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## COMMANDERS REPORT

I'M SORRY I HAD TO MISS THE COUNTY MEETING ON FRIDAY BUT DUE TO MY WORK SCHEDULE CAUSED BY THE POPE'S VISIT I WAS ON DUTY.

I ATTENDED THE 10TH DISTRICT MEETING AND THE MEMBERSHIP MEDIA PROGRAM THAT IS BEING PUT ON IN SUFFOLK COUNTY.

I UNDERSTAND FROM VICE COMMANDER MARCHESE THAT WE HAD A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO SOME LEGION PROGRAMS AND I WILL LOOK INTO THEM AND DISCUSS THEM WITH MY STAFF AND COMMITTEE PEOPLE.

I HOPE TO SEE MORE OF THE POSTS REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT COUNTY MEETING. TOO MANY POSTS DO NOT ATTEND AND THERE IS SO MUCH INFORMATION TO BE HAD. WE HAVE TO CLIMB INTO THE MODERN DAY AGE AND LEARN TO ADOPT.

I HAVE HEARD THAT SOME THINK THEY DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND THE COUNTY MEETINGS AS THEY GET THE REPORTS IN THE LEGIONNAIRE BUT THERE ARE MANY REPORT GIVEN AT THE MEETING THAT ARE NOT PUT INTO THE FLYER DUE TO SPACE OR THE EDITOR NOT BEING GIVEN A COPY OF THE REPORT FOR PUBLICATION.

IF YOUR POST COUNTY REP DOES NOT WISH TO ATTEND HE/SHE SHOULD BE REPLACED. THE COUNTY REP TITLE IS A WORKING TITLE AND YOU OWE IT TO YOUR MEMBERS TO LEARN WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COUNTY.

STEVE McMANUS

## 1st DIVISION REPORT

*Our continued GOAL is to keep membership as our number one priority in the coming year. Nassau County is down 325 Legionnaires from last year. There are 55,000 Veterans in Nassau County, let's sign them up!*

*I have attended the following events:*

1. *Oceanside Post 1246;*
2. *Spirit of Freeport, September 11th - Memorial boat trip/Baldwin Post*
3. *Victor Murtha Post 922;*
4. *Malverne Posts 44 Installation;*
5. *Baldwin Post 246; and*

*I will be attending:*

1. *Massapequa Post 1066 Memorial Garden and Flag retirement ceremony September 27th;*
2. *Merrick Post 1282 September 28th;*
3. *Lynbrook Post 334 October 1st;*
4. *County Legislative breakfast October 3rd;*
5. *Lawrence/Cedarhurst Post 339 October 11th;*
6. *District 10 meeting October 15th;*
7. *Rockville Centre Post 303 October 21st;*
8. *Roosevelt Memorial Post 1051 October 22nd;*
9. *County Advisory meeting October 25th.*

*Heads-up to all Treasurers...It's not too early to get your documentation together for the 990 & 990T reports. Please send in all dues money as soon as you receive them.*

*Dennis C. Dietrich*

## PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

Lists for the invited guests were provided to the chairman of the Legislative Breakfast and the Department Commanders Visitation. These are two important functions, please support them. There were no further requests for the Protocol Committee.

## Department Quotas for 2015-2016

## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

### 2015 totals    2016 Goals

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Post 0004 - Quentin Roosevelt           | 112         | <b>114</b>  |
| Post 0044 - Malverne                    | 113         | <b>115</b>  |
| Post 0076 - Glen Cove                   | 34          | <b>35</b>   |
| Post 0081 - J. Franklin Bell            | 18          | <b>18</b>   |
| Post 0086 - Archie Mc Cord              | 36          | <b>37</b>   |
| Post 0101 - William J. Longuet          | 28          | <b>29</b>   |
| Post 0144 - Williston                   | 261         | <b>266</b>  |
| Post 0160 - Charles A. Fowler, Jr.      | 61          | <b>62</b>   |
| Post 0175 - Eugene S. Smith             | 134         | <b>137</b>  |
| Post 0246 - Baldwin                     | 169         | <b>172</b>  |
| Post 0265 - William Bradford Turner     | 82          | <b>84</b>   |
| Post 0303 - Rockville Centre            | 103         | <b>105</b>  |
| Post 0304 - Manhasset                   | 125         | <b>127</b>  |
| Post 0334 - Floral Park                 | 130         | <b>133</b>  |
| Post 0335 - Lynbrook                    | 29          | <b>30</b>   |
| Post 0336 - Glenwood Landing            | 225         | <b>229</b>  |
| Post 0339 - Lawrence-Cedarhurst         | 47          | <b>48</b>   |
| Post 0342 - William Clinton Story       | 90          | <b>92</b>   |
| Post 0349 - Mineola Memorial            | 26          | <b>27</b>   |
| Post 0390 - Hempstead                   | 74          | <b>75</b>   |
| Post 0421 - Charles Wagner              | 104         | <b>106</b>  |
| Post 0449 - Hugh C. Newman III Memorial | 45          | <b>46</b>   |
| Post 0456 - James F. Brengel            | 47          | <b>48</b>   |
| Post 0509 - Port Washington             | 66          | <b>67</b>   |
| Post 0743 - Aviators                    | 77          | <b>79</b>   |
| Post 0854 - Andrew Fatscher             | 155         | <b>158</b>  |
| Post 0948 - Bellmore                    | 55          | <b>56</b>   |
| Post 0958 - East Rockaway               | 140         | <b>143</b>  |
| Post 0962 - Howard A. Van Wagner        | 97          | <b>99</b>   |
| Post 0972 - Victor Murtha               | 73          | <b>74</b>   |
| Post 1014 - Franklin Square             | 47          | <b>48</b>   |
| Post 1029 - Island Park                 | 44          | <b>45</b>   |
| Post 1033 - Elmont                      | 172         | <b>175</b>  |
| Post 1050 - Nassau Police               | 129         | <b>132</b>  |
| Post 1051 - Roosevelt Memorial          | 14          | <b>14</b>   |
| Post 1066 - Massapequa                  | 420         | <b>428</b>  |
| Post 1082 - East Meadow Memorial        | 101         | <b>103</b>  |
| Post 1087 - Cathedral                   | 60          | <b>61</b>   |
| Post 1089 - New Hyde Park-Ernie Pyle    | 137         | <b>140</b>  |
| Post 1132 - Edwin Welch, Jr.            | 118         | <b>120</b>  |
| Post 1139 - Robert Van Cott             | 32          | <b>33</b>   |
| Post 1246 - Oceanside Memorial          | 78          | <b>80</b>   |
| Post 1273 - Wantagh                     | 159         | <b>162</b>  |
| Post 1282 - Merrick                     | 142         | <b>145</b>  |
| Post 1285 - Robert H. Spittel           | 111         | <b>113</b>  |
| Post 1487 - Uniondale                   | 39          | <b>40</b>   |
| Post 1488 - Gomillion-Campbell          | 21          | <b>21</b>   |
| Post 1711 - Levittown                   | 281         | <b>286</b>  |
| Post 1718 - Carle Place, Inc.           | 73          | <b>74</b>   |
| Post 1749 - North Bellmore              | 111         | <b>113</b>  |
| Post 1765 - Young-Simmons               | 52          | <b>53</b>   |
| Post 1812 - Plainview                   | 160         | <b>163</b>  |
| Post 1861 - New Cassel Memorial         | 18          | <b>18</b>   |
| Post 1957 - Joe Murphy                  | 30          | <b>31</b>   |
| Post 2014 - Admiral Richard L. Conolly  | 20          | <b>20</b>   |
|   | <b>5325</b> | <b>5429</b> |

I have 36 cell phones and 1 laptop ready to ship to the recycling center. I cannot ship until I have 50 cellphones. Hopefully I will pick up enough tonight so I can ship them. The money raised goes to the NEF and the Legacy Scholarship Programs. The recycling program accepts the following 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.

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## NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

As we begin a new Legion year, we should all think about our fellow legionnaires in need. The National Emergency Fund, established in 1989, has provided more than eight million dollars in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy. In recent years the fund has provided \$428,000 to victims of super storm Sandy, \$1.7 million to Katrina victims and hundreds of thousands of dollars to victims of the tornadoes in the mid-west.

The fund gives grants of up to \$3,000 to American Legion family members and up to \$10,000 to posts.

We never know when a disaster will strike close to home but we do know that the NEF is ready to provide assistance.

As you finalize your Post budgets for the new year, please include the NEF in your plans. Please send all checks to my attention at: 94 Netherwood Dr. Albertson, NY 11507. And earmark the check NEF.

Thank you for your usual generosity.

Robert A. Robesch, PCC  
NEF Chairman

## Recap of the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 Day at the Races

We started off the new Legion Year with a full house of residence from Building 92 participating in the Day at the Races. There were some familiar faces and many new patients that we'll get to know over the next eight months.

The new Recreation Services Counselor is Christine Bellamore. Ms. Bellamore replaced Ms. Chris Egor who retired this past March.

A special thanks goes to Lynbrook Post 335 Commander Henry Speicher and William Mariannccio, representing their Post, and Post 421 Commander Greg Faling and Ms. Kris Faling from the Massapequa Auxiliary for bringing patients to/from their rooms, helping the Veterans select their winning horses for each race, serving snacks, and handing out the comfort bags.

The following Posts are on the schedule to help out on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October:

### Team #2

Eugene S. Smith # 175 Franklin Square #1014  
Gomillion Campbell Post # 1488  
Victor Murtha # 1139 Robert Van Cott # 1139  
Williston # 144

As always, 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.

Any Post who cannot come out when scheduled this year, you're invited to help out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from October 2015 through May 2016. A Postcard will be mailed to ALL Post as a reminder and a phone call will be made to Post Commanders and or Adjutants of the Day at the Races schedule.

Mary Norris, Co-Chair

## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

BOB GUARNERI

Since the beginning of the "Legion Year" Nassau has been doing very well at 56.38% membership. We are currently in 12<sup>th</sup> place in the Department and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the District. The Department seems too overwhelmed with transmittals, keep it that way.

The following Posts have not achieved the Department 50% goal:

Post 0081 - J.Franklin Bell

Post 0509 - Port Washington

Post 0175 - Eugene S. Smith

Post 0962 - Howard Van Wagner

Post 0335 - Lynbrook

Post 1029 - Island Park

Post 0330 - Lawrence-Cedarhurst

Post 1749 - North Bellmore

Post 0349 - Mineola Memorial

Post 1957 - Joe Murphy

Post 0456 - James Brengel

Post 2014 - Admiral Conolly

Thanks to all Posts who attended our recent Membership Work Shop at the Williston Post. The workshop was presented by the Department Membership Team and was very well received.

Remember that Membership Dues is being increased effective January 1, 2016, so get the members to pay before the increase in dues. Do not forget the Dues Certification Sheet indicating your dues structure must be completed and sent to Department.

If you have any questions or need any forms, brochures, or due envelopes don't hesitate to call or E-Mail me.

Tel :516 770-8885

E-Mail: colonell@guarneriny.com

**BOYS STATE PROGRAM**  
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State Program has not started but each post should be looking for candidates to sponsor for the 2016 Boys State Program. The Boys State web site will not be available until 1 February 2016, and the tentative dates are 26 June 2016 thru 02 July 2016. 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. I do not think there will be a price increase unless it the cost of the bus. Have the Post Boys State Chairman start on the program now, if he has any questions call me at 516 922-7135.

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**VAV's Report**

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' that have been added to the list For their greatly needed Donation to help the Vets At Northport VA Hospital. To get needed items the VA does not pay for

**TOTAL FOR 2014 -2015\_ \$2435.00**

**LETS SEE IF 2015 -2016**  
**CAN TOP LAST YEAR**

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Nassau County</u>          | <u>\$1000</u> |
| <u>Victor Murtha Post 972</u> | <u>\$100</u>  |
| <u>Massapequa Post 1066</u>   | <u>\$200</u>  |
| <u>Bob Reahl PCC</u>          | <u>\$25</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$1325</b> |

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

Make out a check to: **-VAV's Executive Board**

**And Mail it to the Vice President of the Exc. Board**  
**Robert Reahl, PCC**  
**69 Hope Drive Plainview, NY 11803-5646**

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**PCC Arlene Howard** has moved to South Carolina permanently with her son. Her new address is:

200 Wemby Way,  
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina 29576-9757



**Newly Elected National Commander Dale Barnett at the 97th Annual Convention**



**National Emergency Fund (NEF)**

The American Legion is committed to supporting our fellow veterans, service members and their families.

Whether it is helping our 65,000 hospitalized veterans through another day, mentoring youth through the sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities or serving as an advocate for troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan who are recovering in military facilities around the country...**WITH YOUR HELP** The American Legion will continue to stand in the gap for our veterans.

Your generous, tax deductible donation **TODAY** will provide the critical care, support and guidance they desperately **NEED**.

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program Post

Teams Schedule 2015 – 2016

Team # 2 – October 10, 2015

EUGENE S. SMITH # 175  
FRANKLIN SQUARE # 1014  
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139  
VICTOR MURTHA # 972  
WILLISTON # 144  
GOMILLION CAMPBELL #1488

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Team # 3 – November 14, 2015

AVIATORS # 743  
HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962  
JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456  
NORTH BELLMORE POST  
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246  
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051  
ISLAND PARK POST #1029

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Team #4 – December 12, 2015

BELLMORE # 944  
CATHEDRAL POST #1087  
MALVERNE #44  
NASSAU POLICE #1050  
NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089  
MERRICK # 1282

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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  
YOUNG SIMMONS #1765

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Team #5 – January 9, 2016

ANDREW FATSCHER # 854  
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082  
ELMONT # 1033  
PLAINVIEW # 1812  
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285  
BALDWIN POST 246

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Team # 6 – February 13, 2016

ARCHIE McCORD # 86  
GLENWOOD LANDING #226  
JOE MURPHY #1951  
LEVITTOWN #1711  
PORT WASHINGTON # 509  
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861

Team # 8 – April 9, 2016

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EAST ROCKAWAY # 958  
FLORAL PARK # 334  
HEMPSTEAD # 390  
MASSAPEQUA # 1066  
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749  
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342

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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

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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.

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Remember our Women Veterans

Ask them to Join the Legion  
Invite them down to your post  
Tell them about all the women  
Legionnaires we have in our  
County and how they are a great  
asset to all veterans. They serve on  
committees and Chair them and  
one even rose to be the County  
Commander

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We Will  
Always  
Remember

IS YOUR COUNTY REP ATTENDING THE  
COUNTY MEETINGS ?  
DOES HE OR SHE BRING BACK TO YOUR  
POST THE INFORMATION THEY RE-  
CEIVED AT THE MEETING ?

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



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

**DATES TO REMEMBER - 2015**

|            |    |   |                    |
|------------|----|---|--------------------|
| OCT        | 3  | LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - WILLISTON POST                              | 9:00 AM            |
|            | 4  | UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION                                    | 9:00 AM            |
|            | 11 | LINC MO MEETING - L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY                            | 11:00 AM           |
|            | 13 | 10TH DISTRICT MEETING - ELMONT POST                                 | 8:00 PM            |
|            | 23 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST<br>COUNTY MEETING           | 7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM |
| NOV        | 8  | VETS DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK                                | 10:30 AM           |
|            | 8  | VETS DAY SERVICES - L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE              | 2:30 PM            |
|            | 20 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST<br>COUNTY MEETING           | 7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM |
|            | 24 | NASSAU COUNTY WINTER STANDDOWN FOR HOMELESS VETS<br>FREEPORT ARMORY | 10AM - 2-PM        |
| DEC        | 18 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST<br>COUNTY MEETING           | 7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM |
|            | 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !  |                    |
| JAN - 2016 | 1  | HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !   |                    |
|            | 3  | UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION                                    | 9:30 AM            |
|            | 10 | LINC MO MEETING- L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE                 | 11:30 AM           |
|            | 18 | MARTIN LUTHER KINGS BIRTHDAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !                      |                    |
|            | 22 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST<br>COUNTY MEETING           | 7:30 PM<br>8:00 PM |