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## Commander's Message

Don't forget our Vet Dog Program. Send your donations to: William Urianek 335 Emory Road, Mineola, NY 11501. Bring you empty cans and bottles to the next county meeting, for the Vet Dog Program. The students at LIU Post are busy collecting the DD-214's of the Veterans on campus. We hope to start a new Post on campus shortly. Fred Nielsen and I are in the process of issuing more citations for our "Flags Over Nassau" program. If you see a prominent flag flying at a commercial establishment, please take a photo and e-mail the photo to me at [aigrande@yahoo.com](mailto:aigrande@yahoo.com) or send the hard copy to: Angelo Grande, 10 Chestnut Avenue, Glen Head, N.Y. 11545. Last but not least is our push for 100% Membership. Please help Frank Neal by getting your renewals in. Remember that Membership is the Lifeline of the American Legion. We all have to work together to retain and increase our membership.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> I attended a Veterans' Day Celebration honoring the World War II Veterans in Glen Cove and Locust Valley. The event was hosted by Fred Nielsen our Americanism Chairperson and on October 27<sup>th</sup> I conducted the Installation of the Merrick Post #1282. On October 28<sup>th</sup> I attended a County Finance Committee Meeting at the Glenwood Landing Post No. 1016 and also attended a meeting with Matt Ruffano, Town of Oyster Bay Veterans' Affairs' Officer. On October 29<sup>th</sup> Fred Nielsen and I presented Americanism citations to the Hurricane Restaurant in Garden City and Paul's Nursery in Brookville for flying the American Flag. On November 1<sup>st</sup> Fred Nielsen and I presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anna Dunlap, Children's Librarian at the Glen Cove Library for her Troop Advocacy Program. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> I attended the Nassau County Veterans' Day Parade in Levittown. On November 4<sup>th</sup> I attended the Nassau County Job Fair which was held at the Nassau County Veterans' Coliseum. On November 8<sup>th</sup> I attended a Veterans' Day Celebration at Kellenberg High School and on November 9<sup>th</sup> the Department Commander's Dinner at the Edwin Welch Post #1132 in Seaford. On November 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the Suffolk County Department Commander's Dinner, on November 11<sup>th</sup> the New York City Veterans' Day Parade and on November 12<sup>th</sup> I conducted the Installation Ceremony at the Mineola Post #349. On November 13<sup>th</sup> I attended an Awards' Ceremony of Police Officers at the Police Department Headquarters in Mineola,

sponsored by the Nassau Police Post #1050. On November 16<sup>th</sup> I attended a fund raising dinner for the Robert H.Spittel Post #1285 .

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> I will be attending a meeting in New City to discuss the National Commander's Dinner, which will be held on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Antun's Restaurant. On November 25<sup>th</sup> I will be volunteering at the Northport Gift Shop, on November 26<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the Stand Down at the Freeport Armory, 63 Babylon Turnpike, Freeport, NY and on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> I will be attending a Troop Advocacy Program at the Glen Cove Library. These are high school students who are collecting supplies for the military overseas. Happy Thanksgiving to All and Remember our Troops Overseas.

Angelo I. Grande, Commander

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Report Activities / Participation:

Post Commanders in 3<sup>rd</sup> Division who have good connections with their local High Schools are invited to identify High School Sophomores or Juniors who want to create a Filmed Interview of a WWII Vet in their Family or the Post. We will submit a letter for Participating Students (the entire Production Team) to their Church and School supporting their Filmed Interview as Community Service Hours. Also for each Interview the Interviewer and principle Film Maker will be presented a Certificate accepting their work into the "Liberator Series" founded by Kirsten Mohammed. Students participation in the "Liberator Series" could be included in their College Application.

During December, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Post Visitations will continue. If you have not had your Post's Visitation confirmed for December thru February please contact 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Adjutant, Willibe Wilson Jr. (676-1263).

Fred Neilsen, Chmn

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## Children & Youth

Willibe and I have begun our initial work to identify the location of our 2014 "Spring Fling" for the Children of SRO Family Services. Watch in this Legionnaire Space for further developments.

Nassau County Oratorical High School  
Competition Schedule

Levittown Post 1711 - 3123 North Jerusalem Road,  
Levittown, NY 11756  
December 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Malverne Post 44, 240 Franklin Avenue, Malverne  
NY 11565

December 4, 2013 at 7:30PM to 10:30PM

Elmont Post 1033, 60 Hill Avenue, Elmont NY  
11003

December 6, 2013 at 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Glendwood Landing Post 336, 190 Glen Head  
Road, Glen Head NY 11545

December 7, 2013 at 8:30 AM - 11:30AM

Please consider volunteering your time at any  
one of these events, we need your participation to  
be a success.

Contact Cynthia Stewart to volunteer at [516-474-3404](tel:516-474-3404) or [CynthiaMarieStewart@gmail.com](mailto:CynthiaMarieStewart@gmail.com).

For God and Country,

Cynthia Stewart , Oratorical Chairman

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM  
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a breakdown of our last shipment and  
at a value of \$82.35, the check will be mailed out after  
the 1st of December. When I receive the check I will ask  
the treasurer to split between the NEF and the Legacy  
Memorial Scholarship Funds. The total shipment was 167  
cell phones, 2 laptops, 2 portable disc drives and 2  
handheld GPS. I have 7 or 8 cell phones plus what I  
received tonight, I cannot ship until I have at least 50  
cell phones.

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

This Year's Boys State will run from 27 June  
2014 (Friday) until 03 July 2014 (Thursday). The  
Friday start is due to the Regents Exams being given  
up till the 25th of June, school ends on 27 June. I  
have booked the two buses (two - one way trips) with  
an increase this year of only \$25 each trip. The cost  
of Boys State will be set at the Mid-Winter Conference  
but I feel there will be an increase. If no increase is  
passed the fee will be \$450.00 but I will hold that until  
after the Mid-Winter Conference. The Post Chairman  
should be contacting the schools and setting up  
interviews, then, once we have the okay to proceed  
they will be ready to complete the application  
process.

Recap of "Day at the Races" – November 9, 2013

MARY NORRIS, CO-CHAIR

The November Rehab Day at the Races, held at  
Building 92, Northport With Participant - Team #3: Post  
# 962 Howard Van Wagner, Post #1066 Massapequa  
Auxiliary, Post # 1082 East Meadow, Post # 1285 Robert  
H. Spittel, Post #421 Charles Wagner and Boy Scout  
Troup #577

There was a change in our program. The  
patience's were entertained by a musical group with a  
"Salute" to Veterans and the Armed Forces.

A Special "thank you" to East Meadow and  
Howard Van Wagner Post for their extra contributions  
to the Rehab Program.

The next date for Nassau County American  
Legion "Day at the Races" is Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of  
December. The Posts are reminded to be out at building  
92, Northport at 1:30pm: Team #4 (See List)

Again, the program will be slightly changed as  
the 14<sup>th</sup> is the Army/Navy Game and we'll be running  
an abbreviated program, no dessert for patience.

A reminder phone call will be made to each Post  
the Wednesday before Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a  
\$50 check to off-set operating cost with you on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of December. If Post is not attending, send a check for  
\$100 to County. Checks are to be made out to Nassau  
County American Legion and on memo line mark  
"Rehab/Day at the Races."

Americanism:

For this Americanism Year, I am introducing the Commander's "Patriot Award", the County Americanism Award to be presented at the County Level. Post Commanders and Americanism Chairmen, I need your Contact Information. Please email me at [brother2fredn47@hotmail.com](mailto:brother2fredn47@hotmail.com) or Div. Adjutant Willibe Wilson Jr., at [wilpluspea@gmail.com](mailto:wilpluspea@gmail.com).

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**WHAT DO YOU THINK of a Veteran's J-L-T Film Festival? -**

Email us at [brother2fredn47@hotmail.com](mailto:brother2fredn47@hotmail.com) or [wilpluspea@gmail.com](mailto:wilpluspea@gmail.com).

"J - L - T" - John Wayne, Lee Marvin, Tom Hanks, starred in or produced four of the top 5 movies about WWII. I have in honor of that fact chosen to give a tip of the hat to them in this Americanism Initiative. Jordan Desner an independent theater operator with theaters in Nassau and Suffolk Counties has agreed to work with us on this Project which will be a joint effort with the VFW under American Legion leadership. Details are still being worked out, but Mr. Desner will, subject to availability, schedule in "The Big Red One", "The Longest Day", "Saving Private Ryan", and "Where Eagles Dare". To those we will add "The Mother Of Normandy".

While the Veterans "JLT Film Festival" will be coordinated as an Americanism Initiative possibly in May or June 2014, the Event will actually be hosted by several North Shore Legion and VFW Posts. As I have presented this Veterans "J-L-T Film Festival at this point, it will address itself to both day time and evening Viewers wishing to be inclusive of all Veterans in Nassau County. This Event will celebrate and appreciate all WWII Veterans while we acknowledge in some special ways up to 15 WWII Vets. I will keep you informed of the development of this Project in this space of the Legionnaire.

**THANKS**

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN ON NOVEMBER 26th AT THE FREEPORT ARMORY. CLOTHES, SHOES, COATS AND ALL TYPES OF CLOTHING WERE DONATED AND KEN CADIEUX'S TWO (2) CAR GARAGE, SUN PORCH AND DINING ROOM AT HIS HOUSE WERE FILLED TO OVER FLOWING. THE COUNTY SENT A TRUCK ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 25th AND PICKED EVERYTHING UP TO TAKE TO THE ARMORY FOR THE STANDDOWN.

REMEMBER TO SAVE THOSE UNWANTED GIFTS OR MISSED GIFTS YOU GET FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR THE NEXT STANDDOWN IN THE SPRING.

**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**

- PAGE 11 SERVICE OFFICER (PHONE) 572-6512
- PAGE 29 AVIATORS POST (NEW ADDRESS)  
CRADLE OF AVIATION  
1 DAVIS AVENUE, G. CITY 11530  
NEW COMMANDER  
NICHOLAS PLAKUS 718-849-4991
- PAGE 41 CHANGE CHARLES MILLS ADDRESS TO  
21 BREWSTER STREET APT 408  
GLEN COVE, NY 759-4300  
(ALSO BACK COVER ADD P.O. BOX 408)

**NATIONAL CEMETERY**

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGION AND OUR OWN COUNTY COMMANDER WERE ON HAND TO SEE OUR COUNTY COLOR GUARD AT THE HEAD OF THE PARADE WITH BILL HARMS THE OUT GOING PRESIDENT. AS GRAND MARSHALL, HE LED OFF THE CEREMONIES AT LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR VETERANS DAY. THE CEREMONIES WERE BRIEF AND THE GUEST SPEAKER WAS THE NEW DIRECTOR. OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED.

**1<sup>st</sup> Division**

Good Evening My Fellow Legionaries,

The new county books are here and being distributed if you don't have yours yet, please let me know. Please get your membership in as soon as possible, as of December 11, 2013 if the membership has not been received you will be hit with the new increase in dues. Alos please submit your PUFLS to the membership officer.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Joseph Brunner  
1<sup>st</sup> Division Vice Commander



PROTOCOL COMMITTEE  
REGINALD BUTT, JR.

Uniform Cap Etiquette



- The left side (emblem side) of the cap is reserved only for the Legion emblem, city, county, district or state lettering.
- If desired, the items must be placed on the right side of the cap:
- Additional lettering, restricted to either the name of a Post or to an officer title, such as Past Commander
- Cap insignia or badges for past or present officers
- Consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and or authorized Legion or military service decorations
- Names or nicknames of individual members cannot be used on caps.
- The Legion uniform cap should be worn by its members only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions.
- A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion uniform cap. Therefore it is not proper to wear the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or am luncheon or dinner.
- The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard, and Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard. When returned to and seated in pews, the cap should be removed.
- Legion posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover at the door, hold the cap with the right hand over the heart until the arrival in the pews and commanded to take seats, remaining uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall arise, the members holding the cap with the right hand over the heart will march out of the place of worship and recover after marching through the door.

- Legion members not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship and remain uncovered during the entire service and will recover after leaving the place of worship.

- When at a funeral, the cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket and is not at any time worn in a place of worship (except by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard, or Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard.) At the graveside, the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be worn.

In Legion meetings, the cap should be worn except during moments of the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held with the right hand over the heart

Female members of the Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the armed services.

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[National Emergency Fund](#)

Well it appears that we in the northeast have managed to get by the hurricane season with no serious storms. However, as I have said many times, there will always be a disaster somewhere in the country. In almost all of these situations, Legionnaires will be called upon to help other members of the legion family.

Just last week there were tornadoes and severe wind storms in Illinois and Indiana. Hundreds of legion families were affected. And the National Emergency Fund has provided thousands of dollars to aid them. In addition, Legion volunteers, including the National Commander, have been driving through the devastated areas providing assistance and arranging grants from the NEF.

The NEF can keep providing this type of help only if we continue to donate to the cause.

The month of November was rather disappointing as I have received only two contributions., thank you to the Roosevelt Memorial Post and the North Bellmore Post.

To date we have collected \$3,255. from 16 posts 4 Past County Commanders and one staff member. I am confident that the rest of you will have your checks in the mail very soon. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Bob Robesch, PCC, NEF Chairman

**NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM**  
**POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2013 - 2014**

**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  
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.**

**TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 8, 2014**

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

**REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES**

OUR THANKS TO THE FREEPORT POST FOR THEIR DONATION OF 100 BLANKETS FOR OUR VETS. THEY WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE HOMELESS SHELTER AT NORTHPORT.

**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

**Legionnaire of the Year Award**

By this time in the Legion year, it is hoped that all posts have wither selected their nominee or are in the process of selection.

After the first of the New Year, nomination packets will be mailed to the attention of the post commander.

It is BOTH the Commander's and Adjutant's combined responsibilities to insure the nomination packet is in complete compliance with the published nomination packet instructions. As before, any packet that is not in adherence to the submission guidelines will be returned un-judged.

Good luck to all nominees and the committee looks forward to selecting the 2014 County Legionnaire of the Year.

**TEAM # 8: APRIL 12, 2014**

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

Louise McCann, Chairperson

NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE  
121 POWELL AVENUE  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
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MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758  
PERMIT # 8

MEMBER  
National American Legion Press Association  
New York State Legion Press Association



**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**DATES TO REMEMBER 2013 - 2014**

**DECEMBER**

2	ORATORICAL CONTEST -Levittown Post 1711	7:30 - 10:30 PM
4	ORATORICAL CONTEST- Malverne Post 44	7:30 - 10:30 PM
6	ORATORICAL CONTEST- Elmont Post 1033	7:30 - 10:30 PM
7	ORATORICAL CONTEST- Glendwood Landing Post 336 ,	8:30 - 11:30 AM
7	PEARL HARBOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG!	
14	TEAM #4 VISIT TO NORTHPORT HOSPITAL	1:30 PM
16	BATTLE OF THE BULGE - FLY YOUR FLAG!	
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!	
27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
	COUNTY MEETING 8:00 PM	8:00 PM
31	OFFICIAL END OF WW-II	

**JANUARY 2014**

1	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!	
24-26	MID WINTER CONFERENCE - ALBANY	
31	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
	COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

**FEBRUARY**

28	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
	COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

**MARCH**

17-18	HILL DAY IN ALBANY	
28	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST 7:00 PM	7:15 PM
	COUNTY MEETING - (10TH DISTRICT VISITATION) 8:00 PM	8:00 PM

**NOTICE - REMEMBER**

**ALL DUES MUST BE RECEIVED IN ALBANY BY DECEMBER 15TH OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE EXTRA \$5.00 INCREASE FOR EACH RENEWAL RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE. !!!!**