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COMMANDERS REPORT

Joe Reale, Commander

Hear Ye!!! Hear Ye!!! February Alert, come and part take in County Activities. On Sunday, February 3rd, the County will be holding a Four Chaplain's Ceremony at Temple Judea, 333 Searingtown Road, Manhasset, New York; starting at 2:00 PM. This annual event is held in remembrance of the sacrifices made by four Army Chaplains as the USS Dorchester was sinking in February 1943.

The following Sunday, February 10th, the 40 & 8 will have their Annual Nurses Training Ball at the Malverne Post #44, 240 Franklin Avenue, Malverne. This worthy event gives scholarships to deserving nursing students in Nassau County. The cost is \$20 per head and the starting time is 1:00 PM, plus donations to the fund are accepted.

Heads – Up, remember that the Department Commander, Timothy S. Van Patten will be visiting the County on Saturday, March 16th.

Lastly, this month, and not by order of importance, is membership. As of the December report too many of the Posts are behind where they should be at this time of the year. Membership is the our life blood and everyone's job. Help your Post, your County and yourself and assist the Membership Officers, at all levels, in getting the dues for Legion Year 2012-2013.

Adjutant's Report – Angelo Grande

On January 5, 2013, John Hassett, Andy Booth, Steve McManus and I attended the first meeting of the National Commander's Dinner Committee in New City, New York. The National Commander's Dinner will be held at Antun's Restaurant on April 12th. The chairman of the committee, John Hassett will be sending out additional information.

On January 13th my wife and I attended a dinner honoring Past Jr. Commander, Andy Booth at the Pompeii Restaurant in West Hempstead.

Remember that on February 3rd, we will be conducting the Four Chaplains' Ceremony at Temple Judea, in Manhasset at 2 PM.

On February 10th there will be a Nurses' Training Ball at the Malverne Post.

The Military Ball will be held at Leonard's of Great Neck on February 16th. Further information to follow.

2nd Division Report

Frank L. Neal

During the month letters were sent out to the Posts in the 2nd Division to remind them to pay their PUFLs.

On December 22, 2012, 70 turkey dinners were given out at Hempstead Post 390.

I attended all 3 oratorical contests for Nassau County Legion. I was amazed at these kids.

Congratulations to Joe Murphy, Post 1957, and Elmont Post 1033 for being first to get 100% membership in Nassau County.

On January 13, 2013, I attended a dinner for Past Jr. Commander Andy Booth. A good time was had by all.

Now is the time to push to get those last members to pay their dues. Membership is the life blood of the American Legion.

Yours in Comradeship

Frank Neal,

2nd Division Vice Commander

MILITARY BALL/POST CMDRS NIGHT

THE CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 2, 2013 !! WE ARE SCHEDULED TO GUARANTEE 200 DINNERS. TO DATE WE HAVE ONLY SOLD 82 TICKETS. I TRULY HOPE THAT WE GET AT LEAST 200 IN ATTENDANCE BECAUSE IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THE PRICE FOR THE DINNER WILL GO UP.

WE HOPE THAT MORE POSTS WILL RESPOND AND THE POST THAT HAVEN'T FILED OUT THE PAGEANT FORM I WILL CONTACT THEM.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT TIME,
FRANK COLON, JR., CHAIRMAN

REHAB

FRANK COLON, CHAIRMAN

ON JANUARY 12, 2013 WE HAD THE FOLLOWING POSTS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE DAY AT THE RACES AT NORTHPORT VA BUILDING #92. BALDWIN, WILLIAM J. LONGUET, AND WILLIAM CLINTON STORY.

IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. THE NEXT TEAM UP IS #6 - YOUNG SIMMONS, CATHEDRAL, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, MANHASSET, AVIATORS AND NORTHBELLMORE. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 1:30 PM AND WE WILL BE DONE BY 3:00 PM.

REMEMBER IF YOUR POST ATTENDS THE DONATION IS \$50.00 AND IF YOU DONT ATTEND THE DONATION IS \$100.00. ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

"HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each day you 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. This week terrorists kidnapped a busload of foreign oil workers, which included several Americans, they usually demand a ransom in these cases. With all the destruction from the weather over the past couple of months' people tend to forget to be on the alert. Remember to be ever watchful and if you see something tell someone.

If you see something that looks out of place or individuals acting suspicious, report it to someone. It is better to be safe than sorry. Remember, Terrorism has many formal definitions. In most cases 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".



FOUR CHAPLAINS' CEREMONY

PLACE: TEMPLE JUDEA, 333 SEARINGTOWN ROAD, MANHASSET, NY

February 3, 2013 - TIME: 2 PM

February 3, 1943

The Dorchester was in trouble.

It was shortly before 1 AM on Feb. 3, 1943 — 70 years ago today — a German submarine had just blown a gaping hole in the converted cruise ship, which was packed with more than 900 soldiers, seamen and civilians headed for bases on the icy reaches of Greenland.

The ship would have about 25 minutes before it sank into the frigid North Atlantic. As stunned soldiers clambered onto the deck, many started to gather around four officers who had grouped themselves together.

The officers — the Rev. George Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, the Rev. Clark Poling and the Rev. John Washington — were the ship's chaplains. They comforted the men, prayed with them, tried to calm them down and looked for spare life jackets for the dozens who had failed to put on their own before the attack. The Chaplains also gave up their own life jackets, so that four men could be saved.

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NURSE'S TRAINING BALL

THE NASSAU 40/8 VOITURE WILL HOLD THEIR 46TH NURSES TRAINING BALL ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2013 AT THE MALVERNE POST. ADMISSION IS ONLY \$20.00 P.P. AND A HOT DINNER IS SERVED. THEY HAVE GIVEN OUT OVER \$375,000.00 DOLLARS TO NURSING STUDENTS OVER THE YEARS. IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT WHO WISHES TO BE A NURSE AND ENROLS IN A FOUR YEAR COURSE CONTACT FRANK COLON FOR AN APPLICATION. WE HAVE SPONSORED UP TO TEN STUDENTS AT ONE TIME. WE ARE ONLY LIMITED BY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS WE CAN COLLECT AS WE GUARANTEE THE AWARD FOR 3 YEARS FOR EACH STUDENT SELECTED.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have 20 boxes ready to ship to various individuals and they will be sent out Friday and Monday 18 January and 21 January 2013. Last month I gave the Treasurers checks totaling \$470 which was collected by Mike Frisolo of the Williston Post #144. At the last County Meetings the Charles Wagner Post #421 donated 8 big boxes of items, some of which we needed for the Rehab at Northport. Don't stop donating items we can use them to support the troops, the visits to Northport and for the Stand Downs. 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 Comfort Wounded Warrior program is the National Commander project this year.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have 45 cell phones ready to ship plus what I picked up tonight, they will be shipped out on Monday 21 Jan 2013. I stated before the recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

cell phones	cell phone accessories
iPods	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 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.

2013 MEMBERSHIP Target Dates

Below are the dates in which membership packages should be received *by Department* in order for posts to receive credit for membership retained /recruited.

<i>DA TE</i>	<i>Membership Goal</i>		
September 10,	2012	50%	
October 15	2012	55%	
November 13	2012	65%	
December 10	2012	75%	
January 14	2013	80%	
February 11	2013	85%	
March 11	2013	90%	
April 8	2013	95%	
May 6	2013	100%	

By using these dates we can all achieve our 100% membership goals. please let me know if you need any assistance.

Steve McManus, Membership Officer
516-302-3404

BEACON HOUSE

A LARGE TRUCK FROM BEACON HOUSE (A SERIES OF HOMES FOR HOMELESS VETS) PICKED UP A FULL LOAD OF ITEMS AT KEN CADIEUX'S HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH. WITH OVER 90 BAGS OF CLOTHING, SHOES, SNEAKERS, BLANKETS, TOWELS AND A LOAD OF FOOD ITEMS. MOST WERE WINTER ITEMS COLLECTED FOR THE FALL STANDDOWN WHICH WAS CANCELLED.

THIS HELPED KEN GET HIS TWO CAR GARAGE, SUN PORCH AND DINING ROOM BACK. HE IS NOW COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN. IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS CALL FRANK COLON AT 435-7066 FOR A PICK UP.

WE STILL COLLECT THE TABS, STAMPS, EYEGLASSES, INKJET CARTRIDGES, AND ARE IN NEED OF TOOTHBRUSHES & AA BATTERIES FOR ITEMS FOR THE VETS.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER

The National Commander will be visiting our area on April 12, 2013. That evening Districts 1, 2, 9 and 10 will be hosting the National Commander at a testimonial dinner. It will take place at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, New York, in the Evening (time to be determined by the Amazing Kreskin and announced at a later date). Dress is optional (cap is required - you might be cold if that is the only option you choose).

The cost of the dinner is \$65.00 per person.

This includes a cocktail hour, full dinner and music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Nassau County American Legion has been allotted ten (10) tables for this event. The cutoff date for purchasing tickets will be March 16, 2013.

Please make checks payable to the Nassau County American Legion, and earmark it for the National Commander's Dinner. Send all checks to:

John Hassett, County Treasurer
105 Franklin Ave. Malverne, NY 11565

Recovering Warriors

Those who come home physically or mentally changed by war need a grateful nation to step up and support them. The American Legion does that through Heroes to Hometowns, a transition program for severely injured servicemembers returning home from OEF/OIF that can operate at the post, district or department levels. And through The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors, military personnel recovering from wounds and illnesses are provided comfort items the federal government doesn't provide.

If you are a servicemember or recently transitioned servicemember who has suffered an injury - physical or otherwise - The American Legion has several resources available. The Legion's Heroes to Hometowns program can assist you as you transition back into your community. And the Legion, through its working relationship with the departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense, monitors closely the treatment of war wounds.

NASSAU COUNTY REHAB PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

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

DEPT COMMANDERS VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT

The rescheduled Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County will be on 16 March 2013. The DJ is rescheduled a couple of affairs so that he will be with us that night. The Programs can be reused with a sticker over the date, the only complete loss is the tickets. I could not get the Williston Post #144 but did get the Edwin Welch, Jr. Post #1132 in Seaford. Letters are in the mail and the bad news is the price had to increase, cost of tickets will now be \$55 per person. The affair is on the St. Patrick's Day weekend but please try to make this as we would like to show the Department Commander that "We are the Empire County of the Empire State".

WALLS OF HONOR - EISENHOWER PARK

DO YOU KNOW A VETERAN THAT YOU'D LIKE TO HONOR? YOU CAN PLACE ANY HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS NAME ON THE "WALLS OF HONOR". THIS OFFER IS OPEN TO ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. THE COST IS ONLY \$100.00 PER NAME.

THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE nassaulegion.org

NEW NAMES ARE ADDED USUALLY IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR. HONOR YOUR FATHER, MOTHER, BROTHER, SISTER, UNCLE, AUNT OR ANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED AMERICAN VETERAN. THEY NEED NOT HAVE SERVED DURING A WARTIME PERIOD TO HAVE THEIR NAME PLACED ON THE "WALLS OF HONOR".

NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

THE STORM "SANDY" THAT HIT LONG ISLAND DID MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE TREES AT LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE. WITH OVER 157 TREES TOPPLED THE CEMETERY STAFF WERE WORKING TO GET THE CEMETERY BACK IN SHAPE.

IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER BURIED THERE, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT NO GRAVE WAS EXPOSED BY THE UP ROOTED TREES AND ONLY A FEW GRAVE MARKERS WERE DAMAGED. THEY WILL BE REPLACED.

BECAUSE OF THE EXTENT AND SIZE OF THE TREE DAMAGE THE DIRECTOR OF THE CEMETERY HAD TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FALLEN TREES. WE ALL KNOW HOW SLOW WASHINGTON MOVES. BUT BE ASSURED THAT THE CEMETERY WILL BE CLEARED AND ALL DAMAGE REPAIRED.

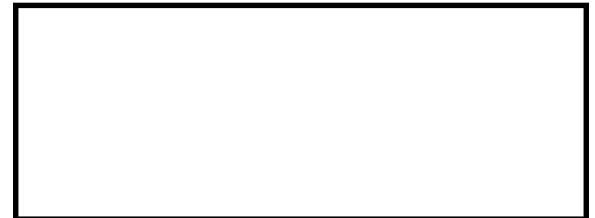
AS PART OF THE OVERALL MAINTENCE OF THE CEMETERY THE MAIN OFFICE AND THE BATHROOMS WILL BE COMPLETELY REDONE SOMETIME IN THE SPRING.

OUR GOAL IS FOR "NATIONAL SHRINE STATUS" FOR OUR CEMETERY WHICH WILL GIVE US MORE RESOURCES FOR THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENCE OF THE PROPERTY.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

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

<u>JAN</u>	29	10TH DISTRICT MEETING BABYLON POST	8:00 PM
<u>FEB</u>	3	FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE - TEMPLE JUDEA - 333 SEARINGTOWN ROAD,MANHASSET,	2:00 PM
	10	40/8 NURSE'S TRAINING BALL - MALVERNE POST	1 TO 5 PM
	16	MILITARY BALL/POST CMDRS NIGHT	NOON TO 5:30 PM
		LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK 555 NORTHERN BLVD \$55.00 PP	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>MAR</u>	16	DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT / DINNER \$55.00 P.P.	
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>APR</u>	12	NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER - ANTUNS	
	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
	26	UVO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	26	NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE	2:00 PM
	27	MEMORIAL DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
<u>JUNE</u>	7-8	NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	