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COUNTY CONVENTION

THE NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT LEVITTOWN HALL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH STARTING AT 8:00 P.M. AND WILL RECONVENE ON SATURDAY JUNE 8TH AT 8:00 AM. ELECTION OF NEW COUNTY OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SATURDAY MEETING. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL BE AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK ON SUNDAY JUNE 9TH. PLEASE HAVE YOUR DELEGATES ATTEND.

COMMANDERS REPORT

1st Division

Friday, June 14 this Flag Day, for those Posts that are doing a Flag ceremony – Thank You. Commanders this is a great opportunity to recognize those in your communities that display our national colors.

Two things I would like to leave you with.

First – Consolidated Post Report; by now Post should have submitted them. Remember this is an important yearly report that will eventually reach National HQ. Your input is needed; it doesn't take long and no one will question your answers – GET IT IN, even if you are late.

Second – Membership; we have till the 17th of June to make our 100% goal. I remind all Post with a dozen or less to pay for their dues and reach 100%. Up till now you have done a good job, but, please do not slack off until our date has passed. Speaking of membership, if the purposed raise passes, at the Department Convention, I strongly urge all Post Commanders to tell their membership to pay up ASAP.

Finally, to every member in the County, you will never know the joy and pleasure my wife, Toni, and I received as being the first American Legion Family of Nassau County. It was an honor to serve and make a contribution to the future of the American Legion in the County.

THANKS to my Staff, Advisor, the Committee Chiefs, Post Commanders, The ALA, SAL, Riders and the County Members for your support.

For God and Country

Joseph J. Reale, Sr. County Commander

Memorial Day is near and we are all getting ready to celebrate this important day. From marching in your town's parades, going to the cemeteries to honor our departed members or even going to the schools and speaking to the children about what this day means to us. There is other item that is also very important to the American Legion that is membership. Membership is the most important item that we in the American Legion have to take care of, it is the way to secure a future of this important body. A good way to do during this Memorial Day is while you are out marching with your post and you see someone wearing a military Tee shirt ask if they are a Vet and either give them an application or invite them back to the post with the rest of the community if you are offering cold drinks or food items.

I have made calls to several post in regards to their membership only to hear comments like "this member does come around anymore" or "this member was thrown out" and even "our roster is incorrect". We as an association must maintain our members and if they are unhappy with the legion we must find out why. If a post feels that their rosters are reporting the wrong amount of members, is it because these members passed away and it was not reported or did this member move, etc. If you feel that there are errors please contact me or the membership officer and we can look into the error and try to correct it. Another issue that the membership officer has reported to me is that post are not paying their PUFs, Please get these payments in as soon as possible, and again if you feel there is an error, please contact me.

Joseph Brunner, Division Commander

2nd Division Report

I would like to thank all the post in second division for all their support this year. As the legion year ends, I'm proud of the six post that that are 100% membership. There is still is time to achieve 100%, we can't afford to lose any more members. Dues are going on Jan.1, 2014, if your post wants a say in the vote to raise the dues to \$8.00, be sure your post attends the county convention on June 7 & 8th at Levittown Hall. During the month of May, I attended the 10th district in Queens N.Y ...On May 19 I attended the Valor Ball, great job by Aviators Post # 743.

Yours In Comradeship

Frank Neal 2nd Division Vice Commander

3rd Division Report Activities / Participation:

Earlier this week, the Third Division Adjutant mailed out to all 3rd Division Commanders the Membership Card Distribution Plan for this Year. It starts with all 3rd Division Commanders checking in w Mr. Willibe Wilson, the Division Adjutant at the County Convention. Thank you in advance for making certain that you speak with him there.

It has been at once a daunting task and an inspiration to have served as Vice Commander for the 2012-2013 Legion Year. Commander, the challenge you declared for this year, that of calling those who know to nurture those who are learning is one of perennial value. Let us all continue to teach and to learn well.

Thank you for this appointment.

Fred Neilsen, Commander

"WALLS OF HONOR"

TWO HUNDERED NEW NAMES WILL BE ADDED TO THE "WALLS OF HONOR" AT EISENHOWER PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA OFF PARKING FIELD No.6 ON JUNE 22, 2013 AT 10:00 AM.

THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB-SITE. THE FEE IS \$100.00 PER NAME AND ONLY HONORABLE SERVICE IS REQUIRED NOT WARTIME.

LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY

WE NEED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PATCHES GIVEN EACH YEAR TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE FLAGGING OF THE GRAVES. THE COST GOES UP EACH YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF PATCHES INCREASES. WE MUST RAISE \$2,500.00 EACH YEAR TO PROVIDE THE PATCHES AND THE REFRESHMENTS. WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS FROM ALL PARTICIPATING VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO COVER THIS EXPENSE

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM:

NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
MASONIC WAR VETERANS
SUFFOLK DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
N. SHORE DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
JOE REALE, COMMANDER (NCAL)
CHARLES WAGNER POST 421
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSN.

WE ARE STILL SHORT OF THIS YEARS GOAL NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE PATCHES.

IF WE CAN'T REACH THIS GOAL WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER NOT GIVING OUT THE PATCHES IN FUTURE YEARS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP TO FLAG THE GRAVES WHICH COULD SEVERELY LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS WE GET.

IF YOUR POST HASN'T MADE A DONATION YET, PLEASE DO SO AND HELP TO REWARD THE KIDS WHO FLAG THE GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINC MO, INC. AND EARMARK FOR "PATCHES". SEND ALL DONATIONS TO ME: KEN CADIEUX AT 121 POWELL AVENUE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

Scouting Report

The 2013 winner of the Eileen Ferguson award is Katy Handel

I am running for President of the Boy Scout Council. The election is Monday June 10 at the Chateau Briand at 6 PM/ Every American Legion sponsored Troop or Pack has a vote to be voted by the Post's chartered organization representative. The only way to get to vote for me is to vote "No" to the nominee of the nominating committee.

Charles G. Mills, Chairman

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

ANGELO GRANDE

On May 6th I attended the 10th District Meeting at the Continental Post in Forest Hills, Queens. On May 18th I was part of the County Color Guard at the Sons of Italy, Walk-a-thon at Eisenhower Park. On May 21st I attended an Auxiliary Awards' Ceremony at the Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead. This was President Carol Hassett's last meeting.

I was informed by the Glenwood Landing Post #336 that any Ads handed in after the deadline of May 24th, may or may not get into the Journal. They also stated the Posts should send in their ticket requests as soon as possible to get choice seating.

All Posts should get in their list of Delegates and Alternates before the County Convention.

There are a number of Posts who have not handed in their Consolidated Reports.

They are as follows: Andrew Fatscher, Baldwin, Edwin Welch, Jr., Bellmore, East Rockaway, Island Park, J. Franklin Bell, Lawrence-Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Merrick, Rockville Centre, Roosevelt Memorial, Aviators' Post, Cathedral, East Meadow Memorial, Franklin Square, Gomillion-Campbell, Hugh C. Newman III Memorial, Joe Murphy, Levittown, North Bellmore, Robert Van Cott, Uniondale, William Bradford Turner, William Clinton Story, Archie McCord, Carle Place, Charles A. Fowler, Eugene S. Smith, Glenwood Landing, James F. Brengel, Manhasset, New Cassel Memorial, Plainview, Robert H. Spittel, William J. Longuet and Young-Simmons. Please try to get your reports by the County Convention.

Congratulations to Commander Joe Reale Sr., on his successful year as County Commander. It was a privilege and honor for me to serve as Joe's Adjutant for the past year. In tribute to Joe with the help of Eric Skinner I organized a Power Point Presentation of Joe's year in office. The presentation will be shown at the end of the County Meeting on May 24th.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have shipped 5 boxes since the last county meeting. I gave lap robes , playing cards to Ken Cadieux tonight. This I s my last report as there will be a new chairman next year, I will help him if he asks. 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's project this year

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

On May 23rd, the United States Senate voted to pass the House version of the Stolen Valor Act by Unanimous Consent. Within days it will be signed by the President and then it will become the law of the land. The act covers issues ranging from lying to receive veterans or health care benefits, to obtaining a government contract only eligible for a veteran-or service disabled veteran owned business, or getting a job reserved for a veteran. The act makes it a crime to profit from lies about military awards and decorations, as opposed to the previous law which criminalized the wearing of unearned medal. The old law was struck down by the Supreme Court but they laid what would pass if it goes back to the Supreme Court.

I want to give a "WELL DONE" to PCC Andy Booth on a piece of legislation the is being pushed thru the NY Assembly. Once it goes thru we will enlightened all the County Posts what it is. Andy did a Yoman's job and came to me for my review as he proceeded each step. Again "WELL DONE ANDY"

UNCLAIMED VETERANS ASHES

OVER 70 URNS OF UNCLAIMED VETERANS ASHES WILL BE INTERRED IN THE COLUMBARIUMS AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE ON JUNE 22, 2013 AT 11:00 AM

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 69 cellphones and one DVD player, they had a value of \$36.25 which we will receive after the first of the month. I will have the Treasurer split it between the NEF and Legacy Scholarship. At present I have no electronic to ship to the recycling center.

I stated before the recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

cell phones	cell phone accessories
iPods and MP3 Players	handheld game systems
GPS handheld units	laptop computersE-
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 County quota this year was 50 and we have 50 boys ready to attend. The Boys State Orientation is scheduled for May 30, 2013 at Williston Post #144 at 8 P.M. The bus will leave Williston Post at 6 A.M. on Sunday 23 June and return to Williston Post on 29 Jun about 1:30 P.M. I met the quota but still 8 to 10 boys looking to go but I could not pick them up as I did not have any sponsors. I want to thank all the posts that sponsored boys this year especially Manhasset Post #304 who sponsored seven boys. Floral Park Post #334 and Quentin Roosevelt Post #4 both sponsored four boys. I did a lot of running around, and interviewing boys but it was worth it. Post Commanders and Post Boys State Chairman are welcome to attend the Orientation. The County Commander and Staff and all Legionnaires who are or who were counselors at Boys State are also welcome to the Orientation.

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL DONATES ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE NATIONAL DISASTER FUND TO THOSE IN OKLAHOMA WHO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING. HAS YOUR POST CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FUND ?

Membership

Steve McManus

Congratulations to the following Post for achieving 100%-

J. Franklin Bell	Lawrence/Cedarhurst
Mineola Memorial	Hempstead
Charles Wagner	Aviators
Elmont	New Hyde Pk/E Pyle
Levittown	N. Bellmore
Joe Murphy	

Thanks also to all those Post who sent in their PUFL payments.

During the month of May, I attended Memorial Services for PDC Franklin Ward and Mr Anthony Falco, father of Nassau County S.A.L. Commander Greg Falco. I also attended the County Finance Committee Meeting, Memorial Day Services at Pinelawn National Cemetary and was the keynote speaker at the Stewart Manor Memorial Day Services.

Congratulations to Archie McCord Post # 86 who has opened their doors to a local Civil Air Patrol squadron, helping to preserve of history for the next generation.

The Department of New York may be raising dues by \$8.00. We owe it to our membership to transmit as many dues payments as possible prior to 12/30/13 to keep costs down.



DEPARTMENT, COUNTY AND POST OFFICERS ATTENDED REV. FRANKLIN C. WARD'S WAKE IN GLEN COVE.

Americanism:

Fred Neilsen, Chairman

The Department of New York Red White and Blue Award for presentation to Ali Bie has been received by, Commander David Hubbard of the Young-Simmons Post 1765. It will be presented in appropriate Ceremony involving 10th District and Nassau County Leadership including representation from the American Legion Auxiliary from 1:30 – 3:30 on June 22 at the Long Island State Veterans Home – Stony Brook, the #1 Veterans Home in the Nation.

You will have seen now on numerous occasions over the past 3 years the Young Man, Jonathan Mattner who has preformed our National Anthem on 6 occasion sin support of Legion events. I am pleased to publicly acknowledge and thank Commander Philp Como, of the James F. Brengel Post# 456, Sea Cliff for awarding Jonathan a \$1,000 Scholarship to support his Engineering Studies. Even when Jonathan is away at School in Pennsylvania, he will return to support our Legion Events on every occasion possible.

One way to nurture 100% Americanism in our Youth is to involve them directly in dialogue with Veterans, especially WWII and Korean Vets as we are doing through the “Remembering-Affirming-Appreciating” Project. On 18 May a Team made up of a very bright High School Junior as Interviewer, a Video-grapher, an Iraq War Vet as Artist, and myself participated in the Interview and Art Study with The Honorable Joseph Suozzi. Also in attendance were several Family Members including a Grandson currently studying Constitutional Law at St. John’s University. The “Remembering-Affirming-Appreciating” Project will present the completed Pen & Ink Portrait to Judge Suozzi in August of this year.

“Remembering-Affirming-Appreciating” has proven so successful that we will expand this method of nurturing 100% Americanism in our Youth and of appreciating our WWII and Korean Vets in the coming Legion year.



HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR
NEIGHBOR TO JOIN THE
AMERICAN LEGION ?

REHAB REPORT

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWNS THE HOSPITAL VISITS AND TROOP SUPPLIES. WE ARE SHORT ON TOOTHBRUSHES SO IF YOU VISIT YOUR DENTIST ASK HIM OR HER FOR SOME. WE STILL COLLECT TABS, EYEGLASSES, CELL PHONES, BABY WIPES, SHAMPOO, USABLE BOARD GAMES, BATTERIES, SOX, NEW CLOTHING, SOAP, AND TOILETRIES.

WE CAN USE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING DUE TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FREE STANDING VETERANS HOMES LOCATED IN OUR COMMUNITIES (27 TO DATE)

NO MAGAZINES OR GREETING CARD FRONTS PLEASE. WE HAVE NO OUTLET FOR THEM. RECORDED BOOKS FOR THE BLIND VETS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AS ARE DVD'S AND MUSIC CD'S.

WE HAD A GREAT YEAR WE DISTRIBUTED CLOTHES AND SHOES OR SNEAKER TO DOZENS OF RELIEF CENTERS AFTER SANDY AND WE REPLENISHED OUR SUPPLY FOR THE RECENT STANDDOWN.

JAMES N. MACLEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY


THE MACLEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT HOFSTRA WAS STARTED BY A NASSAU COUNTY COMMANDER AND CONTAINS HISTORY OF NASSAU COUNTY, LONG ISLAND AND N.Y. STATE. FOR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN DONATING MONEY AND ITEMS TO THIS COLLECTION. A MEMORIAL TAG IS ATTACHED TO EVERY ITEM STATING “IN MEMORY OF” OR “IN HONOR OF” A MEMBER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY. THE DONOR GETS A RECEIPT AS WELL AS THE FAMILY OF THE NOMINEE. THIS COLLECTION IS OPEN TO ANY STUDENT DOING RESEARCH ON L.I. OR N.Y. IT CONTAINS, BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, LETTERS, ITEMS OF LOCAL HISTORY AND MANY ARTIFACTS DONATED OR PURCHASED OVER THE YEARS BY POST DONATIONS.

Wm DAVISON
CHAIRMAN

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We offer our condolences
to the family of
Rev. Franklin C. Ward
Past State Commander.
He will be sorely missed.



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

<u>JUNE</u>	7	NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	8	END OF CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM
	9	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - LEONARD'S OF GREAT NECK 555 NORTHERN BLVD., GREAT NECK - TICKETS \$60.00 P.P.	
	12	STAFF MEETING - GLENWOOD LANDING	7:00 PM
	18	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - GLENWOOD LANDING POST	7:00 PM
	22	NEW NAMES ON WALLS OF HONOR - EISENHOWER PARK	10.00AM
	22	SEVENTY FIVE URNS OF ASHES OF UNCLAIMED VETERANS WILL BE PLACED IN THE COLUMBARIUMS AT FARMINGDALE NATIONAL CEMETERY. PROGRAM STARTS AT	11:00 AM
<u>JULY</u>	29	KOREAN WAR CEREMONY - EISENHOWER PARK	10:00 AM
	29	TOWN SALUTE TO VETS - POINT LOOKOUT	7:30 PM
	15-21	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AT NIAGARA FALL NY	
<u>AUG</u>	26	NASSAU COUNTY MEETINGS - PLAINVIEW POST ADVISORY MEETING	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	3	NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS - EISENHOWER PARK CHAPIN LAKESIDE THEATER	6:30 PM
	16	NASSAU COUNTY MEETINGS - PLAINVIEW POST ADVISORY MEETING	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM