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Commander's Message

I would like to thank all of you who attended the County Convention and my Installation Dinner at Leonard's of Great Neck. My guest of honor at the Dinner was Captain James Byler. James lost both legs above the knee as a result of a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Captain Byler has volunteered to co-chair my Vet Dog Project with Bill Urinenek from the Mineola Post 3349. Bill collected over 270,000 beer and soda cans and raised \$10,000 to help Captain Byler obtain prosthetics. My second project is called "Flags Over Nassau". We will award citations to commercial businesses, who fly a distinctive American Flag over their establishment. Freddie Nielsen our 3rd Division Vice Commander will be chairing this project.

It has been a very busy few weeks. On June 12th I held a Staff meeting at the Glenwood Landing Post No.336. On June 13th I attended the Installation of the new American Legion Auxiliary President Pat O'Brien at the Robert Van Cott Post #1139. On June 14th I attended a Boy Scout Court of Honor Ceremony at the Glenwood Landing Post #336. On June 15th I attended a Flag Burning Ceremony in the morning and in the evening I attended an Awards Ceremony at the Glenwood Landing Post No. 336. On June 17th I attended the Merchant Marine Academy Graduation. On June 21st I attended County Membership Meeting which was conducted by Membership Officer, Frank Neal. The meeting was well attended and Frank was able to give out a number of Membership Rosters and Cards. On the morning of June 22nd I attend the "Wall of Honor Ceremony" at Eisenhower Park. During the afternoon of June 22nd I attended the Ali Bie Americanism Award Ceremony, which was held at the Stony Brook Nursing Home. Ali Bie was born with her organs outside her body and now lives a normal life. In gratitude she has donated her spare time entertaining the patients at the home with her musical talents. Ali sings and plays the guitar. For her work at the home, we presented Ali with our Americanism Award.

I would like to thank our 3rd Division Vice-Commander Freddie Nielsen for organizing this event. It was a wonderful event that was attended by family, friends, Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary. On June 29th I attended the Korean War Memorial at Eisenhower Park in the morning and in the evening I attended the Salute to Veterans Ceremony at Point Lookout. Past County Commander Joe Reale's wife Toni was honored at this ceremony. On July 1st I conducted an Installation of Officers at the New Cassel Post No. 1861. On July 2nd I conducted the Installation of Officers at the Wantagh Post No. 1273. On July 3rd I attended a meeting with County Executive Edward Mangano. Pat O'Brien our Auxiliary President was also in attendance. At the meeting I asked the County Executive, if he could obtain storage space for our records. I also asked the Supervisor if he would support our Vet Dog Program and my "Flags Over Nassau" program. On July 4th my Staff and I marched in the 4th of July Parade in Oyster Bay. Thank you Reggie Butt, Jr., PCC for organizing the parade. From July 18th- July 20th I attended the Department Convention in Niagara Falls. At the Department Convention a \$5.00 dues increase was approved. This dues increase takes effect on January 1, 2014. Please advise your members to get in their dues before January 1st to save the \$5.00. On July 22nd I attended a Finance Committee Meeting which was held at the Glenwood Landing Post No. 336. The 2013-14 County Budget was discussed. It will be presented at the July County Meeting and voted on at the August County Meeting. On July 24th I attended a 10th Division Organizational Meeting in Rockaway Beach.

Angelo Grande, Commander

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

If any person has a question on Protocol, please contact the Chairman of the Protocol Committee, the committee is there to help you. Also, a reminder to all Program Chairman, make sure you submit your list of proposed guests for review by the Protocol Committee.

1st Division

Well we are at the half way point of this very strange summer season, I have never seen such an odd weather pattern. I would like to congratulate all the new post commanders and their staff members, may you have a great year.

On June 29, I attended The Salute to Veterans at Lido Beach. I want to congratulate Toni Reale the wife of PCC Joe Reale for her service to the American Legion Auxiliary. Also on July 2, I attended the Installation of the new officers at the Wantagh Post and would like to thanks those legionnaires from their invitation and support. My wife Yvonne and I had a great time. I am sure most of you have heard that at the convention, The Department of New York failed to get their 8.00 dollar dues raise, but were able to get a 5.00 dollar increase starting January 1 2014. I recommend that you pay your dues as quickly as possible to save yourself the increase and also consider doing a PUFL membership.

As I sit here writing my report, I just saw the president make a statement that Ho Chi Minh was inspired by our founding fathers, was he trying to impress the Vietnamese President? I would like to express my dissatisfaction with this president and wonder what is wrong with him.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and be careful.

Joseph Brunner
Division Commander

2nd Division Report

Charles Robbins, Commander

I wish to thank all the Posts in the Second Division for electing me their Commander for the 2013 - 2014 Legion Year.

I will be setting up date with your Post for a visit to introduce myself and offer my help with any problems that arise.

I look forward to working with and meeting the Legionnaire in our Division. If there are any problems let me know and i will get help for you.

3rd Division Report Activities / Participation:

All Membership Cards are out, so if you are the Membership Chairman in your Post, and have any issues about sending in your Membership Renewals, (Envelopes, Transmittals etc.) please check in with Greg and we will address your concern. The Third Division Membership Chairman Greg Faling, Div. Adjutant Willibe Wilson Jr., and I will be continuing our Initial Post Visitation Schedule through the Months of August and September for those with Summer Schedules. Post Commanders Please make sure that we have you scheduled on a date that you actually meet.

Freddie Neilsen, Commander

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT

FRANK COLON, JR. CHAIRMAN

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2013. THE LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE..

AFTER THE DINNER THE NEXT DAY THE COMMANDER WILL HAVE BREAKFAST WITH WHOMEVER WANTS TO BE THERE AT A PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

THE COMMANDER WILL THEN BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE CRADLE OF AVIATION, THE VETERANS PLAZA AT EISENHOWER PARK, AND THE CAROSEL.

THE BID SHEETS ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 19, 2013.

MILITARY BALL

FRANK COLON, JR. CHAIRMAN

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS: FEBRUARY 22, 2014 FROM 12:00 TO 5:30 PM AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK. THE COST WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GREAT TURN-OUT. LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT

The bill that Andy Booth worked so hard on was passed by the Assembly and the Senate and is now on the Governor's desk for Signature. Once the bill reached the Governor's desk he has 10 day to sign or veto it, if he does neither it automatically goes into law. The bill is called Accreditation of Directors of County and City Veterans' Service Agencies, the bill number is A.6221-C1/S.5825 Schimel/Martins. This bill makes it necessary for the Director of Veterans' Service Agencies in County and City to be Accredited. They have three (3) years to get accredited if they are not accredited. New Directors will have 18 months to get accredited. Andy did a yeoman's job on getting this bill passed in the assembly and senate. Andy conferred with me in every phase of writing it, pushing thru the each step to get the Assembly and Senate to pass it. All's I can say is "Andy, Bravo Zulu", Navy talk for WELL DONE.

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for October 6, 2013 at the Williston Post #144. Letters will be sent in August to all the Posts, Past County Commander and invited Guests. We will also invited the federal Senators and Congressmen/woman, the State Senators and Assemblymen/women.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I approximate 70 to 75 cellphones ready to be shipped. I received a check for \$36.25 in June and I asked the Treasurer to split it between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship.

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 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 ran from Sunday 23 June thru Saturday 29 June 2013. The County quota this year was 50 and we had 50 boys attend. The boys this year were all outstanding and made a good impression on their participation. I submitted my financial report to the 2012-2013 Treasurer with a copy to the Finance Committee and the 2012-2013 Commander. I had room on the bus to take four (4) boys but did not have money or sponsors. I used \$550 from the fund and did not want to dig deeper into it. The fee of \$450 is high and if your post cannot afford to sponsor a boy you could make a monetary donation of \$50 to \$100 and that can go to help finance a boy. Your post chairman should contact other organizations, like the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Fire Department, church groups, etc., looking for a possible sponsor. This year we had a fire company, and two church groups sponsor boys and one post donated \$100 as they could not afford the \$450 cost. I want to thank all the posts who sponsored boys, especially Manhasset Post #304 7 boys, Floral Park Post #334 4 boys, Quentin Roosevelt Post #4 4 boys and Edwin Welch, Jr. Post #1132 3 boys.

REHAB

THE NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE NORTHPORT VISITS FROM SEPTEMBER THRU MAY IS ON THE INSIDE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. THE VISITS WILL ALL BE ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 13:30 PM. THE LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED WAS IN LAST MONTHS NNEWSLETTER.

WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS OR SCOUT TROOPS TO HELP COLLECT ITEMS FOR THE VETS AND TROOPS.



KEN CADIEUX
AND FRANK NEAL
MAN THE
NASSAU COUNTY
AMERICAN LEGION
TABLE AT THE
RECENT STANDDOWN
AT THE HEMPSTEAD
POST

Americanism:

The presentation of the Department of New York Americanism Award to Ali Bie was made at the Long Island state Veterans Home at Stony Brook Veterans in lieu of our County Convention on June 22 due to the anticipated benefit for the Veterans living there.

The presentation ceremony included Ali laying a wreath in honor of the Veterans named on the Walk Of Heroes; a mini concert by Ali, testimonials' by people from Ali's early years of character and musical formation and from Veterans who benefitted from Ali's gifts. The American Legion Auxiliary was well represented and made their own Presentation affirming Ali as an inspiring and strong woman; and Junior Past District Commander, Harry Ransom presented the Department Award supported by Commander Angelo Grande and Members of the County Staff.

The Commander made remarks commending Ali's service to Vets and applauding the manner in which the Legion Family stepped forward to honor her. The Ceremony closed with Ali and the Commander stepping up to the Mic to lead the Legion Family, the Veterans in Residence, the Home's Director and Staff and Ali's Friends and Family in attendance in singing "God Bless America".

For this Americanism Year, the I am introducing the Commander's "Patriot Award", the County Americanism Award to be presented at the County Level. Post commanders and Americanism Chairmen, inform yourselves now about the eligibility requirements and how you can remain competitive. The race is already on since June 8. For those of you interested see Willibe Wilson, 3rd Division Adjutant. If he runs out.....and he will, make sure he knows your Americanism Chairman's name and email address. I will send you all the information you need. If you have not received an email from us by August 1, it means I do not have your email. Call Willibe and correct that right away.

Thank you all for your support of the Resolution for the establishment of the Mme. Simone Renaud National Americanism Award. Our idea garnered support at the Department level from the Resolutions Committee Chair John Sampson. John pointed out ways we could strengthen the Resolution and pointed out that he would stand ready to assist our efforts to have this Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee as part of the Mid-winter Conference. With that success this Resolution can be forwarded to the National Executive committee for final action.

In June, a very important process was initiated and concurred in during a meeting this week between Past District Commander Willibe Wilson Jr., a noted Documentary Film Maker from LA, Frank Rudegear, our Finance Committee Chairman, and myself. We have secured for the Financial Benefit of our Post and this County Committee the exclusive opportunity to sell and distribute nationwide the "Mother Of Normandy" the remarkable "D" Day Story about Simone Renaud's service to our 15,000 Troops who perished in the "D" Day Invasion of Normandy, France.

On August 15 in Glen Cove at the Glen Cove Diner we will host Mr. Doug Stabelton, the Director of that Documentary and the Author of the book by the same title, our own Mr. Jeff Stoeffler, Editor of the American Legion Magazine, for a Book Signing. I enthusiastically encourage every Post Commander, Adjutant and Americanism Chairman to come meet these excellent Story Tellers and to learn more about how "Mother Of Normandy" can help your Posts earn funds and educate the Citizens of our communities, especially the Children. Find out what connection Commander Bob Harrington and the Locust Valley Legionnaires have that none of the rest of us have.

Glen Cove Diner, 187 Glen St. Glen Cove 11542, 516-676-1400

Freddie Neilsen, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

On June 21, 2013, there was a Membership Forum held at Hempstead Post 390 to discuss new ideas for membership for the year 2013-2014. New membership cards were given out at this meeting. If you haven't received your membership cards for your Post, please contact your Division Vice Commander.

I attended the American Legion Convention in Niagara Falls last week and the \$8.00 dues increase was voted down. On the following day, they proposed a \$5.00 increase that was accepted. The breakdown is: \$2.00 to run the Albany office and \$3.00 to keep the Service Office open to help veterans in need.

My suggestion to each Post is to try to have their members pay their dues before January 1, 2014 effective date when the increase takes effect. Dues will remain in effect at the old rate until December 31, 2013. I am receiving dues transmittal pink slips from various posts. If you send dues directly to the Dept. of New York, Albany, please send the pink slips to me at: Frank Neal, 295 Crowell Street, Hempstead, New York 11550; telephone 516-375-2139.

Our 2014 goal is to have 100% membership and 500 new members. Frank Neal, Membership Officer

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2013 - 2014

TEAM # 1: SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

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

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 8, 2014

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

TEAM #2: OCTOBER 12, 2013

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

TEAM # 7: MARCH 8, 2014

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

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 9, 2013

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

TEAM # 8: APRIL 12, 2014

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

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 14, 2013

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

TEAM #9: MAY 10, 2014

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

TEAM # 5: JANUARY 11, 2014

NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101
BALDWIN #246
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342

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.

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New York State Legion Press Association

GET YOUR MEMBERS TO RE-
NEW THEIR DUES BEFORE
JANUARY 1, 2014 AT THE CUR-
RENT RATE OR THEY WILL
PAY \$5.00 MORE BECAUSE OF
A DUES INCREASE PASSED AT
THE STATE CONVENTION
THAT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON
JANUARY 1, 2014

MEMBERSHIP

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

AUGUST	3	NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS - EISENHOWER PARK CHAPIN LAKESIDE THEATER	6:30 PM
	7	PURPLE HEART DAY	
	14	JAPAN SURRENDER ANNIVERSARY	
	16	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST COUNTY MEETING	7:15 PM 8:00 PM
	23-29	NATIONAL CONVENTION - HOUSTON TEXAS	
SEPT	2	V-J DAY - LABOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG	
	4	ROSH HASHANAH	
	11	PATRIOTS DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	13	YOM KIPPUR	
	20	POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY	
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST COUNTY MEETING	7:15 PM 8:00 PM
OCTOBER	6	LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - WILLISTON POST 144	9:00 AM
	20	QUEENS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - O'CONNELL POST	9:00 AM
	23	10TH DISTRICT MEETING - GLENWOOD LANDING POST	8:00 PM
	25	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST COUNTY MEETING	7:15 PM 8:00 PM
NOVEMBER	9	DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT	
	10	UVO VETERANS DAY SERVICE - EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	10	L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY VETERANS DAY SERVICE	1:30 PM