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COMMANDERS REPORT

I want to thank all of you who work every day to make the American Legion as great as it can be. I know at times we all don't see eye to eye on every item that may come up at our County meetings, But that's part of life. As long as we can respect each other, that's all one can ask for.

I wanted to take this time to wish all of you and your family's a healthy holiday and safe New Year's eve.

Don't forget the Friday 20 January 2012 meeting will be held at Massapequa Post 1066. If any one is going to mid-winter make sure your room is on hold. What I mean is make a call to the hotel.

I want to thank Angelo Soto for one out standing job he did when Bill Harms got sick. Not all know what it takes to put this year's Oratorical together in a short time that it took him. I for one did not think we would be able to pull it off. One out standing job. Again thanks to you for making me (Commander Andrew Booth) and the American Legion of Nassau County Look Great.

Some of the staff (Joe Reale, Angelo Grande, John Hassett and I went to New City last Saturday 3 December 2011) yes its that time of year again.

To the staff I want to take this time to thank all of you for an out standing job all of you done this year. A special thanks goes out to all our Committee Chairpersons for the job you all do day after day week after week month after month There are not many like you. Legionnaires all !

Progress is being made on the cremains program and we will be getting out more information after the new year.

In closing, like the song goes this is our country, and let's keep it that way. God Bless America!

From the desk of your Commander

1st Division Report

I Was privileged to be able to attend Oratorical contest on Nov 30th at Malverne Post. Five young men spoke for about ten minutes each, without notes! They were excellent, spellbinding speakers. Glad I was not one of the judges. I'm comfortable knowing that tomorrow's leaders have these men among them.

Thanks to Lynbrook Post 335 for their invite of County Staff to their annual holiday celebration. It was interesting and yummy!

Early January is typically the time for our divisional membership meeting. Unfortunately, I will be out of town most of the month and the person I asked to run this very important meeting for me has not responded to that request. Even though we may be unable to have a formal meeting I will call each of the 1st Division commanders to find out what's working and what's not for increasing your membership. Let me also hear suggestions that have or could work for adding members. For example, one post has articles in the local paper, offering veterans a first year free. Maybe they could offer the second year free if the new member attends at least two thirds of the meetings in the first year.

In March we will have our Division caucus meeting at the Oceanside Memorial Post #1246. The exact date will be announced. At this time, as a favor to me, as well as a responsibility for the maintenance of our organization, I am going to ask each post to propose, at the very least, one candidate for the Division Commander position. Kindly email me the name of your candidate(s) as soon as possible.

Want to wish each and every one of you a very happy and healthy holiday and new year.

God Bless You, God bless our fellow veterans, and God Bless these great United States of America!

Howard Kalachman (516) 978-5266
hksunshine@hotmail.com

Membership Officer's Report

John J. Hassett



Congratulations to the following Posts for achieving and exceeding 100% membership:

Joe Murphy #1957	164.71% -	2 Div.
J. Franklin Bell #81	112.50% -	1 Div.

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 90% or better in membership renewal:

Howard VanWagner #962	96.51% -	3 Div.
Elmont #1033	95.31% -	2 Div.
Lynbrook #335	95.00% -	1 Div.
Carle Place #1718	94.74% -	3 Div.
North Bellmore #1749	94.52% -	2 Div.
Hempstead #390	94.50% -	2 Div.
New Hyde Park #1089	94.12% -	2 Div.
Merrick Post #1282	93.29% -	1 Div.
Glenwood Landing #336	92.25% -	3 Div.
Quentin Roosevelt #4	91.67% -	3 Div.
Uniondale #1487	90.70% -	2 Div.
Charles Wagner #962	90.00% -	3 Div.

Bad News Bears

We have 1 Post that has not gotten above 10% 3rd Division – James F. Brengel #456

1 Post that has not gotten above 25% 1st Division – Roosevelt Memorial #1051

MOOOOVE 'EM OUT

The following Posts failed to make the Department Membership renewal of 75% by December 12:

1st Division –

Oceanside Memorial #1246 Island Park #1029
Victor Murtha #972 Lawrence-Cedarhurst #339
Roosevelt Memorial #1051

2nd Division –

Floral Park #334 Cathedral #1087
Hugh C. Newman III Mem. #449
Franklin Square #1014

3rd Division

Glen Cove #76 Port Washington #509
New Cassel Memorial #1861

The next Department goal is 80% by January 17 – Post Membership Officers **NOW** is the time to start calling or visiting those members who have not paid yet and talk them into renewing; remind them that they can take their dues, if paid by December 31 as a tax deduction. Remember, after December 31 members who have not paid are considered delinquent!

Nassau County is now in 14th place in the state with membership of 80.90% as of 12-5-11. 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 overdue 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 – Reinstate!

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

**TIME'S
RUNNING
OUT...**

If you have questions or need supplies please call (516) 887-7473 or e-mail me at: cdr344@optonline.net.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a check for \$50.85 and have asked the treasurer to split the deposit as follows: Legacy Memorial Scholarship \$25.45 and the NEF \$25.40. I have approximate 60 cell phones ready to ship plus what I get tonight which will be shipped out on Monday. As I stated before the recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

cell phones and accessories iPods and MP3
Players handheld games GPS handheld
units laptopcomputers 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.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND. AS YOU KNOW ALL I ASK FOR IS \$1.00 A MEMBER.

Arlene Howard,

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

JOSEPH P. SLATTERY JR., PCC CHAIR
516-433-4227, DOCJOEPC@YAHOO.COM



COMMANDERS. LETTERS WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR OUR COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM WENT OUT TO ALL POSTS. YOU HAD 6 FULL MONTHS TO IDENTIFY THAT SPECIAL LEGIONNAIRE IN YOUR POST. THE TIME IS NOW TO HONOR THAT PERSON WITH YOUR POSTS "LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR" HONOR. DO IT IN JANUARY. THAT LEGIONNAIRE IS NOW YOUR CANDIDATE FOR THE COUNTY LEVEL HONOR. THE CURRENT OR A PAST POST HONOREE IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED WITH THE FORM AND GUIDELINES THAT I SENT YOU.

COMPLETED FORMS, SIGNED BY THE POST COMMANDER AND ADJUTANT, FOLLOWING THE STRICT GUIDELINES, MUST BE IN MY HANDS BY THE DEADLINE MARCH 1ST, 2012. COMMANDER, YOU HAVE ALL OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TO DO THIS. PLEASE, YOU OWE IT TO YOUR POST AND FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES TO RECOGNIZE A POST MEMBER. IT IS YOUR DUTY TO DO IT OR DESIGNATE SOMEONE IN YOUR POST TO DO IT. THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE YOUR MEMBERS AND GIVE THEM SOME WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION. WITH, 2 FULL MONTHS AND COUNTING, DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE. DO IT NOW. AS ALWAYS, ANY QUESTIONS CALL OR EMAIL ME. I'M HERE TO HELP YOU HONOR YOUR POST MEMBER. MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY CHANUKAH & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CONVENTION REPORT

AS YOU KNOW THE CONVENTION WILL BE AT LEVITTOWN HALL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST AND SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

AS OF TONIGHT I STILL HAVE NOT HAD A BID FROM A POST TO HOLD THE INSTALLATION DINNER ON SATURDAY NIGHT JUNE 2ND FOR THE NEW INCOMING COUNTY OFFICERS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN WRITING IF YOU DECIDE TO HOST THE DINNER.

ARLENE HOWARD, PCC

WINAL REPORT

DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A GREETING TO OUR WOMEN VETERANS LIVING IN NURSING HOMES.

VAMC NORTHPORT AND THE LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS HOME IN STONY BROOK, NY.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 16 packages since the last County meetings, all went to Afghanistan and other areas as the postal system in Iraq is closed as of 17 November because the troops are coming home.

Tonight I turned in to the Treasurer: \$195 collected and donated by Mike Frisoli of the Williston Post #144

On Monday I am visiting the Jackson Main School in Hempstead to meet with the students and pick up 25 packages that they have collected and packaged as a project for school. I will ship these packages out next week but I will probably have to package them in Flat Rate Boxes as their packages are in large plastic bags.

This year a refused the Halloween candy that was collected as last year I was given 920 pounds of candy. I had to sort thru them and discard the bad ones and repackage, address and fill out custom declaration for all the candy which took 36 boxes and at a cost of \$500 tom \$600. I had no help on this endeavor. Also last year two days before Valentines Day I was presented with 18 boxes (the kind that reams of paper come in) of Valentines Day cards from the kids. I had to package these cards and address them and fill out custom declaration for another 33 boxes. Again I will not handle this type of shipping.

If you have items to donate, 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.

County Veterans Memorial Park

An additional 500 names will be dedicated on the Walls of Honor at Eisenhower Park this spring. To honor a family member or friend the cost remains \$100.00. Contact me or see me for information or applications. We have plenty of room for the names of Honorees by using the lower portion of all the original walls.

Publicity (Public Relations)

Please forward a copy of your Post's Newsletter or Newspaper to me. They will be judged for a possible award this spring at convention. Keep forwarding pictures and descriptions of your Post accomplishments to your local newspaper; it will create awareness with your community of what we do in The American Legion. Thank you to the posts who have already submitted.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

JAMES T. RANDLE

THE LEGION YEAR IS HALL OVER. I HOPE THE POST'S HISTORIANS ARE PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR POST NARRATIVE OR SCRAPBOOK OR PICTORIAL HISTORY.

IN THE COUNTY DIRECTORY I DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE TEN POST HISTORIANS INCLUDING MY SELF LISTED FOR THEIR POST.

I HAVE FOUND THAT HAVING A COPY OF THIS ADJUTANT NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL MEETINGS HELPS IN FORMATTING A NARRATIVE HISTORY, ALONG WITH PICTURES OF THE POST AND OFFICER'S.

THE CURRENT OFFICER'S GUIDE, CONTAINS THIS BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILING A POST HISTORY.

YOU CAN CALL ME I CAN ANSWER QUESTION ABOUT PUTTING YOUR POST HISTORY TOGETHER.

REHAB REPORT

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman

THE FOLLOWING POSTS ATTENDED OUR CHRISTMAS VISITATION AT BUILDING No. 92 IN NORTHPORT, ELMONT POST 1033, MALVERNE POST 44, NASSAU POLICE POST 1050 AND MERRICK POST 1282. I WISH TO THANK THESE POSTS FOR THE ITEMS THEY BROUGHT TO THIS EVENT. THE LAP ROBES WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO VETERANS AT NORTHPORT ALONG WITH ANY OTHER VETERANS IN NEED. THE HOSPITAL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WE HAVE BEEN MOVED AROUND. **NEXT MONTHS VISIT WILL BE JANUARY 14, 2012. TEAM #5 IS SLATED FOR THIS VISIT.**

MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NIGHT

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman

So far we have sold 73 tickets. Our goal to make budget is 257 tickets sold. Again the time has changed from 12:30 PM - 6 PM on February 18, 2012 at the Stuart Thomas Manor in Farmingdale. I hope to see our county with a great turnout.

Happy Holidays to everyone !

LAW & ORDER

RON SABO, CHAIRMAN

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 I ATTENDED THE BALDWIN POSTS LAW AND ORDER PROGRAM. THE POST GAVE OUT AWARDS TO FOUR COAST GUARD MEMBERS: ONE FBI AGENT, ONE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DETECTIVE, ONE COUNTY POLICE OFFICER, AND ONE BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER. THE POST PROGRAM WAS RUN WELL, AND THE POST WAS FULL. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE POST COMMANDER, HIS STAFF AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BALDWIN POST FOR THEIR KIND INVITATION. THE LADIES AUXILIARY DID A GREAT JOB PUTTING OUT THE FOOD, A FAMILY WORKING TOGETHER.

ON A SAD NOTE, WE'VE SEEN ANOTHER NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. POLICE OFFICER PETER J. FIGOSKI HAD 22 YEARS ON THE JOB, AND HE LEAVES BEHIND FOUR DAUGHTERS. REMEMBER HIM IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

I'M WORKING ON GETTING THE DEPARTMENT FORMS, WHICH MUST BE FILLED OUT BY THE POST, ON THEIR LAW & ORDER PROGRAMS. THERE IS ALSO A FORM THAT SHOULD BE FILLED OUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO PUT SOMEONE UP FOR THE POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR. I WILL SPEAK MORE ON THIS IN THE FUTURE.

IN CLOSING I WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

STANDDOWN

WE HAD 5 CLOTHING PICK UPS BY NASSAU FOR THE LAST STANDDOWN AS WE WERE NOT ABLE TO ENTER THE MARINE BASE WITHOUT COMPLETELY UNLOADING EVERYTHING FOR THEM TO SEARCH THRU. THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS AN ACTIVE MILITARY BASE. OUR THANKS TO ELMONT POST, LEVIT TOWN POST AND COOKIES THRIFT SHOP FOR THE BULK OF THE CLOTHING COLLECTED. WHICH INCLUDED: T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, COATS AND SWEATERS FOR THE HOMELESS.

CREMAINS

WE HAVE SOME RESPONSES ON THE ASHES OF VETERANS LEFT BEHIND IN FUNERAL PARLORS AND WE WILL BE SETTING UP FURTHER INFORMATION AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM ALL THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS. L.I. NATIONAL IS GEARED UP TO RECEIVE THE ASHES WHEN WE ARE READY. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 30 RESPONSES TO DATE.

OUR THANKS GO TO THE ROCKVILLE CENTRE POST 303 AUXILIARY WHO PROCURED 10 CASES OF MENS BRIEFS FROM THE JOCKEY UNDERWEAR COMPANY FOR OUR VETS PROGRAMS.

OUR THANKS ALSO GO TO ELMONT POST FOR THEIR DONATION OF 3 CASES OF T-SHIRTS FROM THE VERIZON COMPANY.

ALSO RECEIVING KUDO'S IS THE PLAINVIEW POST FOR THEIR SUPPLY OF PUZZLES (950) AND BOOKS (OVER 2000).

ALSO TO MINEOLA AARP CHAPTER 4202 FOR THEIR KIND DONATION OF LAP ROBES FOR THE VETS AT NORTHPORT NURSING HOME.

Medicare Increases

For those of you who are on Medicare, read the following. It's short, but important and you probably haven't heard about it in the mainstream news:

"The per person Medicare insurance premium will increase from the present monthly fee of \$96.40, rising to:

- \$104.20 in 2012;
- \$120.20 in 2013;
- \$247.00 in 2014.

These are provisions incorporated in the Obamacare legislation, purposely delayed so as not to 'confuse' the 2012 re-election campaigns. Send this to all seniors that you know, so they will know who's throwing them under the bus.



A PIECE OF
AMERICAN
LEGION
HISTORY

CHAPLAINS REPORT

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO BILL DAVISON PAST COUNTY COMMANDER ON THE PASSING OF HIS WIFE REGINA, WHO WAS A PAST NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

George Lewis PCC has been moved to a new rehab location and he just celebrated his 93 birthday. New address:



George Lewis Room 107B
Meadowbrook Care Center
Freeport, NY 11520

His cell phone number is 382-4077.

He would like to hear from you either via phone or cards.

JOHN RADIN IS DOING BETTER AND MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SAME REHAB AS GEORGE LEWIS ABOVE.

THE COUNTY PAST COMMANDERS ASSN HELD THEIR CHRISTMAS MEETING AT THE BALDWIN DINER WITH 24 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY AT FARMINGDALE AND THE MEMORIAL GARDEN THEREIN THAT WAS SPONSORED BY MANY OF OUR POSTS IS DOING GREAT.

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING FUNDS TO REPLACE THE SOUND SYSTEM THAT WE ALL USE WHEN WE ARE HOLDING SERVICES AT THE CEMETERY. THE OLD SYSTEM IS NOW BEYOND REPAIR AND WE NEED TO REPLACE IT. ANY POST WISHING TO MAKE A DONATION SHOULD MAKE THEIR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LINC MO, INC AND SEND TO ME:

KEN CADIEUX LEGION REPRESENTATIVE
121 POWELL AVENUE,
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570
516-238-7001

kencadieux@optonline.net

IT'S UNANIMOUS...



NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE - 2012

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

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
PLAINVIEW POST

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
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
JOE MURPHY # 1957

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.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Charles Wagner Post (pg 39)

Delete County Rep John Mauro
Delete Alt Rep Greg Bennett



Insert County Rep

Richard Hochbreuckner PCC 935-3546
20 George Avenue, (Corrected Address)
Hicksville, NY 11801

Alt Cty Rep:

Anthony Paternostro, PCC 308-7019
4011 Bernice Road,
Seaford, NY 11783

Constitution & By-laws C0mmittee (pg 12)

Delete Robert Reahl, PCC

Insert



Anthony Paternostro, PCC 308-7019
4011 Bernice Road,
Seaford, NY 11783

Nassau Police Post 1050 for the Directory:

Post Commander & County Rep.
Alfred Pagano - 623-1375



Alernate County Rep.
Dan Scheidel - 742-4364



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

James B. Middleton, Jr. Chairman

THE FINAL DETAILS ON THE CONSTITU-
TION & BYLAWS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED AND
WERE SENT TO THE PRINTER.

AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE BOOKLETS,
WE WILL PROOF READ THEM AND IF ALL IS IN
ORDER THEY WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT A LATER
DATE.

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

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

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MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758
PERMIT # 8

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New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

2012

JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
	12	3RD DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WILLISTON POST	8 PM
	15	DEADLINE FOR 10TH DISTRICT - EAGLE SCOUT OF YEAR	
	20	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (Executive)	8:00 PM
	21	2ND DIVISION MEETING - ELMONT POST	9 AM
	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	11	UVO INSTALLATION DINNER - NEW HYDE PARK INN	
	23	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM
APR		COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM
MAY		COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM



MILITARY BALL / POST COMMANDERS NIGHT FEBRUARY 18TH 2012
GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND HELP MAKE THIS FUNCTION A SUCCESS