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## Commanders Report

Bob Reahl

I like to thank all the Posts and PCC's that turned out for the 3 Caucus held this month. The following are the results for those who were nominated for office.

1<sup>st</sup> Division has 18 Post and 10 PCC for a total of 125 delegates votes. They had only 9 Post and 6 PCC turn out for a total of 40 votes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Division has 18 Posts and 6 PCC's for a total of 102 delegates votes. They had only 7 Posts and 4 PCC's turn out for a total of 45 votes.

3<sup>rd</sup> Division has 20 Posts and 14 PCC's for a total of 134 delegates votes. They had only 12 Posts and 7 PCC's turn out for a total of 86 votes.

### The following were nominated for office for the Legion year 2007-2008:

Candidate	Division	Officer
Commander Bill Harms	1st	Div Vice
Cmdr Gus Lanzo	1st	Div Vice
Cmdr Andy Booth	2nd	Div Vice
Cmdr OPEN		3rd
Treasurer Bob Robesch		3rd
Adjutant Ned Johnson		2nd
Membership Frank Colon, Jr.		2nd

### *WE STILL NEED A CANDIDATE FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> DIVISION VICE CMDR.*

For those Posts that have not sent in there DELEGATE LETTERS to the Adjutant please do A.S.A.P. so you can vote at the County Convention on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*We are 3<sup>rd</sup> in Membership in the 10<sup>th</sup> District, Queens is 1<sup>st</sup> and Suffolk is 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

I am making my last request for all Post in the County to make one last push to get as much of the remaining membership in A.S.A.P.

As this is the first year in a long time that we of Nassau County have not been number one in the District.

## FIRST DIVISION REPORT

JOHN RADIN, COMMANDER

I was unable to attend the 1st Division Caucus and the County Meeting but I just wanted to thank those who filled in for me and those who showed up.

We are getting down to the wire on membership and we need to make that last push to get those stragglers.

## SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Frank Colon, Commander

I visited a number of Posts this year and I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome. To those Posts I was unable to get to, I will make it up next year. Membership is every Legionnaires concern and most of the Division Posts did well. I know there are some problems with this subject but I also know that we as a Veterans group will work hard to improve and make a difference.

At the 2nd Division Caucus we had 43 delegates attend along with two Past County Commanders. I would like to thank the PCCs for assisting me with the voting as tellers. The results of the voting are as follows: Andy Booth, Commander of Levittown Post #1711, was elected 2nd Division Commander for the year 2007/2008. Ned Johnson, from Floral Park #334, was nominated for County Adjutant. I was nominated for County Membership Officer. Thank you to all who voted, especially to my Post members who nominated me.

**REMINDER:** Consolidated reports for this year are due in prior to the County Convention June 1st and 2nd. Please get them in if you haven't already. If you haven't received your forms, please call me ASAP

## THIRD DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

Howard Liebman

The Third Division Caucus was well attended and progressed smoothly. We nominated Adjutant Robert Robesch to be County Treasurer for the 2007-2008 Legion Year. The caucus is preparation for the County Convention which begins June first. I wish to thank the many people who helped with this effort, especially PDVC Peter Holowecki and PCC Ken Cadieux.

Division membership was good, but should have been better. We made 93.25% (County overall was 92.93%).

Consolidated reports are due from all posts prior to the County Convention. I have distributed the forms. If any Post has a problem, please call me.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post Commander's Night on May 19th.

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### REHAB REPORT Frank Colon, Jr.

I'd like to thank the following Posts who attended our last visit to the Northport V A Hospital's Day at the Races: Mineola Memorial #349, Levittown #1711, Franklin Square #1014 and Bellmore #948. Its always a pleasure to visit the Vets in Building #92 and they really look forward to the Legionnaires coming by to say hello.

The next visit on May 12. will be Team 9: Uniondale #1487, Robert Van Cott #1139, Roosevelt Memorial #1051, Island Park #1029, Oceanside Memorial #1246, William Bradford Turner #265 and Joe Murphy #1957.

Again, if your Post cannot attend please send a donation of \$100 to the County. If your Post does attend, a contribution of \$50 is appreciated. Also, please let Stu or I know if you cannot attend. As this is our last visit to Northport until September, lets have a strong turnout to show these Vets how much we care!!

## Oratorical

The American Legion National High School Oratorical Finals took place in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The contest was again a huge success. The final placements were:

The National Champion and the winner of an \$18,000 scholarship, plus \$1,500 for competing in the first round for a total of \$19,500 is Corelous Bryant of Jacksonville, Florida, a senior at Stanton College Preparatory School.

In second place and the winner of a \$16,000 scholarship, plus \$1,500 for competing in the first round for a total of \$17,500 is Ashley Butman of Cumming, Georgia, a home-schooled senior.

In third place and the winner of a \$14,000 scholarship, plus \$1,500 for competing in the first round for a total of \$15,500 is Jared Canfield of Naperville, Illinois, a home-schooled junior.

Our contestant, Serena White of North Banger, New York, was eliminated in the first round they eventual second place winner. Serena received a \$1,500 scholarship for participating in the first round. We all wish you success in your future.

Next years National Contest will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Tony Paternostro, Department Oratorical Vice-Chairman

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### Education & Scholarship 2006/2007 Winners Harry Ransom, PCC

The members of the Education & Scholarship Committee consisted of Nassau County American Legion Commander Bob Reahl, PCC Reginald Butt and PCC Chairman Harry Ransom, met on April 25, 2007 to determine the winners for 2006/2007.

The caliber of students that we received this year was by far the best students that we have received in my 20 years as chairman of this program.

After much hard work it was decided that this year we have CO-winners as we had once in the past:  
Elizabeth Schechner - Paul D. Schreiber High School, Post Washington, New York & QI YU - Jericho High School, Jericho, New York

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Nassau County American Legion for your continued support of the Nassau County American Legion Scholarship.

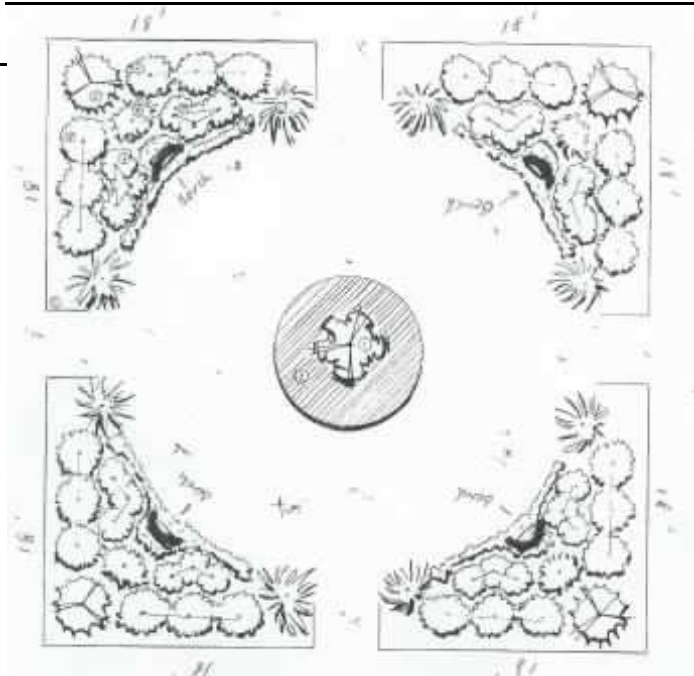
**NATIONAL CEMETERY -  
Ken Cadieux, PCC Cemetery Rep**

The April 22nd meeting at the cemetery was well attended. We covered all the plans for Memorial Day Ceremonies and we also went over the new proposed layout for the Memorial Garden that was presented by Mel Hennen's Daughter Cheryl Ann Lombardo, who did a beautiful job. A committee was set up to define the costs and timetable for the garden's completion. It was determined that the flowers & shrubs would cost approximately \$3,200.00 wholesale and letters will be sent to the L.I. Nursery association to see if we can get some or all of the items donated. If not, we will have to seek donations from the LINCMO Organizations to pay for the needed flowers and shrubs. The (4) benches would cost an additional \$4,500.00 which includes shipping, the memorial plaque and the footings to be installed. We estimate the TOTAL cost to be about \$7,500.00. The area is a 40 x 40 foot area between the two chapels. We are shooting for a September completion.

As for the maintenance and upkeep of this area Cheryl informed us that it would be planted and maintained by the Master Gardeners of Cornell.

If you or your POST wish to contribute to this project please make your checks payable to LINCMO and earmark for Memorial Garden. Send all contributions to:

Chester Smiley, Treasurer  
3 Marion Place,  
Huntington Station, N.Y. 11746



Proposed NEW Memorial Garden at L.I. National

**SOLDIERS FOR SOLDIERS CELL PROGRAM  
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC**

A letter has been sent to all Posts, Past County Commanders and the County Staff announcing the termination of the Soldiers for Soldiers Program. The following was received from National Headquarters. "Effective April 3, 2007 the relationship between The American Legion and the Soldiers For Soldiers is terminated."

We have had a good relationship with the Soldiers For Soldiers since October 2004 as far as collecting empty ink cartridges and cell phones for the benefit of military service personnel and veterans programs. Because of a recent change in the Soldiers For Soldiers Program management structure and business operations, it is in The American Legion's best interest to not continue this relationship"

Before I received this information I shipped out 247 cell phones bringing the total to 1157 cell phones and 243 ink jet cartridges. I have 38 ink jet cartridges and 30 cell phones that I did not get to ship. The recycling center ECO-CELL sent an E-mail inviting us to continue to send the cell phones to them and they will send to money directly to us to use for any program we desire. I will contact the recycling center and sign up, as they have confirmed our status will remain the same as before except the money will come directly to us. So continue to bring the cell phones to the County Meetings and I will ship them out as before.

The Town of Hempstead Flyer had an article stating the town had four drop off places for cell phones which would go to The American Legion. It stated the cell phones would be reworked to be sent to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. I corrected this with the town and a new article was to be placed in the next flyer. The troops can not use cell phones in Iraq and Afghanistan as there are no cell towers in those countries. This is another case of wrong information being put out. If you are not sure of what the programs are, call the program chairman for the correct information. This will stop or avoid any embarrassment to The American Legion.

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND  
Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman**

The best way to put it is from our Preamble to The American Legion Constitution that says, "...devotion to mutual helpfulness." This one phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it's our pledge of support to our distressed comrades. Since the early 1920's, The American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion family members in the wake of disaster. 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. 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.

## SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

There has been no activity this past month. I wrote to Lt Col Leary requesting information on use of phone calling cards and if he could tell me when the cut off date for shipping items to the unit will be. I have not gotten a response to date. If any post would like to send packages or letters on their own, the address is as follows:

Lt.Col. Joseph Leary, 310<sup>th</sup> MP BN  
Unit 60534, APO AE 09375-0534

The local unit coordinator is Ed Johnson (516) 481-3247.

All packages must be addressed to an individual and a customs form must be filled out and accompany the package. The cost of shipping is the posts responsibility. I have provided information on shipping packages to the troops to two young men who are working on projects. One boy is working on a project for his Synagogue. The other boy is working on his Eagle Scout Project and he contacted National who passed it to the Department who then passed it to me.

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## BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Forty one boys signed up for program then the bottom fell out. Ten boys dropped out of the program, five due to what happened at Virginia Tech. I managed to pick up some replacements but we will be short of our original quota.

I am sending all the information with a check to the Department on Monday 30 April 2007. My final count will be made on Saturday. I am pretty sure I will be able to send in additional boys after the 30 April cut off date. If you have any boy or boys in mind please contact me as soon as possible. I want to thank all the posts who took a boy or more and all the posts that provided funds when they didn't have a boy. The only problem is that a large number of posts wait until the last before deciding whether to participate or not which makes it tough to run the program. The other problem is that people are giving schools, youth groups and so on, wrong information.

The boy must be 15 at the time of interview, be a junior in high school, be in the top 50% of his class and be active in school or community programs.

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.

## WINAL REHAB REPORT

Arlene Howard, PCC

Sunday, April 22, 2007 I attended the United Veterans Organization Legislative Breakfast and as usual none of our Federal Representatives were in attendance. The UVO passed out 11 pages of information concerning veterans legislation that was introduced in the 110th Congress. 79 bills were introduced in the House of Representatives and only three (3) passed (some didn't even have cosponsors) and two (2) of the three that passed were referred to the Senate.

Of the 37 bills introduced in the Senate none were noted as being passed. You can review a copy of these bills on the internet at <http://thomas.loc.gov>. Please do so and contact your representatives to act on the passing of these bills that are concerns to our veterans.

Hope you have had your mammography this year. Make sure you tell your relatives and friends to have theirs taken. Sadly to say my young niece just found out she has breast cancer. Hopefully she will be OK. She is my sisters second daughter to have breast cancer. Sadly, my sister passed away with breast cancer in 1980. With early detection the percentage of breast cancer survivors is getting higher.

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USS New York In Dry Dock Getting Fitted

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HAVE YOU GOTTEN A  
NEW MEMBER TODAY?

SOME ARE JUST WAITING  
TO BE ASKED TO JOIN!

VISIT THOSE LATE  
PAYERS AND TELL THEM  
THAT YOU CARE ABOUT  
THEM !

# MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S JOB !

## Membership Report.

DIV	POST	#	2006	DEPT 2007 goal	Inet	ACTUAL 2007	%	Pending	COUNTY Goal to Rcov	PUFL			LAST
										2007	\$ PAID \$	NEW	
1	LYNBROOK	335	332		1	35	10.80%	2	2	24	24.00	7	01/28/07
1	LAWRENCE-CEDARHURST	339	95	97	1	99	29.80%	2	6	7	7.00	2	01/05/07
1	ROCKVILLE CENTRE	303	130	131	1	131	100.00%	0	6	2	2.00	0	04/24/07
1	MERRICK	1282	169	197	1	197	100.00%	0	4	9	9.00	4	03/05/07
1	EDWIN WELCH, JR.	1132	195	196	1	199	96.43%	(7)	16	9	9.00	3	03/18/07
1	ANDREW FATSCHER	854	274	276	1	263	96.64%	(12)	18	28	28.00	2	04/01/07
1	MASSAPEQUA	1066	571	572	1	545	96.28%	(27)	20	27	27.00	10	04/01/07
1	WANTAGH	1273	311	312	1	296	94.87%	(16)	7	19	19.00	2	04/10/07
1	VICTOR WURTHA	972	105	107	1	100	93.46%	(7)	6	17	15.00	2	03/18/07
1	BELLMORE	848	123	130	1	121	93.89%	(9)	7	10	10.00	6	04/23/07
1	MALVERNE	44	183	189	1	157	92.39%	(12)	6	14	14.00	5	04/01/07
1	ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL	1061	32	33	1	30	90.91%	(3)	2	7	7.00	0	08/21/06
1	ISLAND PARK	1029	73	74	1	66	89.19%	(8)	7	2	2.00	0	03/20/07
1	BALDWIN	246	330	331	1	293	88.52%	(38)	13	34	34.00	5	03/18/07
1	OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL	1248	181	182	1	118	72.84%	(44)	0	2	2.00	4	12/18/06
1	EAST ROCKAWAY	868	142	143	1	103	72.03%	(40)	2	13	11.00	2	03/20/07
1	J. FRANKLIN BELL	81	15	16	1	5	31.25%	(11)	2	0	0.00	0	10/05/06
1	DEMOTT CARMAN	536	15	17	1	0	0.00%	(17)	0	0	0.00	0	02/27/06
<b>1ST DIVISION TOTALS</b>			2937	2956	18	2708	91.64%	-247	122	226	213	36	
2	JOE MURPHY	1957	23	24	1	30	125.00%	6	8	0	0.00	1	02/10/07
2	AVIATORS POST	743	102	103	1	114	110.68%	11	16	27	27.00	0	04/24/07
2	NORTH BELLMORE	1749	157	159	2	164	103.14%	5	7	11	11.00	8	04/24/07
2	CATHEDRAL	1087	135	136	1	133	97.79%	(3)	1	7	7.00	5	03/19/07
2	ELMONT	1033	263	269	1	260	96.68%	(9)	19	29	29.00	9	04/01/07
2	LEVITOWN	1711	360	361	1	344	98.29%	(17)	10	30	30.00	4	03/09/07
2	NEW HYDE PARK-ERNIE PYLE	1089	183	189	1	180	95.24%	(9)	5	15	15.00	0	03/09/07
2	WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER	265	153	151	1	141	92.39%	(10)	3	11	11.00	0	04/01/07
2	ROBERT VAN COTT	1139	44	46	1	42	93.33%	(3)	3	1	1.00	1	02/09/07
2	UNIONDALE	1487	59	60	1	55	91.67%	(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	WILLIAM CLINTON STORY	342	103	101	1	91	90.10%	(10)	6	5	5.00	2	03/09/07
2	FRANKLIN SQUARE	1014	89	90	1	81	90.00%	(9)	4	9	9.00	0	04/01/07
2	HUGH C. NEWMAN III MEMORIAL	449	69	70	1	62	88.67%	(8)	2	2	2.00	0	04/10/07
2	HEMPSTEAD	390	143	150	1	121	80.67%	(29)	4	16	16.00	0	02/28/07
2	GOMILLION-CAMPBELL	1488	45	46	1	35	78.09%	(11)	0	4	4.00	0	04/01/07
<b>2ND DIVISION TOTALS</b>			2304	2323	19	2187	94.15%	-136	104	211	211	38	
3	JAMES F. BRENGEL	466	64	66	1	70	107.69%	5	2	1	6	10/05/06	
3	CHARLES A. FOWLER, JR.	160	82	83	1	86	103.61%	3	0	14	14.00	4	01/08/07
3	NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL	1861	29	30	1	31	103.33%	1	2	3	3.00	0	01/05/07
3	YOUNG-SIMMONS	1765	55	56	1	56	100.00%	0	0	8	8.00	2	04/01/07
3	EUGENE S. SMITH	175	171	172	1	168	97.69%	(4)	3	16	16.00	1	04/23/07
3	MANHASSET	304	247	248	1	241	97.49%	(7)	3	19	19.00	0	01/06/07
3	ROBERT H. SPITTEL	1285	123	129	1	125	96.99%	(4)	0	14	14.00	5	02/19/07
3	WILLIAM J. LONGJUMET	101	60	61	1	59	96.72%	(2)	5	12	12.00	2	03/05/07
3	CHARLES WAGNER	421	162	163	1	155	96.09%	(8)	3	10	10.00	1	04/01/07
3	GLENWOOD LANDING	335	281	282	1	266	94.33%	(16)	0	8	8.00	11	04/10/07
3	NASSAU COUNTY POLICE	1050	213	214	1	200	93.46%	(14)	0	27	27.00	1	04/24/07
3	GLEN COVE	76	88	87	1	81	93.19%	(5)	4	21	21.00	1	04/01/07
3	QUENTIN ROOSEVELT	5	177	178	1	169	97.79%	(13)	3	22	22.00	4	03/09/07
3	MINEOLA MEMORIAL	349	59	60	1	55	91.67%	(5)	4	11	10.00	0	03/20/07
3	PORT WASHINGTON	809	89	90	1	82	91.11%	(8)	1	10	10.00	2	01/05/07
3	PLAINVIEW	1812	281	292	1	265	90.75%	(27)	19	20	20.00	4	04/24/07
3	HOWARD VAN WAGNER	962	95	97	1	88	90.72%	(9)	0	8	8.00	2	03/16/07
3	WILLISTON	144	414	416	2	372	99.42%	(44)	0	21	21.00	3	04/01/07
3	CARLE PLACE	1718	142	143	1	126	88.11%	(17)	7	4	4.00	0	12/28/06
3	ARCHIE McCORD	86	109	110	1	91	82.73%	(19)	6	9	9.00	3	04/10/07
3	JAMES LYONS	122	7	15	0	7	46.87%	(8)	0	7	0	0	08/07/06
<b>3RD DIVISION TOTALS</b>			2982	2991	21	2789	93.29%	-202	61	264	265	52	
<b>FIRST DIVISION</b>			2937	2956	18	2708	91.64%	(247)	122	226	213	36	
<b>SECOND DIVISION</b>			2304	2323	19	2187	94.18%	(136)	104	211	211	38	
<b>THIRD DIVISION</b>			2982	2991	21	2789	93.28%	(202)	61	264	265	52	
<b>COUNTY OVERALL</b>			8203	8269	68	7584	92.93%	(1581)	287	694	679	148	

The department has published the membership report as of April 24 2007. The county is at 93%. We are approximately 450 members short of our goal of 8260 members. All posts can help including the 10 posts who already attained 100%. There are at least 10 posts who have not turned in membership transmittals since February, none of these posts are at 100%.

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 10 Posts have met or exceeded their department goal, and 4 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 last months county newsletter.

Remember, Membership is every-one's responsibility. Ned Johnson

## CRADLE OF AVIATION

The Cradle of Aviation, Long Island Children's Museum, and Firefighters Museum will join on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to offer one price ( \$10) for admission to all three museums. Admission includes hands-on kite and rocket making, bird feeders, wall murals, planes, fire trucks and moon buggies, games, puppets and more. Long Island Senior Games

Many veterans are registering for the 2007 Long Island Senior Games, which runs from May 29 to June 3, 2007. Badminton, Basketball 3 on 3, Billiards, Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Fencing, Golf, Horseshoe, Orienteering, Pickleball, 1500M (Technical and Non- Technical), Race Walk, Racquetball, 5K Road Race, Shuffleboard, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Table tennis, Track and Field and Volleyball are most but not all of the events to choose from. Events are held at Suffolk Community College, Eisenhower Park, Timber Point Golf Course and Robert Moses State Park. For registration and information contact information 631-261-9114

## POW/MIA EVENTS

The Nassau County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct a non- denominational POW/MIA service at St. Francis De Chantal Church, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh on Saturday April 21, 2007 at 12 noon. Veterans organizations are encouraged to bring their colors.

The American Legion Post 160 and VFW Post 372 of Great Neck are hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual POW/MIA Remembrance Service at the Merchant Marine Academy Chapel in Kings Point on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

## POST COMMANDERS NIGHT

Michael T. Miller, PDVC, Chairman

The Post Commanders Night will be held on Saturday, May 19th at the Williston Post 144, from 7 to 12 PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and should be ordered as soon as possible to insure seating.

Please make all checks payable to Nassau County A.L. and earmark Post Commanders Night and sent to me at : 809 N. William Street, Baldwin, N.Y. 11510.

All Commanders to be honored will receive the Post Commanders Pin and a photo with Bob Reahl.

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

### Will The VA Pay My Non VA Medical Bills?

VA may authorize veterans to receive care at non-VA health care facilities when needed services are not available at the VA health care facility. Non-VA care must be authorized by VA in advance. Emergency Care in non-VA facilities is provided as a safety net for veterans under specific conditions. You are eligible for payment consideration, if the non-VA emergency care is for a service connected condition or, if enrolled at a VA Medical Center, you have been provided care by a VA clinician or provider within the past 24 months and have no other health coverage. Also, it must be determined that VA health care facilities were not feasibly available; that a delay in medical attention would have endangered your life or health, and that you are personally liable for the cost of services. VA will not pay for care beyond medical stabilization at which time the veteran can be transferred to a VA facility. Time limits apply. Call the VA Medical Center, Northport Fee Basis Unit at 631-261-4400 x 2535 for information.

### Marine Golf Outing

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 25<sup>th</sup> Marines Alumni Association is hosting its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing at Cherry Creek Woods Golf Course in Riverhead on May 11, 2007. Proceeds will go to provide comfort to the families of deployed members in need, care packages for deployed Marines, and scholarships. Contact John Farley at [john.farley@marines2-25alumni.org](mailto:john.farley@marines2-25alumni.org)

### Salute to Veterans

County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi invites everyone to enjoy the annual "Salute to Veterans" concert at Eisenhower Park on August 4, 2007. Special recognition will be made of our nation's newest armed forces recruits from Long Island. The USO Troupe of Metropolitan New York and the Pershing Rifles of Hofstra University will kick off a Gary Puckert concert. The excitement begins at 6:45 pm.

### Wounded Soldier Hot Line

The U.S. Army has instituted a Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline (1-800-984-8523). Any active duty, Guard or reservist who has been wounded in the current war or has family member who has unresolved medical issues can call the hotline to register their complaints to Army leadership.

### United Veterans Organization Event

The Annual UVO Memorial Day Ceremony will be conducted on Sunday, May 27, 2007 at Eisenhower Park's Veterans Plaza. Veterans are asked to arrive with their color guards at 10:00am for the service that begins at 10:30am. The Tuskegee Airmen and the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Association are expected to unveil new monuments. Contact Tom Riley 516-868-8607 if you would like to bring your Color Guard.

### Live to Ride Free

On Sunday, May 27, 2007 the Hicksville VFW will be hosting a "Bike Run" from their post at 320 Broadway in Hicksville to Long Island National Cemetery and back to Hicksville. This all-day motorcycle event will include Bike Show Trophies, Refreshments, Vendors, Live Music and Veterans benefit information. Contact Dan @ 516-578-1079

### Free Non-VA Counseling for PTSD

North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System is offering a number of mental health services that includes PTSD counseling for law enforcement officers and members of the military. For information contact the Rosen Family Wellness Center at 516-562-3260.

### Hofstra University Veterans Association

Hofstra has been producing military officers since it was a cow college in 1946. Some of those first ROTC graduates have returned to Long Island and were honored at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Pershing Rifles Alumni dinner in March 2007. The organization supports the ROTC students of today and hosts a Salute to Veterans football game in November. To learn more contact Paul Farinella [pffarin50@hotmail.com](mailto:pffarin50@hotmail.com) .

## CHILDREN and YOUTH REPORT

Willibe Wilson, PCC Children & Youth Chairman

At this time I would like to thank the following posts for their monetary gift made during the month of April, Bellmore 948, Elmont Post #1033, Williston 44 and Young-Simmons Post 1765 Auxiliary Unit I thank you very much for your gift.

On Saturday, April 7, 2007, the Easter Luncheon for the Residents of SCO Family of Services. formally St. Christopher Otilie RTC of Sea Cliff. New York was held at the Glen Cove Boys &, Girls Club.

We had well over 100 people in attendance including supervisors and legionnaires. It went over well and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Special Thanks to Commander Reahl, William Harms, William Ost and their wives. Also on hand was Frank Colon. Jr.

President Greta Valdes. Vice President Nancy Carter and members of the Nassau County Arnenan Legion Auxiliary did an out standing job.

### FINANCE REPORT

Total Income	\$1,220.19	\$1,220.19
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Valley Caterer	\$ 601.00	
Pat (D)]	\$ 300,00	
Bus Company	\$ 252.00	
Total Expense	\$1,053.00	-1,153.00
		\$ 67.19 Balance

### Help for Your Family

The American Legions Family Support Network stands ready to assist you and your family as you serve our country. You have enough on your mind. Your thoughts shouldn't include worrying about daily chores and the problems that sometimes arise around the house. With nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts across the nation, chances are there's a local Legion family member willing to lend a hand.

What kind of help can be available? Grocery shopping, childcare, lawn care, fixing the family car and countless other challenges to a military spouse. Family members simply call toll-free: 1-800-504-4098. Provide details of the need and then let Legion family volunteers take over. An American Legion post in the vicinity of your family will be called and asked to help. Members will contact your family to determine if and how assistance can be provided.; Legionnaires and their families have been in your shoes.

We understand the problems and stresses that go with separation of loved ones during war. We stand behind you all the way and are anxious to help when you need it...no charge. Just our deepest "thanks." Legionnaires strongly believe we shall not fail those with whom we serve...no matter what war era.

To request assistance, call 1-800-504-4098, complete the [electronic request form](#) or e-mail [familysupport@legion.org](mailto:familysupport@legion.org)

## LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Arlene Howard, PCC

Sorry I haven't been around for awhile but have been off celebrating the birth of two great grand daughters. One in Virginia and the other in Florida but I am back now and see the donations for the Legacy scholarship have fallen off. Please contribute to this worthy cause. To College educate the children of our active duty military who have died in combat after 9/11/01.

In November of 2006 we received a donation from the Family of Edward King in his Memory. I haven't sent in too many reports this past year and didn't get .. acknowledge their generous donation. I am truly sorry. Commander Bob will present the Family with a "Thauk You" Certificate from The American Legion

Please continue to send in your donations. Checks should be made out to Nassau County Committee and earmarked for the Legacy Scholarship Fund

### History

ROGER EASTMAN County Historian

The end of the year is fast approaching, and that means that it is soon time to have your history scrapbooks and newsletters judged so that awards can be given out at the county convention in June.

In order to provide sufficient time for judging and plaques to be prepared, it will be necessary to entries in my possession in my possession no later than the following dates: for those posts submitting newsletters for judging, I must have 2 separate issues of newsletters by May 4th; all post histories by May 11th.

History scrapbooks will be judged using the standards contained in the Officer's Guide. The basis for judging newsletters will be the same as those used by the National American Legion Press Association. They will be judged on content (Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL news, as appropriate); clear, concise and balanced writing; design and appearance; use of photos and illustrations.

Again, I must have 2 separate issue of newsletters by May 4th & history scrapbooks by May 11th.

Any question, please call me.

Thank you and good luck.

**NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE**

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TO FILL OUT

1. THE PINK & WHITE SHEETS.
2. THE DIRECTORY SHEET.
3. THE INSTALLING OFFICERS REPORT
4. YOUR POST CONSOLIDATED REPORT

TO SEND IN

1. YOUR JOURNAL AD
2. YOUR DIRECTORY AD

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY	6	SUN	AMVETS LOYALTY DAY PARADE IN MASSAPEQUA -1 PM
	19	SAT	POST COMMANDERS NIGHT - WILLISTON POST 144
	22	TUE	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING EDWIN WELCH, JR POST 8 PM
	25	FRI	COUNTY MEETING AT CATHEDRAL POST 8 PM
	26	SAT	FLAGGING OF THE GRAVES - L.I. NATIONAL FARMINGDALE 6AM
	27	SUN	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK 10:30 AM
	27	SUN	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY 2 PM
	28	MON	MEMORIAL DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !
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.

**Nassau County Auxiliary Dinner**

Honoring President Greta Valdes & Staff

Konig's Restaurant 6:30 PM

May 31, 2007 Tickets \$35.00 P.P.

For Tickets or Information Call

Rosemarie Wolff at 483-5278

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman

Please check the Legion Web Site for the latest links. The U.S. Army's JROTC program has turned many at-risk youths into model citizens and future soldiers. But in Columbia, S.C., Legionnaires have adopted a unit attached to a state juvenile justice facility. I have also given a copy Resolution No. 169 "The War on Terrorism" to the adjutant which we all should read.