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## Commander's Report

The month opened with our attendance at the Levittown Post's Law and Order night which was done very nicely. This was followed by Malverne Village Little League which had their opening day and honored all veterans of Nassau County at the ceremony where PCC Frank Colon and I participated with the Post Color Guard. The County Installation dinner committee had 2 meetings and the details of the dinner will be coming out very soon. Please make plans for your Post to send representatives to the dinner to welcome in the new commander and staff.

National Commander's dinner was held at Antun's in Queens, they had about 750 legionnaires and guests in attendance and the Nassau Legion family, staff and I made up 111 of those in attendance. The affair had good food and dancing and believe it or not, "short" speeches. The National Commander Michael Helm and the attendees were completely surprised when Island Park Post #1029 Commander Joe Aniano presented him with a \$25,000 check to be used to benefit veterans – way to go Island Park!

We visited the Elmont Post which was holding their annual blessing of the bikes for the Legion Riders, they put in a lot of work in the setup and it paid off with another great event with outstanding turnout of bikes and riders. After leaving Elmont we headed up to St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove for the Children & Youth party for the St. Christopher Otilie's event, 110 children and attendants were present. The County Auxiliary President Gina Seroen, her staff and volunteers along with our staff and volunteers from a few Posts served food and dessert to all. Our own County Treasurer Frank Neal "Frankie D" provided DJ music which had the children dancing – a good time was had by all.

Law & Order Chairman Ron Sabo, Adjutant Steve McManus and I attended the Charles Wagner Post Law & Order ceremony held at the Hicksville K of C and was complete with a full dinner, they had a great turnout.

My term in office as County Commander will soon be coming to an end and I would like to remind you that my Project for the year is to support the National Emergency Fund (NEF), please consider having your Post make a sizeable donation to the project and remind your members that individuals can also donate to the fund – 100% of every donation goes to support veterans and Posts in need. We have had members in our county that have been the recipients of the NEF support after Hurricane Sandy and we need to insure that the fund is available for future veterans who may be in need.

For God, Country and the American Legion.

Commander John J. Hassett



**GOT A BETTER WAY TO GET NEW MEMBERSHIP? SHARE IT WITH THE OTHER POSTS !**

**HAVE YOU GOT ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE HOW THE LEGION OPERATES ?**

**WHY AREN'T MY POST REPS ATTENDING THE COUNTY MEETINGS ?**

**DO YOUR REPS BRING BACK THE INFORMATION THEY RECEIVE AT THE COUNTY MEETINGS?**

**DO WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY FUNCTIONS**

## National Emergency Fund Report

Our legion year is quickly drawing to a close. So far the generous posts of Nassau county have contributed \$7,055.40 to the National Emergency fund.

During Calendar year 2014, the fund disbursed just under \$70,000 which was an amazingly small amount. Mother nature was not so bad to us last year. However we can't depend on that to happen every year so we need to continue with our contributions and try for an increase next year.

Remember, the fund is designed to assist our members who have been displaced or evacuated from their primary home due to damages sustained by a declared natural disaster. Grant monies are given to assist with out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of their displacement.

Every dollar donated to the fund is used for the express purpose of rendering assistance to the American Legion Family.

Since its inception in 1989, the fund has awarded grant monies in excess of \$8.5 million.

What makes the NEF program so unique is that our members know they can turn to the American Legion for immediate financial assistance without repayment requirements normally associated with other Federal or State agencies.

Our true story of "Mutual Helpfulness" is at work in the time of need.

So far we have received donations from 28 posts, one Auxiliary unit, three past commanders and two Legionnaires. If anyone else would like to contribute, please send your check, payable to the Nassau county Committee, earmarked NEF, to me at 94 Netherwood Dr., Albertson, NY 11507.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bob Robesch, PCC  
NEF Chairman



## REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Recap of "Day at the Races"

For April the Committee used another one of the new State Horse Racing Association DVDs.

As with the other new DVD, there are no "starting line-up list" at the beginning of each race, which list the horses running. But with better preparation, no issues with unnamed horses winning the races this time around!

We want to thank the Hugh C. Newman Post #449 and Commander Strehl for bringing out 2 dozen Crocheted Lap Blankets for the patients. Blankets were provided by Ms. Marjorie Auber.

I need to prepare a certificate for Ms. Auber and a Ms. Rose who gave crocheted Lap Blankets to Post 101 for Building 92 back in March. If County has a template we can use, we'll prepare the certificate and mail one to Commander Wirth and Westbury Post #101 (for Ms. Rose) and one to Commander Strehl for Ms. Auber. If I remember correctly, both women have sight issues and crocheting the blankets is quite an undertaking.

For the last month of "Day at the Races" which as is the 9th of the May, 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 this year, you're invited to help out at our last opportunity being the 9th of May. Postcards to be mailed to ALL Post as reminders for these last two months.

Just to make the time with the patients a little different each month, I've written the Northport High School and asked the music director if their Glee Club or talent group is able to perform on the 9th of May. I will follow up with the director this week and see what they're able to do for the patients.

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".

## ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Steve McManus

## PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The Chairman of the Protocol Committee met with the Convention Committee to outline and discuss the invited guests to the County Installation Dinner. There was no other business handled by the Protocol Committee.

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## BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

For this Year's Boys State, Nassau County will have 47 boys attending. I am still awaiting several completed applications before I can submit all the paperwork to the Department. The Orientation will be on Thursday 4 June 2015 starting at 8 P.M. at the Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY. All the boys state candidates and parents plus post boys state chairman and Post Commanders are invited to attend. The bus will depart from the Williston Post on Friday 26 June 2015, registration at 5 A.M. bus leaves by 6 A.M. The return is on July 2, 2015 between 1:30 and 2 P.M. at the Williston Post Parking lot.

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## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

We have 44 cell phones and 1 laptop computer ready to ship. With what I pick up tonight I will be able to ship out on Monday. We must have 50 phone to ship, the Recycling center sends me UPS shipping labels so there is no expense to the county. All the money we receive is split between the NEF and Legacy Scholarship Programs.

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.

As we draw to an end of the Legion year, a reminder to the entire MANDATORY reports which are due by JUNE 15, 2015:

Consolidated Post Reports (White & Yellow Copies) Certification of Service Records (Pink Sheet)

Children & Youth Post Narrative Report Form (Orange Sheet) Homeland Security Questionnaire (White Sheet)

## LISTING OF POST DELEGATES / ALTERNATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION

(In the event Posts have completed a Consolidated Post Report On Line, please forward printed copy to County Adjutant for our files)



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT  
L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY, FARMINGDALE  
SUNDAY MAY 24TH AT 2:00 PM

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OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PAY FOR THE "PATCHES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO FLAG ALMOSE 300,000 GRAVES ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE MAMORIAL DAY. THEY ALSO RETURN THE NEXT SATURDAY TO RETRIEVE THE FLAGS FOR STORAGE TILL NEXT YEAR.

## THE RULES OF THE CONVENTION

The rules of the convention are as follows:

- 1) With the following modifications, Robert Rules of Order, revised, will be followed and shall govern this Convention in all cases wherein they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By Laws of The American Legion or special rules of order of this Convention.
- 2) Only duly accredited Delegates or Alternates shall be given the privilege of the floor during this order of business of this Convention.
- 3) The official reports of the Posts to the Credentials Committee of the names of Delegates and Alternates to the Convention shall be binding upon this convention and the names as reported shall be recognized as the official Delegates and Alternates to the Convention.
- 4) Alternates shall have all the privileges of Delegates, including that of serving on committees, except the privilege of voting on the Convention floor.
- 5) A Delegate desiring to obtain the floor or make a motion or address the convention shall rise, address the Presiding Officer as Mr. Commander, and give their name and the name of his or her Post before proceeding with his or her subject.
- 6) The floor shall be permitted but once to an individual Delegate on the same question; also once on an appeal.
- 7) The decision of the Presiding Officer as to who is entitled to the floor in any instance shall be final and there shall be no appeal from that decision.
- 8) The decision of the Presiding Officer in ruling any motion out of order shall be final, but an appeal may be made and brought to a vote.
- 9) Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker. No Delegate shall speak for more than five minutes on the same question, without the consent of the Convention by two-thirds vote except nominating speeches for County Officers.
- 10) Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to forty-five (45) minutes except under special rules as the Convention may adopt prior to debate, by two-thirds vote.
- 11) Voting shall be by acclamation, that is to say a voice vote, except where a roll call is demanded by the chairman of at least three Posts. Election of County Officers shall be by roll call.
- 12) Nominations shall be made upon a roll call of Posts. A Post may nominate, pass, yield to another Post or second a nomination. The roll call shall be according to divisions beginning with the First Division, then the Second Division, and then the Third Division. In each division Posts are to be called in alphabetical order except that by unanimous consent that this rule may be abrogated to save time. Nominating speeches are limited to seven minutes, seconding speeches to three minutes. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate.
- 13) Whenever a ballot by Posts is taken, the vote of each Post shall be equal to the total number of Delegates to which the Post is entitled, as shown by the report of the Credentials Committee, provided that a majority of the Delegates of the Post are present, and vote unanimously. In the event of a divided vote of a Post delegation, or when less than a majority of a Post delegation is present, only the votes of those present and voting shall be counted.

- 14) Past County Commanders Past State and National elective Officers entitled to vote shall only vote after the roll call of Posts has been completed.
- 15) The Commander of every Post, the delegation of which has been duly instructed by such Post to vote the Unit Rule at this Convention, shall so verify in writing to the County Adjutant, otherwise, a vote by Unit Rule by the delegation from any Post need not be recognized, where a dispute arises among the delegates of such Posts on any question at this Convention. A Post may vote its entire strength under the Unit Rule, unless there are less than 50 % of the delegates present at the time of voting, in which event only those present and voting shall be counted.
- 16) Upon any vote taken under a roll call of Posts, the chairman and members of the delegation shall rise, and the chairman shall announce the number of votes his or her Post casts, either in the affirmative or negative, or in favor of a candidate, as the situation requires. If voting under the Unit Rule, the chairman shall so state.
- 17) A candidate for office shall be deemed elected, if he or she received a majority of the votes cast. In the event no candidate receives a majority, a second vote shall be taken. In the further event that no candidate received a majority after the second vote, all candidates other than the two (2) receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot shall withdraw, and balloting shall continue.
- 18) All proposed resolutions shall first be submitted in writing to the Resolutions Committee and no action shall be taken by this Convention upon such proposed resolutions, without a report of the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee upon the resolutions, but the Presiding Officer of the Convention, if he or she feels the occasion or courtesy demands it, may otherwise permit the submission of such resolutions to the Convention.

Michael T. Miller, Nassau County Judge Advocate





## REHAB REPORT

Mary Norris, Co-Chair

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### Team # 9 – May 9, 2015

CARLE PLACE # 1718

CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160

EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132

J. FRANKLIN BELL #81

LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

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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.

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### NURSES TRAINING BALL

REMEMBER TO HOLD THE DATE FOR THE BALL. IT WILL BE HALD AT THE MALVERNE POST ON SUNDAY, MAY 31ST FROM 1-5 PM. TICKETS COST \$25.00 P.P.

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING POSTS FOR THEIR DONATION TO THE NURSES TRAINING BALL:

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL POST 1051

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### Trophies and Awards

Plaques for the 96th Nassau County Convention for Friday June 6 and 7 at Levittown Hall,

I must know by Sunday May 18 Call me 1 516 270 3876.

James T. Randle chairman

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### POST HISTORY & YEAR BOOKS

The Post's of Nassau County History Year book are due.

The Judging of the History Year Book will be done at the May County Meeting.

Also to be Judged are Scrapbook and Narrative History.

James T. Randle Nassau County Historian..

## COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE

THE COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE WILL BE GOING OUT THIS WEEK IT CONTAINS THE CONVENTION CALLAND THE RULES OF THE CONVENTION.

### DIRECTORY

THE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND ADS FOR THE DIRECTORY WILL BE GOING OUT AT THE END OF MAY. THIS REQUEST IS FOR THE DIRECTORY AND REQUIRES THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE # OF YOUR POST COMMANDER, ADJUTANT, COUNTY REP AND ALTERNATE COUNTY REP. PLEASE FILL OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN TO ME.

KEN CADIEUX, PCC  
121 POWELL AVENUE,  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570  
238-7001  
KENCADIEUX@OPTONLINE.NET

### STANDDOWN

THE HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN WILL BE COMING UP IN JULY AND WE NEED SUMMER CLOTHES.

### VETERANS REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

WE ARE SHORT OF MANY ITEMS FOR THE MONTHLY BAGS FOR THE NORTHPORT VETS AND THOSE AT STONYBROOK NURSING HOME. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

### NATIONAL CEMETERY

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL FOR THE PATCHES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO FLAG THE GRAVES. THE COST WAS \$2,125.00.

ON JUNE 20TH AT 3:00 PM THERE WILL BE A VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY AT LI NATIONAL TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED. CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR.

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

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR DELEGATES LIST TO THE COUNTY ADJUTANT YET ? IF YOUR LIST IS NOT RECEIVED BEFORE THE COUNTY CONVENTION YOUR POST WILL NOT HAVE A VOTE FOR THE UPCOMING OFFICERS AND DELEGATES TO THE DEAPRTMENT CONVENTION.

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY	10	MOTHERS DAY - REMEMBER MOM !	
	16	ARMED FORCES DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	23	FLAGGING OF THE GRAVES AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY	7:00 AM
	24	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	24	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE	2:00 PM
	31	NURSES TRAINING BALL - MALVERNE POST 44	1:00 PM
JUNE	5	NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	6	COUNTY CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	8:00 AM
	20	L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY (50 YEARS)	3:00 PM
JULY	16-19	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AT BUFFALO, NY	
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

