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## Commander's Message

On April 27<sup>th</sup> I attended the Law & Order program at the Merrick Post #1282 and on May 1<sup>st</sup> I attended an ROTC ceremony at Hofstra University and issued a Gold Medal to Cadet Anuraj George. On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> I was at the Glenwood Landing Post #336, for the taping of interviews of World War II Veterans and on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at a Veterans' Recognition Night at the Lawrence/Cedarhurst Country Club. The Post invited twenty-five Veterans from the St. Albans VA Hospital as their guests. On Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> I did a Vet Dogs presentation for the Glen Head Rotary at the Cedar Creek Restaurant in Glen Cove and on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> I attended a dinner of the Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary honoring President Patricia O'Brien and the awarding of certificates of appreciation to their outstanding committee chairs. On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> I did a taping on Veteran Affairs for the UVO, which will be televised on Cablevision, Channel 20 for five Sundays in June at 4:30 PM.

There are certain things that I would like to highlight during my term as Nassau County Commander for the Legion year 2013-14. The first event was at my Installation Dinner when I honored Captain James Byler, who lost both legs in a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. The next event was the press conference with Congressman Steve Israel and the South Korean Ambassador Ahn-Ho Young. At this press conference forty medals were handed out to members of the American Legion who fought in the Korean conflict. The medals were made from the barbed wire from the demilitarized zone. The next thing I remember was meeting Bill Urianek from the Mineola Post #349 who raised, \$10,000 by collecting over 300,000 cans and bottles. I also remember the celebration to honor Alie Bie, the young lady who entertained the patients at the Stony Brook Nursing Home. Alie was born with internal body parts outside her body. I would like to thank 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander Freddie Nielson for organizing this event.

I would like to report on the three programs I instituted this year. The first program on my agenda was the "Flags Over Nassau", where 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander, Freddie Nielsen and I awarded business establishments citations for flying the American Flag. The second program I started was the Vet Dogs Program. This was very successful.

On Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> I will be handing over a check for more than \$6,000 to sponsor a Vet Dog to Christine McDonald of the Vet Dogs Foundation. I would like to thank all of the Posts who donated to the Vet Dogs program. The third program I created was to start a new Post at a college in Nassau County. On Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> the Department Commander Ken Governor and the Department Adjutant James Casey and I will be issuing a charter and Installing the New Officers of the Admiral Conolly Post #2014 at LIU Post College.

It has been a wonderful year being your County Commander. I would like to thank all the members of the Nassau County American Legion for voting me in as your Commander. I would also like to thank my Staff and Committee people who served in various positions, as well as the other members of the Legion family. They include President Patricia O'Brien and members of the Auxiliary and Commander Greg Falco and the members of the Sons of the American Legion.

For God and Country,  
Angelo I. Grande, Commander

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of May 13<sup>th</sup> Nassau County is at 89% of its membership quota for this year with 178 new members. Massapequa Post #1066 leads the County with 27 new members, great job.

If you have any transmittals, send them in now so we can get credit for this year. I would like to thank all the membership officers in all the Posts for the hard work they have done this year.

Our goal, as always is 100%. So let's keep working towards that goal.

I would like to welcome our new post, Admiral Connelly Post #2014 to Nassau County. They will be installed on May 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM at C.W. Post

Frank Neal  
Nassau County Membership Officer



## 1<sup>st</sup> Division

Welcome to spring, I am glad to hear that the non-binding advisory to grant a basic veteran's exemption in the Long Beach School District passed. Now it is up to the Board of Education to pass an actual resolution for this well-deserved exemption for the veterans in this school district. Please remember those fallen veterans this holiday weekend. Please be careful, enjoy this day with friends and families, and remember those still overseas protecting this great nation. Have a great summer.

Joseph Brunner  
Division Commander

## NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

WE HAD A GREAT CROWD AT THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES. THE PROGRAM WAS SHORT AND WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR THE SERVICES.

THE PARADE MARSHALL WAS OUR OWN BILL HARMS AND HE WAS FOLLOWED BY OUR COUNTY COLOR GUARD.

WREATHS WERE PLACED BY LINCMO, BLUE STAR MOTHERS, GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND THE DAUGHTERS OF THE UNION VETS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

THE CEREMONY WAS LET BY MORRIS MILLER, THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AS THE PRESIDENT WAS CALLED AWAY ON A FAMILY ILLNESS.



BILL HARMS, PCC

## COUNTY AWARD WINNERS

### REHABILITATION

FRANK COLON CHMN

1ST DIVISION      MERICK POST 1282  
2ND DIVISION      LEVITTOWN POST 1711  
3RD DIVISION      MINEOLA MEMORIAL  
COUNTY OVERALL - PLAINVIEW 1812

### SCOUTING

CHARLES G. MILLS CHMN.

EILEEN FURGUSON AWARD WENT TO:  
AMY THOMAS BSA VENTURER CREW 577

EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR  
TIMOTHY P. MESSMER, TROOP 577

### LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

LOUISE McCANN, CHAIRPERSON

JOSEPH T. AMBROSINO - MERRICK POST

### LAW & ORDER

RON SABO, CHAIRMAN

1ST DIVISION - EDWIN WELCH JR 1132  
2ND DIVISION - LEVITTOWN POST 1711  
3RD DIVISION - NASSAU POLICE POST 1050  
COUNTY OVERALL - CHARLES WAGNER

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ERIC SPINNERCHMN

ANTHONY SAYA - BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL

### HISTORIAN AWARDS - JAMES RANDLE

HOWARD A. VAN WAGNER POST 962  
CHARLES G. MILLS, PCC HISTORIAN  
COUNTY OVERALL - WILLISTON POST  
JAMES T. RANDLE - HISTORIAN

## NOTICE

STARTING WITH THE JULY 25th COUNTY MEETING - THE COUNTY ADVISORY MEETINGS EACH MONTH WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM. FOLLOWED BY THE COUNTY MEETING AT 8:00 PM. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE MALVERNE POST 44 ON FRANKLIN AVENUE.

**CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Check from the last shipment of cell phones for \$78.45 was received and turned into the treasurer. The treasurer was asked to split it between the NEF \$79.25 and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship \$39.20. Need 50 cell phones to ship and as of now we only have approximate 25 cell phones.

The recycling program now includes these item

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| cell phones           | cell phone accessories |
| iPods and 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 names of 47 boys has been submitted to Boys State, shy of our quota of 50 boys.. We had 48 but the last boy was disqualified by the school as he did not fall into the top 50% of the class. He lowered his grade point average by refusing to participate in gym. He just learned a valuable lesson; you must live with the consequences of your choices and /or actions. I have turned into the treasurer checks totaling \$20,300. and received a check for \$16,450. which was submitted to the Boys State Coordinator along with all the paperwork for the Boys State Candidates. Final payment for the cost of the buses is due, we placed a \$500 deposit and now the remainder is due, \$2,900.00.

The Orientation session will be held on 29 May 2014 at 8 P.M. at the Williston Post 144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY. The bus will depart on Friday 27 Jun at 6 A.M. from the Williston Post and return on Thursday 3 July at approx. 1:30 P.M. to the Williston Post. Letters were sent out to all the candidates and the sponsoring posts. Tonight I am extending an vitation to the County staff to attend the Orientation to show support for this worthwhile program.

**PATCHES**

WE WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE FUND TO PROVIDE THE "PATCHES" FOR THE CHILDREN WHO FLAG THE GRAVES AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY. THEY FLAG OVER 237,000 GRAVES IN LESS THAN THREE HOURS:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| NASSAU VOITURE 803 | BALDWIN POST      |
| BALDWIN AUXILIARY  | ELMONT POST       |
| PLAINVIEW POST     | EDWIN WELCH JR    |
| CHARLES WAGNER     | GLEN COVE         |
| CARLE PLACE        | ROCKVILLE CTR.    |
| NASSAU POLICE      | WM LONGUET        |
| MERRICK POST       | NH PARK E. PYLE   |
| UNIONDALE POST     | WANTAGH POST      |
| MALVERNE SONS      | JOE REALE, PCC    |
| WESTERN DET MCL    | 1ST MARINE DIV    |
| N. SHORE DET MCL   | KOREAN WAR VETS   |
| DR. CAROL HASSETT  | JOE OLIVERI       |
| REGINALD BUTT, PCC | PAT IULIUCCI, VFW |
| GARRISON,POST VFW  | POLISH VETERANS   |
| JWV COUNCIL        | AMVETS POST 88    |
| NC COUNCIL VFW     | SUNRISE DET MCL   |
| SYOSSET VFW        | OCEANSIDE POST    |
| MALVERNE POST      | MASSAPEQUA POST   |
| NORTH BELLMORE     | EUGENE S. SMITH   |
| DAV CHAPTER 117    | WILLISTON POST    |
| NASSAU COUNTY A.L. |                   |

CETRIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

**CONVENTION REPORT**

The convention is scheduled for Friday night June 6th 8 p.m.and Saturday morning June 7th 9 a.m. It will be held as usual at Levittown Hall in Hicksville/ Levittown New York.

The Installation Dinner will be Sunday June 8th at Leonard's in Great Neck. The Malverne Post #44 is in charge please see them for tickets.

See you at the Convention.

Arlene Howard PCC  
Convention Chairlady





RE-HAB REPORT

Post Scheduled - Team #9:

UNIONDALE # 1487      ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051      WM BRADFORD TURNER # 265  
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139      OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246      JOE MURPHY # 1957

Weather was extremely cooperative, but no participants from above Posts scheduled showed up.

The dates for “Day at the Races” for Legion Year 2014 -2015 will be published in the 2014-2015 Monthly Legionnaire Newsletter.

Stand-down and VA Comfort Bags

A collection box has been placed in Our Lady of Mercy School in Hicksville; students will donate items through the end of their school year.

Hicksville Post Office Manager referred Mary Norris & Tom to Post Master to place a collection box inside the building near the counters. They’re finalizing arrangement for the collection box.

Mary has talked with Hicksville Stop & Shop to arrange for an American Legion Table outside their doors for a couple of weekends (Saturday & Sunday) in June to collect items and seek donations for July’s Stand-down. Please contact Mary or Tom @ 516-680-0073 to volunteer for either 6/21, 6/22, 6/28 and 6/29 from 1-3pm.

Items Needed for Stand-down & Comfort Bags

(DON’T FORGET OUR WOMEN VETS)

Unscented Lotions\*  
Toothbrushes (soft bristles)  
Shampoo\* & Conditioner\*  
Q-Tips      Tissues\*  
Hand Sanitizer  
Movie or Music CD’s

Toothpaste  
Denture Adhesive  
Games  
Baby Wipes  
Handkerchiefs  
Puzzle Books

Socks (Black or Gray)  
T-shirts (medium & Large Sizes)  
Deodorant – Medium Size  
Soaps (unscented)  
Brushes & Combs  
\*Travel or “trial” size



Mary continues to work with Hicksville School District Superintends Office to finalize & placement of collections boxes in their 9 school building.



Members of the new Admiral Richard L. Conolly American Legion Post 2014 at LIU Post are installed by Department Commander Kenneth F. Governor, white cap, Wednesday, May 28, 2014. (Credit: Newsday / Audrey C. Tiernan)



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 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570

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 MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758  
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 New York State Legion Press Association



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DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014

JUNE	27- JULY 3	BOYS STATE	
	11	PURPLE HEART COUNTY SERVICE - EISENHOWER PARK	11:00 AM
	19	VETS BENEFITS SEMINAR - BELLMORE VFW	7:00 PM
	21	WALLS OF HONOR - EISENHOWER PARK 240 NEW NAMES TO BE ADDED	10:00 AM
	29	KOREAN WAR VETERANS CEREMONY AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:00 AM
JULY	15	HOMELESS VETS STANDDOWN - HEMPSTEAD POST	10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
	17-19	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN ALBANY	
	25	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
AUG	2	NASSAU COUNTY "SALUTE TO VETERANS EISENHOWER PARK	6:30 PM
	9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WILLISTON POST 144	9:30 AM
	15	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	22-28	NATIONAL CONVENTION - CHARLOTTE, NC	
SEPT	19	COUNTY EXEC'S "VETERANS BBQ" EISENHOWER PARK	NOON TO 3:00 PM
	19	"POW-MIA CANDLELIGHT VIGIL	3:30 - 4:00 PM
	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
OCT	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
NOV	2	COUNTY VETS DAY PARADE - LEVITTOWN	
	9	VETS DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	9	VETS DAY SERVICES - L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE	2:30 PM
	21	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
DEC	19	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM