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County Commander's Report

It has been six weeks since our last meeting and during that time the Staff and I have been very busy. To begin with the entire staff attended the Mid-Winter Conference in January. I know that Posts are having problems with membership, especially since "Sandi." I brought this up to Department and they suggest that where Posts can they should pay for these members with Sandi problems and consider reimbursement when the member can.

Get with your respective Vice-Commanders about the up coming Caucuses; the dates are posted and all should participate. We attended the Zone oratorical Contest; Four Chaplain Ceremony, both at the County and Baldwin Post #246; PCC George Lewis funeral; a number of Law & Order Nights, as well as, visits to a half dozen Posts. The Staff attended the County Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and Rockville Centre Post #303's presentation of a new van to NCVSA.

I want to thank the over three hundred members of the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons that attendee this years Military Ball/Post Commanders Night at Leonard's of Great Neck. I believe that day was a great success and a good time was had by all.

As we move into the last quarter of the Legion year we need to continue on our quest for 100% membership. Remember that the Department Commander will be visiting on March 16th; dinner at the Edwin J. Welch, Jr. Post #1132 and the National Commander's Dinner on April 12th at Anton's. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

1st Division Report

Greetings,

I am glad to see the large turnout that we had for the Military Ball / Post Commanders Night that was held at Leonard's of Great Neck. I would like to thanks PCC Frank Colon and PCC Tony Paternostro for the outstanding job they did in setting up the dinner and making sure everything was done perfectly. My wife and I had a great time. Thank you again.

I attended the mid-winter conference in Albany and was present at quite a few interesting meetings. The two majors meetings I attended were the Public Relations and the Membership meetings. At the Public Relations meeting, which was really almost a full day, I learned that we have many opportunities to get the word of the American Legion "out there" as well as assisting fellow legionaries. There is a 1000 dollar scholarship for the children of the legionaries who are studying communications; and the Letter of Instruction can be found online at the American Legion website. Another way to get the word out on veteran's issues is the 4th estate award which is given to a local newspaper, magazine, TV or radio station that assist with getting the information to the public. A Public Relation and Toolkit found on the National and Department websites can give instruction on all of these topics and also how to do news releases to your local paper.

At the membership meeting I was amazed that 8 to 10 percent of Legionaries fail to renew their membership, why is this happening? Do we have bad information, i.e. did they passed away, move away or in a health care facility. We need to be proactive I these renewals and try to find these members. Also how are we recruiting the newest veterans of today's conflicts? A few of the ways we can recruit is use post 1 by finding those members who are living in the area by using the zip codes and sending them a letter about coming back into a post, and then we can follow up with a phone call or even sending a post card. Other way includes using your publicity officers to get your post information into the local papers or even having an open house and inviting these veterans down to show them what we are all about here in the American Legion.

Lastly I would like to mention the Warrior's Family Assistance Program being run by the Ladies Auxiliary. This program is newly developed and implement by the Department of New York American Legion Auxiliary. Their mission is to provide financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families. This program offers financial assistance with a maximum allowance of \$1,200 dollars per family to veterans who have been honorably discharged within the last five years or who are currently serving in one of the Armed Forces and is a resident of the State of New York. Through your donation, eligible veterans can receive funding for grants including but not limited to:

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- Maintenance Grants to alleviate cost of living expenses
- Medical Grants to alleviate the cost of current medical expenses or to assist in payment of outstanding medical bills
- Opportunity for Employment provides financial assistance in finding transportation for going to work or provides assistance for child care.

It is also important to emphasize that cash awards are not granted directly to the recipient, disbursement is paid directly to creditors. If an applicant requires assistance with basic essentials such as food and clothing, gift cards will be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Brunner
Division Commander

2nd Division Report

On February 3rd I attended the 4 Chaplain service at Temple Judea and on February 5th I attended the 4 Chaplain service at Baldwin Post 246. Both services were a reminder of what the American Legion is all about.

On February 16, I attended Commander's Night. Attendance was good and a great time was had by all. Great job done by Frank Colon.

On March 23, at 9:00 am, the 2nd division caucus will be held at Elmont Post 1033. Please get your list of delegates and send them to the county adjutant, Angelo Grande, before the 23rd of March.

Frank Neal, 2nd Division Vice Commander

INSURANCE COMMITTEE
ANDY BOOTH, PCC - CHAIRMAN

WE ARE TRYING TO FIND AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO ISSUE INSURANCE FOR THE COUNTY LEGION MEMBERS WHILE THEY ARE TRAVELING TO AND FROM COUNTY MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS.

IF ANY POST KNOWS OF ANY INSURANCE COMPANY THAT WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN A BID ON THE COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION INSURANCE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

Adjutant's Report

I attended the Four Chaplains' Ceremony at the Temple Judea in Manhasset on February 3rd and attended meetings of the William J. Longuet Post and the Quentin Roosevelt Post on February 5th. On February 6th I attended the wake service for George Lewis, PCC and also attended a ceremony at the Mineola Post honoring Lt. Byler who lost both legs in Afghanistan. The Mineola Post gave him a check in the sum of \$9,100. On February 7th I attended the meeting of the Young Simmons Post and on February 10th I attended the Nurses' Training Ball. On February 11th I attended a meeting of Howard Van Wagner Post and on February 14th I attended a meeting of the Nassau County Ladies Auxiliary at the Robert Van Cott Post. I attended a training seminar on the Caucus Procedures at the Glenwood Landing Post on February 15th and on February 16th I attended the Military Ball. On February 18th I visited the Charles Wagner Post and the Spittel Post. On February 19th I attended the presentation of a new van to the Nassau County Veterans' Service Office. On February 21st I attended a meeting of the Williston Post.

The division caucus schedule is as follows: March 21st 3rd Division Caucus, Glenwood Landing Post, 7:30 PM, March 23rd 2nd Division Caucus, Elmont Post, 9 AM and the 1st Division Caucus, Malverne Post, 7:30 PM, March 26th. Please send in your list of delegates and alternates to me as soon as possible.

If you are attending Hill Day please send me the information I request as soon as possible also. You also will be receiving the latest Standard Operating Procedures at the County Meeting. If you are not at the meeting I will mail them to you. Please return any comments on these Standard Operating Procedures to Frank Rudegear by March 25th. There will be extra copies of the above documents at the February 22nd County Meeting, as well as updated copies of the Breakdown of Delegate and Alternates.

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT

Both houses of Congress are on a break and when they get back they should be busy with the matter of the budget and major spending cuts. The delegation of Legionnaires led by Commander Joseph Reale will be going to Albany for Hill Day. Appointments have been set up to meet with the various politicians to discuss the topics that the Legion supports. The Washington Conference is scheduled for 24 thru 27 February, I cannot make either of these events due to family commitments.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

James T. Randle - CHAIRMAN

THE COUNTY NEWSLETTERS CONTEST

To the Post's of Nassau County and Historian's of that Post or The Public Relations person; There is a Newsletters Contest; to enter submit thee Newsletters, the best ones from June 2012 to March 2013; any three that explores the Public Relations of your Post. Submit them in a yellow folder, and put the Post Name and the Editor of the Newsletter. Send it to the County Meeting by April 26 with Post County Rep. they will be judged and Awards will be given out at the County Convention June 7-8. Your can call me for help @ 516 270-3876
Address: 106 Rose Land, New Hyde Park N.Y. 11040

COUNTY HISTORIAN

JAMES T. RANDLE

To all Post Commanders:

I hope that every Post receives a "Legionnaire" Newsletter. This is an open letter to the Post Commanders bring your Post Historian to the County meeting is Friday February 22 and March 22 at Malverne Post meeting. I will bring a post history book. The Post Narrative and or Pictorial (scrapbook) History of your Post is important to your Post History and for ones who come after we are gone. The Officer's Guide contains the basic instructions. I will explain and try to answer any question at 7:30 pm after the advisory meeting before the County meeting.

If I can be of any help, please give me a call.

516 -270 3876

CHAPLAINS REPORT

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO
THE FAMILIES OF:

PAST COUNTY COMMANDER
GEORGE LEWIS

&

PAST COUNTY VICE COMMANDER
GUS LANZO

THEY WILL BE MISSED BY ALL !

Consolidated Post Reports

The 2011 – 2012 Consolidated Post Report (CPR) is now available for use on the Post's Mylegion.org. The Mylegion.org version is a great way for posts to track their work. It can be continually updated throughout the reporting period before submission. The hard copy version will be mailed before the end of February to the departments for those Posts not utilizing the on-line version.

As of tonight (The Feb. 22nd County Meeting) I have not received Consolidated Reports from the following Posts:

Baldwin Post, Lawrence-Cedarhurst Post, Roosevelt Memorial Post, Cathedral Post, Gomillion-Campbell Post, Joe Murphy, Uniondale Post, William Bradford Turner, William Clinton Story, Archie McCord, Eugene S. Smith, New Cassel Memorial and William J. Longuet. If any of the above Posts have handed in their reports, please let me know. I am also available to help any Post fill out the report.

LEGIONAIRE OF THE YEAR REPORT

As of this writing, I have received NO submissions. Every Post Commander was notified by PCC Reggie Butt's letter dated January 14.

It is the Post Commander's responsibility to insure a post member is recognized for his or her service with a nomination to become the next Nassau County Legionnaire of the Year.

It is my hope that the lack of responses is due to the fact that my correct address is 305 Main Street and not 405.

The deadline is QUICKLY approaching – March 12. All submissions MUST be in my hands on or before that date. Any received after 12 March will be returned.

The Legionnaire of the Year Program is only as good as the submissions submitted for review and evaluation.

TICK – TICK – TICK!

Louise M. McCann, Chairman

Education & Scholarship Committee

The letters announcing the 2012/2013 scholarship were mailed on January 25, 2013. To date we have received transcripts from 15 schools and expect another 50 by April 22,2013.

Harry D. Ransom, PCC Chairman

DEPT COMMANDERS VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT

The rescheduled Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County will be on 16 March 2013. It will be held at Edwin Welch, Jr. Post #1132 in Seaford. Letters have been sent and the a second letter was sent to inform everyone that the visitation is now a Joint Visitation. The Department Commander, Department President and the Detachment Commander SAL are making a joint visit to Nassau. The dinner remains the same with a few extra speeches. The breakfast in the morning is still at 8 A.M. and the tours will be as follows: Cradle of Aviation at 10 A.M. and then to Nutley Carousal at 12 P.M. The Auxiliary President Carol Hassett checked on getting us free tickets for these tours and was very successful. My heartfelt THANKS two her and the Auxiliary. The affair is on the St. Patrick's Day weekend but please try to make this as we would like to show the Department of New York that "We are the Empire County of the Empire State". Ticket sales are slow but I urge all of you to try to attend as we want a good showing for the Joint Visitation.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have Received a check for the 50 cellphones that I shipped out after the last county meeting. The check came to \$26.25 and I asked the Treasurer to split it as follows: NEF 13.15 and Legacy Scholarship \$13.10.

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 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.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

In January after the meeting I shipped 20 boxes to various individuals. In February I shipped an additional 4 boxes, it was a light month. I received a check from Williston Post #144 for \$250 which I turned in to the Treasurer. 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.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The dates for Boys State are Sunday 23 June thru Saturday 29 June 2013. The post Boys State Chairman should be contacting the schools and setting up interviews with the boys. The fee for Boys State has increased this year by \$50 to the Department and the buses went up by \$400. There was no choice but to raise the fees to \$450 per boy. I have the information packets that instruct the candidate on how to go on-line to fill out the application and download all the necessary forms. Get me a check and I will hand out a packet for each boy you provide a check for. The filled out application and supporting forms must be back to me by 30 April 2013.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER

The National Commander will be visiting our area on April 12, 2013. 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, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, New York, in the Evening (= 7:00pm). Dress is optional (cap is required - you might be cold if that is the only option you choose).

The cost of the dinner is \$65.00 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, 2013.

Please make checks payable to the Nassau County American Legion, and earmark it for the National Commander's Dinner. Send all checks to:

John Hassett, County Treasurer
105 Franklin Ave.
Malverne, NY 11565

Rehab Report

Frank Colon Jr. – Chairman
Mary Norris – Co-Chairman

This past month, our Post did not visit the Northport V.A., due to the major snowstorm our area suffered. Any Post who may wish to attend our March 9, 2013 visit is welcome to. The arrival time is 13:30 hrs. We start at 14:00 hrs. Posts that attend, which are team # 7, are Post's # 1089, 854, 335, 456, 160, and 144. Attending Post donations are \$50.00. For Posts that cannot attend, a donation of \$100.00 is welcome.

Frank Colon Jr. Chairman
516-766-6563

NASSAU COUNTY REHAB PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

TEAM # 7: MARCH 9, 2013

NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #108
LYNBROOK # 335
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
WILLISTON # 144



TEAM # 8: APRIL 13, 2013

MINEOLA MEMORIAL # 349
LEVITTOWN #1711
FRANKLIN SQUARE # 1014
BELLMORE # 94
VICTOR MURTHA # 972
EUGENE S. SMITH # 175

TEAM #9: MAY 11, 2013

UNIONDALE # 1487
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265
JOE MURPHY # 1957
PORT WASHINGTON # 509

3rd Division Report Activities / Participation:

The American Legion's commitment to help our Veterans especially our Disabled Vets provided me the opportunity to respond to an invitation to address the Rules Committee of the Nassau County Legislature seeking the Committee's help in projects that economically empower our Vets. Presiding Officer Gonsalves is having the possibilities I presented to the Committee researched by her Legal Team prior to the Committee's ruling.

I want to remind you that the Caucus Call Letters have gone out and you all should have received them by now. Our 3rd Division Caucus is scheduled at the Glenwood Landing Post, Thursday evening March 21 at 7 PM. We look forward to your participation in choosing our leadership for the Legion Year 2013 – 2024.

Fred Nielsen,

Consolidated Post Reporting:

Let us here in Nassau County do our part letting Congress know that our organization is concerned about the thing that should be done that will benefit our Veteran I'm asking all post Children and Youth Chairmen to take the lead and see that their post is COUNTED FOR!

Willibe Wilson, Jr.

CHILDREN and YOUTH REPORT

The date time and place for this year's party for the Children of S.C.O. Family of Service of Sea Cliff, New York is Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 12:00 P.M., it will take place at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 235 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY

The children will be transported by bus from Sea Cliff to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, the party will start the moment the Children 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 there dancing pleasure. We expect about one hundred and ten people including staff.

Our letter appealing for funds to supports this program has been mailed please be liberal with your donation. Earmark all checks Children & Youth made payable to the Nassau County American Legion Committee and mail all checks directly to me, Willibe Wilson, Jr., 21 Brewster Street, Apt.5W Glen Cove NY 11542-2500.

At this time I would like to thank Roosevelt Memorial Post 1051 and Charles Wagner Post 421, for there donation.

Fred.Nielsen

Americanism:

Post Commanders, as Americanism Chairman, I am eager to report all the excellent Americanism Activities your Posts are conducting in your Communities. Please use my email as posted in the Directory to let us know about them so your example can inspire others to conduct Americanism Activities.

Last Month I reported to you that Ali Bie our Americanism Award Recipient was facing the possibility of surgery. She has passed through that episode and has been cleared by her Doctor for international travel to study abroad. All our plans for Ali's being presented with the Americanism Award in June are proceeding on pace. The Director of the Stony Brook Veterans Home is gathering the details I have requested for the official nomination which will be completed in early March and forwarded to Department.

When I have heard from Senator Kristen Gillibrand, the intended Key Note Speaker, I will set the date, but I expect the Award Presentation to be on a Saturday in June.

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RENEWALS IN AND MAKE OUR
QUOTA. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN
THIS FAR BEHIND.
**REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP IS
EVERYONE'S JOB !**

MEMBERSHIP

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

<u>MAR</u>	16	DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT / DINNER \$55.00 P.P.	
	21	3RD DIVISION CAUCUS - GLENWOOD LANDING POST	7:30 PM
	22	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>APR</u>	23	2ND DIVISION CAUCUS - HEMPSTEAD POST	9:00 AM
	26	1ST DIVISION CAUCUS - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
	12	NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER - ANTUN'S	
<u>MAY</u>	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
<u>JUNE</u>	26	UVO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	26	NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE	2:00 PM
	27	MEMORIAL DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	7	NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	8	END OF CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM

