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COMMANDERS REPORT

I want to thank all the Legionnaires who have supported me the last four years. It's with great pride that I serve as your County Commander with the theme of "let's work smarter not harder" !

We the elected staff are working for the Legionnaire wearing the Blue Cap. If any member needs help do not hesitate to contact your Division Vice Commander along with the continued experience of our Past County Commanders, who are working for the Empire County of the Empire State.

We know that membership has been a hot topic for many years. We need to reach out to the young veterans and show them that the American Legion Cares. It's a hard job with the present economic status in our country. But veteran's always stand above the rest in time of National Crises.

The month of June has been a busy one with the moving wall displayed in Lynbrook. The Lynbrook Post 335 took the lead in this event and did an outstanding job. We also had a visit from our Department Commander William Kearsing and V.P. Denis McEnerney. after attending the Purple Heart Ceremony they also went to Eisenhower Park and toured all the monuments and "Walls of Honor" after which they passed the Cradle of Aviation and the Firemens Museum.

The following installations were conducted for the Wantagh Post 1273, and the Eugene S. Smith Post 175.

We also went on a boat trip from West Point on the Hudson River sponsored by AUSA. Our adjutant Joe Reale is now the Past President of the New York Chapter. Six members and their wives attended this trip. A great time was had by all.

Our Color Guard has been on the go this month with the "Walls of Honor" ceremony at Eisenhower Park at 10:00 am and the Town of

Hempstead Salute to Vets at Point Lookout at 7:30 PM. The Town of Hempstead had it's one year anniversary of their Veteran's Service Office where veterans can file claims and get their questions answered, it is funded by the Purple Heart Association of N.Y.

Wantagh Post 1273 Hosted a 4th of July Parade and so did Oyster Bay Post 4. The County presented the Captain and the Command Master Chief with Blue Star Banners.

I will tell you that your Staff has been supporting the County in Great Form.

God bless you all and have a safe summer.

Frank Colon, Jr. Commander

1ST DIVISION COMMANDER

To all the Posts & PCCs who have placed their trust in me, I thank you; together I am sure we can make this a banner year.

The membership cards are in, if I haven't contacted your Post yet, please call me so I can arrange to drop them off.

The Division Posts had a nice response to the Viet Nam Moving Wall Memorial in Lynbrook, your Color Guards and members made a dignified showing for the ceremony. My personal thanks to Wantagh Post, Commander Jack Bergersen, for inviting us to your installation. We also made a quick visit to Lawrence-Cedarhurst Post in June, thank you goes to Commander Dr. George Elkowitz for your hospitality, I look forward to working with you soon.

Lastly, I will be contacting all Post Commanders to arrange Post visits, I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any question please let me know.

Sincerely, John J. Hassett

2ND DIVISION COMMANDER

Greetings and a happy and safe summer to all my fellow Legionnaires. As we begin the new Legion year I wish the new County Commander Frank Colon and the entire staff the very best. I am assembling the 2nd Division Staff and I thank all for the encouragement and guidance that I have been offered. The County Staff and Organizational Meetings provided a lot of information and were very productive. I have already begun distributing all the Post's membership cards and have had excellent assistance and support from my membership officer Nick Yaworski. We now look forward to visiting as many Posts as possible in the near future and meeting with all of you in person. Also, please make a note of my contact information for your convenience:

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For God and Country,
Manny Rodriguez

Third Division Report

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity and forum to thank the new County Commander for the honor afforded me to serve on his staff for the Legion Year 2010 – 2011.

All Third Division Posts have received their respective membership cards and post rosters. **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PUFLs.**

I will be contacting the commanders of all third division posts to arrange a visit for introductions and sharing any new thoughts and/or ideas to not only increase membership but also to retain current post members.

The requisite Third Division meetings will be

held at the Williston Post and said dates will be announced. It is recommended that each post in the Third Division send at least one representative.

The County Commander and I recently attended the Installation of Officers at the

Eugene S. Smith Post # 175 in Syosset. Congratulations to Ed Aulman and his staff !

Continue to Support our Troops and their families through the County programs.

Louise M. McCann
Commander

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 2 boxes of phones and accessories which totalled approx 175 cell phones. I received a check from the recycling center for \$111.40 which I have asked the Treasurer to split between the Legacy Memorial Scholarship Fund and the National Emergency Fund \$55.70 each. 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.

**THE NEW MEMBERSHIP
CARDS ARE OUT ! IF YOUR
POST HAS NOT RECEIVED
THEM CONTACT YOUR
DIVISION VICE COMMANDER**

**BOYS STATE PROGRAM REGINALD
BUTT, JR. PCC 28 MAY 2010**

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. 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.

REHAB

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE A LIST WITH THE ITEMS YOU BRING TO THE COUNTY MEETING OR ARE DROPPED OFF AT MY HOUSE. IF THERE IS NOT AN ITEMIZED LIST YOUR POST MAY NOT GET CREDIT FOR THE ITEMS DONATED

**SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE
DUTY REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC**

Since the County Convention I have shipped close to 60 packages to the troops. Floral Park Memorial High School collected and delivered to me via Elmont Post #1033 42 boxes that were wrapped, addressed and ready to ship. They also collected money to help the shipping costs and sent me a check for \$350 which I turned in to the Treasurer. The program Books for Soldiers is still active and I will be getting approximate 15 boxes from them to ship. 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.

WEB SITE

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE NASSAU LEGION WEB SITE. THE NEW SITE WILL BE EASIER AND CONTAIN A LIST OF FORMS AND A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL PHOTO'S SUBMITTED. BE SURE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTOS YOU SEND TO BE POSTED ON THE WEB.

ALL COUNTY FLYERS CAN ALSO BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE. LOG ON AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE WEBSITE AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS:

nassaulegion.org

VA Headstones & Markers Update 06:

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki announced 29 JUN that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran. "For Veterans not buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery, or those without a government grave marker, VA is pleased to offer this option that highlights their service and sacrifices for our country," said Secretary Shinseki. The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for Veterans whose death occurred on or after 1 NOV 90, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Under federal law, eligible Veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of the standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 1/2 inches in width. Each bronze medallion features the image of a folded burial flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom. Next of kin will receive the medallion, along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the medallion to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover. More information about VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions can be found at

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp>.

VA is currently developing an application form for ordering the medallion. Until it is available, applicants may use the form for ordering government headstones and markers, VA Form 40-1330. Instructions on how to apply for a medallion are found on the VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp.

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for all eligible Veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial

Certificate and a government headstone or grave marker. The new medallions will be available only to Veterans buried in private cemeteries without a government headstone or marker. Families of eligible decedents may also order a memorial headstone or marker when remains are not available for interment.

VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. More than 3 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict — from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan — are buried in VA's national cemeteries on more than 19,000 acres. Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA Web site on the Internet at www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1(800) 827-1000. [Source: VA News Release 29 Jun 2010 ++]

NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION DIRECTORY INFORMATION

POST NAME _____ NO _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE NY ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____ MEETING DAY/ EVE _____

LOCATION OF MEETINGS _____

POST COMMANDER _____

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____

ADJUTANT _____

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____

COUNTY REP _____

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____

ALT COUNTY REP _____

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____

ADJUTANT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

POST TEAMS 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 # 2 OCTOBER 9. 2010

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

TEAM # 3 NOVEMBER 13, 2010

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

TEAM # 4 DECEMBER 11, 2010

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

TEAM # 5 JANUARY 8,2011

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

TEAM # 6 FEBRUARY 12, 2011

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

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 # 8 APRIL 9, 2011

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

TEAM # 9 MAY 14, 2011

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

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

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758
PERMIT # 8

MEMBER
National American Legion Press Association
New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

COUNTY MEETINGS

All Advisory Meetings will be held on Friday's at 7:15 pm. followed by the County Meeting at 8 PM at the Hempstead Post #390, 160 Marvin Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, 486-9532

JULY 23		COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM COUNTY MEETING 8 pm
AUGUST 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

CORRECTIONS TO COMMITTEE LIST

UNDER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TONY PATERNOSTRO'S PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE 308-7019

**SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER
MANY RODRIGUES ADDRESS IS:**

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