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COMMANDERS REPORT

First let me take some of this page to thank Reggie Butt, Past County Commander for one out standing job with the Department Commander's Dinner. It wasn't only the dinner but He also had to make breakfast arrangements with the diner and the full day of events. So Reggie this one is for you. **Great JOB** ! I know it didn't start that Saturday it started back when.

I Hope all had a great Veterans day, speaking of Veterans, As we head into the holiday season lets all take a moment to say a prayer for all of our VETERANS. Just try to remember when you were a Veteran and overseas for the holiday how you felt. Yes some had tear drop from one of their eyes or both as we all were thinking about our own children, wife, mother, father, sister and all who love and miss us. You see were I'm going.

This reminder is just for some of you, like myself who may forget the next three County meeting will be held on the third Friday not the Fourth. Starting with Friday 18 November 2011, Friday 16 December 2011 and to start the new year off with the first meeting of the new year meeting will be held Friday 20 January 2012.

For God and Country, your Commander

Andrew Booth

1st Division Report

Attended meeting of the Andrew Fatscher Post 854 on October 20th. The VA was downstairs to help our fellow veterans update their VA cards. Not only was this a great way to get veterans to the post and maybe garnish a few new members; but also was also helpful to the veteran community.

On October 28th was MC at the Victor Murtha Post 972 87th Annual Military Ball. It was, as expected, a wonderful event. Awards were presented to Carol O'Neill for Americanism; "The Flag Man", James Tolfree for Humanitarian; and, Fred A Resier for Legionnaire of the year. A special thank you goes to Past Commanders John Radin and Eli Alterac for again taking responsibility for

this Military Ball, putting it all together, and getting the journal published. Unfortunately, John Radin was in the hospital and unable to attend. We hope Jack recovers quickly.

On Nov 6th, the County held a Veterans Day Service and Vietnam Veterans Certificate Presentation event at Eisenhower Park. Those of you who missed it, missed an opportunity to stand up for yourself and your fellow veterans. The public is watching!

Police Officer Brain Gubelli was honored on Law & Order night of the Oceanside Memorial Post 1246 on Nov. 7th. It was nice to be part of this event, which honors our local protectors and domestic armed forces.

Was MC for the Veterans Day event run jointly by the Long Beach Joint Veterans Organization (JVO) and the City of Long Beach. This is one of many great such events run throughout the county. It was a day we could publicly thank our fellow vets for their service.

Attended regular meeting of the Lawrence/ Cedarhurst Post 339 on Nov 13.

Thank you to the commanders of those posts I visited for their kind accommodations.

The last few years I've had the honor of being invited to "A Celebration of America's Heroes..." at the Long Beach Middle School. As a former educator who cares deeply about children, this is a very dear event for me. Not only do we teach these kids something about the wars and life in the military but we also know that the younger generation is being reminded of the importance of veterans. Thanks and accolades go to the kids, counselors, teachers, and administrators of that school and the Long Beach School district. If you don't have an event like this, you should push for one.

As we prepare for the holidays let us not forget our fellow vets on active duty nor those at the Veterans Hospitals.

God Bless our veterans and God Bless these great United States of America!

Howard Kalachman (516) 978-5266

hksunshine@hotmail.com

Second Division Report

Manny Rodrigues, Commander

We are approaching the holidays and there will be little time to think of membership BUT we must get those renewals in before the end of this year. With a little effort we can do it. We are leading the County so far, lets finish up with 100% membership this year.

I want to take this time to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving and to thank you all for your cooperation with our Division Programs. I have attended many of them and we really do a great job for our fellow veterans. Keep up the good work.

Mark your calendars for the Military Ball/Post Commanders affair. It will be held at the Stuart Thomas Manor on February 17, 2012 from 1 to 5 PM.

Third Division Report

It's THAT time again – ALL 3rd Division Posts

Reminder: The ALL IMPORTANT 3rd Division Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2012. BE THERE!

There were no “visitors” at the Veterans Day in Great Neck. It is therefore hoped that all member posts in the 3rd Division participated in some type of event either organized by your own post or at a neighboring post.

I had the honor of being invited by Maureen O'Connell, the Nassau County Clerk, to attend the Dedication and Opening of the Veterans Part at Supreme Court, Nassau County. I accompanied the County Commander. I look forward to assisting our brother and sister veterans in this most worthwhile endeavor.

I would like to wish all Legionnaires and the families Merry Christmas, Happy Chanuka and the very BEST in 2012.
Louise McCann, Commander

Monument Fund Report

Frank Wicelinski

As of November 18th we have collected \$3,350.00. Our Goal was \$3,200.00. However the additional Funds will be used for the maintenance of the monument.

County Rehab Report

Frank Colon, Jr, Chairman

I want to thank Howard Van Wagner Post #962, Robert Spittel Post #1285 and the East Meadow Memorial Post #1082 for attending our veterans day visit at Northport on Saturday, November 12. The vets had a great time and all received a goody bag from the Legion.

For our December 10th visit, we need to be at building # 92 at 12:15 PM. They want us there early because of the Army/Navy Game at 2:00PM. We will be singing Christmas Carols and having fun with all the veterans at Building #92.

We were asked to pack 220 bags for the vets in Northport Hospital for the Auxiliary to give out when they do their Christmas Gift Shop on December 14-15. We could use some items to place in the bags. We could use, razors, soap, female products, batteries, shampoo, hair brushes, skin creams and all the other goodies that we put in the bags.

Our thanks to all who donated items for the vets standdown held in November. We collected a mountain of clothes, shoes, shirts, and winter coats and the County picked them all up to be sorted and they brought them to the Marine Barricks on Stewart Avenue in Garden City for the vets to select what they need.

MILITARY BALL/ POST COMMANDERS

Frank Colon, Jr., Chairman

All the letters have been sent out to the Post's with the information on the affair. The time and date was changed to Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 12:30 Pm to 6:00 PM.

I have received some responses and I hope to have a full house. Make sure that you get your reservations in quickly and be sure to fill out the pageant form information and return it to me ASAP. Don't put it off till later as you may be shut out as this affair is usually a sellout.

I may be reached at: 435-7066



We had the Director of the Nassau County American Legion Riders speak at the County Meeting about the riders and their programs to help the Legion get members.

Membership Officer's Report

John J. Hassett

Special Congratulation to the first Post to Achieve and exceed 100% membership:

J. Franklin Bell #81 – 112.50% - 1 Div.

Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving 85% or better in membership renewal:

Lynbrook #335 – 92.50% - 1 Div.

Quentin Roosevelt #4 – 91.67% - 3 Div.

New Hyde Park #1089 – 91.50% - 2 Div.

Merrick Post #1282 – 88.41% - 1 Div.

Hempstead #390 – 88.07% - 2 Div.

William Clinton Story#342 – 87.13% - 2 Div.

Massapequa #1066 – 86.72% - 1 Div.

Carle Place #1718 – 85.26% - 3 Div.

Bad News Bears

We have 1 Post that has sent in dues for only 1 member:

2nd Division – Joe Murphy #1957

We have 2 Posts that have not gotten above 10%

1st Division – Lawrence-Cedarhurst #339

3rd Division – James F. Brengel #456

The following Posts failed to make the Department Membership renewal of 65% by November 14:

1st Division – Victor Murtha #972

– Rockville Centre #303

– Roosevelt Memorial #1051

2nd Division – Hugh C. Newman III Mem. #449

3rd Division – Glen Cove #76

– Port Washington #509

– New Cassel Memorial #1861

The next Department goal is 75% by December 12 – Post Membership Officers NOW is the time to start calling or visiting those members who have not paid yet and talk them in to renewing.

Nassau County slid backwards and is now in 16th place in the state with membership of 76.15% as of 11-15-11. 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.

PUFL checks are due to the County, if you haven't sent them in then please send them now, remember it is \$1.00 for each PUFL member in your Post.

Remember the "Three R's" of Membership
Recruit – Retain – Reinstatement!

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.

LAW AND ORDER

Ron Sabo, Chairman

On November 7, 2011, Joseph Reale, the County Adjutant and I attended the Oceanside Memorial Post #1246 Law and Order Program. This was the first Law and Order Program of the Legion year. It was well attended and it was a really good program. I'd like to thank Commander Bill Davison and the Oceanside Legionaries for their invitation.

Hopefully this will be the start of many more Law and Order Programs throughout the county.

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING
FOR THEIR DONATIONS OF CLOTHES FOR
THE STANDDOWN:

LEVITTOWN POST

T-SHIRTS SWEAT SHIRTS

MALVERNE POST

MENS SUITS-SWEATERS-SHIRTS-CLOTHES
SHOES-

COOKIES THRIFT SHOP

MENS COATS - SWEATERS - PANTS -
SHIRTS

ELMONT POST

MENS T-SHIRTS - SOX -

VET'S REHAB COMMITTEE

TO: Legionnaires, County Staff, Past County Commanders,
Auxiliary members and S.A.L. members

Frank Colon, Jr., PCC, Chairman
85 Cleveland Avenue.
Rockville Centre, New York 11570

SUBJECT: Military Ball/Post Commanders Night

The Fifth Annual Military Ball/Post Commanders Night will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012, at the Stuart Thomas Manor, 2143 Boundary Avenue, Farmingdale, New York, 11735, from 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The function will begin with a Cocktail Hour with hot and cold hor d'oeuvres, followed by a full course dinner. With unlimited name brand liquor, and music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Tickets are, \$58.00 per person. Make check payable to NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION, and earmark it for the Military Ball/Post Commanders Night. Cutoff for tickets is FEBRUARY 3, 2012. If your Post should have more than one table, and would like to setup the seating for each table, send the names of the people at each table and I will assign the ticket numbers to them. A copy of this letter and pageant form can also be found on the Nassau County website (nassaulegion.org). PLEASE RETURN THE PAGEANT INFORMATION FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

PAGEANT INFORMATION FORM

FILL IN THE APPLICABLE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

POST INFORMATION

WILL THE POST BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PAGEANT? YES _____ NO _____

POST NAME: _____ POST NUMBER: _____
(Complete ONLY if participating in Pageant)

WHO WILL REPRESENT THE POST IN THE PAGEANT?

POST COMMANDER: YES _____ NO _____ NAME: _____

OTHER: YES _____ NO _____ NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

WHAT FLAGS WILL BE CARRIED? AMERICAN _____ POST _____ NO FLAGS _____

AUXILIARY UNIT INFORMATION

WILL THE UNIT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PAGEANT? YES _____ NO _____

UNIT NAME: _____ UNIT NUMBER: _____
(Complete ONLY if participating in Pageant) WHO WILL REPRESENT THE UNIT IN THE PAGEANT?

UNIT PRESIDENT: YES _____ NO _____ NAME: _____

OTHER: YES _____ NO _____ NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

WHAT FLAGS WILL BE CARRIED? AMERICAN _____ UNIT _____ NO FLAGS _____

S.A.L. INFORMATION

WILL THE SQUADRON BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PAGEANT? YES _____ NO _____

SQUADRON NAME: _____ SQUADRON NUMBER: _____ (_____)
(Complete ONLY if participating in Pageant) WHO WILL REPRESENT THE SQUADRON IN THE PAGEANT?

SQUADRON COMMANDER: YES _____ NO _____ NAME: _____

OTHER: YES _____ NO _____ NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

WHAT FLAGS WILL BE CARRIED? AMERICAN _____ SQUADRON _____ NO FLAGS _____

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 34 packages since the last County meetings, all went to Afghanistan as the postal system in Iraq is closed as of 17 November because the troops are coming home.

I turned in to the Treasurer: \$225 collected and donated by Mike Frisoli of the Williston Post #144

We still have abundance of socks, t-shirts, tooth paste and deodorant but we are in need of lotions, tooth brushes, shampoo/conditioner, cakes of soap plus other toiletry items. Items collected from hotels and motels are excellent to ship to the troops.

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.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a check for \$58.15 and have asked the treasurer to split the deposit as follows: Legacy Memorial Scholarship \$29.10 and the NEF \$29.05. I shipped 114 cell phones and accessories there value is \$50.85, that check will be sent to me after 1 December. I have approximate 20 cell phones plus what I get tonight but I can't ship unless I have 50. As I stated before the recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

- cell phones
- iPods & MP3 Players
- GPS handheld units
- E-readers
- cell phone accessories
- handheld game systems
- laptop computers
- 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.



**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS IN YOUR
THANKSGIVING PRAYERS**

“HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each Post in the County should have a chairman for Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness and that name should also be forwarded to County Chairman and Department Headquarters. To date I have received 12 names of Post Chairmen please sent them in to me.

The cornerstone of preparedness and prevention is AWARENESS for all types of terrorism or natural disasters. The Holiday season is coming shortly, the shopping malls will be busy and people will be preoccupied, this is the time to “STAY ALERT”. Also with all the protest of “OCCUPY WALL” in New York and other around the world, this is an excellent time for terrorists, homegrown or others to try to attack. So, if you see something 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”.

Legionnaire of the Year

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

I want to take this opportunity to remind the Post Commanders and Post Adjutants that wish to submit their Post Legionnaires for consideration in our County level “Legionnaire of the Year Program for 2011-2012”. The applicants will be judged and a single winner selected. The selected nominee will be announced and recognized at the County Convention in June.

The unannounced Legionnaire will also be submitted to the 10th. District for consideration at the District level.

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.

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT

In September and October I reported that “The Veterans Health Care Facilities Capitol Improvement Act of 2011” was being sent to the President. The bill passed the house on 20 September by a vote of 412-3 and was approved by the Senate three days later by unanimous consent. On 5 October the president sign P.L.112-37 the “Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011”. this authorizes the VA to carry out certain fiscal 2012 major medical-facility construction projects. The House has passed 7 other veterans related bills which have been forwarded to the Senate.

DEPT. COMMANDERS VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County was on 5 November 2011. The dinner was held at the Elmont Post #1033, and was a sell out. In the morning we took the Department Commander and his Aide to breakfast then to Sagamore Hill, TR’s Grave Site and Eisenhower Park. The Commander told me he really enjoyed his time with Nassau County.

I have submitted the Financial Report to the Treasurer, County Commander and the Financial Chairman. this is a breakdown of the report.

1. We had 140 persons at the dinner (16 guests of the County and 124 tickets sold. We ended up with a total donation of \$324.32
2. The Commander lodging cost \$139.99 and breakfast was \$32.71 for a total of \$172.70. I had borrowed 3 senior national park passes so the tour at Sagamore Hill did not cost us anything. That is \$127.30 under budget.
3. We presented the Commander with a gift of \$100, which is the budgeted amount..

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

REMINDER

All those attending the Mid–Winter Conference at the Desmond Hotel, in Albany, NY, 26-29 January 2012, I need a letter from your Post stating such for the County records and the Department.

Joe Reale, Adjutant



NASSAU COUNTY COLOR GUARD AT THE VETERANS DAY SERVICE AT EISENHOWER PARK.



PLACING OF THE WREATH ON VET'S DAY SERVICE
Pictures by Carlos Varon

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Post Boys State Chairman should have started their programs and should be in contact the schools explaining the program and lining up boys and holding interviews. At present the Boys State Program is scheduled for June 24 thru June 29 2011. I have booked the buses and the increase in price was only \$50 each way. I am not sure if the Department fees will rise but I do not believe they will, if so the fee will remain at \$400 per boy. If you need assistance or a pamphlet contact me at 516 922-7135.



JOE SLATTERY IS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL ORG AND BILL HARMS AS THE VICE PRESIDENT

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2011 - 2012

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 10, 2011

NASSAU POLICE #1050
 ELMONT # 1033
 MALVERNE #44
 MERRICK # 1282
 GLEN COVE # 76

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 # 5: JANUARY 14, 2012

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

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

YOUNG SIMMON POST (PG 47)

NOW MEETS: GLEN COVE CITY HALL
 9 GLEN STREET, GLEN COVE, NY 11542 - 1SR THURSDAY

NEW COUNTY REP:

FRED NEILSEN 759-1597
 48 HITCHING POST LANE,
 GLEN COVE, NY 11542

DELETE

FRANKLIN C. WARD

10TH DISTRICT (PG48)

COMMANDER TOM STONE (NEW ADDRESS)

721 WELLWOOD AVENUE, APT 4
 LINDENHURST, NY 11757

TREASURER VINCENT CALIMANO 1-718-318-4625
 138 BEACH STREET,
 ROCKAWAY PARK, NY 11694

SGT AT ARMS: HARRY McMAHON 1-718-474-7289
 608 CROSSBAY BLVD.,
 BROAD CHANNEL, NY 11693

JUDGE ADVOCATE: ARTHUR LAUFER 1-631-587-2198
 757 PEASE LANE,
 WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

LAW & ORDER COMMITTEE (PG.14)

RON SABO'S PHONE # SHOULD BE: 516-872-6326

CHARLES WAGNER POST #421 (PG 39)

COUNTY REP SHOULD BE :

RICHARD HOCHBREUCKNER, PCC 935-3546
 42 MAGNOLIA STREET,
 HICKSVILLE, NY 11801

ALT CTY REP SHOULD BE:

ANTHONY PATERNOSTRO, PCC 308-7019
 4011 BERNICE ROAD,
 SEAFORD, NY 11783

DELETE: ALT CTY REP GREG BENNETT

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES TO THE COUNTY DIRECTORY PLEASE CONTACT ME AT kencadieux@optonline.net OR CALL 238-7001

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 2012

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

TEAM # 7: MARCH 10, 2012

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

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
 WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265
 JOE MURPHY # 1957
 J. FRANKLIN BELL # 81

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

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

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 National American Legion Press Association
 New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2011

DEC	4	UVO MEETING (Cradle of Aviation)	9:30 AM
	11	LINCMO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	16	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM
	14-15	NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP	
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !	
 <u>2012</u>			
JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
	12	3RD DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WILLISTON POST	8 PM
	20	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (Executive)	8:00 PM
	27-29	MIDWINTER CONFERENCE IN ALBANY	
FEB	18	MILITARY BALL/ POST COMMANDERS AFFAIR	12:30-6:00 PM
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (Executive)	8:00 PM
MAR	23	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM

