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Commander's Report

I guess the worst wasn't in January since mother nature threw sporadic snow and sub-freezing cold so that the neighborhoods look like the frozen tundra.

Before I get into my report I would like to remind ALL Post Commanders that it is not too late to recommend a legionnaire from your Post for consideration as the County Legionnaire of the Year; there are a lot of members there who are hard workers for their posts and they deserve to be recognized - contact Joe Glovack (Plainview Post) to submit a member for consideration.

We started February with the County 4 Chaplain's service which was held at the Grace Lutheran Church in Malverne, we had a good turnout for a moving ceremony which was followed by refreshments and cakes prepared by the Malverne Legion Auxiliary. A few days later we attended the Baldwin Post's 4 Chaplain's service which was nicely done.

We attended the Zone Oratorical contest at the Elmont Library and the Suffolk and Nassau contestants won 1st & 2nd Place and both will go to the Department finals.

PCC Grande, Membership Officer Brunner & I went to Nassau Community College and gave a membership presentation to their veteran group and they are now in the process of securing a sufficient number of new members to be able to have their own Post on campus.

We attended the 2nd Division Caucus where a number of Posts did not show up because of a little ice & some cold air (can you say "wimpy, wimpy, wimpy").

I have to say, the highlight of the month (and maybe even the year) was an outstanding Military Ball/Post Commander's affair with an awesome turnout by the Posts and Legionnaires and Mother Nature decided to attend as well and brought a few inches of snow to help us celebrate (uugggh). At the sight of the white stuff a number of people fled before the cake & coffee was served, this made the County Chaplain happy since he could have a few extra pieces. The next day the staff was still recovering so I had the honor of attending the Merrick Post where the Auxiliary treated all the veterans to a very nice breakfast with some delicious cake to finish it off.

Not to be out done the Malverne Auxiliary threw an Oscar party at the Post, all came in the costume of their favorite movie star and walked the red carpet where they got to have their photos taken with Marilyn, Elvis, and the big Oscar; all had a fun filled time.

Last for the month, we had the honor of swearing in the new officers of the New Cassel Memorial Post.

Before closing, All Commanders - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your Membership Officers and reach out to those members who have not paid their dues yet. Perhaps a letter, phone call or visit to (or all 3) to those who are tardy. Nassau County is in the BOTTOM 1/4 of the State on renewal (we are 46 out of 62), only 6 Posts (11%) have reached the required 90% renewal mark - we are doing a disservice to veterans if we don't get them to renew.

For God, Country and the American Legion.

Commander John J. Hassett

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Hi Legionnaires. Once again February has been a fairly busy month. I attended two of the county Oratorical contests at Malverne and Elmont posts. The contestants were outstanding and a credit to themselves and the schools they represented. I also, attended the Four Chaplains services conducted by the Malverne and Baldwin Posts. Both services were done beautifully and very moving.

Boys State Program is upon us, don't wait, and get your candidates processed. This year Boys State runs from June 26 to July 2, 2015. The cost is \$450 per boy.

I attended the Military Ball at Leonards, it was an outstanding affair for the Legion and there was a wonderful turnout. Membership is still our number one priority within the County. The 1st Division has a number of posts who have not achieved their membership goals, so try harder. Remember to send a copy of your transmittals to the County Membership Officer. The 1st Division is at 76.36% with two post at 90%. All posts should be at 90% by March 9, 2015.

ROBERT GUARNERI



**MILITARY BALL CHAIRMAN FRANK COLON
AND COUNTY COMMANDER JOHN HASSETT**

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT

Two members of Nassau County American Legion are on the National Legislative Council, they are, PCC Charles Mills (assigned to Congressman P. King) and PCC Reginald Butt, Jr. (assigned to Congresswomen K. Rice).

Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act S.167/H.R. 22:

This is a bill named after a Marine veteran who had PTSD and committed suicide in 2011. The measure requires the Pentagon and Department of Veterans Affairs to submit to independent reviews of their suicide prevention programs and make information on suicide prevention more easily available to veteran. It also would offer financial incentives to psychiatrists and other mental health professionals who agree to work for the VA and help military members as they transition from active duty to veteran status.

On Jan.12, the House of Representatives passed H.R.22 by a vote of 412-0. On Feb. 3 the senate passed S. 167 by a vote of 99-0 (the only missing vote was a Senator who was delayed returning to Washington D.C. due to a Snowstorm). The bill was signed into law by President Obama on Thursday 12 Feb.

Hire More Heroes Act:

On Jan.6, the House of Representatives passed the Hire More Heroes Act of 2015, H.R. 22 by a vote 412-0. This measure is aimed at encouraging companies to hire more American Veterans by allowing veterans who are covered by VA health care or TRICARE to not be counted as employees for the purpose of Triggering the so-called “employer mandate”.

The Affordable Care Act mandates that employers who employ 50 full-time workers must provide health care, a provision that many view as overly burdensome for small businesses. This law would encourage small businesses to hire veterans by allowing veterans who are otherwise covered not to count toward the numbers for the purposes of the mandate.

The Senate introduced a companion measure, S.12.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The revised Protocol & Planning guide (Revision 2) is available on the Department Website. The following is Appendix J of the manual:

Legion Cap Etiquette

The American Legion Cap is both symbolic and illustrative to Legionnaires and conveys a distinct message to the general public about American Legion Membership. The cap should be decorated in accordance with the guidelines of Resolution 31, July 1967, of the Department of New York. It must be neat and orderly in its appearance.

Women Legionnaires may remain covered at all times, generally following the directives of the uniformed military personnel regarding headgear.

Male Legionnaires may wear the Legion Cap at all times during Legion functions except for:

- Religious segments of functions such as invocations and benedictions and other prayer
- Memorial to Departed Comrades
- Recital of Pledge of Allegiance
- Playing of the National Anthem
- As routine courtesy during dining
- During the POW/MIA Remembrance Service

Master of Ceremony or Meeting Chairs should remind attendees to uncover during the above activities.

Cap over Heart:

The Cap should be worn in church only by the Honor Guard or Color Guard while in marching order or standing guard. When returning to or while seated in pews, the Cap should be removed.

Legionnaires not in formation will remove the Cap while in church.

Legionnaires will hold their Cap over their heart in the following instances:

- If marching in formation into church, until seated in the pew and as exiting the church.
- Approaching a casket. (Note that the Cap over the heart is a form of salute. If a legionnaire desires to render a hand salute at the casket of a Departed Comrade, he/she may cover, salute and then uncover.)
- At the Graveside, during the entire service, except for cold or inclement weather when the Cap should be doffed
- Religious segments of Legion Functions such as invocations, Benedictions and other prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance (Female Legionnaires will place their hand over their heart if covered)
- National Anthem (Female Legionnaires should render a hand salute and not sing if covered)
- Memorial to Departed Comrade(s)
- POW/MIA Remembrance Service

Cap Embellishments:

Pins, Patches and other items should be kept to a minimum and are never placed on the left side (side with the Legion Emblem) of the cap. Nothing should be placed forward of the piping on the right side of the cap (area with post number).

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

“There are no records of the last year LOTY applicants, therefore all Posts must submit new applications this year, even if it’s for the same candidate as last year!”. Deadline date is MARCH 1, 2015.

Joe Glovack

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

This Year's Boys State will run from 26 June 2015 (Friday) until 02 July 2015 (Thursday) at SUNY Morrisville. The Friday start is due to July 4th falling on Saturday making the holiday to be observed on Thursday 3 July. I have booked the two buses (two – one way trips) with an increase this year of \$300 each trip. The cost of Boys State is set at \$450.00. A letter has been sent to each Post Commander and hopefully it has been given to the Post Boys State Chairman. The letter gives information on Boys State and contains an enclosure to be given to the boy(s) selected by the post to attend Boys State. This enclosure tells them how to get on the internet and what must be done in the application process. The completed application must be in my hands by 15 April 2015. If any candidate has trouble with the online process they should call me immediately. The Posts should forward the Boys State fee(s) to me ASAP. Remember, you must interview the boy(s) and if you need help please contact me.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Word was received that my last shipment to the Recycling Center contained 83 cell phones and 4 laptop computers. The value was \$47.00 which should be received shortly after the first of March. Once the check comes in I will ask the Treasurer to split it between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Funds. We must have 50 cell phones before we can ship, with the recycling center supplying the shipping for UPS.

The recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

- cell phones
- cell phone accessories
- iPods and MP3 Players
- handheld game systems
- GPS handheld units
- laptop computers
- E-readers
- portable hard drives

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.

Membership Report

Good Evening Legionaries,

I hope everyone is staying warm in these year's brutal cold weather. As I stated in last month's list of post with no transmittals in at least 3 months, I am getting these reports from state showing your last transmittal submitted to them. Just because you mailed it t State does not mean it was entered. This month's list with the last transmittal date are as follows:

J Franklin Bell 12/09/2014: Island Park 10/24/2014: Lynbrook 10/07/2014

Bellmore 12/05/2014: Lawrence Cedarhurst 10/17/2014: Roosevelt Memorial NONE: Robert Van Cott 11/25/2014: New Hyde Park-Ernie Pyle 12/09/2014:

Uniondale 10/01/2014: Franklin Square 09/01/2014: Hempstead 12/01/2014:

Gomillion-Campbell 09/19/2014: James F. Brengal 12/09/2014:

Charles A. Fowler 12/22/2014: Mineola 12/01/2014: Plainview 12/22/2014:

New Cassel Memorial 11/18/2014:Glen Cove 09/09/2014: Archie McCord 11/6/2014:

The above list posts have no transmittals to department in the last 3 or more months.

As I stated in last month's report, POST COMMANDERS ARE RESPOSIBLE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Also PUFLS are \$1.50 per member to be paid to the County. All post have received their funds from state. Most post still have not paid or are not paying the correct amount. County portion of the PUFLS are overdue.

Let's get the membership renewals in. Remember if I don't have the copy of your post's transmittals I cannot call Department and find out why your numbers are not changing.

Joseph Brunner

Membership Officer

Information for ALL POSTS:

The following are a list of the donations that the County Legion solicits from the Posts:

National Commanders Legacy Scholarship Fund for the children of any service person killed in Iraq OR Afghanistan.

Nassau County Children & Youth Programs

Nassau County Scholarship Fund

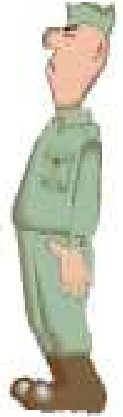
Nassau County Rehab Fund for Hospital Visits Northport - Stonybrook

Support of our County Ways & Means - 5 month daily drawing tickets.

National Disaster Fund (NEF) Provides funds for National Disasters

Journal Ads for our Convention Journal & County Directory.

Support of our Boys State Program -to sponsor a boy or boys to attend.



*The James MacLean American Legion Memorial Library Collection at Hofstra University.

This fund purchases books, maps, documents census data, and any thing to do with New York State and Long Island History. It is the finest collection of New York State History Anywhere. Most Posts make a donation to the collection for each deceased member or in memory of or honor of someone. The donors name, the honoree and the American Legions name is placed on the book or document for all to see. A copy of the donation is sent to the Post and the recipients family. This collection is used by college students from all universities . Forms are available through the County Chairman, Bill Davison, PCC.

JUST A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS THAT HELP US TO FULFILL OUR GOALS !

1. ORATORICAL PROGRAM
2. SCOUTING
3. BLOOD DRIVES
4. FLAG EDUCATION PROGRAMS
5. LAW & ORDER AWARDS
6. SCHOOL AWARDS
7. ROTC AWARDS
8. FAMILY SUPPORT
9. PACKAGES FOR TROOPS
10. OUR HOSPITAL AND HOMELESS VETS PROGRAMS
11. SUCH OTHER PROGRAMS VOTED ON AT COUNTY MEETINGS.



Has your Post supported these programs ?

For further information contact the Chairperson of these Committees listed in your County Directory.

National Emergency Fund Report

The hurricane season treated us very well but winter is not being so nice. The heavy snow and extreme cold is really beating up on the north east. I am sure that there will be considerable damage from caved in roofs broken pipes and flooded basements. Many requests will be made to the National organization for funds from the NEF. Keeping the funds available is the job of all legionnaires.

So far this year the generous post and individuals in Nassau have contributed a total of \$7,005.40 to the fund. This is the best in many years. Thank you to the latest group of contributors: Lynbrook, New Hyde Park – Ernie Pyle, Elmont and Glenwood Landing.

I know that the rest of you are anxious to join the list, so I am still accepting checks . Please send your checks, payable to Te Nassau County American Legion, to me at 94 Netherwood Dr. Albertson, NY 11507.

For any of you attending Hill Day, please have a safe and productive trip.

Roberta. Robesch, PCC
NEF Chairman



TO GET ME A NEW MEMBER TODAY !

**IF YOU DON'T ASK
THE ANSWER WILL ALWAYS BE NO !**

TROPHIES AND AWARDS PLAQUES

JAMES T. RANDLE- CHAIRMAN

THE PLAQUES TO BE GIVEN OUT AT THE 97TH NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNE 5 AND 6, 2015 AT LEVITTOWN HALL, I MUST KNOW BY MAY SUNDAY 17 CALL ME.

THE CHAIRMAN OF REHABILITATION, PUBLICITY, SCOUTING, SCHOLARSHIP, LAW AND ORDER, LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AND HISTORIAN IN THE PAST HAS ASKED FOR PLAQUES. THE CHAIRMAN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPELLING. CALL ME.

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO THAT I CAN CONTACT YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
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Law and Order

On February 25, 2015, Commander John Hassett and I attended The Malverne Post 44 Law and Order Program.

As in the past the Post did a great job in acknowledging those in the community that were outstanding. If any Post would like to get ideas on how to run a Law and Order Program, they should ask Anthony Marino of The Malvern Post who did an exceptional job.

All the Posts that have had a Program please see me for the form that I need to fill out for Department. We need to show what The Nassau County American Legion is doing within the community. Let's get credit for what we do.

Again I'd like to thank all those Post that did in the past and those who will be having a Law and Order Program in the coming months. I am looking forward from hearing from you.

For God and Country,

Ron Sabo
Law and Order Chairman

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program Post

Teams Schedule 2015

Team #7 – March 14, 2015

CHARLES WAGNER POST #421

HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449

MANHASSET #304

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4

WANTAGH # 1273

WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101

Team # 8 – April 11, 2015

AVIATORS # 743

HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962

JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456

NORTH BELLMORE POST

OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051

Team # 9 – May 9, 2015

CARLE PLACE # 1718

CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160

EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132

J. FRANKLIN BELL #81

LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

IF YOUR POST CAN NOT MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED DATE, CONTACT CO-CHAIRPERSON MARY NORRIS AT CELL # 287-3569 OR # 740-7422. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A \$50 CHECK TO OFF-SET OPERATING COST. IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR \$100 TO COUNTY.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Terrorist groups have requested their followers to attempt to find out info on U.S. Servicemen and women, Active & Retired, and locate them for attacks. This may also be the case of older Veterans, such as our Legion members, as well. So, be alert and try to limit the amount of info you place on the internet and anywhere in general. You don't know who will intercept that info. Also, this may include Law Enforcement and first Responder members of the American Legion.

Joe Glovack, Chairman

Recap of "Day at the Races"

February's activities with the residents at Building 92 was different from prior months. Instead of watching horse races, residents were entertained by Magician Robert McAtee from "Magic Beyond Imagination". Mr. McAtee involved residents and Legionnaires in his acts, during his two hour performance! Though some of the residents seemed a little disappointed to learn they would not be playing the ponies, as the word got around of the magic show, other residents came down to the cafeteria and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

We want to thank Levittown Post #1711, Merrick Post #1282, North Bellmore # 1749 and Rockville Centre Post #303 and their guests for coming out, even with the threat of more snow fall warning. We have a good ratio of Legionnaires/ Guest to Patient coverage for the afternoon.

For the month of March's "Day at the Races" which as is the 14th of the month, the following Post are on the schedule to come out to building 92, Northport at 1:30pm:

Any Post who hasn't come out when scheduled, you're invited to help any 2nd Saturday until the 9th of May.

Frank Colon and Mary Norris ask that Post Commanders check the Monthly "Legionnaire" Newsletter and review the monthly schedule for their Post's date out at Building 92. If your Post has yet to help out at the VA Convalescent/Nursing Home, the race schedule is posted in the Newsletter for the remaining (2) months of Legion Year 2015.

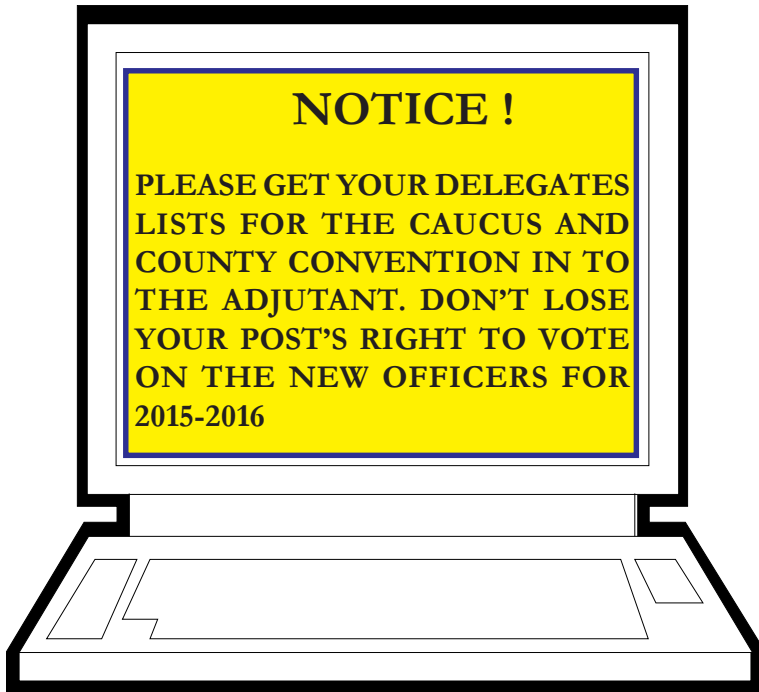
As always, to help off-set operating costs, Posts are asked to bring a \$50 check with them on. If a Post is not able to attend, send a check for \$100 to the County, made out to Nassau County American Legion and on memo line mark "Rehab/ Day at the Races". A SPECIAL THANKS TO NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749 FOR MAKING UP THEIR SCHEDULED DATE in February!

MARY NORRIS
CO-CHAIR

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR	2-3	HILL DAY - ALBANY	
	8	UVO INSTALLATION - EDWIN WELCH, JR POST \$45.00 pp	1-5:00 PM
	16	3RD DIVISION CAUCUS	8:00 PM
	17	ST PATRICKS DAY	
	18	FIRST DIVISION CAUCUS - MALVERNE POST 44	8:00 PM
	19	SECOND DIVISION CAUCUS - ELMONT POST 1033	8:00 PM
	24	THIRD DIVISION CAUCUS - WILLISTON POST 144	8:00 PM
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING (10TH DISTRICT VISITATION)	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	31	10TH DISTRICT AT QUEENS CONTINENTAL POST	8:00 PM
APR	11	ORATORICAL QUARTER & SEMI FINALS INDIANAPOLIS	
	12	NATIONAL FINALS - INDIANAPOLIS	
	17	NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER ANTONS QUEENS TICKETS \$65.00 P.P.	7:00 PM
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING (10TH DISTRICT VISITATION)	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
MAY	10	MOTHERS DAY - REMEMBER MOM !	
	16	ARMED FORCES DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING (10TH DISTRICT VISITATION)	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	24	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	24	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE	2:00 PM