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## Commander's Report

The season of joy and happiness will soon be upon us. People will smile a little more, we eat a little more and extend season's greetings to one another and in general there is a feeling of happiness in the air.

Speaking of happiness, the Plainview Post was so happy with Commander Joe Glovack's leadership that they elected him to a 10th term as their fearless leader and they provided a sumptuous feast for the County Staff following the installation ceremony.

State Assemblyman Brian Curran knows how to show appreciation for veteran's service by holding a Veteran's Hall of Honor Ceremony that recognized 11 veterans for their service before an audience of over 150 and all were provided with a delicious meal. He has made this an annual event and this is the 4th one.

We had the Department Commander Frank Peters visit us and he was treated to a breakfast with the County Staff & a number of Past County Commanders. He and his entourage were treated to a tour of the Eisenhower Park Veterans Plaza, Cradle of Aviation and Fire Department Museums at Mitchell Field and capped it off with a ride on the historic Nunley's Carousel, brass rings were grabbed by all. The day ended with a recognition dinner in the Commander's honor at the Williston Post #144, it was very well attended by the County Legion Family. We presented him with a \$100 check towards his project, which happens to be the same as mine - National Emergency Fund, with a promise that it will be followed up with a much larger one at Convention. A special thanks to PCC Frank Colon for organizing a terrific day. My wife & I were invited to the Suffolk County Legion Dept. Commander's dinner the next day, it was a nice event (didn't compare to ours!)

The staff, I and the County Auxiliary enjoyed participating in the UVO Veteran's Day ceremony at Eisenhower Park and we then proceeded to the National Cemetery at Pinelawn and participated in the ceremony there. My thanks to Commander Laderer & Glenwood Landing Post #336 for taking us with them to participate in the NYC Veteran's Day parade.

Membership - the goal for November was 75% renewal, only 10 Posts reached that goal, that's a mere 18% of our Posts! Post Commanders - it is time that you get personally involved in getting your membership to renew. Call and/or send a personal letter to each member who is still outstanding. If we let our membership numbers continue to dwindle then our voice on behalf of veterans & active service members in Congress will become inconsequential and the veterans will once again become 2nd class citizens.

In closing, allow me to extend wishes for a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy New Year to the entire Legion Family and your families and friends.

## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

As of tonight I have only 42 cell phones, 3 laptop computers and portable hard drive to ship. We must have 50 cell phones before we can ship.

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

cell phones	cell phone accessories
iPods	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.



NEW YORK CITY VETERANS DAY PARADE

**Veterans: Empowered to fight fraud**  
by Carol Kando-Pineda, Attorney, FTC

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces. Despite the nation's gratitude to these heroes, there are some who would lie to make a buck off them.

Con artists target veterans and servicemembers for scams and rip-offs. Some scammers stretch the truth to get at veterans' pensions or prey on the desire to support veterans' organizations by lying to get charitable donations. Veterans looking to use their education benefits may feel pressured to pay for education programs that waste their benefits and do them no good.

To help avoid these pitfalls, the FTC's Consumer Center has articles on managing your money, handling credit and debt, avoiding scams, and recovering from identity theft. Check out the FTC's page for Military Families to get these consumer resources.

The FTC also joined with its partners to create Military Consumer, a one-stop site with tips and tools from federal and state agencies, consumer groups, and military organizations to help servicemembers, veterans and their families empower themselves against scammers. Visit [Military.ncpw.gov](http://Military.ncpw.gov) for free resources to put together an event, to distribute in your community, or share on your site, blog, and social media networks. Empower veterans you know and their families with information — it's the first line of defense.

**SCAMS** Can only work if you let them. Not sure if it's a scam? Ask for a number to call back or advise them that you are not interested.  
**ONLY GIVE TO CHARITIES YOU KNOW!**

**DIRECTORY CHANGES**

**CHARLES WAGNER POST (Pg 39-40)**

MARY NORRIS      ADJUTANT  
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**BOYS STATE PROGRAM**

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The tentative dates for Boys State 2015 have been changed to 26 June 2015 (Friday) to 02 July 2015 (Thursday). As July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on Saturday, the Holiday is observed on Friday 3 July, so Boys State dates had to be changed. Post Commanders and Boys State Chairman should start planning now, do not wait until January. Contact the schools in September and October to get your candidates lined up. We would like all Posts to consider sponsoring a boy or two and if you cannot afford it, make a donation to the program so monies can be used to pick up boys thru the County Organization. Contact your locate civic activities, Lions Club, Kwanias, local Fire Departments, Chamber of Commerce, or Rotary Club and ask them to sponsor a boy thru your post. Let's not let this worthwhile program fail. The buses (2 one trips) have been booked and a \$500 deposit has been paid. The cost of the buses went up, \$300 per trip, this will not change the price it will remain at \$450.00, unless the Department rises its price which I seriously doubt.

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**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

All Post Commanders should be searching for their candidates for Post and County Legionnaire of the Year 2015! You still have ample time but don't wait for the last minute. Rules & Regulations will be sent out to Posts shortly. From Joe Glovack, Chairman

UVO Veterans Day Ceremony at Eisenhower Park



Chef De Gare Kevin Lawlor & John Hassett, Commander



10th District Cmdr Paul DeVaul & Dept Cmdr Frank Peters at LINC MO Ceremony at L.I. National Cemetery, Vets Day

Wm Harms and Auxiliary President Gina Serroen



Cmdr Hassett and Bill Harms Listen to Guest Spesker at Vets Day Service



Ed Aultman, Gina Serroen, Kevin Lawlor, John Hassett and Bob Reahl (L-R)



LINC MO President Morris Miller introduces L.I. National Cemetery Director Marty Fury as 10th District Commander Paul DeVaul and Department Commander Frank Peters in front row and Bob Smith, 10th District Bob Smith (Red Jacket) look on.

L.I. National Cemetery Veterans Day Service

LINC MO Memorial Garden



Guests and Color Guards



### THIRD DIVISION REPORT

Carl J. Marchese, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Cdr.

I have the County Directories in my possession and will be contacting each post in the Third Division soon. Attendance at monthly County meetings by Posts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division would make distribution ideal, but few posts attend these gatherings. I will attempt to find a convenient location where Post Commanders may come and pick up their books. Those with e-mail addresses will be contacted via the web; others will receive a phone call.

Thanks to Bob Guastella, Commander of Williston Post 144 and his staff, the dinner honoring the newly-elected New York Department Commander Frank J. Peters. Kudos to PCC Frank Colon for his leadership and hard work in bringing the day-long celebration to fruition.

I had the pleasurable duty of installing the officers of Nassau Police Post 1050 this month. Post Commander Dan Scheidel, and his staff made me feel most welcome. Thank you to all in Post 1050.

Met with Manhasset Post Commander Matt Falcone, at a recent business luncheon. It was great seeing Matt, who I had the pleasure of meeting several years in a non-Legion meeting environment.

On behalf of my wife Rosemary and myself, I extend best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

#### VAV's Report

Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545

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

The VAV's would like to thank the following Posts for their greatly needed Donation to help the Veterans at Northport VA Hospital. To get needed items the VA does not pay for:

EAST MEADOW POST 1082	—————	\$300.00
EDWIN WELCH, Jr. POST 1132	-----	\$200.00
PLAINVIEW POST 1812	—————	\$200.00

If any other Post in Nassau would like join the Posts above by making a **DONATION** every **little bit helps:**

Please make check out to: - VAV's Executive Board And Mail it to the Vice President of the Exc. Board

Robert Reahl, PPC  
69 Hope Drive  
Plainview, NY 11803-5646

### FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Robert Guarneri

Hi legionnaires. This has been a very productive month for the first division. I attended the Island Park Veteran's Stand-down at the Rockville Centre Post. The Veterans from Saint Alban's Veterans Center were treated to excellent meal, gifts and entertainment, which were enjoyed by all. I attended the installation at the Merrick Post and the Charles Wagner Post in Hicksville. A great time was had by all who attended these functions. On November 8, I attended both the Department Commander's Breakfast and Diner, which were enjoyable and informative. The Department Commander's theme was membership goals and the NEF. On November 9, I participated the Veterans Day Services at Eisenhower Park and L.I. National Cemetery Farmingdale.

Once again there are posts who have not achieved membership goals or submitted transmittals. If you need help, just asked and it will be provided as needed. Remember that membership and the NEF is our number one priority. Happy Thanksgiving to all legionnaires and their families, and all our veterans.

### REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY DONATIONS OF ITEMS ON THE REHAB LIST TO HELP REPLENISH OUR INVENTORY. PLEASE ASK YOUR SAL MEMBERS OR SCOUTS TO DO A DRIVE FOR THIS PROJECT AS WE HAVE TO PACK BAGS EVERY MONTH FOR THE TROOPS AT NORTHPORT.



### Recap of "Day at the Races"

For the 3rd consecutive month in Legion Year 2014-2015, Post attendance to help out a Building 92, has been minimal. I want to thank Commander Harrington and the Howard A. Van Wagner Post #962 for coming out to help out on the 8<sup>th</sup>, along with a local group called "The Knitting Brigade" who brought lap blankets for the residences. They also have sweaters and caps for Children to give away.

For the month of December, the "Day at the Races" is Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The following Posts are on the schedule to come out to building 92, Northport at 1:30pm: Team #4

In addition to the reminder phone call to each Post the week before the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, a postcard will be mailed to each Post restating date Posts are scheduled to help out at Building 92. The Races Schedule is also posted in the Monthly "Legionnaire" Newsletter.

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.

### Entertainment at Bldg 92

I contacted the New York Racing Association, asking for newer races on DVDs, just to refresh our entertainment library. I'll follow-up with a phone call if an email response isn't received by Thanksgiving.

Mary Norris, Co Chair

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### Military Ball/Post Commanders Night

Letters will be sent out on 26 November 2014. The affair will be held again at Leonards of Great Neck on February 21, 2015, from 12 to 5:30 PM.

The cost will be the same as last year \$67.00 per person. The cut off for tickets will be February 1, 2015

Come on out and enjoy & bring your color guards.  
Frank Colon, PCC Chmn

### WINAL REPORT

Mary Norris

Last month I attended the reception for the opening of the Women's Health Care Center at the VA Medical Center Northport. The Women's Health Care Center is located on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Hospital, building 200. The Center is a fully functional GYN Women's Wellness Center. Female Vets may also contact a Community Base Outpatient Clinic (CBOC's) in East Meadow, Patchogue, and Riverhead to schedule an appointment with the Wellness Center and Northport Center will call the female veterans back to schedule appointment. The Women's Wellness Center may be reached by dialing 631-544-5314. For appointments dial 631-754-7978.

If female Veterans are unsure of what services they may be entitled to, please contact Christine Breyer, Social Worker for the Wellness Center at 631-261-4400, ext 2350, or view details on the web at [www.va.gov/wvhp](http://www.va.gov/wvhp).

I learned that there is a Vet2Vet Woman's-Only Group sponsored by Nassau County Government, Veterans Services (to name a few and Veterans Alliance of LI) which meets on Tuesday evenings at the LI Community Center in Valley Stream. I've reached out to the group organizer and waiting for confirmation of the next meeting.

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### STANDDOWN

THE STANDDOWN WILL BE ON TUESDAY NOV 25TH FROM 9 TO 3 PM AT THE FREEPORT ARMORY. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !

THE COUNTY HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP THE ITEMS FROM MY GARAGE ON MONDAY NOV. 24TH. IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS GET THEM TO ME ASAP. WE WILL START COLLECTING FOR THE SUMMER STANDDOWN NOW SO LET'S GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO ALL MEMBERS.

WE WISH TO THANK BEST MARKET IN NEW HYDE PARK FOR THEIR DONATION OF 150 BAGS OF FOOD FOR THE STANDDOWN. A CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED TO THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT. ALSO MERRICK POST FOR THEIR COLLECTION OF WINTER COATS AND CLOTHING FOR THE VETS.



## Gray Haired Uprising !

The typical U.S. household headed by a person age 65 or older has a net worth 47 times greater than a household headed by someone under 35, according to an analysis of census data released recently.

They like to refer to us as senior citizens, old fogies, geezers, and in some cases dinosaurs. Some of us are “Baby Boomers” getting ready to retire. Others have been retired for some time. We walk a little slower these days and our eyes and hearing are not what they once were. We worked hard, raised our children, worshiped our God and grown old together. Yes, we are the ones some refer to as being over the hill, and that is probably true. But before writing us off completely, there are a few things that need to be taken into consideration.

In school we studied English, history, math, and science which enabled us to lead America into the technological age. Most of us remember what outhouses were, many of us with firsthand experience. We remember the days of telephone party-lines, 25 cent gasoline, and milk and ice being delivered to our homes. For those of you who don’t know what an icebox is, today they are electric and referred to as refrigerators. A few even remember when cars were started with a crank. Yes, we lived those days.

We are probably considered old fashioned and out-dated by many. But there are a few things you need to remember before completely writing us off. We won World War II, fought in Korea and Viet Nam . We can quote The Pledge of Allegiance, and know where to place our hand while doing so. We wore the uniform of our country with pride and lost many friends on the battlefield. We didn’t fight for the Socialist States of America ; we fought for the “Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.” We wore different uniforms but carried the same flag. We know the words to the Star Spangled Banner , America , and America the Beautiful by heart, and you may even see some tears running down our cheeks as we sing. We have lived what many of you have only read in history books and we feel no obligation to apologize to anyone for America .

Yes, we are old and slow these days but rest assured, we have at least one good fight left in us. We have loved this country, fought for it, and died for it, and now we are going to save it. It is our country and nobody is going to take it away from us. We took oaths to defend America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that is an oath we plan to keep.

There are those who want to destroy this land we love but, like our founders, there is no way we are going to remain silent.

It was mostly the young people of this nation who elected the “Change Administration”. You fell for the “Hope and Change” which in reality was nothing but “Hype and Lies.”

You youngsters have tasted socialism and seen evil face to face, and have found you don’t like it after all. You make a lot of noise, but most are all too interested in their careers or “Climbing the Social Ladder” to be involved in such mundane things as patriotism and voting. Many of those who fell for the “Great Lie” in 2008 are now having buyer’s remorse. With all the education we gave you, you didn’t have sense enough to see through the lies and instead drank the ‘Kool-Aid.’ Now you’re paying the price and complaining about it. No jobs, lost mortgages, higher taxes, and less freedom.

This is what you voted for and this is what you got. We entrusted you with the Torch of Liberty and you traded it for a paycheck and a fancy house.

Well, don’t worry youngsters, the Grey-Haired Brigade is here, and we are going to take back our nation. We may drive a little slower than you would like but we get where we’re going, and we’re going to the polls by the millions.

This land does not belong to the man in the White House nor to the likes of some other political people It belongs to “We the People” and “We the People” plan to reclaim our land and our freedom. We hope this time you will do a better job of preserving it and passing it along to our grandchildren. So the next time you have the chance to say the Pledge of Allegiance, Stand up, put your hand over your heart, honor our country, and thank God for the old geezers of the “Grey-Haired Brigade.”

Footnote: This is spot on. I am another Gray-Haired Geezer signing on. I will circulate this to other Gray-Haired Geezers all over this once great county.

Can you feel the ground shaking???

It’s not an earthquake, it is a STAMPEDE.

You and I are Members!



County Rehab Visitation Schedu

Team #4 – December 13, 2014

BELLMORE # 944  
CATHEDRAL POST #1087  
MALVERNE #44  
NASSAU POLICE #1050  
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861  
NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089



Team #5 – January 10, 2015

LIU) ADMIRAL CONOLLY #2014  
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854  
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082  
ELMONT # 1033  
PLAINVIEW # 1812  
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285  
BALDWIN POST 246



Team # 6 – February 14, 2015

ARCHIE McCORD # 86  
GLENWOOD LANDING #220  
JOE MURPHY #1957  
LEVITTOWN #1711  
MERRICK # 1282  
PORT WASHINGTON # 509

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

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

Team # 9 – May 9, 2015

CARLE PLACE # 1718  
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160  
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132  
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.

L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT  
BILL HARMS, PCC CHAIR

The service at the Cemetery went well with a good turnout of Color Guards but few spectators.

The program was short with Congressman Tim Bishop as the Guest Speaker.

In attendance were the Department Commander Frank Peters and the Department Auxiliary President and the 10th District Commander Paul DeVaul, 1st VP Ken Cadieux, Treasurer Bob Smith, County Commander John Hassett, County , and County Auxiliary President Gina Serroen and their County Color Guards.

The Memorial Garden was beautiful and the day was great. To all who attended, participated or supported this event we thank you one and all !

LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY

WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1938 AND IS THE THIRD LARGEST CEMETERY IN THE U.S. THERE ARE OVER 237,000 BURIED THERE AND SOME 3000 URNS OF ASHES IN THE NEW COLUMBARIUMS. THIS IS A CLOSED CEMETERY FOR NEW BURIALS THERE ARE ONLY BURIALS IN EXISTING GRAVES. EXCEPT FOR A FEW OF OUR RECENT LOSSES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANASTAN. THERE ARE 19 MEDAL OF HONOR RECEIPIENTS BURIED THERE.

LINC MO IS MADE UP OF 23 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS THAT OVERSEE THE CEMETERY AND PROVIDE ITEMS NOT COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE MEMBERS OF LINC MO AND THE CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT IS FRANK COLOR, PCC. AND THE TREASURER IS ANDY BOOTH, PCC.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

DEC	7	REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR! FLY YOUR FLAG!	
	19	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	16	HANUKKAH BEGINS	
	25	CHRISTMAS	
	26	KWANZAA BEGINS	
2015 JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
	23-25	MID WINTER CONFERENCE IN ALBANY	
	27	SUFFOLK 10TH DISTRICT MEETING - J. LOEFFLER POST 1066	8:00 PM
	30	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
FEB	21	MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NIGHT AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK	1-5 PM
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
MAR	31	QUEENS 10th DISTRICT MEETING - CONTENENTAL POST QUEENS	8:00 PM
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	31	QUEENS 10th DISTRICT MEETING - BENJAMIN POST	8:00 PM

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL !**