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COMMANDER'S REPORT

1st DIVISION REPORT

ONCE AGAIN I AM STUCK ON DUTY BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION IN NEW YOUR CITY. BUT MY OFFICERS ARE KEEPING UP THE AGENDA FOR OUR LEGION.

ALL PLANS ARE IN PLACE FOR THE STANDDOWN AND WE WILL HAVE A TABLE THERE. WE WILL BE DISTRIBUTING 150 WRIST WATCHES. EACH HOMELESS VETERAN THAT COMES BY WILL RECEIVE ONE, THESE WATCHES ARE COLLECTED BY OUR FELLOW VETERANS AND CLEANED, NEW BANDS ADDED AND NEW BATTERIES (IF NEEDED). IT'S JUST ONE WAY THAT THE REHAB PROGRAM WORKS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO TAKE THIS TIME TO WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM MYSELF AND MY OFFICERS.

STEVE McMANUS
COMMANDER

JAMES McLEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION - HOFSTRA

BILL DAVISON, CHAIRMAN

ALL CHECKS THAT WERE MAILED TO BILL DAVISON FOR THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED AND YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR CHECK BACK BY NOW. IF NOT CONTACT KEN CADIEUX AT 238-7001 AND LET HIM KNOW.

THANKS TO THE LYNBROOK POST FOR THEIR DONATION IN MEMORY OF THREE OF THEIR DECEASED MEMBERS.

MARCUS R. DELLE FEMINE

JAMES G. DILLON

ANTHONY J. LEONARDO

MAY THERE SOULS REST IN PEACE

Our continued GOAL is to keep membership as our number one priority. 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. Merrick Post 1282 Installation
2. UVO Vets Day ceremony Eisenhower Park
3. Veterans Day Service, LI National Cemetery
4. Massapequa Post 1066 Veterans day ceremony
5. Junior Past Commander Dinner
6. Edwin Welch Post 1132
7. Andrew Fatscher Post 854 and
8. County meeting November 20th.

I will be attending:

1. Lynbrook Post 335 December 3rd
2. Pearl Harbor ceremony at Long Island National Cemetery December 6, 2015;
3. Massapequa Post 1066 Christmas open house December 13, 2015;
4. County meeting December 18, 2015

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Dennis C. Dietrich



2nd Division Report

Greetings Legionnaires,

I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a safe and very special Christmas and holiday season. I remind all the Second Division Posts that even though I have not been able to start the visits due to my current work and academic schedule, I look forward to seeing more of you very soon.

The County Directories have been mostly distributed directly at the County meetings and the remainder will be mailed to the Post Commanders attention at your Posts during the last week of November. As the Legion year progresses we must remain focused on our essential goals. Primarily in our membership, which traditionally plateaus around this time of the year, but should never fall by the wayside. Please remind your Post members to get their dues in by December and save money on the \$3.00 increase that is coming.

This month I highlight and would like to congratulate County Chaplain and Post 1033 member Eric Spinner on the Food drive for Veterans. Eric successfully collected a total of 2,665 Lbs. of non-perishable food, in a drive that he conducted in conjunction with the AARP group. This food will be donated for the Winter Stand-down, and the balance for the Nassau County Veterans Agency. Kudos to him on a job well done.

As always I can be reached via email at MRodriguezUSA@gmail.com or cell (516) 850-9453. If I don't have the answer I will definitely get back to you with the correct information.

For God and Country
Manny Rodriguez - 2nd Division Commander



CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a check for \$36.50 from the recycling center. I asked the Treasurer to split the money between the NEF and the Legacy Scholarship Fund. 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 is \$.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.

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. Nassau County's quota will be 50 boys. If you cannot afford the \$450 fee per boy, please consider making a donation to the program and we may be able to pick up an extra boy or two. I have reserved the buses 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.



LIKE THE NEW
LEGIONNAIRE ?
LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT
MORE INFO ON ANY COM-
MITTEE OR PROJECT.

Chaplain's Report

National Emergency Fund

The hurricane season has passed and we in the Northeast seem to have escaped unscathed. But in other parts of the country legionnaires have not fared so well. The severe flooding in South Carolina damaged many homes and posts. The National emergency fund was there to help. Just as it was when we were affected by super storm Sandy.

Since its inception, NEF has processed grants exceeding \$8 million to storm victims from coast to coast.

At the recent fall meetings in Indianapolis, the fund was reported to be around \$4.2 million. National commander Dale Barnett has made NEF his primary fundraising campaign this year, aiming to raise \$1million to keep the fund viable as it continues to provide relief for victims, including those affected by the recent severe flooding in South Carolina. "The American Legion National emergency fund is so vital to posts" Barnett said recently. "NEF has helped veterans recover from disaster in my home state of Georgia as well as every other state in our nation"

One hundred percent of donations to NEF go toward the grants for Legionnaires and posts.

"The American Legion, since 1919, is veterans helping veterans" Barnett said. "It's so important, no matter what your donation is- \$5, \$10 or more-you are helping veterans in need. That's what we do in the American Legion.

Many thanks to those posts which have contributed so far this year, unfortunately we are far behind last year's rates. I am sure that the contributions will start coming in soon. Please send your checks, payable to the Nassau County Committee, earmarked NEF, to my attention at 94 Netherwood Dr. Albertson, NY 11507.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bob Robesch, PCC

NEF Chairman

Nassau County Chaplain's Food Drive for Veterans

As Nassau County Legion Chaplain, I was approached by the Town of North Hempstead AARP group who indicated that they would like to do something for the veterans. As conversation progressed, it was decided that a food drive would be appropriate. I invited the group to attend the Summer Standdown at Hempstead Post 390 as volunteers, and they were impressed with the proceedings. Planning ensued.

Beginning October 1, 2015, collection boxes were placed in the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall, Great Neck Village Hall, New Hyde Park Village Hall, Saddle Rock Elementary School, Parkville Elementary School. A food collection was executed at King Kullen in Garden City Park on Saturday, October 27, 2015.

The food drive ended on November 8, 2014, and I am happy to report that the total collection of nonperishable food totals 2,665 lbs. Some of the boxes are at the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency awaiting transport to the Winter Standdown, and the balance are at the Elmont Post and will be transported to the Freeport armory on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Following the standdown, the remaining food will be stored for stocking the Veterans Food Pantry which is to be functioning in Eisenhower Park where it will be available for pickup by veterans. This facility has been promised to VSA by Nassau County, and will be a welcome addition to services to veterans.

My thanks to Ralph Esposito and Scott Castillo for their assistance with storage and delivery, and especially to Jack Kott, Director of the North Hempstead AARP, whom I've known for nearly 40 years, and his volunteers for proposing the idea and helping to making it happen.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Spinner, Committee Chair





THE JR PAST COMMANDERS DINNER HONORING JOHN HASSETT, WAS HELD AT THE POMPEII RESTURANT IN WEST HEMPSTEAD THERE WERE OVER 150 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AND JOHN RECEIVED THE THANKS OF ALL FOR HIS YEAR AS COMMANDER.



L-R MIKE MILLER, JAMES RANDLE, RALPH ESPOSITO, FRANK NEAL, JOHN HASSETT, STEVE McMANUS, BOB GUARNERI, KEN CADIEUX, ARTHUR SWANSON, BILL OST AND ANGELO GRANDE POSE FOR THE CUTTING OF THE CAKE.

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

THE SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK AND THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY WERE VERY POORLY ATTENDED. THESE ARE OUR HOLIDAYS AND IF WE DON'T CARE WHY SHOULD ANYONE ELSE. WE'VE GOT TO GET BETTER ATTENDANCE AT THESE FUNCTIONS.

STANDDOWN

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE STANDDOWN BUT NO MORE WILL BE TAKEN TO THE ARMORY AS THEY HAVE ENOUGH FOR THIS YEAR. WE WILL BUILD AN INVENTORY FOR ANY EMERGENCY. IF A FAMILY LOSES EVERYTHING IN A FIRE OR FLOOD OR NATURAL DISASTER WE WILL OPEN OUT SUPPLIES TO THEM. KEEP THE ITEMS COMING AND REMEMBER WE ALSO SUPPORT 27 BEACON VETERANS HOMES.

RE-HAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

WE ARE SHORT OF EVERYTHING FOR THE "GOODIE BAGS" WE PACK EACH MONTH FOR THE NORTHPORT VISIT. WE WILL HAVE TO ORDER ITEMS FOR THE BAGS. WE WILL ALSO BE ORDERING T-SHIRTS AND SOX.

A POWER CHAIR AND CAR LIFT DONATED BY BOB ROBESCH WILL BE PRESENTED TO A NEEDY VETERAN BY OUR JR. PAST COMMANDER JOHN HASSETT.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A TON OF ITEMS FOR THE STANDDOWN FROM PLAINVIEW POST, MINEOLA POST, AND THE SEAFORD WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WHICH WILL BE STORED FOR FUTURE USE.

OUR THANKS TO BETTY HARMS WHO PUT OUR REQUEST ON FACEBOOK AND GOT A TERRIFIC RESPONSE. WE RECEIVED OVER 10 CAR LOADS OF CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS. WE ALSO RECEIVED ANOTHER ELECTRIC SCOOTER , A WHEEL CHAIR AND OTHER ITEMS. OUR THANKS ALSO TO: SUE & ED O'MALLEY, JEN & JOHN ROLICK WHO DARN NEAR BURIED ME WITH DONATIONS. MY GARAGE IS ALREADY FULL AND WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF SUPPLIES - IF WE EVER GET SPACE FROM THE COUNTY.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF A PLACE WHO NEEDS BOOKS I HAVE OVER 2000 IN MY GARAGE. THEY ARE THE LATEST NOVELS BY THE BEST WRITERS. PLEASE ASK AROUND AS I HAVE TO MOVE THEM TO MAKE ROOM FOR OTHER SUPPLIES. CHECK YOUR LOCAL HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND SR. CITIZENS COMPLEXES TO SEE IF THEY WANT ANY. WE WILL DELIVER.



Happy Thanksgiving

To Our Troops

They are all around the world today,
we know not their names nor their faces.
Their families are reminded of the empty chair
that occupies the space where they should be
we smile, we remember.

They are with their buddies; comrades in arms
far from the place they call home.

They smile and wish each other good cheer, but
their hearts are in another place,
a place where family has gathered.

A bit of sadness flushes over them as memories of home comes
into focus. And, than just as suddenly a heartfelt smile and joy
radiates from within them. Why is that? They have just
remembered why they are there. They remember that freedom
is never free. They remember that their service is an act of love
honoring both family and country. They remember that a piece
of home lives in their heart.

As we pray let us remember in our heart all our military.



Yvonne M. Brunner

President, Nassau County Committee

American Legion Auxiliary

Nassau County, Long Island New York

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 Posts and Legions' 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>	\$1000
<u>Victor Murtha Post 972</u>	\$ 100
<u>Massapequa Post 1066</u>	\$ 200
<u>Bob Reahl PCC</u>	\$ 25
<u>Seaford Post</u>	\$ 200
<u>Plainview Post \$200.00</u>	
<u>James Randle</u>	\$ 25
TOTAL	\$1750.00

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

- 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).

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The revised Protocol & Planning guide (Revision 2) is available on the Department Web-site. 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:

1. Religious segments of functions such as invocations and benedictions and other prayer
2. Memorial to Departed Comrades
3. Recital of Pledge of Alligiance
4. Playing of the National Athem
5. As routine courtesy during dining
6. 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 Guar 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.)

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program Post

Teams Schedule 2015 – 2016

Team #4 – December 12, 2015

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

Team #5 – January 9, 2016

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

Team # 6 – February 13, 2016

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

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

Team # 8 – April 9, 2016

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

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.

Phony Tech Support Scams

The FTC took action against two phony tech support companies, [Pairsys, Inc.](#) and [Click4 Support](#), with charges that they made false claims about having found security or performance issues on peoples' computers. The FTC alleges that both companies lured people to their websites with pop-up ads about bogus tech support services. When people called a phone number in one of the ads, the companies asked for remote access to fix their computers because of a virus, spyware or malware. The FTC says the companies tricked people into paying up to thousands of dollars for services they didn't need, that didn't help, and that sometimes damaged computers. Pairsys, Inc. has agreed to settle the FTC charges.

NASSAU COUNTY AUXILIARY
NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP

FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH (SET UP)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST GIFT SHOP AND
WRAPPING OF PRESENTS. 10AM-4 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, GIFT SHOP
AND WRAPPING OF PRESENTS. 10AM-4 PM

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

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 U.S. POSTAGE
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 MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758
 PERMIT # 8

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 National American Legion Press Association
 New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2015

DEC	1	NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP	10AM - 4 PM
	2	NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP	10AM - 4 PM
	6	UVO MEETING AT CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	13	LINCMO MEETING- L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE	11:30 AM
	18	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
JAN - 2016	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!	
	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!	
	3	UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	10	LINCMO MEETING- L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE	11:30 AM
	18	MARTIN LUTHER KINGS BIRTHDAY - FLY YOUR FLAG!	
FEB	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	26	10TH DISTRICT MEETING - BABYLON POST SUFFOLK	8:00 PM
	7	UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	12	LINCOLNS BIRTHDAY - FLY YOUR FLAG!	
	14	LINCMO MEETING- L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE	11:30 AM
MAR	15	WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY - FLY YOUR FLAG!	
	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	12	NURSES TRAINING BALL - MALVERNE POST 44	1-5:00 PM
	25	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM