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COMMANDERS REPORT

To the Past County Commanders & all post Commanders and members of the Nassau County American Legion.

First let thank all of you for your support for the past year, it was great year. The staff did more things this year then foreseen.

First things first, If anyone remember two years back we started to make plans to remove as many remains of our brothers and sisters from funeral homes as we can to make sure that they are not forgotten Veterans.

Two years later ,is here and the date is set, it will be Saturday 19 May 2012@ 9: A.M.

The service will take place @ Long Island National Cemetery, located in Farmingdale, New York, I would like to thank all who helped to make this day happen. If I starting writing all the names down it would take two full pages. So you know who you are, THANKS TO ALL.

Second: The monument will be unveiled @ Eisenhower Park (The Veterans area). Remember to bring your Post colors and the American Flag.

Third: Thanks to Past County Commander Ned Johnson, for all the work he did to secure the donation so The Veterans well have a new VAN. That will also take place on SUNDAY 27 MAY 2012 @ 10: A.M.

And the last thing I would like to tell you all, When I discussed going for County Commander of the American Legion, I asked many member if they were County Commander what was the one thing they would like to see changed, Most of the time, one item kept coming up, was the time it took to hold the meeting. No one could understand why so many times the County meeting would last for 2- 2&1/2 hours.

For all of you who came to the County meeting notice that the meeting time was cut from 2 &1/2 hours to most times to 1 and 1/2 hours.

After the word got out about the meeting ending in half the time. I will tell you for the last 6 or 7 months was the most I seen at county meeting in a long time. I want to thank my staff for A GREAT JOB!

In closing let just say thanks to all the members of the Nassau County American Legion for one great year with out all of you none of this would have happened.

As the saying goes, old soldiers never die, they just fade away

Your proud Nassau County Commander
Andrew Booth

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Lets have a great turnout for the 94th Annual Convention at Levittown Hall on June 1-2.

Make sure your delegates are registered so that they may vote at the convention.

2nd Division Report

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope you are all well and enjoying this spring season. As we conclude the Legion year, I want to make sure all our Division Posts get the proper credit for all the work that has been done throughout this Legion year. It is imperative then that you fill out and submit the Consolidated Reports and Children and Youth Forms. If you did not have a County Representative attend the County Meetings then it will have been mailed to your Post Commander's attention. I only have a couple of more packets to send out. As many of you know, I have chronic laryngitis and lost my voice temporarily. As a result, I was not able to return all calls but I did get your messages and acted upon them.

Due to my Annual Training with the NYARNG, I will not be able to attend the Nassau County Convention this year.

(2nd Div)

I sincerely apologize to County Commander Andy Booth and the rest of the staff for this. I would also take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support you have given me for the past two years and to the Past County Commanders for all their shared wisdom. Finally, I will also offer all my support to the next Division Commander and I will try to be around as much as I can. Nassau County is in good shape and will continue to be a leading county in our Division and our proud Department of New York.

For God and Country,
Manny Rodriguez, 2nd Division Commander
American Legion National College, Class of
2003. MRodriguezUSA@gmail.com /
Direct 516. 847.4872

3rd Division Report

Regrettably, only half of the 3rd Division posts attended the Caucus. It is hoped that the 3rd Division will increase their attendance at the meetings in the new Legion year and give full support to Fred Neilson and his staff.

Memorial Day is again close at hand – any 3rd Division Post who does not have plans for the day – please consider joining the Charles A Fowler Jr. Post 160 in Great Neck for our fourth Annual International Parade. Our brother and sister Royal Canadian Legionnaires will again honor us in making the nine hour drive from Kitchener, Ontario. Not to be outdone by the Legion, six members of the Kitchener/Waterloo Fire Service will join the Parade.

All Third Division Posts are reminded that if your list of delegates and alternate delegates for the County Convention has not been delivered to the County Adjutant YET – you are LATE. Check with Joe Reale to see if you can STILL submit your list. No list- no vote!

The 14th Annual POW/MIA Remembrance was held at the USMMA Mariner's Chapel on Sunday April 26. The attendance was markedly increased from passed years as the Remembrance was held during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Chapel. The jewelry sale during the luncheon went very well as a sizeable donation was made to the County's Soldier Support Program.

It has truly been a memorable experience to serve as the Third Division Commander for two years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the County Commander for this appointment and it has been an honor to serve on your staff.

For God, Country and the American Legion
Louise McCann, 3d Division Commander

Scouting Report

There are three scouting awards this year:

1. Eagle Scout of the Year Evan Lui
2. The Eileen Ferguson Award - Shaun Bermeo
3. Scout Troop of the Year - Troop 577 sponsored by AL Post 1749 in North Bellmore.

Two will be given out at the County Convention. The Eileen Ferguson award will be given out at the Cerebral Palsy Association on June 8 because Shaun Bermeo is too disabled to come to the Convention

Department Judge Advocate's Report

The National Executive Committee has recommended to the National Convention that it authorize charters to Counties and Districts. We will probably receive a County Charter in the fall. This will not have any effect on the way we operate,

Charles G. Mills

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ALL POSTS,COUNTY STAFF,AND PAST COUNTY COMMANDERS.

BOOKLETS WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE MARCH AND APRIL COUNTY MEETINGS. FOR THE SECOND DIVISION AND THE THIRD DIVISION,THE REMAINING BOOKLETS ARE BEING GIVEN OUT BY THE DIVISION COMMANDERS.

FOR THE FIRST DIVISION ONLY TWO POSTS HAVE PICKED UP THEIR COPIES.

JAMES B.MIDDLETON,JR.PCC CHAIRMAN

AMERICANISM REPORT

My sincerest thanks to Young Simmons Post and the Nassau Police Post for their submission for their respective Nominations for the Red, White and Blue Awards.

I had the pleasure of attending the Presentation to the Voutsanias Brothers at the Glen Cove Diner. It was very well attended by the post, County Staff and members of the Legislature of the City of Glen Cove. Thank you Fred and your post for a truly outstanding program.

I was not able to attend the Presentation to the ARHC sponsored by from the Nassau Police Post. but I commend the post commander, Dan Scheidel for all the work involved in putting the ceremony. I know the AHRC members were grateful for the recognition.

Americanism – it starts with a Legionnaire saying “thank you” to a neighbor or a local business for flying the flag. Americanism – it can appear anywhere – taking a walk at the beach, at a playing field watching your kids or grandkids playing WHATEVER – at your local house of worship, yard work in the front of your home & greeting neighbors.

Americanism & New members - you only need TWO things – 1) flag etiquette to start up a conversation and 2) why you should belong to the American Legion. Membership is the lifeblood of the Legion and it is everyone’s responsibility to recruit new members. New members can come at the most unexpected events or locations.

Mr. Commander it has truly been an honor to serve as your Americanism Chair & thank you for your appointment.

Louise McCann
County Americanism Chair

Employment Report

About 50% of the civilian employees of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs are now veterans. This is significant progress but we can do better. Everyone should support the Veterans Skills to Jobs Act which will improve the recognition of military skills as training for civilian jobs.

REHAB REPORT

FRANK COLON, Jr. CHAIRMAN

WE HAD OUR LAST VISIT TO THE NORTHPORT V.A. BUILDING #92 ON MAY 12th.

MY THANKS TO BILL DAVISON, PDistC, AND TWO BLUE STAR MOMS ALONG WITH CHRIS IGOR A VA REP, WE MANAGED TO ENTERTAIN 60 VETERANS WITH OUR DAY AT THE RACES AND REFRESHMENT BREAK AFTER THE RACES.

I’D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE POST’S THAT ATTENDED OUR VISITS THIS YEAR. EVERYONE DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB WITH THE VETERANS.

I WANT TO THANK COMMANDER ANDY BOOTH FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CHAIRING THIS COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST YEAR.

Adjutant’s Report

The following Posts have yet to submit their Consolidated Post Report:

1st Division – Baldwin Post #246; Bellmore Post #948; East Rockaway Post #958; Island Park Post #1029; J. Franklin Bell Post #81; Lawrence-Cedarhurst Post #339; Victor Murtha Post # 972

2nd Division – the entire 2nd Division except for Floral Park Post #334

3rd Division – Archie McCord Post #86; Eugene S. Smith Post #175; Glenwood Landing Post #336; James F. Brengel Post #456; Manhasset Post #304; New Cassel Memorial Post #1861; Port Washington Post # 509; Robert H. Spittel Post #1285; William J. Longuet Post #101; Young-Simmons Post #1765.

The suspense date to the Department is Not Later Than June 15th for eligibility for awards and the last date for submission is June 29th.

Joseph J. Reale, County Adjutant

LEGIONNAIRE:

JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL ITEMS FOR THE LEGIONNAIRE SHOULD BE IN MY HANDS BY THE COUNTY MEETING NIGHT AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE SPACE AS COUNTY REPORTS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

COUNTY DIRECTORY:

THE LETTERS AND AD FORMS FOR THE NEW COUNTY DIRECTORY WILL BE GOING OUT IN JUNE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET THE INFORMATION BACK TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO GET THE DIRECTORY OUT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT CONFUSE THIS REQUEST FOR THE "PINK & WHITES THAT WILL BE REQUESTED BY THE ADJUTANT.

NATIONAL CEMETERY:

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FROM POSTS TO HELP PAY FOR THE NEW PA SYSTEM THAT IS NEEDED BY THE NATIONAL CEMETERY AT FARMINGDALE FOR ALL THE SERVICES THAT VETERANS HOLD. ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO LINCMO, Inc. AND MAILED TO ME.

THE FLAGGING OF THE GRAVES WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MAY 26TH STARTING AT 7:00 AM AND THE PICKUP DATE WILL BE SATURDAY JUNE 2 nd.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT L.I. NATIONAL ON SUNDAY, MAY 27th WITH A 1:30 LINEUP TIME AND A 2:00 STARTING TIME.

REHAB & TROOP SUPPLIES:

WE ARE HOLDING OFF ON ORDERING ITEMS FOR THE TROOPS AND HOSPITALIZED VETS BECAUSE OF THE CONVENTION AND THEIR ARE NO HOSPITAL VISITS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. BUT PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING SO WE CAN PROVIDE ITEMS FOR THE TROOPS AS NEEDED.

STANDDOWN:

WE HAVE SEVERAL HUNDRED PAIRS OF SHOES AND A 4TH LOAD OF CLOTHES TO BE PICKED UP FOR THE STANDDOWN TO BE HELD IN JUNE AT THE HEMPSTEAD POST.

CONVENTION JOURNAL:

THE JOURNAL WILL BE GOING TO THE PRINTER ON MONDAY, MAY 21st. I WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE POST'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS JOURNAL . WE ONLY HAD ABOUT 50% OF THE POST'S SUPPORTING IT.

MR. COMMANDER THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORTS EXCEPT TO THANK ALL WHO HELPED MAKE MY JOB EASIER AND TO THOSE WHO HELPED ME RUN A WAREHOUSE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA.

I THANK YOU FOR ALL THE APPOINTMENTS AND I HOPE THAT YOU WERE SATISFIED WITH MY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

KEN CADIEUX, PCC

FRANKLIN SQUARE POST REPORTS

On Thursday, May 10th troop 93 from Franklin Square was invited to our post to participate in a package mailing for our troops overseas. The scoutmaster contacted me and Commander Ed Giacini on behalf of one of his scouts who was going for his Eagle Badge.

He wanted to start a collection for the troops and had boxes put in various locations. When he called me up telling me he has collected a quantity of items and would like to be shown how to package the items I invited him and his troop to the post. When he arrived his Mom Backed up to our rear door and started to unload the items. The items covered 4 of our 8 foot party tables. The boys assembled 20 boxes and have a lot of items leftover.

The scouts name is Michael Arevalo, and he wants to continue supporting our troops and would possibly like to adopt a platoon on behalf of his troop. In each box he inserted a letter letting them know how his troop respected the men and women protecting our country.

We thought this should be recognized by the county.

Thank you, Mike Gueriero

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT

I received the following ACTION ALERT from National Headquarters. I was requested to sent it to the Legislators, Which I did. Now I am asking all Legionnaires to contact your Senators and Congressperson to ask for their help with the “VETERANS SKILLS TO JOBS ACT” H.R. 4155. Call or E-mail them with the following information:

On March 7, Rep. Jeff Denham (CA-19) and Rep. Tim Walz (MN-1) introduced the “Veterans Skills to Jobs Act”, H.R. 4155, to streamline the bureaucratic processes for veterans with relevant training to get jobs when they return home. Later that month, a companion bill, S. 2239, was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Bill Nelson (FL) and cosponsored by Sens. Olympia Stowe (ME), Amy Klochar (MN) and Richard Blumenthal (CT).

The Veterans Skills to Jobs Act helps address the unacceptably high rate of veterans unemployment by directing the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for federal licenses, so that veterans can get back to work quickly.

The Department of Defense provides some of the best vocational training in the nation for its military personnel. There are many occupational career fields in the armed forces that can easily translate to a civilian counterpart; additionally, there are many occupations in the civilian workforce that require a license or certification. Upon separation, however, many service members, certified as proficient in their military occupational career, are not licensed or certified to perform the comparable job in civilian workforce, thus hindering chances for immediate civilian employment and delaying career advancement. This situation creates an artificial barrier to employment upon separation from military serviced.

Congress and the nation have a compelling interest in fostering the employmnet of veterans. An expanded credentialing program has widespread support on Capitol Hill and from many top defense officials. It marks a major cultural shift for the military, which once held the view that making it easier for troops to get out would reduce retention and hurt the military. The federal government is uniquely situated and obligated to take the lead on this, not only to overcome old attitudes, but to set an example for state and local government agencies which grant occupational licenses and set certain professional standards.

Therefore, I urge you to co-sponsor and support the Veterans Skills to Jobs Act. It is Vitally important that all

Federal agencies work hand-in-hand to provide the best licensing and certification assistance available to our men and woman who have answered out nation’s call to duty.

“HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each day in 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 but the potential is there. If you see something that looks out of place or individuals acting suspicious, 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”.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 50 cell phones after the last meeting and I am awaiting the breakdown on their value. I gave the Treasurer a check for \$37.60 asked the treasurer to put \$18.80 in the NEF and also in the Legacy Scholarship Funds. I picked up 10 cell phones from a local business in Oyster Bay and I need to go to the Town of Hempstead to pick up from our drop box in the Town Hall. When I get 50 phones or other items I can then ship to the Recycling Center. As 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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 12 POSTS THAT HAVE REACHED 100% OR BETTER. THERE’S STILL TIME FOR ALL TO REACH THEIR GOAL.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State applications have been submitted to the Department of New York Boys State INC for processing. Nassau County has 42 boys which were sponsored by 26 posts. I would like to thank those posts for their participation. There will be an Orientation meeting on 6 June 2012 at 8 P.M. at the Williston Post #144. Boys State runs from Sunday 24 June thru Friday 29 June. The bus will leave Williston Post on Sunday 24 June at 6 A.M., I will start logging in the boys at 5 A.M., the bus returns on 29 June to the Williston Post between 1:30P.M. and 2 P.M.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have 22 boxes to ship out and Cathedral Post 1087 called they have 5 boxes ready. The Scout troop with the Cathedral has 20 boxes ready to ship which I will pick up this weekend. That makes a total of 47 boxes I will be shipping next week. 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.

WINAL REPORT

There are many benefits out there available to women veterans.

Log on to the American Legion web site - legion.org/veterans benefits/women veterans and read about them as there are too many to list here.

The Northport VA Medical Center has a beautiful woman wellness clinic available to all women veterans. Call up and make your appointment to see the VA doctors available to you in the woman's wellness clinic. Make sure you make that appointment to have your mammography taken.

Arlene Howard PCC WINAL Chairman
WINAL -Women in the American Legion

**NEW COUNTY LEGION MONUMENT
TO BE DEDICATED AT EISENHOWER
PARK ON MAY 27TH AT THE UVO ME-
MORIAL DAY SERVICE AT 10:30 AM. WE
COULD USE YOUR ATTENDENCE.**

CONVENTION REPORT

The Nassau County American Legion Convention will be held at the Levittown Hall in Hicksville NY on Friday night June 1st starting at 8 p.m. and Saturday Morning June 2nd starting at 9 a.m.

The Installation Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, at the Massapequa Post #1066 - 66 Veterans Boulevard, Massapequa NY from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Please mail your check, made out to Nassau County Committee, American Legion earmarked "Installation Dinner", to Past Commander Arlene Howard, 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville, NY 11801-2435. My phone number is (516) 938-1373.

Thank you. See you at the Convention & Dinner.

Arlene Howard PCC Convention Chairman

LEGACY Scholarship

As usual I am asking \$1.00 a member for this worthwhile program.

The Legacy Scholarship ensures that the children of active duty military killed on or after September 11, 2001 will be able to attend college. The renewable scholarship helps High School seniors preparing to attend college and undergraduates working towards an undergraduates degree with their expenses towards book, tuition, room and board and other supplies needed.

18 children have received the scholarship this year and 81 have been awarded the scholarship to date.

If you know of someone who is eligible for this scholarship they can go on line at www.leeion.org/scholarship/legacy and obtain an application. The web site also explains how the scholarship works and how the money is used.

So don't forget to send that \$1.00 per member in today. Thank You.

Arlene Howard PCC
Legacy Scholarship Chairman

Editors Note:

The following are a list of the donations that NASSAU COUNTY solicits from the Posts:

National Commanders Legacy Scholarship Fund for the children of any service person killed in Iraq OR Afghanistan. - Arlene Howard, Chairperson

Nassau County Children & Youth Programs - Willibe Wilson, Chairman

Nassau County Scholarship Fund - Harry Ransom, Chairman

Rehab Fund for Hospital Visits Northport - Stonybrook - Frank Colon, Chairman

County Ways & Means - 5 month daily drawing tickets.- Richard Kreppin, Chairman

National Disaster Fund (NEF) Provides funds for National Disasters - Arlene Howard, PCC

Journal Ads for our Convention Journal & County Directory.- Ken Cadieux, Chairman

Support of our Boys State Program - Reggie Butt, Chairman

*The James MacLean American Legion Memorial Library Collection at Hofstra University.

William Davison, Chairman

This fund purchases books, maps, documents census data, and any thing to do with New York State and Long Island History. It is the finest collection of New York State History Anywhere. Most Posts make a donation to the collection for each deceased member or in memory of or honor of someone. The donors name, the honoree and the American Legions name is placed on the book or document for all to see. A copy of the donation is sent to the Post and the recipients family. Forms are available through the County Chairman. The collection is available to all for research.

JUST A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS TO HELP US TO FULFILL OUR GOALS !

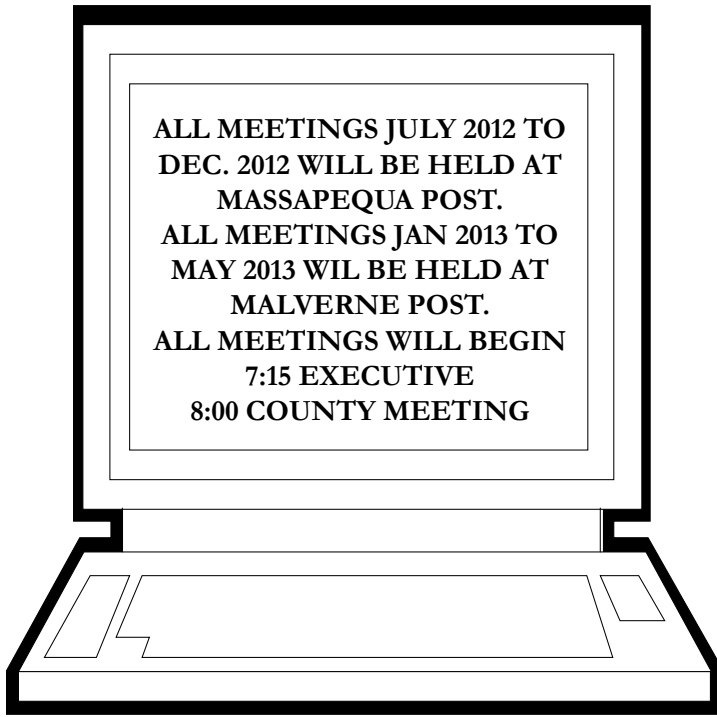
1. ORATORICAL PROGRAM
2. SCOUTING
3. BLOOD DRIVES
4. FLAG EDUCATION PROGRAMS
5. LAW & ORDER AWARDS
6. SCHOOL AWARDS
7. ROTC AWARDS
8. FAMILY SUPPORT
9. DRAGON BOATS FOR HANDICAP VETS
10. PACKAGES FOR TROOPS
11. OUR HOSPITAL AND HOMELESS VETS PROGRAMS
12. LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM
13. CONSOLIDATED POST FORMS
14. SCOUTING - PROGRAMS AND AWARDS
15. MILITARY BALL/ POST COMMANDERS NIGHT
16. SUCH OTHER PROGRAMS VOTED ON AT COUNTY MEETINGS.



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DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

JUNE

30 COUNTY ORIENTATION MEETING (TBA)
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD SALUTE TO VETERANS - TOWN PARK
POINT LOOKOUT. 7:30 PM

JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !
15 SET UP AT HEMPSTEAD POST FOR STANDDOWN
16 HOMELESS VETS STANDDOWN AT HEMPSTEAD POST
20 COUNTY **ADVISORY** MEETING - **MASSAPEQUA POST** 7:15 PM
COUNTY MEETING (General) 8:00 PM

AUGUST

4 NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS AT EISENHOWER
24 COUNTY **ADVISORY** MEETING - **MASSAPEQUA POST** 7:15 PM
COUNTY MEETING (General) 8:00 PM



THE CEREMONY FOR THE UNCLAIMED REMAINS OF VETERANS DATING BACK TO THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR AND UP TO DATE WERE LAID TO REST AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012. THERE WERE 73 SETS OF REMAINS AND EACH WAS PUT INTO A NICHE IN THE COLUMBARIUMS. THERE WAS A GREAT TURNOUT WITH VETERANS FROM NASSAU, SUFFOLK AND QUEENS COUNTY. THE PROCESSION WAS LED BY THE PATRIOT RIDERS WHO LINED THE WAY WITH MOTORCYCLES AND AMERICAN FLAGS. THANKS TO THE NASSAU COUNTY A. L. AUXILIARY WHO PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL. A GREAT JOB WAS DONE BY ALL AND A PROMISE TO ALL VETS WAS KEPT. "NONE SHALL BE LEFT BEHIND ! YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.