



## COMMANDERS REPORT

THIS PAST MONTH I VISITED SOME POSTS TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THE COUNTY STAFF WILL ASSIST ANY POST OR LEGIONNAIRES WITH THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMS.

WE ALSO WANT TO EXTEND A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL AUXILIARY UNITS AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRONS.

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND HEAR FROM ALL THE POSTS.

ATTENDING OUR COUNTY MEETINGS WILL ANSWER A LOT OF YOUR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AND KEEP YOU AND YOUR POST INFORMED OF CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR WITH VETERANS ISSUES.

REMEMBER THAT THE COUNTY HAS A SUPPORT THE TROOPS/ FAMILY PLAN WHICH IS AN ASSET TO EACH POST IN CONNECTION WITH NEW MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN EARLY SO THAT WE CAN DO WELL THIS YEAR. DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP BEING HELD AT WILLISTON POST ON AUGUST 10TH AT 10 AM.

PLEASE KEEP COLLECTING THOSE ITEMS FOR THE VETERANS REHAB PROGRAM, THE VETS ARE GLAD TO GET THE BAGS OF GOODIE THAT WE BRING TO NORTHPORT. ALSO REMEMBER TO CHECK THE LIST INSIDE THIS ISSUE FOR YOUR POST'S DATE TO GO TO NORTHPORT. I HOPE TO SEE ALL POSTS PARTICIPATING  
FRANK COLON, JR, CMDR.

## FIRST DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

All the 2011 membership cards and rosters have been delivered to the Posts, except for the Island Park, "Post 1029



Where Are You?"  
You guys give Toody & Muldoon a run for their money.

I attended the Town of Hempstead's Honors to Vets ceremony and the re-opening of the Vets center. The County Commander & I, along with the Adjutant & Treasurer, attended Post 1066 (Massapequa) meeting, thanks for the warm welcome and hospitality.

The Division Membership Officer Art Swanson and I attended the steak dinner affair at Post 1711 (Levittown), we had a great time, thanks for the invite. My wife and I attended Post 336 (Glenwood Landing) BBQ, what an event, they had great food, great fun and the entertainment was spectacular, it started with karaoke and ended with thunder, lightning, rain & falling trees; they sure know how to throw a party.

If you read my column last month you said to yourself "what the heck is he talking about", I told you to give me a call but I didn't give you a phone number; congratulations to all the Posts that found me anyhow. Please make an extra effort to complete and mail in the Post Directory sheets so we know who's who in the Post and have some contact information to reach out to you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, I'll be in touch to arrange a visit to each Post. Contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

John J. Hassett  
Cell - (516) 313-1402  
[Cdr344@optonline.net](mailto:Cdr344@optonline.net)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Vice Commander's Report

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope all of you are enjoying a safe and healthy summer. I am happy to report that I have assembled the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division staff as detailed in the accompanying document. Also, I have distributed most of the membership packages with the exception of three that will be delivered by this weekend. I was visiting several Posts over the last month and have gotten to know some good Legionnaires and I have also found that the overall morale of our posts is very high. Everyone is motivated to have a successful Legion year. In the coming weeks I will be setting up for our Division Meeting in October at a time and place to be announced. Finally, I am happy to report to all that I attended the installation of officers at Cathedral Post last week along with the County Commander other members of the County staff.

For God and Country  
Manny Rodriguez

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### THIRD DIVISION REPORT

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL THIRD DIVISION POSTS ATTEND THE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP BEING HELD ON AUGUST 10TH AT THE WILLISTON POST STARTING AT 10 AM. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE AND I HOPE TO HEAR THE PROBLEMS THAT THE POSTS ARE HAVING AND THE SOLUTIONS THAT OTHER POSTS HAVE FOUND.

LOUISE McCANN, CMDR

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### COUNTY DIRECTORY

THE "WHITE" SHEETS WERE MAILED TO ALL POSTS A MONTH AGO AND I AM AWAITING YOUR REPLIES. REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE FOR GETTING YOUR POST INFORMATION/JOURNAL AD IS SEPTEMBER 10TH. I HOPE TO HAVE THE NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER COUNTY MEETING. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE INFORMATION CONTACT ME AT 536-3796.

KEN CADIEUX

## Scouting Report

At our County Convention in June we gave five scouting awards. I hope that this year we can give six, or possibly even seven.

This year's vice-chairman of the scouting committee is Fred Meyer. His responsibility will be to act as chairman of the judging committee for the awards and to increase nominations of potential award recipients. Nominations should be sent to him after the rules for the awards are published. The deadline for nominations will be this winter. An exact deadline will be published with the rules. Scout leaders who are also Legion members who want to participate as judges should give their names, addresses, and e-mail addresses to Fred.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles G. Mills, Scouting Chairman

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BOYS STATE PROGRAM  
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

There were 51 boys scheduled to go to Boys State this year. Five days before departure one boy dropped out and the morning of departure one boy was a no show. There were 49 boys that departed on Sunday 27 June 2010 and returned on 2 July 2010. The boys from Nassau County made a very good showing this year. The Boys State Governor is Ronald Taylor who lives in Hempstead and goes to Holy Trinity High School, he was sponsored by the Charles Wagner Post #421. This is the first time Nassau County had a boy become Governor of Boys State. Ronald also was selected to attend Boys Nation. Two boys from Boys State were selected to attend Boys Nation, two other boys were selected as alternates in case one of the two primary choices could not go. The two alternates came from Nassau County. Aaron Sylver from Glen Cove who attends Glen Cove High School and was sponsored by Glen Cove Post #76 was voted in as Attorney General, the third highest position at Boys State. The Boys State Governor spoke at the Department Convention in Syracuse and he received a standing ovation. His speech was very good and left a big impression on those in the Convention Hall. This years boys were the best group the County has ever sponsored. All that I can say is "WELL DONE" to all the boys who participated in Boys State.

## Membership Officer's Report

Angelo Grande

I would like to thank the members of the Nassau County American Legion for electing me Membership Officer for Nassau County. It is an honor and privilege for me to hold this position. I am here to serve you. My phone number is: 516-676-7436 or you may e-mail me at: [aigrande@yahoo.com](mailto:aigrande@yahoo.com). If you have any questions or need any forms don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. I will be at each county legion meeting to answer your questions or give out forms. Please come by to say hello.

Membership is the backbone of the American Legion. We need more members to get action from our politicians. I just came back from the American Legion State Convention in Syracuse. I heard this statement at the convention. I quote "Are you a Veteran? If the answer is "Yes", what Post do you belong to? Would you like an application? I was a member of Post #1 in Albany for five years until I joined a post. No one ever asked me to join a Post. I finally heard about the Glenwood Landing Post #336 and joined. You should always have an application available. Only with your help can we make the Legion more powerful. "United we stand, divided we fall"

Don't forget the State Membership Meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Williston Post #144 at 10 A.M. All Post membership chairmen should attend. This is a state membership meeting. Let's make Nassau County American Legion Shine.

**GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS IN TO DEPARTMENT**

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### SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have shipped another 12 boxes to the troops and will be packing up more to ship in August. I received a donation from Plainview Post #812 for \$150.00. The program Books for Soldiers is still active and the Williston Post is in contact with a library in Queens who has books to give us. The Commander of Williston is talking with the library now. I have approximate 8 or 9 names to ship items to and if you know someone over in Iraq or Afghanistan please provide me their address. I am also thinking of adopting a unit from the 10th Mountain division which is sending two regiments to Afghanistan in August. Keep the donation of money and items coming, the troops are very appreciative when they get the packages.

Legionnaire of the Year

Joseph P. Slattery Jr., PCC, Chairman

[docjoepc@yahoo.com](mailto:docjoepc@yahoo.com)

Our County Legionnaire of the Year Program continues to build on your Post Legionnaire of the Year Program.

Start the new Legion year off by collecting data on your Post special person that goes above and beyond at your Post.

A letter with instructions and forms will be sent out in October to each Post Commander for Legion Year 2010-2011.

As Post Commander, it is your duty and responsibility to take the time and make the effort to HONOR and RECOGNIZE your Post Member with the Post Legionnaire of the Year Honor. That continues to set the process for our County, District and Department Programs.

At the County Convention your Post, as well as your Legionnaire will be recognized. This is only possible when you submit a candidate.

REMEMBER: You need to be in it... To win it. More to follow.

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### CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 1 box of phones and accessories which totalled approx 85 cell phones. The checks are now being forwarded at the end of the month and I am awaiting word on their value. Once received the money will be split between the Legacy Memorial Scholarship Fund and the National Emergency Fund. I need 50 phones to make a shipment. 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. Your other option is to drop them off at my home.



**FRANK COLON, JR  
THE NEW COUNTY  
COMMANDER**



**NASSAU COUNTY DELEGATION AT THE DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION IN SYRACUSE, NY.**



**ONE OF THE SEVERAL AWARDS THAT HE AND HIS  
POST RECEIVED FROM THE PRESS ASSN FOR THEIR NEWS-  
LETTER IS PRESENTED TO BOB FOUNTAIN BY JR. PAST  
COMMANDER NED JOHNSON AT THE COUNTY MEETING.**



**COUNTY TREASURER ANDY BOOTH AT THE DEPART-  
MENT CONVENTION**



**NASSAU COUNTY OFFICERS AT THEIR FIRST COUNTY  
MEETING OF THE YEAR AT HEMPSTEAD POST 390**



**CMR NED JOHNSON WITH DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
WILLIAM KEARSING**

NORTHPORT REHAB SCHEDULE 2010 - 2011

TEAM #1 SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4  
GLENWOOD LANDING #226  
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81  
MASSAPEQUA # 1066  
CHARLES WAGNER #421  
CARLE PLACE #1718

TEAM # 6 FEBRUARY 12, 2011

YOUNG SIMMONS #1765  
NORTH BELLMORE # 1749  
CATHEDRAL # 1087  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE # 303  
MANHASSET #304  
AVIATORS # 743

TEAM # 2 OCTOBER 9. 2010

PORT WASHINGTON #509  
FLORAL PARK # 334  
WANTAGH # 1273  
ARCHIE McCORD #86  
EDWIN WELCH, Jr. #1132

TEAM # 7 MARCH 12, 2011

NEW HYDE PARKERNIE PYLE #1089  
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854  
LYNBROOK # 335  
JAMES F. BRENGAL #456  
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160  
WILLISTON # 144

TEAM # 3 NOVEMBER 13, 2010

HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962  
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285  
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958  
HEMPSTEAD #390  
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL #1032

TEAM # 8 APRIL 9, 2011

MINEOLA MEMORIAL #349  
LEVITTOWN # 1711  
FRANKLIN SQUARE # 1014  
BELLMORE # 948  
VICTOR MURTHA #972  
EUGENE S. SMITH #175

TEAM # 4 DECEMBER 11, 2010

NASSAU POLICE #1050  
ELMONT #1033  
MALVERNE #44  
MERRICK # 1282  
GLEN COVE # 76

TEAM # 9 MAY 14, 2011

UNIONDALE # 1487  
ROBERT VAN COTT #1139  
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051  
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL #1246  
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265  
JOE MURPHY # 1957

TEAM # 5 JANUARY 8, 2011

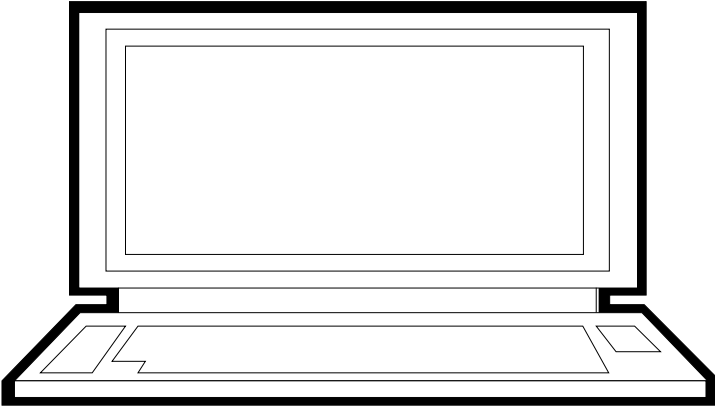
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861  
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101  
BALDWIN #246  
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342  
LAWRENCE /CEDARHURST #339  
PLAINVIEW #1812

FOR A CHANGE OF DATE OR IF YOUR  
POST CAN'T MAKE IT CONTACT CHAIRMAN  
JOHN RADIN, SR AT 431-5192

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

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National American Legion Press Association  
New York State Legion Press Association

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U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758  
PERMIT # 8



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST		MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP AT WILLISTON POST 10 AM.
	27	COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM COUNTY MEETING 8 pm
SEPT	7	NASSAU COUNTY VETS ADVISORY MEETING AT CRADLE OF AVIATION
	24	COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM COUNTY MEETING 8 pm

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**Flag Presentation Update 03:** Prior to Flag Day, 14 JUN 1923, neither the federal government nor the states had official guidelines governing the display of the United States' flag. On 14 JUN 1923, the National Flag Code was constructed by representatives of over 68 organizations, under the auspices of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. The code drafted by that conference was printed by the national organization of The American Legion and given nationwide distribution. On 22 JUN 1942, the Code became Public Law 77-623; chapter 435. Little had changed in the code since the Flag Day 1924 Conference. The most notable change was the removal of the Bellamy salute due to its similarities to the Hitler salute. Additional modifications were:

„h The Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005 prohibits real estate management organizations from restricting homeowners from displaying the Flag of the United States on their own property.

„h The Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007 added a provision to fly the flag at half-staff upon the death of a member of the Armed Forces from any State, territory, or possession who died while serving on active duty. It also gave the mayor of the District of Columbia the authority to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff. Federal facilities in the area covered by the governor or mayor of the District of Columbia will also fly the flag at half-staff as directed.[11]

„h The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Sec. 595.) allows the military salute for the flag during the national anthem by members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and by veterans.

[Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Flag\\_Code](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Flag_Code) Jul 2010 ++]