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COMMANDERS REPORT

1st Division Report

As all of the Past County Commanders know, you are only as good as your committee's.

“No truer words were ever spoken.”

First let me thank Freddie Neilsen, Chairperson of the four Chaplains. What more can I say. It was one outstanding job.

Next Frank Colon, One great job done by not only you but Robert Reahl, PCC and Anthony Paternostro, PCC. Over three hundred members and guests. Once more great job.

Next up is Reginald Butt, PCC, I got to see what it takes to send packages to our overseas troops. I still can't get over all the work that goes into sending the packages.

Next up is Kenneth Cadieux, PCC. With all of your outstanding work with the Cremains Remains of our Veterans. Who knows where we would be. I know its hard to get a date but if only the rest of the county knew how much work you put into this.

I want to take this time to thank all the post that help with the Monument that will be unveiled 27 May 2012. I hope all the posts can show up with your colors. Lets show all the other Veteran's groups just what Nassau County American Legion is made of. As we get close to the date I will send out a reminder, but just in case I forget put the date on your schedule. As soon as I get the time from the U.V.O. I will get it to all of you.

I can go on and on about all the work not only by committee's but all the posts that made me look great at the Military Ball/ Commanders night. Thanks again !

Your County Commander
Andy Booth



“At this time, as a favor to me, 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.” IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THIS YET PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME WITH THOSE NAMES NOW!

Our Division I Caucus meeting is scheduled for 7PM, Tuesday March 20, 2012 at the Oceanside Memorial Post 1246.

The purpose of the caucus is for the nomination and endorsement of Legionnaires of the 1st Division who seek a position on the Nassau County Committee of the American Legion for the Legion Year 2012-2013. There will be one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate representing each Post for the first 15 paid members, plus one (1) additional Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each additional 25 paid members or major fraction thereof. The County Membership Officer bases membership solely on the paid Membership as reflected on the Department of New York roster. All Past County Commanders of the 1st Division, in good standing, are entitled to one (1) vote.

The list must also indicate which way the Post's Delegates intend to vote, i.e. by “Unit Rule” or by “Uninstructed”. In order to vote Unit Rule, fifty (50) percent or better of the Post Delegates or Alternates must be present for the roll call.

A copy of the roster of Delegates and Alternates must be brought to the caucus in order to insure that your delegates will be able to vote in the event that the Adjutant has not received your list in time. This list will also entitle your representatives to vote at the County Convention in June.

MONUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

NED JOHNSON, PCC

County Veterans Memorial Park Additional 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 for information or forms. We have plenty of room for the names of Honorees by using the lower portion of all the original walls. I have forms with me. Forms must be submitted by the end of March.

2nd Division Report

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope you are all enjoying this mild winter weather we've been fortunate to have. We will be holding the Division Caucus Meeting on Saturday,th, 2012. 9:00 AM at the Elmont Post # 1033. 60 Hill Ave. Elmont NY 11003. Letters were mailed to the Posts and emails to all. I look forward to seeing as many Posts as possible represented. Please make sure that your County Representative, Post Commander or someone appointed by the Commander is in attendance at this important meeting. I would like to thank the Posts that have promptly submitted their Post Delegates roster for the upcoming County Convention.

I would also like to congratulate the West Hempstead Post 1087 in receiving recognition from the 10th Combat Aviation Reserve in Water Town, N.Y. for supporting the troops for the past two years. They received a plaque and a 3X5 flag from Major Lewis Messenger (Chaplain).

Please keep in touch with your membership officers and offer any assistance they may need in this very important task. And as always, feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns. If I don't have the answer I will do my best to get it from the appropriate sources.

For God and Country,

Manny Rodriguez, 2nd Division Commander

MRodriguezUSA@gmail.com / Direct 516. 847.4872

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. Thank you to the posts that have already done so. Keep forwarding pictures and descriptions of your Post accomplishments to your local newspaper; it will create awareness in your community of what we do as The American Legion.

NED JOHNSON, PCC

3rd Division Report

Due to the untimely death of Louise's mother there will be no report this month for the 3rd Division.

CHILDREN and YOUTH REPORT

The Annual Party that we host for the children of S.C.O. Family of Service of Sea Cliff New York will be held some time after Easter. The date is pending because the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club is now scheduled to be open on Saturday and our Program falls right in the middle of their day.

As usual the children will be transported by bus from Sea Cliff to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club and the party will start the moment they enter the building.

The menu will be a hot buffet with plenty of food, ice cream, cake, and soda for Dessert and a DJ for their dancing pleasure. We expect about one hundred and ten people including staff.

We are appealing for funds to support this program please be liberal with your donation. Make all checks payable to the Nassau County American Legion Committees and earmarked for Children & Youth, mail all checks directly to me, Willibe Wilson, Jr., 21 Brewster Street Apt. 5W, Glen Cove, N Y 11542-2500.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Post that have contributed funds to this year Children & Youth program, and they are:

Plainview Post No. 1812, Quentin Roosevelt Post No. 4, Elmont Post No. 1033, & Eugene S. Smith Post No. 175

Consolidated Post Reporting:

We are asking all Post Children and Youth Chairmen, to see that their post is COUNTED! In this year's Consolidated Post Reporting, because it will let Congress know that the American Legion is concerned about what they do or don't do to benefit the Veterans.

Respectfully Submitted

Willibe & Fred

For God and Country

Legionnaire of the Year

Joseph P. Slattery Jr., PCC Chairman
516-433-4227 docjoepc@yahoo.com

I want to take this opportunity to commend the Post Commanders and Post Adjutants that submitted their Post Legionnaires for consideration in our County level "Legionnaire of the Year Program for 2011-2012".

WOW—I'm pleased to report that we have so many dedicated Post Legionnaires that are involved in our Posts and Communities.

You can be assured that the judges for this year's selection will have a tough time selecting, from all of these truly dedicated Legionnaires that were nominated, just one for this years honor.

Truly every one of those nominated brings great pride to their Post and themselves.

They ALL are winners in my book. The selected nominee will be announced and recognized at the County Convention in June. In the mean time, the judging will be done and one will be selected. The unannounced Legionnaire will be submitted to the 10th. District for consideration at the District level.

Start now for next year. Continue that Post Level Legionnaire of the Year Program and award that special "Legionnaire of the Year" silver pin and let him or her know what they do for your Post is appreciated. We have the duty to recognize and honor those that build on the foundation of our Post structure. The County Program builds on your Post Program.

As Bob says—"you need to be in it, to win it."

Thank you Legionnaires. The deadline is March 1st, 2012.



FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT

Both chambers of Congress are back in session this month. There are nine Veterans bills that have passed the House and the American Legion is pushing for the Senate to pass them. The Washington Conference starts on 27 February and the Legislative Council members attending will be visiting all the Legislators.

The nine bills in the Senate Log Jam covers areas such as mortgage protection, improvements for veteran-owned small business, sexual assault protection and more. Some other areas include VA Home Loans, Disabled Veterans Tax, Keystone XL Pipeline and Protecting VA and DOD from the 2011 Deficit Reduction Law. All these items and more will be discussed during the visitations with the Legislators.

The American supports the President's budget request for funding for the State Administration Grants Program, which matched the American Legion's request. The presidents budget for FY13 and the DOD FY13 Budgets will be a hot item.

Update on the Flag Amendment Bills: Senate Joint Resolution (S.J. Res) 19 as a total of 29 cosponsors. To date H.J.Res 13 the house companion to the Senate measure as accumulated 64 cosponsors. Contact your representatives and senators offices and ask them to cosponsor the flag amendment in their respective chambers. If they are already cosponsors, be sure to thank them for their support.



FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY

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. 12 of the Packages were for "Books for Soldiers".

The Blue Star Mothers contacted the County Commander and stated they had items ready to ship. They met at the Levittown Post and packaged up the items. A group of Legionnaires assisted the Blue Star Mothers. The County Commander called me and on a Friday we met in Levittown and the Post Office sent two trucks to pick up the boxes and we went to the post office to ship them out. There were approximate 250 boxes which the shipping costs came out of the Family/Troop Line. the cost was just over \$3500.

I received an E-Mail from the Commanding Officer of the Long Island Recruiting Command and he stated that he received the Recruiting Coins that we paid for. He wants to come to a meeting and present the County with a Certificate of Appreciation and a couple of the coins. I will work this out with the Commander and maybe the March meeting would me good.

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.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State packets are available for the Posts to pick-up. The cost to send a boy to Boys State is \$400. The has some changes this year, the packet is an informational booklet only. The candidate will have to go on the Department Web Site and down load the applications. The program is not quite ready but should be done by the weekend. There is a password, which will be provided to the post chairman to give to the boy, which will allow access to the web site to download the applications. Once the applications are printed out the process is the same as in the pass years. The application is filled out and the required signatures obtained. the application is then turned in to the County Chairman for processing. Boys State runs from Sunday 24 June thru Friday 29 June. There will be an orientation in the first week of June. Any posts that would like to sponsor a boy please contact me ASAP as the applications must to back to me no later than 20 April so I can put the entire package together o send to the Department.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a check for \$54.35 which I turned over to the Treasurer and have asked hoi to split between the deposit as follows: Legacy Memorial Scholarship \$27.20 and the NEF \$25.15. At present I have 22 cell phones plus what I pick up tonight, when I have 50 cell phones, accessories or other electronic items I will ship them out 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 and 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.

NEW COUNTY MONUMENT COMMITTEE

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE POST AND PAST COUNTY COMMANDERS FOR THEIR DONATIONS. AS OF THIS DATE WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL AND THE FINAL DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN MADE. ANY POST THAT WOULD STILL LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE DO SO FOR THE ADDITIONAL MONEY WILL BE USED FOR MAINTAINING THE MONUMENT.

THE DEDICATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL MONUMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MAY 27. ALL POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AND ENSURE THAT THEIR COLOR GUARD IS PRESENT. LETS SHOW THE RESIDENTS OF NASSAU COUNTY THAT WE ARE PROUD TO REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HERO'S FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARRIVE AT 9 AM SO THAT WE START ON TIME. HOPING TO SEE A LARGE TURNOUT.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

FRANK WICELINSKI JR CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER

Our National Commander, our own Fang Wong from the Department of New York, will be visiting our area on April 13, 2012. That evening Districts 1, 2, 9~ and 10 will be hosting the National Commander at a testimonial dinner. It will take place at Antun's Restaurant, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, New York. The cost of the dinner is \$60.00 per person. This includes a cocktail hour, full dinner and music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Nassau County American Legion has been allotted ten (10) tables for this event. The cutoff date for purchasing tickets will be March 16, 2012. Please make checks payable to the Nassau County American Legion, and earmark it for the National Commander's Dinner. Send all checks to Angelo Grande, County Treasurer at the address below. Get your checks in early.

Mail checks to: Angelo Grande,
10 Chestnut Avenue, Glen Head, N. Y. 11545

COUNTY HISTORIAN

JAMES T. RANDLE

TO ALL HISTORIANS OF NASSAU COUNTY YOUR POST HISTORY BOOK FOR 2011-2012 MUST BE FINISHED BY MAY, 25 FOR COUNTY GENERAL MEETING. THE BOOKS WILL BE JUDGED AT THAT TIME AND AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT COUNTY CONVENTION FRIDAY, JUNE, 1 2012 AT LEVITTOWN HALL.

IF YOU CAN MAKE THE MEETING WITH YOUR BOOK, OR YOUR COUNTY POST DELEGATE CAN BRING IT TO THE MEETING. THE BOOK WILL BE SENT BACK AFTER JUDGING THE WINNING BOOK WILL GO ON TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN ROCHESTER. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU. IF YOU CAN ATTEND MEETING MAY, 25.

YOU CAN CALL ME I CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT PUTTING YOUR POST HISTORY TOGETHER. JUST GIVE ME A CALL.

**COUNTY HISTORIAN JAMES T. RANDLE
516-270-3876**

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

ROBERT ROBESCH, CHAIRMAN

The National Emergency Fund has provided over \$6,000,000 in direct financial assistance to Legion family members and posts.

The American Legion National Emergency Fund has provided over \$6 million in direct financial assistance to Legion family members and posts. The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family members to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.

“The Preamble to The American Legion Constitution says it best, ‘...devotion to mutual helpfulness,’” American Legion National Commander Jimmie L. Foster said. “This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it’s our pledge of support to our distressed comrades. Since the early 1920s, The American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion family members in the wake of disaster. It is who we are. It is what we do.”

Eligible members may receive up to \$1,500, and Legion posts may apply for up to \$5,000 in emergency assistance. Applicants must have been displaced from their primary residence due to a declared natural disaster and provide proof of out-of-pocket expenses, including, but not limited to, temporary housing, food, water and clothing.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country. It is a civic duty to provide them with equal opportunity. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Eligibility: Those eligible to apply for the scholarship shall be the child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the United States.

Deadline

Application must be post marked no later than April 15.



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.
Howard VanWagner#962	- 101.16% - 3 Div.
Elmont #1033	- 100.36% - 2 Div.
Franklin Square #1014	- 100.00% - 2 Div.
Hempstead #390	- 100.00% - 2 Div.
Young-Simmons #1765	- 100.00% - 3 Div.

Just Missed the Mark (80-84.99%)

The following Posts failed to make the Department Membership renewal of 85% by February 6:

1st Division

- Andrew Fatscher #854
- Bellmore #948
- Baldwin #246
- Edwin Welch #1132

2nd Division

- Cathedral #1087
- Hugh C. Newman III Mem.
- Robert VanCott #1139
- William Bradford Turner

3rd Division

- Charles A. Fowler Jr. #160
- Glen Cove #76
- James F. Brengel #456
- Nassau Police #1050
- William J. Longuet #101

Bad News Bears (Below 70%)

- 1st Division - Oceanside Memorial #1246
- Lawrence-Cedarhurst #339

The next Department goal is 90% by March 12 - Post Membership Officers **NOW is the time** to start calling or visiting those members who have not paid yet and talk them into renewing. Remember, any members who have not paid by now are considered delinquent!

Nassau County is now in 13th place in the state with membership of 88.76% as of 2-7-2012. 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.

Remember the "Three R's" of Membership

Recruit - Retain - Reinstate!

PUFL checks are overdue to the County, your Post received this money in September, please send you check now, remember it is \$1.00 for each PUFL member you were paid for. The following Posts owe PUFL Dues:

East Rockaway	\$12.00
Roosevelt Memorial	\$4.00
Wantagh -	\$8.00
Baldwin -	\$20.00
Edwin Welch Jr.	\$7.00
Oceanside Memorial	\$4.00
Lawrence-Cedarhurst	\$4.00
William Clinton Story	\$3.00
Gomillion-Campbell	\$2.00
Uniondale	\$7.00
Cathedral	\$3.00
Charles Wagner	\$3.00
Glen Cove	\$11.00

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

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

IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE

Effective July 2012 for the 2013 Legion Year (this coming July!!!) the County Per Capita (Dues) will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per member.

Plan for it. National will soon be canvassing all Posts (with a form that has to be completed and sent back) to determine what your Post charges for dues so that they can update their records and if any member goes on their computer to renew their dues it will show them what your Post's new dues is so that they pay the correct amount. The Transmittal Form has the Department & National Per Capita pre-printed as \$24.50

The County Per Capita per member (Box C) is blank, for the 2013 Dues you will have to write in \$1.50 per member.

The 2013 TOTAL Per Capita per member will be \$26.00. So when you receive the canvass form please make sure that you consider this amount when you write in what your Post dues will be for the year starting July 2012.

**NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE - 2012**

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
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246
JOE MURPHY # 1957
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81

**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.**



Four Chaplains - passing of the vests.

We send our Deepest sympathy to the family of Past County Commander, Richard Hochbreuckner, who passed away.

REHABILITATION REPORT
FRANK COLOR, JR., PCC CHAIRMAN

OUR FEBRUARY 11, 2012 VISIT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE WEATHER REPORTS OF SNOW, (WHICH BY THE WAY NEVER CAME) AND WOULD HAVE HAMPERED TRAVEL TO NORTHPORT HOSPITAL. ALL POSTS THAT WERE SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY AND NOW WISH TO ATTEND OUR MARCH 12th VISIT ARE WELCOME. THE REHAB TEAMS ARE LISTED IN THE SCHEDULE ALONGSIDE THIS REPORT AND ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF YOU AT THE VA.

OUR THANKS TO ROCKVILLE CENTRE AUXILIARY FOR OBTAINING 10 CASES OF MENS UNDERWEAR FOR THE STANDDOWN. WE ALSO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THE ITEMS COLLECTED FOR THIS PROJECT.

OUR THANKS TO DR. MARY CARLSON OF WILLISTON PARK FOR HER KIND DONATION OF MENS, WOMENS AND CHILDRENS SHOES FOR THE HOMELESS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.



Commander Andy Booth at Four Chaplains

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 121 POWELL AVENUE
 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570

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 PERMIT # 8

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 New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

2012

MAR	9	ELMONT POST - LAW & ORDER RECOGNITION NIGHT 7:30 PM	
	11	UVO INSTALLATION DINNER - NEW HYDE PARK INN	
	20	1ST DIVISION CAUCUS - OCEANSIDE POST	8:00 PM
	23	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM
	28	3RD DIVISION CAUCUS - WILLISTON POST	8:00 PM
APR	13	NATIONAL COMMANDERS DINNER - ANTONS, QUEENS	
	27	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM
MAY	25	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING (General)	8:00 PM
	27	DEDICATION OF NEW LEGION MONUMENT EISENHOWER	
JUNE	1	COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	2	CONVENTION RESUMES - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM
	2	INSTALLATION DINNER - TIME & PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.	

