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## COMMANDERS REPORT

### ROBERT REAHL, COMMANDER 681-5545

As my year as your Commander comes to an end, I like to thank all the Posts for there support and hospitality over the past year.

To my Staff, Committee Chairperson and all the Past County Commanders thank you all for your hard work and support.

My special thanks go out to my Advisory Chairman Pete Holowecki for his advice and guidance.

We gained a web site this year thanks to the hard work of Ken Cadieux and his son Chris, it is [nassaulegion.org](http://nassaulegion.org) please take the time to look it over as it has the latest information and pictures of events we take part in..

To all the Posts that gave me recommendations I tried my best to implement them some are still pending. I feel that the newly elected incoming Commander Bill Harms will pick up where I left off. Please give him and all his Staff the support you have given to me.

Last but not lease my thanks go out to the remaining members of our Legion family the Ladies Auxiliary and S. A. L.

## FIRST DIVISION REPORT

John Radin, Commander

Fellow legionnaires, I must say this has been an unusual year but mainly one of enjoyment. I have had the great pleasure of being welcomed into 19 Posts of our division, and felt a warm bonding and understanding of our goals and achievements. It is something that we need more of. That is the combining of our thoughts to better help our fellow Veterans and serve our communities.

## 1st Division Report (con't)

I have been able to take the thinking of different Posts and spread it to others - be it in the form of gathering new members, helping our service personnel or just doing something for our own Post and populace. Maybe, somehow or someway we can create an inter-post liaison to achieve our goals by all helping one another. I am going back to continue what you all taught me to help raise my Post to higher standards.

In conclusion, I want to thank all for making my year as Vice Commander a memorable one.  
God Bless America.

## SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Frank Colon, Commander

I wish to thank everyone that helped me get through the past year. Without your help I couldn't have completed my tasks. It was a pleasure visiting the Posts and meeting so many dedicated Legionnaires and their families.

I was truly amazed at the activities that go on in the Posts in Nassau County. W are a very active County ! My thanks to all the Posts who participated or contributed to the Veterans Rehabilitation Program. Our veterans at Northport look forward to our visits. Special thanks to my co-chairman Stu McKinney for all his help and guidance.

I would like to see a great turnout of Second Division Posts at the County Convention.

### THIRD DIVISION REPORT

Howard Liebman Commander

I wish to thank all who helped to make this past year a memorable one for me. I have met a lot of good Legion families and I have always felt welcomed at their Post's.

I hope that someone will step up and take the Third Division Vice Commanders spot for the next year, I promise that it will be a rewarding experience for them. If I can be of any help to them I hope that they will call on me.

Be sure to get your delegates list into the Adjutant so that your Post can vote at the convention.



Department Commanders Casey's Homecoming was well attended. Among the guests were PCC Tom and Marge Riordan



Commander Bob Reahl and Auxiliary President Greta Valdes pose with Dept Detachment Cmdr Al Deichler at his homecoming.

### MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

William Davison, Chairman

Another year is almost over, our contribution as of May 10th stands at \$3,305.00, with just under one month to go. Commander, Bob Reahl, Ken Cadieux and yours truly thank you for your continued participation and support for this treasure chest.

Awards will be presented in November judged by the per capita system of contributions.

We look forward for the new and exciting year. We have been telling you of a new form, just bear with the library and your committee and we hope we will be correcting all the errors you have told us about, also in the near future a web site.

Remember each month this chairman tries to think of new ideas to help make this library more interesting. Please we need your input and your continued support.

What better way to honor a member or friend than by that contribution for that book in their name.

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### NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman

Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, wildfires... The American Legion National Emergency Fund was born out of natural disasters to compassionately heal the wounds of catastrophe and help save their homes. A major disaster could happen to any Legionnaire in any town at anytime and make them homeless. Make your checks payable to Nassau County American Legion and earmark it NEF and send it to this Chairman at 3521 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793-3336.

The NEF is growing, so I would like to thank the following Post: New Hyde Park Ernie Pyle Post 1089 for their contribution for a total to date have increased to \$2390 from 15 Posts. Please think of helping others and give to the fund, so let's continue giving as Nassau County can.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS**  
Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman

Many members have questioned why we need a public relations program. Some say "...how do we measure the success of the program?" A PR program is like a military operation-you have an objective and you must find a way to accomplish that objective. First is to gain public recognition of the Legion. All of our committees require some form of public relations support. To this end we need more press releases and Public Service Announcements.

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**HISTORY**

ROGER EASTMAN County Historian

The number of submissions to the History Contest this year was disappointing. Out of the 57 posts in the county, only 3 were submitted, and one had to be rejected because it was submitted over a week late. One was submitted in the narrative category and one in the pictorial category.

There were four newsletters submitted in the newsletter contest and these were judged by Geri Solomon's office at Hofstra University using the NALPA judging standards.

Thanks to the posts that participated in these contests this year. I know that there are many other posts in the county that prepare historical scrapbooks and newsletters. It is my hope that there will be greater participation next year.

The winners of the contests will be announced at the County Convention next week.

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**CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM**  
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

We are now sending the Cell Phones to ECO-CELL and they then send us the money for our fund raisers. When I agreed to continue sending them the cell phones they send us a check for \$336.70 which would have gone to National but National cut off the program. I asked the Commander for that check to go to the Legacy Memorial Scholarship Fund. I shipped another 360 phones and we will be getting a check for \$405 in the beginning of June. I will have that check split as follows: \$200 to the Legacy Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$205 to the National Emergency Fund. Continue to bring the cell phones to the County Meetings and I will ship them out to ECO-CELL, they supply prepaid shipping labels.

**NATIONAL CHEF de GARE VISITS L.I.**



Photo L-R: Chef de Gare Joseph P. Slattery, Jr., Grand Chef de Gare John Shehan, Chef de Chemin de Fer Terry Sims, Voyageur Elenor Graepel, Correspondant Otto R. Graepel

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**BOYS STATE PROGRAM**  
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I submitted a list of 34 delegates to Department Headquarters. I have three more applications to submit which will bring our total to 37 delegates. This has been a disappointing year, we were over our quota of 40 boys and then the bottom dropped out. I want to thank all who helped get us back to 37 delegates.

The orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30 May 2007, at the Williston Post #144 starting at 8:00 P.M. All Posts, Past County Commanders, Boys' State Candidates and their families are invited to attend. The bus will depart from the Williston Post on Sunday 24 June 2007 at 6:00 A.M., the boys must check in starting at 5:00 A.M. The Bus will return on 30 June at approximate 2 P.M. to the Williston Post.

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**WAYS & MEANS REPORT**  
Bob Fountain Chairman

To date we have sold 594 tickets. The O's have been hot the past two weeks. Winners have been 042, 050, 052, 069, the second win for 069, 086 and 097. Winning Posts for May so far have been Levittown and Glenwood Landing, their third win. Remember you have to be in it to win it.

## POW / MIA REPORT

Bob Fountain Chairman

Pfc. Francis Crater, Jr., U.S. Army's 32nd Infantry Regiment, of Barberton, Ohio. Between 2002 and 2003 JPAC excavated two adjacent mass graves on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir. The team found human remains for eight individuals and other material evidence, including Crater's identification tags. PFC Crater was buried Oct. 21 in Akron, Ohio

Pfc. Charles H. Long, U.S. Army, of Durand, III.

In 1993, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) gave United Nations officials 33 boxes with human remains of alleged U.S. servicemen who were unaccounted-for. Included in one of the boxes were Pfc. Long's social security and identification cards and identification tags. He was buried Nov. 25 in Durand.

Master Sgt. Alfred H. Alonzo Sr., of Tampa, Fla.; Sgt. 1st Class Robert C. Bucheit, of Hamilton, Ohio; Sgt. Francis E. Lindsay, of Esther, Mo.; Cpl. Joseph Gregori, of West Picon, PA; Cpl. Darrell W. Scarbrough, of Fayetteville, W. Va.; Cpl. Homer L. Sisk, Jr., of Ducar, Calif., Cpl. Charles E. Sizemore, of Rushville, Ind.; and Cpl. William E. Wood, of Moorhead, U.S. Army. In 2000, a joint U.S.-DPRK team, led by JPAC, interviewed a farmer living in the vicinity of Unsan who told the team that while doing land reclamation work, he uncovered remains he believed were those of U.S. soldiers. Also recovered were other items and identification tags belonging to these eight men. Gregori was buried in August; Bucheit was buried in September; Scarbrough, Sisk, and Sizemore were buried in October; Alonzo was buried in November; and Lindsay and Wood's burial dates are being set by their families.

Among other forensic tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains.

We are grateful for the continued work of all the agencies involved in assisting the families with the ability to begin the closure process and to bring our servicemen home. Information gathered with the assistance of the Public Relations Office of DPMO.

## AWARDS REPLACEMENT:

Retirees who have lost medals or decorations, or never received ones they earned, may request them at any time. The government will generally replace lost or destroyed decorations for service or valor at no cost. There may be a charge for campaign ribbons and badges. At [www.thestrelz.com/mildec.htm](http://www.thestrelz.com/mildec.htm) you can view decorations and ribbons, Army right breast pocket ribbons for citations and commendations, specialty and staff badges for each service, U S Merchant Marine ribbons, plus State and Other Foreign Decorations.

Former service members and the survivors of deceased veterans can obtain replacement medals or make appeals by writing to their respective service below. For Air Force (including Army Air Corps) and Army personnel, the National Personnel Records Center will verify the awards to which a veteran is entitled and forward the request with the verification to the appropriate service department for issuance of the medals. The Standard Form (SF 180), Request Pertaining to Military Records is recommended for requesting medals and awards. This form can be downloaded in PDF format at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>.

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## E-MAIL ADDRESSING:

When you send an email to more than one recipient, it is common to put the additional email addresses in the "CC" (carbon copy) window. When the email is sent, all of those email addresses and any names associated with them are visible to all the recipients. For those who don't want their email addresses to be known, that is a problem. If the number of additional recipients is very large, it also creates a lot of clutter in the message. It is better to use the "BCC" (blind carbon copy) feature because even though the email will still be sent to all the recipients, the only name visible at the top of the email will be the person to whom it was addressed. Although it's rare for email addresses to attract stalkers, it is common for email addresses to accidentally be passed into the hands of those who the owner of the address would rather not have it. [Source: Don Harribine's Tips & Topics 2 May 06]



ROTC  
AWARDS RECIPIENTS  
AT HOFSTRA  
UNIVERSITY



COMMANDER REAHL  
AND STAFF WITH  
RECIPIENT OF THE  
LEGION GOLD MEDAL  
JAKE KRAMER

DIV	POST	#	2006	DEPT		ACTUAL		%	Pending	COUNTY Goal to Recv 1/2 of 06 Miss	PUFL		NEW	Trans	LAST
				2007 goal	Incr	2007	%				2007	\$ PAID \$			
1	LYNBROOK	335	32	33	1	35	106.06%		2	2	24	24.00	7	01/25/07	
1	LAWRENCE-CEDARHURST	339	96	97	1	99	102.06%		2	6	7	7.00	2	01/05/07	
1	ROCKVILLE CENTRE	303	130	131	1	132	100.76%		1	6	2	2.00	3	05/02/07	
1	MERRICK	1282	166	167	1	168	100.64%		1	4	9	9.00	4	05/17/07	
1	MASSAPEQUA	1066	571	572	1	583	96.88%	(19)		20	27	27.00	11	06/17/07	
1	EDWIN WELCH, JR.	1132	195	196	1	199	96.43%	(7)		15	9	5.00	3	03/16/07	
1	ANDREW FATSCHER	854	274	275	1	283	95.84%	(12)		18	28	28.00	2	04/01/07	
1	WANTAGH	1273	311	312	1	296	94.87%	(16)		7	19	19.00	2	04/10/07	
1	BELLMORE	948	129	130	1	122	93.85%	(8)		7	10	10.00	6	05/17/07	
1	VICTOR MURTHA	972	106	107	1	100	93.46%	(7)		6	17	15.00	2	03/18/07	
1	MALVERNE	44	168	169	1	157	92.90%	(12)		6	14	14.00	5	04/01/07	
1	ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL	1061	32	33	1	30	90.91%	(3)		2	7		0	09/21/06	
1	ISLAND PARK	1029	73	74	1	86	99.19%	(8)		7	2	2.00	0	03/20/07	
1	BALDWIN	246	330	331	1	293	88.52%	(28)		13	34	34.00	5	03/19/07	
1	OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL	1246	161	162	1	139	85.80%	(23)		0	2	2.00	0	05/09/07	
1	EAST ROCKAWAY	958	142	143	1	103	72.03%	(40)		2	13	11.00	2	03/20/07	
1	J. FRANKLIN BELL	81	16	16	1	5	31.26%	(11)		2	0	0.00	0	10/05/06	
1	DEMOTT CARMAN	536	16	17	1	0	0.00%	(17)		0	0	0.00	0	02/27/06	
<b>1ST DIVISION TOTALS</b>		<b>2937</b>	<b>2955</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>92.72%</b>	<b>-215</b>		<b>122</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>59</b>			
2	JOE MURPHY	1967	23	24	1	30	126.00%		8	8	0.00	0	02/10/07		
2	AVIATORS POST	743	102	103	1	111	85.20%	(12)		16	27	27.00	0	02/19/07	
2	NORTH BELLMORE	1749	157	159	2	165	103.77%		6	7	11.00	0	05/09/07		
2	CATHEDRAL	1087	135	136	1	134	98.83%	(2)		1	7	7.00	6	05/17/07	
2	ELMONT	1033	268	269	1	260	96.65%	(9)		19	29	29.00	9	04/01/07	
2	LEWISTOWN	1711	360	361	1	347	96.12%	(14)		10	30	30.00	4	05/17/07	
2	NEW HYDE PARK-ERNIE PYLE	1089	188	189	1	181	95.77%	(8)		5	16	15.00	0	05/09/07	
2	WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER	1029	150	151	1	141	93.39%	(10)		9	11	11.00	0	04/01/07	
2	ROBERT VAN COTT	1139	44	45	1	42	93.33%	(3)		3	1	1.00	1	02/09/07	
2	WILLIAM CLINTON STORY	342	100	101	1	93	92.08%	(9)		8	5	5.00	2	05/09/07	
2	UNIONDALE	1487	59	60	1	55	91.87%	(5)		9	11	11.00	1	04/24/07	
2	FLORAL PARK	334	179	181	2	164	90.61%	(17)		0	13	13.00	3	03/19/07	
2	EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL	1082	187	188	1	170	90.43%	(18)		1	20	20.00	4	04/01/07	
2	FRANKLIN SQUARE	1614	89	90	1	81	90.00%	(9)		4	9	9.00	0	04/01/07	
2	HUGH C. NEWMAN III MEMORIAL	849	69	70	1	62	88.57%	(8)		2	2	2.00	0	04/10/07	
2	HEMPSTEAD	390	149	150	1	142	92.82%	(29)		4	16	16.00	0	02/26/07	
2	GONMILION-CAMPBELL	1488	45	46	1	35	76.09%	(11)		0	4	4.00	0	04/01/07	
<b>2ND DIVISION TOTALS</b>		<b>2304</b>	<b>2323</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>94.53%</b>	<b>-127</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>38</b>			
3	JAMES F. BRENGEL	456	64	65	1	70	107.69%		5	2	1		8	10/05/06	
3	CHARLES A. FOWLER, JR.	160	82	83	1	86	103.61%		3	0	14	14.00	4	01/05/07	
3	NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL	1661	29	30	1	31	103.33%		1	2	3	3.00	0	01/05/07	
3	WILLIAM J. LONGUET	101	60	61	1	61	100.00%	0		6	12	12.00	2	05/09/07	
3	YOUNG-SIMMONS	1755	85	86	1	81	100.00%	0		0	8	8.00	2	04/01/07	
3	EUGENE S. SMITH	175	171	172	1	169	98.26%	(3)		3	15	15.00	2	05/09/07	
3	MANHASSET	304	247	248	1	241	97.18%	(7)		3	19	19.00	0	01/05/07	
3	ROBERT H. SPITTEL	1285	128	129	1	125	96.90%	(4)		0	14	14.00	5	02/10/07	
3	CHARLES WAGNER	421	162	163	1	166	95.71%	(7)		3	10	10.00	1	05/17/07	
3	GLENWOOD LANDING	338	281	282	1	268	95.44%	(14)		0	8	8.00	11	05/03/07	
3	NASSAU COUNTY POLICE	1050	213	214	1	200	93.46%	(14)		0	27	27.00	1	04/24/07	
3	GLEN COVE	75	88	87	1	81	93.09%	(9)		4	21	21.00	1	04/01/07	
3	QUENTIN ROOSEVELT	4	177	178	1	165	92.70%	(13)		3	3	3.00	4	03/05/07	
3	PLAINVIEW	1812	291	292	1	288	91.78%	(24)		19	20	20.00	4	05/09/07	
3	MINEOLA MEMORIAL	349	59	60	1	55	91.67%	(5)		4	11	10.00	0	03/20/07	
3	PORT WASHINGTON	609	89	90	1	82	91.11%	(8)		1	10	10.00	2	01/05/07	
3	HOWARD VAN WAGNER	962	96	97	1	88	90.72%	(9)		0	8	8.00	2	03/16/07	
3	WILLISTON	444	414	415	2	372	89.42%	(44)		0	21	21.00	3	04/01/07	
3	CARLE PLACE	178	142	143	1	136	88.11%	(17)		7	4	4.00	0	12/28/06	
3	ARCHIE McCORD	85	109	110	1	91	82.73%	(19)		5	9	9.00	3	04/10/07	
3	JAMES LYONS	122	7	15	0	7	46.67%	(8)		0	7		0	06/07/06	
<b>3RD DIVISION TOTALS</b>		<b>2662</b>	<b>2891</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2798</b>	<b>93.55%</b>	<b>-193</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>53</b>			
<b>FIRST DIVISION</b>		<b>2537</b>	<b>2955</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>92.72%</b>	<b>(215)</b>		<b>122</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>59</b>			
<b>SECOND DIVISION</b>		<b>2304</b>	<b>2323</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>94.53%</b>	<b>(127)</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>38</b>			
<b>THIRD DIVISION</b>		<b>2662</b>	<b>2891</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2798</b>	<b>93.55%</b>	<b>(193)</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>53</b>			
<b>COUNTY OVERALL</b>		<b>8203</b>	<b>8299</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>7724</b>	<b>93.53%</b>	<b>(555)</b>		<b>287</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>150</b>			

## Membership Report.

Ned Johnson, Membership Officer

The department has published the membership report as of May 17th, The count is at 94%. We are about 535 members short of our Department goal.

Additionally, an award of a parker pen will be given to each post membership officer who meets or exceeds their post's County goal. So far 9 posts have met or exceeded their department goal, and 3 who have exceeded their county goal.

Thank you to the posts who have turned in their PUFL payments to the county. Lets get the rest of the checks in soon, see the list in this months county newsletter.

Remember, Membership is everyone's responsibility.

Dear Mr. Cadieux:

I am pleased to announce that I am sponsoring legislation in the Senate that would provide vouchers for families of servicemembers deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan to cover the cost of shipping a package of up to 10 pounds or a letter up to 13 ounces. The funds for the vouchers, which would be provided every two months, would be transferred from the Department of Defense. The legislation was originally introduced into the United States House of Representatives by Rep. Vito Fossella and was passed in the House on May 16th.

Military families spend thousands of dollars annually to ship packages containing basic goods such as hygiene supplies and phone cards to their deployed loved ones. The bill would also provide vouchers to the families of servicemembers who are hospitalized as a result of their service in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Specifically, the legislation would:

- 1) Require the Secretary of Defense to work with the United States Postal Service to establish a program under which each servicemember deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan - or hospitalized at a Department of Defense (DOD) facility as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan - would receive one voucher every two months that would enable his or her family or friends to send the servicemember one free package or piece of mail (up to ten pounds).
- 2) Authorize \$10 million in FY 2008 for the Department of Defense to implement such a program. (DOD would bear the cost, making transfer payments to the Postal Service on a quarterly basis).

The tremendous sacrifices that our servicemembers and military families are making for our country should not be coupled with additional financial hardship when families want to send care packages to their loved ones. Care packages are so important to our troops but they are also important to the friends, family members and loved ones who send them. This bill will enable family members to ship supplies that our heroes overseas need, as well as personal mementos that remind them of home and can greatly improve morale.

Yesterday, I also joined Senator John Kerry and Representatives Rahm Emanuel, Tim Walz and Patrick Murphy to call upon the White House to increase the pay raise for wartime troops to 3.5 percent. We also asked Bush not to cut a proposed benefit for grieving spouses, which would provide \$40 a month to help these military families cover expenses when a loved one is killed in action. Last week, the White House specifically resisted those two provisions in the FY 2008 National Defense Authorization Bill.

If you serve your country your country should serve you. That is the promise our country must keep to the men and women who enlist, who fight, and who return home often bearing the visible and invisible scars of sacrifice. We must stand against efforts to block a modest pay raise for our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,  
 Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

## Veterans News by Edward G. Aulman, Service Officer

### Distinguished Service to Veterans Award

County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi will be presenting the Nassau County Distinguished Service to Veterans Medal on August 4, 2007 to Past American Legion County Commander Robert Tom Riordan, United Veterans Organization President LTC Joseph Reale (USA Ret.) Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 82 President Carl Johnson, Jewish War Veterans Homeless Veterans Advocate Larry Sklar and VFW Commander Frank Maltese. The medals will be presented at the Salute to Veterans Concert starring Gary Pucket and the USO Troupe of Metropolitan NY at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park at 6:45pm

### Walls of Honor

June 16, 2007 the Nassau County Veterans monument Fund will dedicate 550 new names to the Walls of Honor at Veterans Plaza in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY. Ceremony begins at 11:00 am.

The VA has promised Nassau County our own VET Center sometime after October 2007. Some non-VA help is available in Nassau County. Contact the Rosen Family Wellness Center at North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System 516-562-3260 or in Lynbrook at the Peninsula Counseling Center 516-569-6600.

### Veterans Owned Business Events

June 14, 2007 in New York City the New York Daily News and the veterans Business network is holding a Networking Event at the Copacabana (560 West 34 St) from 1800-2100. Call 800-742-1075.

### Huntington Militia

The reenactors of the 1775 Huntington Militia will go into action at Old Bethpage Village Restoration on Saturday June 9, 2007 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Cannon firings, military drills, including manual of arms, musket firing, flintlock firearms and a camp life demonstration will be featured.

### Civil War Battle

July 21 & 22, 10:10am-4:00pm at Old Bethpage Village Restoration recreates a portion of the battle of Antietam Creek. The Infantry, the Cavalry, the Artillery the sights and smells of 1862 Sharpsburg, Maryland will be on display.

Memorial Day May 28, 2007 the Village conduct a traditional "Decoration Day" ceremony at 2:30pm. The ceremony is based on a documented ceremony of 1870.

### Cradle of Aviation Summer Camp

"They just don't teach American History the way they used to". If you ever felt this way you may be right. Respect for the achievements of our veterans may not be a high priority in our schools. One way for young children to have a great summer and really appreciate our history is to attend the Aerospace Camp 2007 at the Cradle of Aviation this summer. Call 516-572-4066 for information on the Cradle Day Camp that runs from July 9-August 3.

### Nassau County Police Test

Filing deadline to take the Nassau County Police examination is June 8, 2007. Applications are available at all Nassau County Police Precincts. You must be older than 17 and under 35 to take the test. Veterans may subtract their military time up to six years if they have reached their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Vietnam Veterans Day at Shea Stadium

The Sons of the American Legion Westchester County are sponsoring a Vietnam Veterans Day at Shea Stadium on Sunday September 16, 2007. The game against the Philadelphia Phillies starts at 1:00 pm. If your organization would like to participate contact Kenneth Kraetzer at [KGK914@aol.com](mailto:KGK914@aol.com).

### Vietnam Night

Sunrise Detachment Marine Corps League will host a Vietnam Veterans Night June 16, 2006 at their Detachment Building 99 Iwo Jima Blvd., Massapequa beginning at 1900. Call Ed Van Leuvan at 516-798-0369 or Paul Collelo 516-216-4290.

### United Way Helps Reservists

Thousands of Long Island Reservists and National Guard members have been activated at least once for service in Iraq or Afghanistan. Many have been activated multiple times. Many have experienced financial and emotional issues not met by the military. Long Island's United Way established the Military Reservists Family Fund in 2004. Call 631-940-3700 for information.

## VETS REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

THE LIST IS TOO LONG TO READ HERE BUT SUFFICE TO SAY WE ARE DOING AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB FOR OUR TROOPS AND HOSPITALIZED VETERANS. EACH MONTH WE PACK 75 BAGS FOR THE VETS AT NORTHPORT AND ITEMS ARE PICKED UP FOR PACKAGES TO THE TROOPS. THE ACTUAL DONATION OF ITEMS IS DOWN BUT THE CHECKS THAT YOU SEND TO THE REHAB COMMITTEE ARE USED TO REPLACE THE ITEMS WE PUT INTO THE BAGS. THAT WAY EVERY BAG IS THE SAME AND THEY GET WHAT THEY NEED.



Cmdr Bob Reahl Welcomes M/Sgt Jim Dupont to Post Commanders night on his return from his second tour in Iraq,

## R.O.T.C. AWARDS AT HOFSTRA



Commander Reahl with Jake Kramer winner of our Gold ROTC Medal

## NATIONAL CEMETERY

AS I HAVE REPORTED WE (LINC MO) ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A MEMORIAL GARDEN AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY. THIS GARDEN WOULD BE A 40 X 40 FOOT AREA BETWEEN THE TWO CHAPELS. THE SITE PLAN WAS ACCEPTED AND THE FLOWERS AND SHRUBS ARE BEING PRICED, THE FOUR BENCHES THAT ARE TO BE PLACED THERE HAVE BEEN PRICED AND ALTOGETHER WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RAISE \$7,500.00 TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. IF YOU OR YOUR POST WISH TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
"LINC MO"

SEND TO: CHESTER SMILEY, Treas.  
3 MARION PLACE,  
HUNTINGTON STA, N.Y. 11746

PLEASE EARMARK YOUR CHECK: MEMORIAL GARDEN.

## COUNTY CONVENTION JOURNAL Ken Cadieux

THE COUNTY CONVENTION JOURNAL WAS VERY POOR THIS YEAR. WE ONLY RECEIVED ADS FROM 19 POSTS, 7 PPC'S, 3 STAFF MEMBERS, 7 POLITICAL, 8 BUSINESS AND ADS FROM THE AUXILIARY, THE COUNTY PCC'S ASSN, AND THE 40/8. FOR A TOTAL OF 47 ADS. THE GROSS INCOME ON THE JOURNAL WAS \$3,134.00. WE USUALLY DO ALMOST \$6,000.00. THIS MONEY RAISED BY THE JOURNAL WENT TO PAY FOR THE GUESTS AT COUNTY AFFAIRS SO THAT THE COST OF THE GUESTS WOULD NOT BE ADDED TO THE TICKET PRICE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 26 GUESTS AT THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND AT AN AVERAGE OF \$40.00 A TICKET WOULD COST \$1,040.00 ALONE. THIS WILL LEAVE LESS FUNDS TO OFFSET THE COST OF OTHER AFFAIRS.

## EYEGGLASSES - STAMPS ETC Ken Cadieux

### WE HAVE DONATED

3,400	PAIR OF GLASSES TO THE EYES FOR THE NEEDY.
343327	STAMPS TO THE VETERANS, CHILDREN'S STAMP CLUBS AND CHARITIES
232.6 LBS	OF TABS FOR THE CHILDRENS CAMP FUND
13	HEARING AIDS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED
512	DECKS OF PLAYING CARDS
25,994	GREETING CARD FRONTS-REHAB
1194	CELL PHONES
256	INK JET CARTRIDGES
818	VCR TAPES TO BEACON HOUSE
169	MUSIC TAPES - NORTHPORT HOSPITAL

A GREAT JOB IS BEING DONE BY 31 POSTS AND INDIVIDUALS

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

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[NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTORY FOR 2007-2008](#)

THE NEW DIRECTORY SHEETS ARE IN EACH POST COMMANDERS BAG THAT ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION ALONG WITH COPIES OF THE PINK & WHITE SHEETS. ALL POST COMMANDERS ARE ASKED TO PASS THEM ON TO THE PROPER PERSON AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE GET THEM FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TO ME. I HOPE TO HAVE THE NEW DIRECTORY READY FOR THE SEPTEMBER COUNTY MEETING.

*Ken Cadieux, Directory Chairman*

DATES TO REMEMBER

**JUNE**

1     **FRI**    **OPENING SESSION N.C. CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL HICKSVILLE 8 PM**  
2     **SAT**    **CONVENTION RESUMES AT LEVITTOWN HALL 9 AM**  
          **ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008 LEGION YEAR**  
3     **SUN**    **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT STUART THOMAS MANOR - FARMINGDALE 1 TO 6 PM.**  
12    **TUES**   **OFFICERS ORIENTATION MEETING - EDWIN WELCH JR. POST SEAFORD 8 PM**  
14    **THUR**   **FLAG DAY ! FLY YOUR FLAG !**  
24    **SUN**    **BOYS STATERS LEAVE WILLISTON POST 5:30 AM**  
26    **TUES**   **COUNTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ORIENTATION MEETING - EDWIN WELCH JR POST 8 PM**  
30    **SAT**    **TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD'S SALUTE TO VETERANS - TOWN PARK POINT LOOKOUT 5:30 PM**

**JULY**

4     **WED**    **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - OYSTER BAY**  
16    **MON**    **HOMELESS VETERANS STANDOWN - HEPMSTEAD POST 9 AM-3 PM**  
19-22            DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AT NIAGARA FALLS  
24    **TUES**   **COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING EDWIN WELCH JR. POST SEAFORD 8 PM**  
27    **FRI**    **COUNTY MEETING AT WILLISTON POST 144 - WILLISTON 8 PM**  
29    **SUN**    **2ND & 10TH DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP 9 AM (PLACE TBD)**

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4     **SAT**    **NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS - EISENHOWER PARK 7 PM**  
14    **TUES**   **COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - EDWIN WELCH JR POST 8 PM**  
17    **FRI**    **COUNTY MEETING - WILLISTON POST 144 WILLISTON 8 PM**  
24-30            **NATIONAL CONVENTION AT RENO NEVADA**