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COMMANDERS REPORT

(1st Division)

Fellow legionnaires let me start by saying that my project for the year is the Legacy Scholarship Fund. I am adding my weight to PCC Arlene Howard in asking you for a dollar per member.

The months of June and July have been very busy for me and the staff. We have started Post Installations' and the parade season is upon us. The County was represented at the Oyster Bay 4th of July Parade; the Town of Hempstead Salute to Veterans; the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Additionally, many of us have just returned from the Department of New York Convention in Rochester. The County; various Posts and the Auxiliary were recognized for the outstanding work that they did in the past year.

The importance of mentoring for the future came home to roost when the County Judge Advocate and I had to get involved with a Post having problems. They were working under By-Laws that were null and void and when the JA advised the commander at the time, he refused to act accordingly. He has since been replaced and this action received the concurrence of the Department.

As homework I ask each and every Post to check their By-Laws and insure that they are in line with the Count's. They must have a copy of each Post's By-Laws with an acceptance from the County and the Department; be dated and signed by both the then current commander and Post Adjutant and have the names of the By-Laws Committee that drew them up.

JOE REALE, COMMANDER

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Joseph Brunner, Commander

I wish to thank all who elected me to be your first division commander. I will do my best not to let you down.

i will be setting up appointments to visit all the Posts in the First Division in the coming months

This years membership cards have been delivered to the Posts and my thanks to those who helped me.

If any Post needs help please contact me at 516- 546-3233 and I will do my best to assist you.

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Frank Neal, 2nd Division Commander

This has been a very busy two months. I would like to first congratulate Manny Rodrigues for his service to Nassau County America Legion and the fine job he has done.

Membership dues notices are coming through the mail. The lifeblood of our organization is membership. I have stressed this to the members in my Division. New cards were left at all posts in my Division. Nick Yaworski is our membership chairman. In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to all Posts in my Division and will stress the importance of attendance at County Meetings. This will be the only way members will know what Is happening in the County Legion.

During the month, I attended one Post installation at Post 1711 in Levittown, and two Post meetings at Franklin Square and the Aviator Post. Six other posts were visited during the month. My plan is to visit all the posts in the Division.

I was a volunteer at the Stand Down at Post 390 on July 16, 2012. We did our best to those who served our country. A lot of people stepped forward in making this another success with 197 veterans helped.

Also during the month, I attended the State Convention in Rochester, New York, where I represented the Second Division. Timothy Van Patten is the. new State Commander and Harry Ransom, 10th District Commander.

3rd Division Report

Freddie Neilsen

Activities / Participation:

Distribution of Membership Cards

The 3rd Division Adjutant & I faced a daunting task in getting this first task of our Legion Year accomplished. In all honesty had it not been for the generous help of Sailors, Robert Robesch and Reggie Butt, this Marine might be passing out your Cards here tonight a month later. Thanks Guys, I appreciate your help.

Department of New York Convention, Rochester N. Y.
- attending on July 19, 20, 21

It was very good to be with all our Fellow Legionnaires and their Ladies who attended the Department Convention in Rochester especially in our Hospitality Room. The American Legion colors proudly flew for our own pride and for the Citizens of Rochester who lined the sidewalks. Legion qualities of Service and Americanism were richly displayed and moving for all.

Division Commander's Exhortation

The opportunity of be a Legionnaire is indeed a gift that asks to be given to others. As you look about yourself in your experience of the Legion, do you see enthusiasm and outwardly directed service? Perhaps you sense the Legionnaires in your Post may have begun to turn their interests inward and be come more focused on meeting their own social needs. Inspired service to our Community keeps us vital, alive, and attractive to new Members. Without these two, an outward focus and new Members, the American Legion as we know it **will die**.

Some with whom I have spoken accept this. The 3rd Division is committed to a long and proud future for our Legion.

HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN

Ken Cadieux

THE HOMELES VETERANS STANDDOWN HELD AT THE HEMPSTEAD POST LAST MONTH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH ALMOST 200 VETERANS HELPED. THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS AND MONEY WE WERE ABLE TO HELP THESE VETERANS.

WE WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER STANDDOWN IN NOVEMBER. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE FREEPORT REC CENTER ON MERRICK ROAD IN FREEPORT. WE ARE NOW COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THIS AFFAIR.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING AS SOON AS FINALIZED PLANS ARE MADE.

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED, SERVED OF PARTICIPATED IN THE COLLECTION OF ITEMS.

Please Note The Current Information Regarding DD-214. **It's official; DD-214's are NOW On-line.**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's on-line:
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the on-line web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center mail room and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTORY

KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN

THE NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTORY STILL NEEDS INFORMATION FROM 24 POSTS TO MAKE UP THE DIRECTORY. ALL POSTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION FOR THE DIRECTORY. JOURNAL ADS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE DIRECTORY.

REPORTS NOT RECEIVED:

BALDWIN POST	AVIATORS POST (AD)
EAST ROCKAWAY	CATHEDRAL
EDWIN WELCH, JR.	ELMONT POST
ISLAND PARK	FLORAL PARK
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST	GOMILLION CAMPBELL
LYNBROOK	HUGH C. NEWMAN III
WANTAGH	JOE MURPHY
ARCHIE McCORD	ROBERT VAN COTT
EUGENE SMITH	WM BRADFORD TURNER
JAMES F. BRENGEL	WM CLINTON STORY
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL	
PORT WASHINGTON	
WILLISTON	
YOUNG SIMMONS (AD)	

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

TEAM # 1: SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

CHARLES WAGNER POST
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
GLENWOOD LANDING #226
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
CARLE PLACE # 1718

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 9, 2013

YOUNG SIMMONS #1765
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
CATHEDRAL POST #1087
ROCKVILLE CENTRE #303
MANHASSET #304
AVIATORS # 743

TEAM #2: OCTOBER 13, 2012

PORT WASHINGTON # 509
FLORAL PARK # 334
WANTAGH # 1273
ARCHIE McCORD # 86
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132
PLAINVIEW # 1812

TEAM # 7: MARCH 9, 2013

NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
LYNBROOK # 335
JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
WILLISTON # 144

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 10, 2012

HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
HEMPSTEAD # 390
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082

TEAM # 8: APRIL 13, 2013

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

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 8, 2012

NASSAU POLICE #1050
ELMONT # 1033
MALVERNE #44
MERRICK # 1282
GLEN COVE # 76
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449

TEAM #9: MAY 11, 2013

UNIONDALE # 1487
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265
JOE MURPHY # 1957

TEAM # 5: JANUARY 12, 2013

NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101
BALDWIN #246
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

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.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Since the County Meeting on 18 May 2012, I have shipped 75 Boxes to the troops. Cathedral Post #1087 has given me 30 boxes this past Tuesday and on 23 May the gave me 24 boxes. These boxes were prepared by the scout troop that they sponsor. They collect the items, pack them, fill out customs forms and put address label on the boxes. I pick them up check out the forms and then take them to the post office. I have a list of names to sent packages to but I will not be packaging anything until the beginning of September.

“HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each day in 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. The Department of Homeland Security is telling everyone to be on the alert as they are tracking different reports or supposed treats. At present there is no specific treat but the potential is there. With the Olympics starting in England, the terrorists may plan attacks, not only in England but on U.S. soil or other U.S. holding. 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”.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State program went very well. We had 48 boys from Nassau County attend for the one week program. One boy, Dillon Burke, from Merrick, who attends Xavier High School was chosen to attend Boys Nation. I wish to thank all the posts that came forward to sponsor boys, you helped make the program a success. The 2011-2012 Boys State Financial Report was read at the meeting

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I did not have enough phones to ship, I need minimum of 50 phones to make a shipment. I have 25 or 26 phones now but I need more to ship. When I get 50 phones or other items I can then ship to the Recycling Center. As I stated before 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 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 BREAKFAST

REGINALD BUTT, JR. CHAIRMAN

The Legislative Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 9 A.M. and will be held at the Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, N.Y. Breakfast will consist of eggs, bacon, sausage, dinner rolls, crumb cake, coffee and tea. Breakfast will be served and this is a working session so you can eat we will have the Legislators speak. The cost has not been finalized as of this date. once the cost is established letter will be forwarded to all posts, Past County Commanders and the county staff.

OUR OWN

HARRY RANSOM, PCC

WAS ELECTED AS
10TH DISTRICT COMMANDER

ARLENE HOWARD, PCC
WAS APPOINTED ADJUTANT

THE 10TH DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE HEMPSTEAD POST 390 ON AUGUST 7th AT 8 PM

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE III

Regulation

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws of this organization shall be as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of New York. This organization shall adopt By-Laws by I which it shall pursuant, to the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of New York, make such rules and regulations for the orderly conduct of the business and activities of the Nassau County Committee, as shall be deemed advisable.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

JAMES B. MIDDLETON, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC
MICHAEL T. MILLER PDVC
ANTHONY PATERNOSTRO PCC
CHARLES G. MILLS - CONSULTANT

MILITARY BALL/ POST COMMANDERS

THE COMMANDER AND THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR OTHER PLACES TO HOLD OUR MILITARY BALL/ POST COMMANDERS OUTING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2013.

OUR LAST PLACE THE STUSRT THOMAS MANOR HAS AGREED TO KEEP THE SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR WHICH WAS UNDER \$60.00 P.P. AND SO FAR IF WE GO TO ANOTHER LOCATION THE PRICE WILL RISE TO \$65.00 P.P. SO THAT WE CAN MEET OUR BUDGET OF \$2,000.00.

THIS EVENT IS A FUND RAISER FOR THE COUNTY WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE BUDGET. I WILL BE SENDING OUR A LETTER TO EACH POST FOR THEIR INPUT REGARDING THIS MATTER. WE MUST ACT QUICKLY ON THIS DUE TO TIME REQUIREMENTS.

FRANK COLON, JR. CHAIRMAN

REHAB PROGRAM

FRANK COLON, JR. - CHAIRMAN

THE COUNTY WILL START ITS PROGRAM ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER AND CONTINUE EACH MONTH IN THE SAME WAY. THE SCHEDULE HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT TO EACH POST ON THE DATE AND TIME FOR EACH POST TO ATTEND.

THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM BECAUSE WE ARE GIVING BACK TO THESE VETERANS IN NEED OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMRADSHIP AT BUILDING #92 AT NORTHPORT V.A.

REMEMBER IF YOUR POST ATTENDS THE DONATION IS \$50.00 BUT IF YOUR POST DOESN'T ATTEND THE DONATION IS \$100.00.

PLEASE, IF YOUR POST CANNOT MAKE THE SCHEDULED DATE LET ME KNOW EARLY SO I CAN GET REPLACEMENTS FOR YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOUR POST MISSES A DATE THEY CAN VOLUNTEER TO COME ON ANOTHER VISIT TO HELP OUT.

ON SATURDAY JULY 28TH., CATHEDRAL POST 1087 WELCOMED 16 VETERANS AND THEIR SIX AIDES FROM THE NEW YORK STATE HOME AT ST. ALBANS TO OUR POST. THE PROGRAM STARTED BY OFFERING A MENU OF BARBECUED CHICKEN, HOTDOGS, HAMBURGERS AND ASSORTED COLD SALADS. FOR DESSERT THE VETS HAD APPLE PIE WITH TEA OR COFFEE. WE THEN STARTED TO PLAY BINGO WHICH THE VETS ENJOYED.

WE INVITED THE BOY SCOUTS FROM TROOP 240 AND THE LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP TO HELP THE VETERANS KEEP TRACK OF THERE BINGO CARDS THE YOUNGSTERS ENJOYED INTERACTING WITH THE VETERANS WHEN IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE, THE BOY SCOUTS AND THE GIRL SCOUTS HELPED THE WHEEL CHAIR VETS TO THE WAITING TRANSPORTATION

UPON LEAVING OUR LADIES AUXILIARY GAVE EACH VET A GOODY BAG TO TAKE WITH THEM.

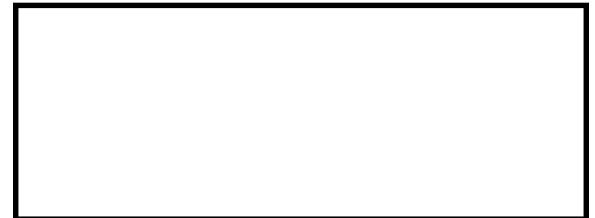
IT WAS ESPECIALLY MOVING TO SEE THE CHILDREN ENJOYING THEIR INTERACTION WITH THE VETS

. MIKE GUERRIERO.

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

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New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2011

AUGUST	7	10TH DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT HEMPSTEAD POST	8:00 PM
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	26 - 31	NATIONAL CONVENTION - MINNEAPOLIS, MN	
SEPT	5	LABOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG	
	21	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
OCT	7	LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - WILLISTON POST 144	9:00 AM
	9	LINC MO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
NOV		UVO VETERANS DAY PROGRAM EISENHOWER	11:30 AM
		NATIONAL CEMETERY VETERANS DAY SERVICE	2:00 PM
	16	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

LET'S ALL GET BEHIND THE NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012 - 2013 AND HELP RETURN TO OUR COUNTY THE TITLE OF "THE EMPIRE COUNTY OF THE EMPIRE STATE."

DON'T FORGET TO GET THOSE STRAGGLERS WHO HAVEN'T PAID THEIR DUES AS YET. A FRIENDLY REMINDER WORKS BEST.