster situations. Get member of the post to attend CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training. This training is 20 hours and they must attend all sessions. Local volunteers are necessary for the hardest and longest part of any terrorist attack, or natural disaster, the recovery phase. Local volunteer know how the area was before the attack or disaster and they know the best ways around any blockage of roads or other obstacles. Volunteers should only take on jobs or tasks that they are qualified to do, this way the risk of someone being hurt or worst is minimized.

Remember: "ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING".

Legacy Scholarship Fund Report

Arlene Howard, PCC, Chairperson

This year a check for over \$2,500.00 was presented to the Department of New York from Nassau County as our donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who donated to make this possible.

This months Legion magazine on Page 52 has an article about a family who is benefiting from the Legacy Scholarship Fund. As of June there were 27 families receiving scholarships.

So as we start a new Legion year I am once again asking for donations to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, and as you know I only ask a \$1.00 per member which isn't really very much but of course if you would like to donate more it will be greatly appreciated

Please make your check out to the Nassau County Committee earmarked Legacy Scholarship Fund and send it to me Arlene Howard, 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville, New York 11801-2435.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE "DIRECTORY WHITE SHEETS" AND RETURN TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT I CAN GET THE NEW DIRECTORY OUT BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug 15 2nd & 10th District Membership Meeting - Willston Post #144 8 PM.
21 County Advisory Meeting at Plainview Post 7:15 P.M. Followed by County Meeting at 8 PM
21-28 National Convention - Louisville Ky.
- Sept 2 V.J. Day - Fly Your Flag !
7 Labor Day - Fly Your Flag !
19 Rosh Hashanah
25 County Advisory Meeting at Plainview Post 7:15 P.M. Followed by County Meeting at 8 PM
28 Yom Kippur
- Oct 11 LINCMO Installation AMVETS Post Massapequa 1 PM
12 Columbus Day - Fly Your Flag !
23 County Advisory Meeting at Plainview Post 7:15 P.M. Followed by County Meeting at 8 PM
- Nov 3 Election Day - Get out and vote !
8 Veterans Day Services at Eisenhower Park 11 AM
8 LINCMO Veterans Day Services 2 PM
11 Veterans Day - Take Part in Services at your Post ! Fly Your Flag !
26 Happy Thanksgiving to all !
27 County Advisory Meeting at Plainview Post 7:15 P.M. Followed by County Meeting at 8 PM
- Dev 7 Remember Pearl Harbor ! Fly Your Flag !
12 Happy Hanukkah !
16 Battle of the Bulge ! Fly Your Flag !
18 County Advisory Meeting at Plainview Post 7:15 P.M. Followed by County Meeting at 8 PM
25 Merry Christmas to all !