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Commander's Report

As I sit down to write this, a few days after thanksgiving, I find myself looking back on the last thirty days and realize that in many ways they are different than most thirty day periods and yet they are as normal as apple pie.

Personally my wife, Toni and I became grandparents for the second time. My car and home were damaged by Sandy and the snow storm that followed, as were many friends and Posts throughout the County.

As a Legion Family we lost two of our own, Past County Commander Joseph P. Slattery, Jr. and the wife, Eleanor, of Past County Commander Art Swanson.

With the possible loss of life or limb; I hope that you have lost neither. With those Posts on the north shore, i.e. Robert H. Spittel Post #1286, etal and those on the south shore, i.e. East Rockaway Post #958, may your loses be small and your time of recovery short.

During this Christmas Holiday Season let us not lose sight of those things of real importance – our health, the safety of Family and those service men and women that are far from home protecting US.

Joe Reale, Commander

2ND DIVISION REPORT

THIS IS A REMINDER TO ALL POSTS TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE AMERICAN LEGION DISASTER FUND TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE SANDY.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LEGION RIDERS FROM ELMONT POST 1033 FOR THE GREAT JOB THEY DID COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL STREHL, THE NEW COMMANDER OF HUGH C. NEWMAN III POST# 449 GOOD LUCK THIS YEAR.

I ATTENDED THE VETERANS DAY SERVICE WITH THE ELMONT POST 1033 ON NOV.11.

THESE ARE THE POSTS THAT I VISITED IN NOV.- UNIONDALE POST 1487, EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL POST 1082, HUGH C. NEWMAN III POST 449, HEMPSTEAD POST 390, LEVITTOWN POST 1711 AND ELMONT POST 1033

DECEMBER IS ALMOST HERE, LETS GET ANOTHER PUSH FOR GETTING THOSE DUES PAID FOR THIS YEAR.

IF YOU HAVE NOT GOTTEN YOUR TICKETS FOR JR. PAST COMMANDER ANDY BOOTH'S DINNER IN JANUARY SEE FRANK COLON.

LETS HAVE A GOOD SHOWING FROM DIVISION 2
FRANK NEAL
COMMANDER

Americanism:

Since I last reported to you on Americanism Legionnaires assisted the Webelos of Pack 77, Den 10, of Port Washington meet their Flag Etiquette requirements addressing issues of American History, local and National Governmental Leaders, Parading the Colors, Opening a meeting using Colors, and folding the Flag.

A young woman judged by Doctors as unlikely to live past the first 10 days of life was tough enough and strong enough to live for 20 years with her life threatening conditions. That courageous and compassionate woman is All Bie, a Junior at SONY in nearby New Paltz, studying healing others through music. All spent last summer working with Vets in Long Island's VA Hospitals.

I am working closely with her Father to present All for the Department Americanism Award. I may well call upon some of our Past County Commanders to assist In resolving the political consideration which may arise. As well, I will meet with All and her Family over her Christmas Break to design a sustainable Music Therapy Program under her leadership which will continue and expand her healing through music for our Vets. What we work out will be reviewed by her Professors and the Directors of both the Northport VA Hospital, the Stony

Brook VA Hospital, and the American Legion Family for future implementation as a worthy independently supported Program.

Division Commanders please contact me, (you have the email address) to let me know of the Americanism Activities taking place in your Posts so we can report them and give you appropriate recognition for them. I will be sending you encouragement's for activities and my offer of help in conducting your Americanism Activities should you need It.

Vice Commander - Fred Nielsen, 3rd Division

[3rd Division Report Activities / Participation:](#)

You have heard the report of upcoming Oratorical Competitions taking place in the Third Division. I encourage broad support and participation in this Citizenship and Leadership developing Program.

Fred Nielsen, Vice Commander

[MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS](#)

FRANK COLON, Jr. CHAIRMAN

ALL LETTERS AND FORMS WERE MAILED OUT TO EACH POST AND PAST COUNTY COMMANDER. OUR DINNER WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2013 AT 12:00 NOON TO 5:30 P.M.

REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE WILL BE FEBRUARY 2, 2012. ALL PAGEANT INFORMATION AND CHECKS SHOULD BE SENT TO ME:

FRANK COLON, Jr.
85 CLEVELAND AVENUE,
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570
HOME # 516-766-6563

LET'S ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER AS THE EMPIRE COUNTY OF THE EMPIRE STATE/



Frank Colon at Northport calling the races for the vets.

["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 in the United States but the potential is there. With the "Super Storm Sandy" volunteers were greatly needed. The post in Broad Channel was up and cooking hot meals even though they had some damage., The East Meadow was used as a warming center for people without power or heat. The Queens County organization rallied to assist the people in the Rockaways, Breezy Point and Broad Channel. Veterans, doing what they could to assist others and using skills they learned in the service and after.

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".

[RE HAB PROGRAM](#)

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman

OUR NEXT DAY AT THE RACES AT NORTHPORT VA WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th AT 1:00 P.M. IT IS TEAM # 4'S TURN AND WE WILL BE STARTING EARLY DUE TO THE ARMY/NAVY GAME. THE VA HOSPITAL HAS A LITTLE PARYT SCHEDULED FOR THE VETERANS.

AGAIN, IF YOUR POST CANNOT MAKE IT PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 766-6563. IF YOU ATTEND THE DONATION IS \$50.00 IF DO NOT ATTEND THE DONATION IS \$100.00 IT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

ORATORICAL REPORT

Due to the low turn out of students participating in this year Oratorical Contest, the Monday 3 December 2012 preliminary contest at Glenwood Landing has been canceled.

There will only be two (2) preliminaries held this year and they are as follows: Monday 10 December 2012 at Levittown Post # 1711 and Tuesday 18 December 2012 at Elmont Post # 1033. Both contest will be at night starting at 8 PM.

Please send a blast e-mail to all those in your e-mail directory.

Hope to see you on the 10th and 18th.

Angel E. Soto, Chairman

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Since the last County meeting I have shipped 16 packages to the troops. Don't stop donating items we can use them to support the troops, the visits to Northport and for the Stand Downs. The Stand Down in November was cancelled due to "Sandy". If you can't donate items please consider a monetary donation. These monies can be used for support of the troops, rehab and also to support the Wounded Warrior program. The Wounded Warrior program is the National Commander project this year.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 60 cell phones and accessories, which is worth \$29.80. When I get the check I will have the Treasurer split the money between the NEF and Legacy Memorial Scholarship, \$14.90 each. 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.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County scheduled for 3 November 2012 had to be postponed due to super storm "Sandy". There were five counties that had to cancel their scheduled visits, Nassau, Suffolk, New York, Westchester, and Putnam. I received word yesterday 11/29/12 that the visitation is scheduled on 16 March 2013. Letters will be coming out shortly, but please save that date. I know it is the St. Patrick's Day weekend but we need to support the County in welcoming the Department Commander. I will be making all the arrangement this coming week and will have more information available at the next County meeting on 12/14/12.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The tentative dates for Boys State are Sunday 23 June thru Saturday 29 June 2013. The post Boys State Chairman should be contacting the schools and setting up interviews with the boys. More information will be available after I attend the executive meeting for Boys State at the Mid-winter Conference in January. I have contracted with Classic Coach for the bus, the price has gone up \$200, \$100 each way. There is a possibility that the fee to the department may increase also, so I cannot put a price on the cost until after the Mid-Winter Conference in January

Adjutant's Report

Angelo Grande

I marched in the New York City Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th with the Glenwood Landing American Legion Post #336 and assisted the Ladies Auxiliary in wrapping gifts and visiting the wards at the Northport VA Hospital on November 28th.

Hotel registration forms and hotel tax exemption forms for the Mid-Winter Conference were available at the November 30th County Meeting.

Membership

Steve McManus

To all those, and I know it is most of us ,who were effected by Hurricane Sandy, my heartfelt support for you and you families. We are quickly approaching the end of 2012 and membership is still rolling in. Not even mother nature can keep us down.

2013 Target Dates: The Department of New York has provided the following target dates to help us achieve our membership goals:

Dec 10, 2012 - 75%	Jan 14, 2013 - 80 %
Feb 11, 2013 - 85 %	Mar 11, 2013 90 %
Apr 8, 2012 - 95 %	May 6 ,2012 - 100%

These dates are used as a guide in which membership should be received at Department HQ.

The Following Post are the TOP 5 for their Divisions :

<u>1st Division</u>		<u>2nd Division</u>	
J. Franklin Bell	94 %	NHP/Ernie Pyle	96%
E.Rockaway	85 %	Robert Van Cott	88.2%
Merrick	84.6 %	Franklin Sq	86%
Massapequa	84.4%	Wm Clinton Story	82%
Roosevelt Mem	81 %	Levittown #	82 %

3rd Division

Carle Place	# 1718	94.6 %
Charles M Fowler	# 160	80 %
Mineola Mem.	#349	87 %
Williston	#144	79.9%
Quentin Roosevelt	#4	81 %

The following Post are presently in **bottom 3 of their Divisions:**

<u>1st Div</u>		<u>2nd Div</u>	
Malverne	61%	G/Campbell	65%
Wantagh	56%	Aviators	64%
Lawrence/Ced	53%	J. Murphy	3.4%
<u>3rd Div</u>		Legionnaires, if you need help with membership, please contact me.	
Port Washington	7%		
J. Brengel	1.7%		
Young Simmons	53%		

Steve Mc Manus

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DIRECTORY CHANGES

THE NEW COUNTY DIRECTORY HAS A FEW ERRORS, PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES:

Page 5 Meeting Dates:

Friday	December	14	Massapequa Post
	January	18	Malverne Post
	February	22	Malverne Post
	March	22	Malverne Post
	April	26	Malverne Post
	May	24	Malverne Post

Page 14 Legionnaire of Year Dele- Joe Slattery*

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Page 40 Delete PCC Richard Hochbreuckner

Page 40 (COA) Adjutant Joe Grehan - 2 Spruce Pk, Syosset
Phone 445-6530

IF YOU SPOT ANY ERRORS LET ME KNOW:

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121 POWELL AVENUE,
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

CHAPLAINS REPORT

WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

JOSEPH P. SLATTERY, Jr. PAST COUNTY CMDR
ELEANOR SWANSON, WIFE OF ART SWANSON,PCC

Some of our Legionnaires got hit pretty bad with the recent storms that hit . We hope that all are well and that they return to their homes soon. Any-one in need of help should contact me at: 674-3940

If you know of any of our members who are sick or hospitalized, please, let me know so that I may send a card.

let's keep all our less fortunate members in our prayers.

Ralph Casey, Chaplain

Treasurers Report

All Posts & Individuals are reminded that when you are sending in a check to the County "FOR ANYTHING" - it should be made payable to "Nassau County American Legion" and the purpose of the check should be written on the "Memo" line, otherwise our bank won't accept the deposit and it makes double work for you since I have to send the check back to your for a new one to be written the correct way.

Thanks for your understanding and assistance.

Have a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

John J. Hassett, Treasurer

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 8, 2012

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

TEAM # 5: JANUARY 12, 2013

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

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 9, 2013

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

TEAM # 7: MARCH 9, 2013

NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #108
LYNBROOK # 335
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
WILLISTON # 144

TEAM # 8: APRIL 13, 2013

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

TEAM #9: MAY 11, 2013

UNIONDALE # 1487
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265
JOE MURPHY # 1957
PORT WASHINGTON # 509

NOTICE

We have obtained small flashlights and book reading lights but we do not have AA batteries for them. If your Post can supply some to us we can get these items to the Vets at Northport and Stonybrook.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Robert Robesch, Chairman

The National Emergency Fund (NEF) have posted the application and instructions on the National Website for add claims for damage due to the storm (Sandy).

Individual Members can get up to \$1,500.00 for certain expenses related to the storm.

Posts are eligible for up to \$5,000.00 to help them for non insured losses.

For further information contact me at: 741-1299

COUNTY HISTORIAN

JAMES T. RANDLE

To all Post Commanders:

I know that every Post receives a "Legionnaire" Newsletter. This is an open letter to the Post Commanders bring your Post Historian to the January meeting. The Post Narrative and or Pictorial (scrapbook) History of your Post is important to your Post History and for ones who come after we are gone. The Officer's Guide contains the basic instructions. Next month I will bring a post history book to the County meeting is Friday January 25 at Malverne Post. I will explain and try to answer any question at 7:30 pm after the advisory meeting before the County meeting. If I can be of any help, please give me a call at 516 -270 3876

PUBLIC RELATIONS

JAMES T. RANDLE - CHAIRMAN

TO THE POST'S PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN:

THERE IS A NEWSLETTER CONTEST; TO ENTER SUBMIT THREE NEWSLETTERS, THE BEST ONES FROM JUNE 2012 TO MARCH 2013 ANY THREE THAT EXPLORES THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OF YOUR POST TO IT MEMBERS. SUBMIT THEM IN A FOLDER, AND PUT THE NAME OF POST NEWSLETTER, EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER, SAY IF IT IS A MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY AND COMMANDER NAME. SEND IT TO THE COUNTY MEETING WITH POST COUNTY REP. BY THE APRIL 26 2013 COUNTY MEETING. THEY WILL BE JUDGED AND AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT COUNTY CONVENTION. CALL ME @ 516 270 3876 WITH ANY QUESTION IF I CAN HELP.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

DEC	14	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !	

ALL COUNTY MEETINGS FROM JANUARY TO MAY 2013 WILL BE HELD AT THE MALVERNE POST #44 ON FRANKLIN AVENUE , 7:15 ADVISORY AND 8:00 COUNTY.

JAN 2013

	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !	
	18	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	25-27	MID WINTER CONFERENCE - ALBANY	
<u>FEB</u>	16	MILITARY BALL/POST CMDRS NIGHT	NOON TO 5:30 PM
		LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK 555 NORTHERN BLVD	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>MAR</u>	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>APR</u>	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>MAY</u>	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	27	MEMORIAL DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
<u>JUNE</u>	7-8	NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	