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Commander's Report

Angelo Grande



Angelo's wife Kathy places his new County Commanders hat on at his installation.

I would like to thank all who elected me to be your County Commander. I will do my best to live up to the title.

I would like to thank all who attended my installation dinner at Leonards of Great Neck. A great time was had by all.

We held our orientation meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at the Glenwood Landing Post and we are getting ready for the legion year ahead.

I know that I can count on all the post's in Nassau County to do their best for the Good of The Legion. Remember Membership is of vital importance, without growth we will find times getting harder in future years. Have a Great Summer and stay well. I hope to see you all at the next County Meeting on July 26th at the Plainview Post at 7:15 P.M.

RE-HAB REPORT - FRANK COLON, JR, PCC

RE-HAB VISIT TO NORTHPORT WILL START AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. I WILL POST THE LIST OF POSTS WHO WILL ATTEND TO THE VET'S FOR EACH MONTH, BE SURE TO MARK YOUR DATES AND TO ATTEND.

IN THE MEAN TIME WE STILL HAVE TO COLLECT ALL THE ITEMS FOR THE BAGS WE GIVE THE VETS.

Legionnaire of Year



Commander Joe Reale and Legionnaire of the Year Lecia A. Rodriquez of the Elmont Post pose with chairwoman Louise McCann.



Joe & Toni Reale

NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

Ken Cadieux, PCC - Rep

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR TO PAY FOR THE PATCHES FOR THE KIDS WHO FLAG THE GRAVES. MY THANKS TO ALL THE POSTS WHO HELPED WITH DONATIONS. WE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR NEXT YEAR IF WE CAN'T RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.



As a vintage C-47 circled slowly overhead dropping parachutists into the blustery Normandy sky, American Legion National Commander James E. Koutz and American Legion National Auxiliary President Peggy Thomas represented the United States in a ceremony that paid tribute to those who fought in the D-Day invasion 69 years ago. Paratroopers from France, Germany and the Netherlands jumped into the Merderet River plain near La Fiere Bridge, where one of the bloodiest small-arms battles of U.S. war history was fought June 6-9, 1944. More than 300 Americans and approximately 1,000 Germans were killed in the battle.

Eleven active-duty U.S. paratroopers came to Normandy on their own and jumped at various events during the week. Among them was Ben Van Buren, an Operation Enduring Freedom veteran now stationed in Germany. The Gainesville, Fla., Legionnaire did not participate in the Sunday exhibition near La Fiere Bridge after having broken his nose and injuring an arm in earlier jumps during the week of tributes to the airborne invasion. He jumped at Utah Beach, Mont St. Michel and Carantan on his first visit to Normandy. "I actually got to sit in the door of a C-47 that flew on D-Day," Van Buren told National Commander Koutz as thousands gathered to watch the jump Sunday. "It still had the old shrapnel holes. I cried. It was an awing moment."

Sunday's commemoration included a wreath laying by Koutz and Thomas, along with other dignitaries from France. World War II medic Duane Pinkston received the French Legion of Honor medal during the event. Pinkston, 89, made his first combat jump at La Fiere in the early-morning hours of June 6, 1944, and fought 33 continuous days without relief as U.S. forces secured the Cotentin Peninsula on their way to Berlin. He later jumped in Holland, fought in Bastogne, was wounded three times and helped liberate a concentration camp. The commander was called forward to unveil a new monument near La Fiere Bridge, honoring all who made the airborne invasion a success. The monument features the insignia of both the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions of the U.S. Army and was installed by Amis des Veterans Americains, an organization based in Ste. Mere-Eglise dedicated to the continuous friendship between U.S. veterans and the French people who were liberated after four years of Nazi occupation thanks to those who fought in the D-Day invasion.

NORTHPORT WISH LIST

DOVE LIQUID SOAP	UNSCENTED LOTIONS	HAIR BRUSHES & COMBS	DEODORANT - MED SIZE
SHAVING CREAM	NAIL CLIPPERS	QUAD TRACK RAZORS	TOOTHPASTE - MED SIZE
TOOTHBRUSHES	DENTURE ADHESIVE	DENTURE CLEANER	SHAMPOO - TRIAL SIZE
MENS UNDERWEAR	T-SHIRTS LG / XL /2XL	NEW POSTAGE STAMPS	CALLING CARDS
STOP & SHOP FOOD GIFT CARDS	PETCO GIFT CARDS - TO MAINTAIN FISH TANK IN NURSING HOME		
CLC 3 ASKING FOR A FISH TANK LARGER THAN 50 GALLONS.	POWDERED LAUNDRY DETERGENT		
HIGH EFFICENCY LAUNDRY DETERGENT	COFFEE		

NEW OR GENTLY USED LUGGAGE (WITH WHEELS) FOR PATIENTS ON LEAVE TO VISIT FAMILIES

COUNTY DIRECTORY

THE LETTERS ARE OUT TO ALL POSTS FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE PUT INTO THE 2013-2014 NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTORY. PLEASE GET THE INFORMATION BACK TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF WE CAN GET ALL THE INFORMATION BACK QUICKLY WE CAN GET THE DIRECTORY OUT SOONER.

JUST A SUGGESTION DO NOT LIST YOUR POST PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS FOR YOUR OFFICERS THEY SHOULD LIST THEIR OWN ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, AS THEY WILL BE PUT ON THE MAILING LIST FOR THE COUNTY FLYER.

WE ONLY NEED THE COMMANDER, ADJUTANT, COUNTY REP AND ALTERNATE COUNTY REP FOR THE DIRECTORY.

IF YOUR POST IS TAKING AN AD, PLEASE GET IT TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL COPY MAY BE E-MAILED TO ME AT:

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KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

STOLEN VALOR ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

On June 3, President Barack Obama signed into law The American Legion-backed Stolen Valor Act of 2013, which now makes it a "federal crime for an individual to fraudulently hold oneself out to be a recipient of any of several specified military decorations or medals with the intent to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit." Violators could face up to a year in prison. The U.S. Supreme Court had overturned the original Stolen Valor Act of 2005, deeming it unconstitutional because it was, in the justices' opinion, too broad in scope and violated the right of free speech. A summary and the text of the Act are available on the Congress.gov website at <http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/258>.

AWARD WINNERS

REHAB: Frank Colon, Jr. Chair

1st Div.	Merrick Post 1282
2nd Div.	Levittown Post 1711
3rd Div.	Plainview Post 1812
County Overall	North Bellmore 1749

SCOUTING: - Charles G. Mills, PCC Chair

Eileen Ferguson Award went to:
Kathleen Handle BSA Venturer Crew 577

LEGIONNAIRE OF YEAR: - Louise McCann

Lecia A. Rodriguez - White
From: Elmont Post 1033

LAW & ORDER: Ron Sabo, Chair

1st Div.	Malverne Post 44
3rd Div.	Manhasset Post 304
County Overall	Elmont Post 1033

PUBLICITY:

1st Div.	Merrick Post 1282
2nd Div.	Williston Post 144
County Overall	Edwin Welch, Jr 1132

HISTORIAN AWARDS:

1st Div.	Merrick Post 1282
3rd Div.	Williston Post 144

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Harry Ranson, Chair

Eric Fegan - John F. Kennedy HS

SCRAPBOOK HISTORY- James Randle, Chair

Merrick Post 1282 - "The Bugle"

HISTORY YEAR

Williston Post 144

PUBLICITY AWARD

1st Div.	Merrick Post - "The Bugle"
3rd Div.	Williston Post 144 (Sound Off)
County Overall	- Edwin Welch, Jr Post (The Legion News)



Aux Pres
Carol Hassett
and Staff

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New York State Legion Press Association

OTHER ELECTIONS

DEPARTMENT
WILLIAM DAVISON DEPT V.C.

10TH DISTRICT
ARLENE HOWARD TREASURER
KEN CADIEUX - SGT AT ARMS

OUR GOAL FOR 2014

**100%
MEMBERSHIP**

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

JULY	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	16	HOMELESS VETS STANDDOWN AT HEMPSTEAD POST	9-3 PM
	18-20	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - NIAGARA FALLS	
	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
AUG	3	NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS - EISENHOWER PARK CHAPIN LAKESIDE THEATER	6:30 PM
	7	PURPLE HEART DAY	
	14	JAPAN SURRENDER ANNIVERSARY	
	16	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	23-29	NATIONAL CONVENTION - HOUSTON TEXAS	
SEPT	2	V-J DAY - LABOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG	
	4	ROSH HASHANAH	
	11	PATRIOTS DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	13	YOM KIPPUR	
	20	POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY	
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

NOTICE

**GET YOUR MEMBERS TO RENEW THEIR DUES BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014 AT THE
CURRENT RATE OR THEY WILL PAY MORE BECAUSE OF A DUES INCREASE PENDING IN
STATE THAT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2014**