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COMMANDERS REPORT

I want to take this time to thank Reginald Butt, PCC for the outstanding job he did up at hill day. Reggie made up a schedule and we tried to keep to it. But I think it was better then years past. In the past years on our visit to the Hill the committee started at the top floor and went from floor to floor. Some times we got to met with member of the senators and we miss on others.

This year letters were sent to both the senators and the Assembly for our arrival. We let them know the time we would be at their office. As it turn out, one was late getting up to Albany and we stayed untill 4:30 to meet with others.

Ken is putting some dates on the back of the of your Nassau County Legionnaire. They will also be on the internet. Please look at the dates, Your elected staff has put together some good dates. All we need is for all the posts to attend.

Don't forget your post colors and the American Flag.

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

THE FIRST DIVISION COMMANDER HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AND WE HAVE NO DIVISION COMMANDER AT THIS TIME.

THE FIRST DIVISION CAUCUS WAS HELD AT THE OCEANSIDE POST AND THERE WERE NO CANDIDATES PUT UP FOR ANY COUNTY OFFICE.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A COUNTY OFFICE SHOULD LET IT BE KNOWN BY INFORMING ANY COUNTY OFFICER OR THEY MAY BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR AT THE CONVENTION.

NOTICE

THE DEADLINE FOR THE POST HISTORY BOOKS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE COUNTY MEETING ON FRIDAY, MAY 18TH.

JAMES RANDLE 516-270-3876

CHILDREN and YOUTH REPORT

The date time and place for this year's party for the Children of S.C.O. Family of Service of Sea Cliff, New York has been confirmed. The date is April 21, 2012 time 12:00 P.M. and it will take place at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 235 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY.

The children will be transported by bus from Sea Cliff to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, the party will start the moment they enter the building.

The-menu will-be -a hot buffet with plenty of food, ice cream, cake; and soda-for-Dessert and a DJ for there dancing pleasure. We expect about one hundred and ten people including staff.

We would like to talk this opportunity to thank the Post that contributed funds to this year's program during the month of March, and they are: Young-Simmons 1765, Hempstead Post 390, New Hyde Park Ernie Pyle Post 1089, North Bellmore Post 1749, Bellmore Post 948, J. Franklin Bell Post 81, Manhasset Post 303, Mineola Memorial Post 349 and Robert H. Spittel Post 1285.

There still time for those who wish to join this list of contributor. Make your check payable to the Nassau County America Legion, Earmark all checks Children & Youth, mail all checks to me, Willibe Wilson, Jr., 21 Brewster Street, Apt. 5W, Glen Cove, New York 11542-2500.

Respectfully submitted

Willibe Wilson, Jr., Assistance Chairman

NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE POST'S AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUND TO REPLACE THE PA SYSTEM AT THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE. THE NEW SYSTEM WAS DELIVERED AND WILL BE USED FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 27 th . WE STILL HAVE NOT RAISED THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$3,300.00 AND WE WILL NEED AFUND TO MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM. ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE SHOULD CONTACT ME AT 516- 238-7001. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINCMO, INC.

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

DUE TO THE COMMANDERS ABSENCE FOR MILITARY DUTY, THERE IS NO REPORT THIS MONTH.

Law and Order

The last few weeks I've been busy around the county attending Post Law and Order Programs. I started on February 29, 2012 attending the Malverne Post 44 program. On March 2, 2012, I attended the Levittown Post 1711 and then on March 7, 2012, I attended the Manhasset Post 304 program, and ended with the Elmont Post 1033. All these programs were well attended. I like to thank all these Posts for their kind invitations.

I was really impressed with what the Police officers, State Troopers, Detectives, A.M.Ts, E.M.Ts and Fire Fighters were doing out there to protect us both day and night. I personally feel we could have a Department Police Officer of the year. I will do my best to make this happen.

In the up and coming weeks I will be on the road again attending several other Posts with their Law and Order Programs. I'd like to thank all those Post who continue running this program. Those men and women out there that we honor, really appreciate that we do recognize their outstanding service.

For God and Country,
Ronald Sabo

CONVENTION AWARDS & TROPHIES

TO ALL COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN,

FOR PLAQUES IF NEEDED TO BE MADE UP AND HANDED OUT AT NASSAU COUNTY 94TH CONVENTION JUNE 1-2. THEY MUST NOTIFY ME BY MAY 18 FRIDAY. YOU CAN CALL THE ORDER IN. PLEASE NOTE CORRECT SPELLING AND THE ARRANGEMENT TO BE PUT ON THE PLAQUE. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO I CAN CONTACT YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS



**CHAIRMAN
JAMES T. RANDLE
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THIRD DIVISION REPORT

REMINDER: As previously advised the County Staff and 3rd Division Post Commanders the 3rd Division Caucus is NOW scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 8 pm at the Williston Post. Also, your Posts' delegate and alternate delegate list must be sent to the County Adjutant no later than Thursday, April 12. Your post will not be able to vote if your delegates have not been identified.

Membership: Congratulations to the following posts who have achieved 100% or better: Howard Van Wagner, Quentin Roosevelt, Charles Wager, Robert H Spittel Carle Place and Young Simmons. Six posts are at 90% or better. The remainder of the posts are at 85% or below. You KNOW who you are. If you need assistance please contact the 3rd Division Membership Chair – Reggie Butt or the County Membership Officer –John Hassett

The Charles A Fowler Post, # 160 will hold the 14th Annual POW/MIA Remembrance on Sunday, April 29 during the 1000 hours Catholic Mass, Mariners Chapel, US Merchant Marine Academy. Following the mass, we will host the usual collation to include something special for the ladies – a Lea Sophia Jewelry Party immediately following brunch. A percentage of all sales will be donated to benefit the County Troop Support Program.

Memorial Day is only two months away. Again, the Charles Fowler post will be hosting it's Third Annual International Parade. County staff, Division Staff and all Legionnaires are most cordially invited to join participate both in the parade and the always entertaining collation following the parade. You will also have the pleasure of meeting our brothers and sisters from the Royal Canadian Legion as well as our firefighter brothers from the Kitchener Fire Service. Please contact me should you wish to attend.

Louise M. McCann, 3rd Division Commander

County Americanism Chair

My sincerest thanks to Young Simmons Post and the Nassau Police Post for their submission for their respective Nominations for the Red, White and Blue Awards. I will be distributing nomination forms at both the Third Division Caucus and the April County meeting.

The Nomination is simple to complete and will return untold benefits to the County – not to mention NEW members. Membership is the lifeblood of the Legion and it is everyone's responsibility to recruit new members. New members can come at the most unexpected events or locations.

Louise McCann

County Adjutant

Once again it's that time of the year when all Posts must fill out a Consolidated Post Report and Children & Youth report for 2011. For those who don't know, the information submitted by the Posts and sent to the Department and National are used by the State and National Commander's when reporting to their respective Governor's and Congress each year. Our National Commander goes before Congress and shows how we, at the local levels, are upholding the four pillars of the American Legion.

The CPR asks that you answer all the questions on the form covering all activities from 1 June 2011 thru 31 May 2012. If you did not participate in the activities check the no box. Don't worry over numbers. No one is going to question your figures, but in the same light you must answer the form honestly.

All forms must be submitted to the DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NLT June 15th for awards considerations. The last day for filling is 29 June 2012. The same holds true for the Children & Youth Awards.

Forms will be distributed at the County Meetings to the Division Vice-Commanders. In the case of the 1st Division, the forms will be distributed to the individual Posts at the County Meeting.

Last year we had 53 out of 54 Posts report in, but that took four months. Let's see if we can improve on this for 2012.

Joseph J. Reale

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I did not ship out any cell phones as I only had 33 and I need 50 to ship. I now have 50 cell phones so I will be shipping them out on Monday. As I stated before the recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

cell phones	cell phone accessories
I Pods and MP3 Players	handheld game Systems
GPS handheld units	laptop computers
E-readers	portable hard drives

Keep collecting any and all 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.

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT

On March 11 thru 13, 2012 eight of us attended Hill Day. We visited several different legislators with some good results. We had with us a six page list of bills we were pushing for veterans. One bill we asked to have someone sign on to sponsor, was a bill to make it illegal to desecrate War Memorial. We explain the weekend before the Veterans Plaza in Eisenhower Park was vandalized. They broke two of the big flag poles and painted Swastikas on the paths, tower and some monuments. They then went over to the new 9/11 Memorial and did the same thing. In total out of the 21 bills on our list we discuss 10 with each of the legislators. On Tuesday we had 6 Legislators join us for breakfast, which was a large number.

On the Federal side were wasn't too may sessions so the status is about the same. The nine bills in the Senate Log Jam covers areas such as mortgage protection, improvements for veteran-owned small business, sexual assault protection and more. Some other areas include VA Home Loans, Disabled Veterans Tax, Keystone XL Pipeline and Protecting VA and DOD from the 2011 Deficit Reduction Law. All these items and more will be discussed during the visitations with the Legislators.

The American supports the President's budget request for funding for the State Administration Grants Program, which matched the American Legion's request. The presidents budget for FY13 and the DOD FY13 Budgets will be a hot item.

Update on the Flag Amendment Bills: Senate Joint Resolution (S.J. Res) 19 as a total of 29 cosponsors. To date H.J.Res 13 the house companion to the Senate measure as accumulated 64 cosponsors. Contact your representatives and senators offices and ask them to cosponsor the flag amendment in their respective chambers. If they are already cosponsors, be sure to thank them for their support.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have not shipped any packages since the last County meeting. At present I have four boxes ready to go and will be packing up 8 more this weekend. If you have items to donate, bring them to the County meeting, call me for pick up if you have large amount or drop them off at Ken Cadieux's house.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State packets are available for the Posts to pick-up. The cost to send a boy to Boys State is \$400. The has some changes this year, the packet is an informational booklet only with separate instruction. The candidate will have to go on the Internet Web Site and down load the applications. Once the applications are printed out the process is the same as in the pass years. The application is filled out and the required signatures obtained. the application is then turned in to the County Chairman for processing. Boys State runs from Sunday 24 June thru Friday 29 June. There will be an orientation on 6 June 2012 at the Williston Post #144in Williston Park. Any posts that would like to sponsor a boy please contact me ASAP as the applications must to back to me no later than 20 April so I can put the entire package together to send to the Department. If your post cannot get a boy from your local schools I have several boys needing sponsors. At present I have 39 boys and I am shooting for 51. If you want to sponsor a boy or two contact me ASAP.

“HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each day we read in the papers or hear on the different news media about terrorist acts. Most of these are homegrown terrorists, which means we have to be alert and be observant. If you see something that looks out of place or individuals acting suspicious, report it. Remember, Terrorism has many formal definitions. In most it involves illegal activity, including use of force or violence directed against the civilian population. It is intended to coerce or intimidate a government or civilian populations or noncombatants in furtherance of terrorist political/social objectives. Terrorism can be domestic, international, state-sponsored or loosely affiliated.

The bottom line is **“ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”.**

NOTICE !

PLEASE BY ADVISED THAT THE DUES FOR NASSAU COUNTY **WILL BE INCREASED BY .50 CENTS IN JUNE** -- SO WHEN YOU FILL OUT YOUR FORM FOR YOUR POST’S DUES YOU CAN EITHER INCREASE THEM BY .50 CENTS OR MORE OR THE POST MAY JUST GET LESS FROM THEIR SHARE OF THE DUES.

Legionnaire of the Year

Joseph P. Slattery Jr., PCC Chairman
516-433-4227 docjoepc@yahoo.com

I want to take this opportunity to commend the Post Commanders and Post Adjutants that submitted their Post Legionnaires for consideration in our County level “Legionnaire of the Year Program for 2011-2012”.

WOW—I’m pleased to report that we have so many dedicated Post Legionnaires that are involved in our Posts and Communities.

You can be assured that the judges for this year’s selection will have a tough time selecting, from all of these truly dedicated Legionnaires that were nominated, just one for this years honor.

Truly every one of those nominated brings great pride to their Post and themselves.

They ALL are winners in my book. The selected nominee will be announced and recognized at the County Convention in June. In the mean time, the judging will be done and one will be selected. The unannouncedth. District for consideration at the District level.

Start now for next year. Continue that Post Level Legionnaire of the Year Program and award that special “Legionnaire of the Year” silver pin and let him or her know what they do for your Post is appreciated. We have the duty to recognize and honor those that build on the foundation of our Post structure. The County Program builds on your Post Program.

As Bob says—”you need to be in it, to win it.”

Thank you Legionnaires. The deadline is March 1st, 2012.

Consolidated Post Reporting:

We are asking all Post Children and Youth Chairmen, to see that their post is COUNTED! In this year’s Consolidated Post Reporting, because it will let Congress know that the American Legion is concerned about what they do or don’t do to benefit the Veterans.

Respectfully Submitted

Willibe & Fred

For God and Country

Membership Officer's Report

John J. Hassett

Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving and exceeding 100% membership:

Joe Murphy #1957	- 164.71% - 2 Div.
J. Franklin Bell #81	- 112.50% - 1 Div.
Howard VanWagner#962	- 105.81% - 3 Div.
Aviators #743	- 104.35% - 2 Div.
Elmont #1033	- 103.97% - 2 Div.
Merrick #1282	- 100.61% - 1 Div.
Franklin Square #1014	- 100.00% - 2 Div.
Hempstead #390	- 100.00% - 2 Div.
Young-Simmons #1765	- 100.00% - 3 Div.

Just Missed the Mark (80-84.99%)

The following Posts failed to make the Department Membership renewal of 90% by March 12:

1st Division

-Andrew Fatscher #854	- Bellmore #948
- Baldwin #246	- Edwin Welch #1132
- Oceanside Memorial	- Victor Murtha #972
- Roosevelt Memorial	- Wantagh #1273

2nd Division

- Cathedral #1087	- East Meadow Memorial
- North Bellmore #1749	- Robert VanCott #1139
- William Bradford Turner	

3rd Division

- Charles A. Fowler Jr. #160	- Glen Cove #76
- Mineola Memorial #349	- Nassau Police #1050
- William J. Longuet #101	

Bad News Bears (Below 80%)

1st Division - Lawrence-Cedarhurst #339
3rd Division - James F. Brengel #456

The next Department goal is 95% by April 9 - Post Membership Officers **NOW is the time** to start calling or visiting those members who have not paid yet and talk them into renewing. Remember, any members who have not paid by now are considered delinquent! If they have an American Legion Life Insurance policy it is NOT in effect unless their dues are current!!!

Nassau County is now in 12th place in the state with membership of 92.76% as of 3-13-2012. Nassau is the Empire County in the Empire State we need to lead the way

Don't hold onto dues renewals, send them in weekly, even if it is only 1. Until you send in the renewals your members will continue to receive "Dues Due" notices. If there are any discrepancies in this report, please let me know.

Remember the "Three R's" of Membership Recruit - Retain - Reinstate!

PUFL checks are overdue to the County, your Post received this money in September, please send you check now, remember it is \$1.00 for each PUFL member you were paid for. The following Posts **STILL** owe PUFL Dues:

East Rockaway - \$12.00	Roosevelt Memorial \$4.00
Wantagh \$8.00	Oceanside Memorial \$4.00
Uniondale \$7.00	William Clinton Story \$3.00
Cathedral \$3.00	Gomillion-Campbell \$2.00
Charles Wagner \$3.00	Glen Cove \$11.00
Lawrence-Cedarhurst \$4.00	

Please remember to send me your "Pink" copy of the Post Dues Transmittal form and you Post's PUFL check - make it payable to Nassau County American Legion and send to: John J. Hassett
105 Franklin Ave.
Malverne, NY 11565

If you have questions or need supplies please call (516) 887-7473 or e-mail me at: cdr344@optonline.net.

IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE

Effective July 2012 for the 2013 Legion Year (this coming July!!!) the County Per Capita (Dues) will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per member.

Plan for it. National will soon be canvassing all Posts (with a form that has to be completed and sent back) to determine what your Post charges for dues so that they can update their records and if any member goes on their computer to renew their dues it will show them what your Post's new dues is so that they pay the correct amount. The Transmittal Form has the Department & National Per Capita pre-printed as \$24.50

The County Per Capita per member (Box C) is blank, for the 2013 Dues you will have to write in \$1.50 per Member.

The 2013 TOTAL Per Capita per member will be \$26.00. So when you receive the canvass form please make sure that you consider this amount when you write in what your Post dues will be for the year starting July 2012.

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE - 2012

TEAM #8: APRIL 14, 2012

MINEOLA MEMORIAL #349
LEVITTOWN # 1711
FRANKLIN SQUARE # 1014
BELLMORE #94
VICTOR MURTHA # 972
EUGENE S. SMITH # 175

TEAM #9: MAY 12, 2012

UNIONDALE # 1487
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER #265
JOE MURPHY POST #1957
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL POST #1246

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED
APPOINTMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHAIRMAN FRANK COLON, JR. AT
435-7066 OR CELL PHONE # 766-6563. ALSO
REMEMBER YOUR CHECK FOR \$50.00 IF
YOU ATTEND OR \$100.00 IF YOU DON'T.

CEREMONIAL RIFLES

Several Post's have had problems with the Ceremonial Rifles that are used by the Post's in parades, ceremonies, and color guards.

All ceremonial Rifles obtained thru the Federal Government belong to the Federal Government. All serial numbers are kept by them and upon the Post being disbanded or if they no longer want them, they must be returned to the Government.

If you have any old or unserviceable rifles they must be returned. if you have the Grand Rifles they may be transfered to another Post with permission from the issuing authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL POSTS SOON.

VAV's Report

Chairperson Bob Reahl 516-681-5545

I attended a meeting conducted by the Director of the VA Northport Hospital. At this meeting we were inform that 2 new satellite clinics will be opening in late April or early May they will be located in Valley Stream, Bay Shore and the Patchogue Clinic will be update sometime this year.

After this work is done we will have satellite clinic in the following areas:

Valley Stream	East Meadow
Bayshore	Patchogue
Riverhead	Plus 2 Mobile units

There will also be a new VA Kids Care drop-in childcare services for our veteran patients in Building 20 1st floor. For children age 8 weeks to 12 years are welcome, It will be open from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. For more info call Patricia Helgesen (631) 261-4400 Ext 5911, Margaret Roganat at Ext 2808 or Heidi Vandewinckel at Ext 7244.

They are looking into two more areas Lindenhurst & somewhere in North Nassau.

All other satellites that are open only part time will be close.

They are also looking into opening some at night or on Saturdays for those Veterans that are still working.

Plus there are many other great items are on the drawing board for this year and next year. I will keep you inform.

MONUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

NED JOHNSON, PCC

County Veterans Memorial Park Additional names will be dedicated on the Walls of Honor at Eisenhower Park this spring. To honor a family member or friend the cost remains \$100.00. Contact me for information or forms. We have plenty of room for the names of Honorees by using the lower portion of all the original walls. I have forms with me. Forms must be submitted by the end of March.



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LINC MO, INC. AND MAIL TO
KEN CADIEUX

MEMBERSHIP



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

2012

APR	13	NATIONAL COMMANDERS DINNER - ANTONS, QUEENS	
	26	THIRD DIVISION CAUCUS - WILLISTON POST	8:00 PM
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST COUNTY MEETING (General)	7:15 PM 8:00 PM
MAY	18	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST COUNTY MEETING (General)	7:15 PM 8:00 PM
	19	UNCLAIMED VETERANS CREAMAINS SERVICE AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY. (COLOR GUARDS NEEDED)	
	27	UVO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
JUNE	27	L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE	2:30 PM
	27	DEDICATION OF NEW LEGION MONUMENT EISENHOWER	
	1	COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	2	CONVENTION RESUMES - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM
	3	INSTALLATION DINNER - MASSAPEQUA POST	1-5 PM



NOTICE TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE !

CHECK YOUR CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS FOR ANY CHARGES YOU DON'T REMEMBER MAKING. THE HOTEL COMPUTER WAS HACKED INTO AND YOUR INFORMATION AND OR IDENTITY MAY HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED.