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## COMMANDERS REPORT

friendships we have created.

As I sit and attempt to write this, my last Commanders Report, I try to inspire those who will read it with great and deep thoughts and feelings. However I can only think of two words that come to mind, "Thank You"

Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary, President Yvonne and the ladies who have dedicated so much time, heart and soul to our veterans. Your efforts and hard work are legendary and much appreciated.

Thank you to the Sons of The American Legion, Greg, John, Artie, Pete and all the "Sons" County-wide have done a great job honoring their family members who have served our country in uniform.

Thank you to the Legion Riders, Sal, Eric, Frank, Pete, Billy, Gino and crew have always been there whenever a veteran or family member asked for anything. You started off serving Elmont, and have spread from county line to county line and beyond.

Thank you to the Nassau County Legionnaires. I asked for donations to the Operation Comfort Warrior Project, and you gave over \$6,000.00.

A special thank you to Andy Booth who served as my advisor. Even during surgeries and recovery, you and Joyce were always there for Kathy and me.

Thank you to my Staff, Frank, Joe, Bob, Dennis, Carl, Mike, Ralph, Eric, James and Bill. A commander is only as good as his support group, and I had one of the best. It has been a crazy ride up thru the ranks, many laughs, some loud voices, but always pride in what we have accomplished for our Legion and our Country. I will always honor the

Thank you to Jr Past Commander John Hassett and Carol. A legion power couple who were always there for me with a kind word to share their knowledge.

A special Thanks to PCC Bill Ost and Mary. You have been my sponsors and support system throughout my 20 year in the Legion, reminding me that family always comes first.

And lastly, but most important, thank you to my wife Kathy and daughters Courtney and Megan. Helping me to prepare for a trip, spell checking my reports, listening to my complaints, the three of you made it a little easier and it wouldn't have been worth it without you and your support.

Steve McManus, Commander

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## 1st DIVISION REPORT

*Our continued GOAL is to keep membership as our number one priority. All Posts should be at 100%.*

*Consolidated Reports must all be in and hard copy sent to County Adjutant.*

*The County Convention will be held on June 3rd and 4th at Levittown Hall.*

*The County Installation will be held at Massapequa Post 1066 on June 4th, at a cost of \$50.00 per person.*

*I would like to thank all who supported me this year. I am looking forward to serving our great organization in the coming year.*

*For God and Country,  
Dennis C. Dietrich*

**NURSE'S TRAINING BALL A SUCCESS**

THE BALL WAS HELD AT THE MALVERNE POST WITH TEN (10) STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THEIR SPONSORS. MALVERNE POST, PLAINVIEW POST, EAST ROCKAWAY POST, QUENTIN ROOSEVELT POST AND MRS. MARILYN BLAUERT (WIFE OF HERB BALUERT, PCC) THE OTHER FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE FROM VOITURE 803, 40/8.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WITH PAST NATIONAL CHEF JOHN DI GILIO FINING EVERYONE ON BEHALF OF THE PROGRAM.

THE WINNERS OF THE THREE PRIZE BASKETS WERE: JOE GLOVACK FROM PLAINVIEW, RON SABO, AND BOB SMITH FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY 40/8. THE WINNER OF THE 50/50 DONATED HER WINNINGS TO THE NASSAU & SUFFOLK NURSES TRAINING PROGRAMS.

MAUREEN O'CONNELL, COUNTY CLERK WAS ON HAND TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS AND TO PRESENT THEM WITH A CERTIFICATE. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WAS ASSEMBLMAN BRIAN CURRAN.

WE ALSO WISH TO WELCOME ABOARD THE BALDWIN POST WHO VOTED TO SPONSOR A NURSE FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.



**NURSES AND THEIR AWARDS**



**JOHN DIGILIO AND VOITURE OFFICERS**

**CARILLION DONATIONS**

**OUR GOAL OF \$15,000.00 HAS BEEN RAISED!**

We have received the following additional donations this month to replace the Carillion at the L.I National Cemetery at Farmingdale.

AVIATORS POST	100.00
SOUTHAMPTON COLONY NSDAC	500.00
JO ANN GIRETTI	100.00
BALDWIN AUXILIARY UNIT 246	100.00
LEVITTOWN POST	100.00
ISLAND PARK POST A.L.	7,000.00
Total to Date	\$ 15,470.00.00

We wish to thank those who have helped us to replace the worn out Carillion that has played for over 40 years. The original unit was donated by the AMVETS but they were unable to find the funds to replace it. All the Veterans organizations were asked for donations to replace it with a new unit. The cost is \$15,000.00 and we have to get a maintenance contract on the unit as required by the VA.

It's still not too late to donate to this fund.

Please make all check payable to LINC MO, Inc. and send to me:

Ken Cadieux  
121 Powell Avenue,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Remember to ear mark your check for the Carillion CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED BY LINC MO TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT.

SUPPORT OUR NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

PROUDLY WEAR YOUR NURSES TRAINING PIN

## BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State is scheduled for 26 June thru 2 July at SUNY Morrisville. Nassau County goal this year is 50 boys. We have 50 boys going to Boys' State. I have been talking Boys State since October and have send each post a ten sheet packet in the first week in February. Post chairmen have been calling me with questions and when I ask if they have the packet the answer is "only a couple of sheets" or "I have not seen the packet ". A few of the Posts were on top of the program but some did not follow up once they interviewed the boys. This year the boys were very lax in completing the application process and without the Post chairman following up I was pushed to make the deadline to get the applications and check up to the Department. I did get 49 of the 50 applications up in time. This year any applications arriving at the Department after the deadline were assessed another \$150 per application. The 50<sup>th</sup> application was late due to the boy. He registered on-line and said a Post was sponsoring him. When I checked with the Post they did not know who he was. They ran the boy down thru the High School, then interviewed him and agreed to send him but since it past the deadline it cost the Post \$600 instead of \$450. I thank that post for stepping up and sending this boy.

The delays encountered by the boys and the posts such as not forwarding the material to the chairmen or the chairmen putting off working on the program makes the task of getting fifty applications together very hard and tedious. The only losers with this type of lack efforts are the boys we are trying to educate. This is an important program and should not be put off to the side. I have travelled the county performing interviews and all the ones that I have done I have received their application in seven to ten days.

Next year start your process in February when I send the packets, visit the schools in November/December/January to interview the boys then in February it is only filling out the applications which can be completed in 3 to 5 days. I am there to assist you, don't wait until the last minute to ask for help.

The Orientation for Boys State will be on Wednesday 1 June at the Williston Post 144 at 730 Willis Ave., Williston Park starting at 8 P.M. Post Commanders and Post Boys State Chairman are invited to attend. The County Commander and Staff are invited and encouraged to attend. The bus departs from Williston Post #144 on 26 June at 6 A.M., registration starts at 5 A.M. The bus will return to Williston Post 144 on 2 July (Saturday) at 1:30 PM or there about.

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## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped no phones since March. I have 35 phones but I need 50 to ship. Hopefully I will pick up enough tonight. Any monies We receive from the recycling is split between the National Emergency Fund and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship fund.

The recycling center accepts the following devices: smartphones, cell phones, handheld gaming systems, tablets, ipods and ipads as well as any chargers or accessories that come with these devices. They can no longer accept laptops, portable CD players/drives or digital cameras.

These changes will not affect the prices they pay for higher end smartphones like Galaxy series or iphones.

Keep collecting any of the above, bring them to the County meeting or if you have a large amount call me to arrange a drop off or pick up.



## **VAV's END OF YEAR Report FOR 2015-2016**

Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545

Dep. Rep William Harms, PCC 516-795-3679

### **VETEARNS AT NORTHPORT VA NEED OUR HELP**

The VAV's would like to thank the following

**Posts and Legions Since last month**

For their greatly needed Donation to help the  
Vets at Northport VA Hospital.

To get needed items the VA does not pay for.

**REMEMBER YOUR DONATION GOES**

**100% TO THE VETS**

**TOTAL FOR 2014 -2015 \$2435**

**CAN 2015 -2016 TOP LAST YEAR**

**APRIL 22 Total \$ 4600**

**Plainview Post 1812 \$100**

**Island Park Post 1029 \$500**

**2015 - 2016 GRAND Total \$5200**

**THANK YOU ALL WE HAVE  
DOUBLE PLUS**

**LAST YEARS DONATIONS.**

**PLEASE DONATE as ever little bit helps:**

Make the check to: **-VAV's Executive Board**

**& Mail it to the Vic Pres of the Exc. Board**

**Robert Reahl, PCC**

**69 Hope Drive Plainview, NY 11803-5646**

### Legacy Scholarship Fund

“To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

That is the opening sentence that National Commander Dale Barnett used to start his article on The American Legion web site to announce the change in the National Legacy Scholarship Fund.

At the Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, the National Executive Committee approved a very important change to the Legacy Scholarship fund that will expand the roster of those receiving assistance. He stated “In simple terms, the Legion is increasing the pool of scholarship applicants to include children of post 9/11 veterans with disability ratings of 50 percent or higher.

The children of post 9/11 veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice will still remain the top priority for Legacy Scholarship aid, but by expanding the eligibility requirements, the Legion will continue to provide for the children of the men and women who face the harsh realities of war wounds every day of their lives.

The changes will take place as of the 2017 scholarship year. The application deadline for 2017 is April 20, 2017. All scholarship winners are selected at the Spring Meetings.

The expansion of this program is occurring thanks to its success and to the dedication of our American Legion Riders. Throughout the years of the Legacy Run, the Riders have shown a tremendous commitment to aiding students in need.

One of this years Legion's Scholarship winners is Eva Marie Witt of Ohio. The scholarship pays honor and tribute to her father.

It is through the donations from our Legion Family that has made it possible for more deserving students receiving scholarships in the future.

It is not too late to make your donation. Our County Commander will be making the presentation of the check to the Department Commander at the Department Convention in July. All donations received by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be in that presentation.

Send all donations to me directly and not to the County Treasurer at:

4011 Bernice Road

Seafood, NY 11783

Thank you.

Anthony L. Paternostro, PCC

County Legacy Scholarship Fund Chairman



## Recap of the May 14, 2016 Day at the Races

Mary Norris

With our last trip out to Building 92 for Legion Year 2015-2016, we had 24 patients and residents, including the Men's Wards from Buildings 8 and 6. Patient numbers are significantly down in building 92 at this time.

We want to thank members from Post 349 and 160 for making the time to come out during this busy time of the year and help make our last visit a successful one for the patients and residents.

Also, a special thank you to Advisor Mike Sarlo and Venturing Crew 577 for volunteering to help out during our last visit. A County Certificate will be provided to the group.

For the upcoming Legion Year 2016-2017 Day at the Races schedule, the Post that have requested to have their month changed, we'll be in contact to reconfirm your request prior to printing the yearly schedule in the August *Legionnaire Newsletter*.

Tom and I for the upcoming Legion Year 2016-2017 Day at the Races schedule for the upcoming Legion Year 2016-2017 Day at the Races schedule for the upcoming Legion Year 2016-2017 Day at the Races schedule want to thank all the Post that helped make this year a successful and enjoyable one for the Veterans out at Building 92, Northport Hospital Convalescent/Nursing Home.

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### MONUMENTS

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING ALLOWING VETERANS GROUPS TO PLACE MONUMENTS IN THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY. THE EXACT SIZE AND WHAT CAN BE ON THEM IS BEING CONSIDERED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE LINC MO BOARD AND THE DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY.

WE WILL HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE LEGIONNAIRE AS THINGS PROGRESS AND THE INFORMATION BE-



Picture by James Randle

### **PAST COUNTY COMMANDERS AT COUNTY MEETING IN MAY (L-R)**

**HARRY RANSOM, BILL DAVISON, TONY PATERNOSTRO, JAMES B. MIDDLETON, Jr., MICHAEL T. MILLER, BACK ROW (L-R) BILL HARMS, BOB REAHL, REGGIE BUTT, Jr., KEN CADIEUX, ANGELO GRANDE AND BILL OST.**

**WHEN YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR NEW POST BUDGET TOGETHER FOR THE 2017 YEAR PLEASE CONSIDER BUDGETING A DONATION FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES.**

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND  
LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP  
EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
REHABILITATION  
NORTHPORT VAVS  
STONYBROOK VAVS  
NATIONAL CEMETERY PATCHES FOR GRAVE FLAGGERS  
NATIONAL CEMETERY - MEMORIAL GARDEN  
UVO HOMELESS STANDDOWN  
NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP  
COMFORT WARRIORS PROGRAM  
REBUILDING TOGETHER L.I. INC.  
NASSAU COUNTY MONUMENT FUND  
FAMILY SUPPORT  
NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION JOURNAL  
NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTORY  
NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM  
**THANK YOU****

## RE-HAB VETS SUPPLY

WE HAVE REPAIRED FOUR WHEELCHAIRS AND REPLACED BATTERIES FOR 3 MORE AT A HOME FOR DISABLED VETS. THANKS TO THE FUND CREATED BY THE ISLAND PARK POST FOR VETS REHAB.

THE COST OF THE REPAIRS WAS WELL OVER \$1,500.00 AND THOSE WHO WERE HELPED SEND THEIR THANKS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR NOT FORGETTING THEM.

WE HAVE MADE A CONTACT WITH A FACTORY APPROVED REPAIR COMPANY AND THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT AT MAKING THE REPAIRS AND REDUCING THEIR CHARGES FOR VETERANS. IF ANYONE NEEDS WHEELCHAIR OR SCOOTER REPAIRS HIS CARD IS BELOW. THE FEE IS \$75.00 PER UNIT FOR HIM TO COME TO THE HOUSE.



FACTORY AUTHORIZED SCOOTER &  
POWER WHEELCHAIR SERVICE PROVIDER

IN HOME SERVICE AVAILABLE

Tel: 800-927-0798  
516-327-6420  
Fax: 516-327-6421  
cdunn@mobilitydr.com

**CAREY DUNN**

WE HELPED A VET FROM FARMINGDALE MOVE HIS BELONGINGS TO AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN PLAINVIEW AND WE WILL BE GOING BACK TO COLLECT ITEMS LEFT BEHIND THAT OTHER VETS CAN USE.

WE DELIVERED A LOAD OF FOOD ITEMS TO THE NASSAU COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY PANTRY THAT WERE DONATED BY A SCOUT TROOP FROM SEAFORD.

AS USUAL THE EDWIN WELCH, JR., POST IN SEAFORD AUXILIARY UNITS BETTY HARMS HAS BEEN BURYING MY HOUSE WITH CLOTHING DONATIONS AND MANY OTHER ITEMS.



**FLAGGING OF THE GRAVES**



Pictures by James Randle

## MEMBERSHIP

How long did it take you to join the American Legion? Did you ask to join or were you asked to join? There are a lot of veterans out there who deserve to be asked to join, they've earned that right! But if no one asks them to join or explain the Legion to them they may never become members and they will lose out on important information.

Remember the worst thing that can happen is they might say no! When you are out at affairs and you meet another vet, just ask them if they belong to the American Legion. If not ask them if they are interested in joining. You'll be glad you did!

NEW NAMES TO BE ADDED TO WALLS

280 NEW NAMES WILL BE ADDED TO THE "WALLS OF HONOR AT EISENHOWER PARK ON JUNE 25TH. AT 10:00 AM. HAVE YO RESERVED A PLACE FOR YOURSELF ?

ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED HONORABLY CAN FOR A \$100.00 FEE PLACE THEIR NAME ON THESE WALLS.

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L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY SEEKS ADDITIONAL LAND FOR BURIALS

LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE IS TRYING TO OBTAIN A TRACT OF LAND ABUTTING THE CEMETERY FOR USE OF BURIALS. THE PROPERTY WOULD HAVE TO BE LAYED OUT FOR BURIALS AND THEY WILL LET US KNOW IF THEY GET THE PROPERTY HOW MANY NEW GRAVES WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THEY WILL ALSO USE PART OF THE LAND FOR NEW COLUMBARIUMS.

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DIRECTORY INFORMATION

SO FAR I HAVE RECEIVED 13 POSTS INFORMATION FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY. IF YOUR POST HAS NOT SENT THEIRS IN YET PLEASE DO SO A.S.A.P.

- WANTAGH POST
- PLAINVIEW POST
- OCEANSIDE POST
- QUENTIN ROOSEVELT
- UNIONDALE POST
- VICTOR MURTHA POST
- EAST MEADOW MEM
- BALDWIN POST 246
- ELMONT POST
- CHAS A. FOWLER
- MASSAPEQUA POST
- ANDREW FATSCHER
- EDWIN WELCH JR POST

To: ALL POSTS

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ASKING ALL POSTS FOR DONATIONS TO THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY FUND TO HELP PAY FOR THE PATCHES GIVEN TO ALL WHO HELP FLAG THE GRAVES AT FARMINGDALE FOR MEMORIAL DAY. THIS PATCH IS GIVEN TO ALL WHO HELP AND WE NEED 5000 EACH YEAR AT A COST OF \$2,214.50.

IF YOU CAN HELP US PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LINC MO, INC. AND MAIL TO ME

KEN CADIEUX  
121 POWELL AVENUE,  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

EARMARK ALL CHECKS FOR "PATCHES"  
THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS

PLAINVIEW POST	\$ 50.00
SUNRISE DET. MCL	\$ 200.00
JAMES RANDLE	\$ 10.00
VFW POST 455	\$ 100.00
VFW POST 6394	\$ 201.00
SYOSSET A.L. POST 175	\$ 202.00
WESTERN NASSAU MCL	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 787.00</b>

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



**HAS YOUR POST  
SENT IN THEIR  
DIRECTORY LIST  
AND THEIR AD ?**

**MAKE SURE YOUR REP ATTENDS  
THE COUNTY MEETINGS!**



**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**DATES TO REMEMBER - 2016**

JUNE	1	BOYS STATE ORIENTATION - WILLISTON POST	8:00 PM
	3	COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	4	COUNTY CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM
	10	PAST COUNTY COMMANDERS MEETING BALDWIN DINER	7:30 PM
	14	FLAG DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	16	STAFF MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:30 PM
	18	KOREAN WAR CEREMONY EISENHOWER PARK	10:00 AM
	21	FATHERS DAY - REMEMBER DAD !	
	24	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:30 PM
25	NEW NAMES ADDED TO "WALLS OF HONOR" AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:00 AM	
JUNE 26 - JULY 2		BOYS STATE - MORRISVILLE, NY	
JULY	12	HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN AT HEMPSTEAD A.L. POST	10:00 AM
	13-16	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - BINGHAMTON, N.Y.	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
AUG	6	NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETS EISENHOWER PARK	6:30 PM
	19	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 800 PM
	26- SEPT 1	NATIONAL CONVENTION CINNCINNATI, OH	

**OOPS - LAST ISSUE I MADE A MISTAKE IN THE SPELLING FOR THE PAST COMMANDER OF THE ERNIE PYLE POST WHO PASSED AWAY - IT SHOULD HAVE READ CHUCK ULRICH!**