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COMMANDERS REPORT

1st DIVISION REPORT

Although February is the shortest month of the year, and also one of the busiest for the Legionnaires of Nassau County.

The Zone Oratorical Contest was held at Elmont Veterans Memorial Library, thanks to Oratorical Chair Cynthia Stewart and the rest of the Elmont Post for making this an excellent event.

this was followed by 4 Chaplains Sunday, held at the United Methodist Church in Floral Park by our County Chaplain Eric Spinner.

On February 11th, I visited our Auxiliary at their monthly meeting.

On the 20th we held our Annual Commanders and Military Ball in Great Neck. Thanks to PCC Frank Colon and PCC Tony Paternostro for making this a memorable event.

On Feb 24th I attended Malverne Posts Law & Order Night and after our meeting on the 26th, I will be heading to Albany for Hill Day.

I look forward to all our upcoming events in March starting with Hill Day, numerous St Patricks Day Events and our Division Caucuses. Please come out to support our incoming officers and let your Posts voice be heard. As weather gets warmer I Hope to see attendance at the County Meeting increase. It is the best way to find out what is going on with Nassau County and be a part of it.

Steve McManus, County Commander

Military Ball/ Post Commanders Night

On behalf of the County Commander, Staff & Committee, we would like to thank everyone who attended this years Ball. We hope to continue having this event so that Legionnaire and their families will have a great time. See you all next year. God Bless America

Frank Colon, Jr, Chairman

The First Division Caucus will be held on March 16, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at Massapequa Post 1066, 66 Veterans Blvd. Massapequa.

All Posts in the Division are urged to attend and support their candidates. All posts are represented by One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate for the first Fifteen members plus One Delegate and Alternate for each additional 25 members. Member's figures will be based on the paid up cards in the hands of the Department of New York or the County Membership Officer, whichever is greater on the date of the Caucus.

All Past County Commanders of the Division, in good standing, will be given a vote. All Lists of Delegates and Alternates should be forwarded to the County Adjutant prior to the opening of the Caucus. This list will indicate which way the Post intends to vote, whether Unit Rule or Uninstructed. In order to execute the Unit Rule, fifty percent or better of the Post Delegation must be present at the Roll Call; All Posts should retain a copy of this information to be used in the upcoming County Convention.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Caucus night. Thank you for your continued support.

Dennis C. Dietrich

FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE



CARILLION DONATIONS

OUR GOAL IS \$15,000.00

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

Disabled American Vets	100.00
Sunrise Detachment MCL	100.00
Lynbrook Post	200.00
Howard Van Wagner Post	50.00
Edwin Welch, Jr. Post	200.00
Edwin Welch Jr Aux Unit	300.00
Rockville Centre Post	100.00
Nassau County Auxiliary	150.00
1st Marine Div. Assn	200.00
Nassau Voiture 803 40/8	100.00
Total to Date	2,700.00

We wish to thank those who are helping 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 are being asked for donations to replace it with a new unit. The cost would be \$15,000.00 and we would have to get a maintenance contract on the unit as required by the VA.

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

Ken Cadieux

121 Powell Avenue,

Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Remember to ear mark your check for the Carillion

LINCMO REPORT

There are 255,000 graves at L.I. National with 355,700 burials there. There are 21 Medal of Honor Recipients buried there.

The Cemetery is undergoing a complete renovation of the main building and the bathrooms. This work will be ongoing until next July due to asbestos materials found in the old office complex.

We have a new Asst. Director Craig Arpell who is already working hard to maintain the appearance of our National Cemetery at Farmingdale.

The 46th Annual Nurse's Training Ball

WE WILL BE SPONSORING NINE (9)
NURSING STUDENTS THIS YEAR
THANKS TO OUR LEGION SPONSORS
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT POST
PLAINVIEW POST
MALVERNE POST

DATE AND TIME

Sunday, Afternoon, May 1, 2016
1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

PLACE

Malverne American Legion Post # 44
240 Franklin Avenue,
(South of the Southern State Parkway)
Malverne, N.Y. 11565
516 - 599-8645

MENU

Baked Virginia Ham Dinner with trim-
mings
Free Soda - Coffee and Cake
Wine and Mixed Drinks at Legion Prices
Music and Dancing
Car Fare \$25.00 per person

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFOR- MATION CONTACT

FRANK COLON, Jr.
85 Cleveland Avenue,
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570
516-766-6563



ZONE

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Chaplain's Report

As your Nassau County chaplain, it was my privilege to conduct the Annual Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service commemorating the lives and sacrifice of four men of God, all US Army chaplains, on Sunday, 7 February 2016. They chose to give their life vests to four of the troops on board, and to go down with the USAT Dorchester after it was torpedoed off Newfoundland on 3 February 1943. Thank you to all who attended the service on that day.

I would like to offer my gratitude to PCC John Hassett and ALA PCP Carol Hassett for providing the life vests and pictures for the ceremony, and to ALA Chaplain Ellen Randle for offering our benediction.

My special thanks to the clergy who participated in the role of the four chaplains:

- Pastor Gainus Sikes, Vietnam veteran and our host, United Methodist Church, Floral Park (*George L. Fox*)
- Rabbi Howard Diamond, Cong. B'nai Sholom-Beth David, Rockville Centre (*Alexander D. Goode*)
- Dr. Steven D. Pierce, Community Reformed Church, Manhasset (*Clark V. Poling*)
- Deacon Bruce Burnham, Vietnam veteran, Holy Redeemer Church, Freeport (*Johnny P. Washington*)

Of course, our day was enhanced immensely by our two special guests, Miriam Epstein, wife of our recently deceased Dorchester survivor, Benjamin Epstein, and their son, Ralph Epstein, who presented the story of his father's ordeal and philosophy at the social gathering following the ceremony.

Thank you to all who attended on that day and helped to make it a memorable occasion for me.

Eric Spinner, Chaplain

IdentityTheft.gov Offers Personal Recovery Plans

The FTC announced new features at IdentityTheft.gov that make it easier to report and recover from identity theft. When you use IdentityTheft.gov to report a problem, you'll get a personal recovery plan that walks you through each recovery step, tracks your progress and adapts to your changing situation, and pre-fills letters and forms for you. It is also available in Spanish at RobodeIdentidad.gov.

Jan 22, 2016 - VAV's Report

Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545

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

VETERANS AT NORTHPORT VA NEED OUR HELP

The VAV's would like to thank the following

Legion Post 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

A. Montano (SOLDESA) \$25.00

TOTAL \$1,875.00

PLEASE DONATE as every little bit helps:

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

& Mail it to the Vice Pres of the Exc. Board

Robert Reahl, PCC

69 Hope Drive Plainview, NY 11803-5646

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The NEF stands ready to help posts and legion families get their lives back on track after natural disasters. National Commander Dale Barnett has made the NEF his project for this year. He has set a goal of \$1 million. To quote Commander Barnett "Much of what the American Legion does is veterans helping veterans. The National Emergency Fund is a prime example of how veterans can help their brothers and sisters who have faced the wrath of a natural disaster. From Wildfires in the West to tornadoes in the Midwest to flooding along the East Coast, NEF stands ready to help those in need."

This year, Nassau has fallen short of previous years in the level of contributions to the fund. Thus far we have collected \$1,075. Many thanks to the five posts and three individuals who have sent in their checks.

Please consider making a donation before the end of the legion year. Send your check, payable to the Nassau county Committee, to my attention at

94 Netherwood Drive, Albertson, NY 11507.

Bob Robesch, PCC

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State is scheduled for 26 June thru 2 July at SUNY Morrisville. The fee this year will remain at \$450 (\$350 for the program and \$100 for bus transportation). The web site is up and running. The letter to the post was sent the first week in February. The packet details all the necessary information needed to sponsor a boy(s) for this worthwhile program. If you are sponsor a boy(s) please sent me the check made out to Nassau County American Legion and earmark mit "Boys State". All completed application with required forms must be back to me by 25 April. If we are late submitting the application there will be an additional fee of \$150 per boy. If you need help with the applications or conducting interviews please call me for assistance. The orientation will be in the first part of June, when I have a confirmed date and place everyone will be notified. Please consider sending a boy or more to this worthwhile program. If you cannot afford to send a boy please make a donation to the program so that we can pick up boys who would not be able to attend. The candidate that you sponsor must be completing his junior year and will be returning to school for at least one semester. He must be in the top 50% of his class and should be active in school and or civic programs. Nassau County's quota is 50 boys. The buses have been reserved and there is no price increase. Have the Post Boys State Chairman start on the program now, if he has any questions call me at 516 922-7135 or 516 512-0244.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

To All Post Commanders

I hope that every Post receives a "Legionnaire Newsletter". This is an open invitation for you to bring your Post Historian to the County Meeting on Friday March 18th at Malverne. I will bring a Post History Book and a Post Narrative History. It is important to your Post History and for those who come after we are gone. The Officer's Guide contains the basic instructions. I will explain and try to answer any questions after the Advisory Meeting and before the County Meeting .

James Randle
516-270-3876

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

At the end of December, I shipped 38 cell phones. I received the breakdown today and the phones are worth \$9.50. The recycling will not send the money unless it is over \$10, they will keep it in our account until the amount is above \$10. At the present I have one cell phone, need close to 50 to ship.

The recycling has sent me information on changes to the program. The following is the changes:

1. At a minimum they will now pay \$.25 for recycled devices (it was \$.45 before). These devices are the ones that literally get ground up and gold is reclaimed.
2. They now accept 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.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

Thank You to all the Nassau County Posts who participated in the Legionnaire of the Year 2016 Program.

The Committees selection will be announced at the County Convention at Levittown Hall in June.

Joe Glovack
Chairman

Recap of the February 13, 2016 Day at the Races

Mary Norris, Co-Chair

We had 21 residents and patients attend our February Day at the Races on the 13th of February at Building 92.

We want to recognize Post 1711 Levittown for coming out and Boy Scout Troop 291 from Hicksville.

For the March 12, 2016 Bldg 92 Visit, Team #7 is schedule to help, starting at 1:30pm:

Team #7 - Please be at Bldg. 92 by 1:30pm
Admiral Conolly Post #2014 Hugh C. Newman III
Manhasset #304 Quentin Roosevelt #4
Wantagh #1273 William J. Longuet #101

Any Post who cannot come out when scheduled, you're invited to help out on the 2nd Saturday of each month from April through May 2016.

To help off-set operating costs, Posts are asked to bring a \$50 check (made out to the Nassau County American Legion) with them on Saturday. If a Post is not able to attend, send a check for \$100, made out to *Nassau County American Legion* and on memo line mark "Rehab/Day at the Races". Mail check to Mary Norris @ 81 Bobwhite Lane, Hicksville, NY 11810. Your Post will receive credit for the operating cost contribution.

REHAB & TROOP SUPPLIES

WE HAVE A GARAGE FULL FOR THE FORTH STRAIGHT MONTH AND WE WILL HAVE TO CALL BEACON HOUSE AGAIN FOR A PICK UP. PLEASE DO NOT STOP COLLECTING ITEMS AS WE DO A LOT OF GOOD FOR THE VETS AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

A POWERED WHEELCHAIR WAS PICKED UP FOR A VETERAN IN THE MALVERNE POST ALONG WITH THE LIFT FOR A VEHICLE. IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIM BY OFFICERS OF THE MALVERNE POST. THE UNIT WAS DONATED BY BOB ROBESCH, PCC.

VARIOUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE DONATED TO THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS FOR THEIR USE.

A PROTABLE OXYGEN GENERATING MACHING FROM OUR SUPPLIES WILL BE GOING TO A NEEDY VETERAN THANKS TO JOE BRUNNER.

Ken Cadieux, Supply Chmn

Legacy Schlorship Fund Report

It has been a while since you have heard from me on the Legacy Scholarship Fund. It seems that the donations have slowed down. Just to review who has already donated. Here is the list:

Quentin Roosevelt Post 4
Elmont Post 1033
Howard Van Wagner Post 962
Plainview Post 1812
Victor Murtha Post 972
Carle Place Post 1718
Baldwin Post 246
Massapequa Post 1066
Charles Wagner Post 421
Toni & Joe Reale
Eco-Cell
Lynbrook Post 335
Wiliam J. Longuet Post 101
Glenwood Landing Post 336
Rockville Centre Post 303
Levittown Post 1711
Merrick Post 1282
Floral Park Post 334

I thank all the posts and people I just announced for their support, but if your name or Post was not mentioned I ask you to go back to yor Post and send me a donation. Nothing is too small or large.

So I hope to hear from you soon. Please send all donations to me at:

4011 Bernice Road,
Seaford, NY 11783

Anthony Paternostro, PCC
Chairman

ST ALBANS UPDATE

WE ATTENDED A MEETING IN ST ALBANS REGARDING THE COLUMBARIUMS PROPOSED TO BE BUILT THERE. THE COMMUNITY CAME OUT IN FORCE TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT. THEY ALL SPOKE OF HOW WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS AND WHAT A GREAT PROJECT IT WAS BUT THEY DO NOT WANT IT IN THEIR BACK YARDS. THAY WANT THE HOSPITAL REOPENED AND HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS BUILT.

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program Post

1:45 TO 3 pm

Team #7 – March 12, 2016

ADMIRAL CONNOLLY POST
CHARLES WAGNER POST #421
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449
MANHASSET #304
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
WANTAGH # 1273
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101

Team # 8 – April 9, 2016

EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
FLORAL PARK # 334
HEMPSTEAD # 390
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342
YOUNG SIMMONS #1765
HOWARD VAN WAGNER

Team # 9 – May 14, 2016

CARLE PLACE # 1718
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339
MINEOLA MEMORIAL # 349

IF YOUR POST CAN NOT MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED DATE, CONTACT CO-CHAIRPERSON MARY NORRIS AT CELL # 287-3569 . ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A \$50 CHECK TO OFF-SET OPERATING COST. IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR \$100 TO COUNTY.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT

Once again, I am asking your help to achieve 100% membership for the county. It is time we put forward that extra effort to achieve this goal. Remember that county goal for the month of March is 90%. Please don't forget the outstanding PUFL's payment. Attached is the latest listing of posts who did not achieve February goal of 85% and the posts with outstanding PUFL's payments to the county.

Bob Guarneri, Membership

Medal of Honor Recipients

CIVIL WAR / NYC - Of the 392 Medals of Honor accredited to the State of New York for Civil War Heroism, 197 were awarded to soldiers from New York City.

CIVIL WAR / NY STATE - 185 Soldiers from other cities in NY received Medals of Honor during the Civil War.

INDIAN CAMPAIGNS - 76 soldiers received Medals of Honor for actions during the Indian Campaigns of the West.

EARLY WARS - From Korea (1871) to the Caribbean through 11 different actions for which Medals of Honor were awarded, NY veterans received 7 of them.

PEACE TIME AWARDS - From 1865 to 1940, 189 Medals were awarded for heroic, non-combat action. NY heroes received a full 1/3 of them.

ADDITIONAL RECEIPIENTS - There are 82 additional recipients of the Medal listed here by conflict:

WW-I 16	Korea 3			
WW-II 32	Vietnam 30	Iraq 1		

To view their Bio's you can go on the Web and Type in "New York Medal of Honor Recipients" in the search bar.

Nurses Training

As we head to Spring, it is that time of year " Nurses Training Ball". 1 May 2016 is the magic date.

We have 9 candidates, 6 of which have already gotten help from us and will be graduating. Commis Voyageur Frank Colon will be contacting all voyageurs with Journal contracts, boosters, and chances.

We need to step up to keep this program going to help these women and men in their quest for nursing careers. Thank You.

Chef de Gare
Kevin Lawlor

P.S. All Voyageurs, you know some Veterans, legionaires that are worthy to be asked into the 40 & 8. We need to find new voyageurs with fresh ideas and energy.

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

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MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758
PERMIT # 8

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New York State Legion Press Association

HAS YOUR POST MADE A
DONATION TO THE
CARRILLON REPLACEMENT
FUND YET ?

DOES YOUR REP
ATTEND THE MEETINGS?

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2016

MAR	6	UVO MEETING CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	8	2ND DIVISION CAUCUS - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:30PM
	13	LINCMO MEETING - L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE	11:30 AM
	13	UVO INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, EDWIN WELCH, Jr. POST SEAFORD	1-5:00 PM
	14	10TH DISTRICT VISITATION - SUFFOLK - BABYLON POST	8:00 PM
	16	1ST DIVISION CAUCUS - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:30 PM
	18	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
29	10TH DISTRICT MEETING - QUEENS - BENJAMIN MOORE POST	8:00 PM	
APRIL	3	UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:10 AM
	15	NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER ANTON'S QUEENS VILLAGE \$65.00 P.P.	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
MAY	1	UVO MEETING AT CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	1	NURSES TRAINING BALL - MALVERNE POST 44	1-5:00 PM
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST (10TH DIST VISIT) COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	29	UVO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	29	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY	2:30 PM
JUNE	3	COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	4	COUNTY CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM