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Commander's Report

“Dying for Freedom is not the worst thing in the world. Being forgotten of dying for Freedom is the worst thing.

Let Us Not Forget”

Unknown

Memorial Day is fast approaching and the above says it all. Whether you help the Scouts emplace the flags on a grave, march in a parade or visit the grave of a love one — please do something to remember our honored dead.

The year is fast coming to a close. First let me thank the over one hundred members attending the Annual National Commander's Dinner. I received accolades from both the National and Department Commanders that night. Believe me when I say I had nothing to do with it, the honor belongs to all the attendees from Nassau County.

Second, we have until the middle of June to obtain our goal of 100% membership. I urge all Posts that can, to pay the dues of those that are left, especially if you have twelve or less.

Finally, I would like to end my last column with a quote from G. K. Chesterton.

“The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.”

Remember and honor ALL of our love ones this and each Memorial Day.

Joseph J. Reale, Sr.

2nd Division Report

April is almost over, we still have posts that have one or two members To reach that 100% goal.

Since 2004 New York Has Lost 54,086 members, are we doing all we can to keep those numbers up instead of going down?

Our goal is 100%. Membership Chairmen in the 2nd Division it's time to go to work. Everybody in your post should be helping you reach that goal !

100% 100% 100%.

On April 6, 2013 we had our annual blessing of the bikes at Elmont Post 1033. Thanks to all the county staff that attended. We had 106 bikes blessed. Special thanks to all the Elmont Legion Riders, great job guys.

Also on the same day I attended East Meadow Post's International pot luck Buffet what a meal .

On April 12, 2013 I Attended The National Commanders Dinner. Nassau County was Well represented at the dinner. On April 17, 2013 I attended the Village of Hempstead meeting for the

Planning of the memorial day parade to be held on May 26, 2013 at 2:30 PM kicking off from the Hempstead Post 390, all are invited to march.

April 21, 2013 - SPECIAL THANKS TO THE NORTH BELLMORE POST FOR THE GREAT BREAKFAST.

FRANK NEAL

3rd Division Report Activities / Participation:

I, recently drove to Brewster, NY and was pleased to have met in Senator Greg Ball, a Vet of strength and integrity who took off his Air Force Uniform and put on the mantle of elected Office. His eyes are wide open in this dangerous world as he chairs the Senate Committee on Veterans and Homeland Security. I have concluded that we are well served by him.

On May 3, I will send out to all 3rd Division Post Commanders a plan for improving communication and collaboration for next year. Important parts of this plan will be executed during the Nassau County Convention, so Commanders do please be watchful for this imminent mailing.

I have just 2 positions remaining on the 3rd Division Staff for the 2013 – 2014 Legion Year, Americanism Chair Person and Sergeant At Arms. If someone in your Post is interested in either of these positions as a way to learn about how the Division operates, please contact the 3rd Division Adjutant Willibe Wilson Jr. See the Directory for his number or speak with me before you leave tonight.

Fred Nielsen, Vice Commander

Rehab Report

Our visit to Northport on April 13, 2013 was well attended by most of team #8. We had a total of 35 Veteran patients who enjoyed the “Day at the Races”, along with dessert and bags of toiletry items. On May 11, 2013, the following Posts are scheduled to attend. Uniondale Post # 1487, Robert VanCott Post #1139, Roosevelt Memorial Post #1051, Oceanside Memorial Post #1246, William Bradford Turner Post # 265, and Joe Murphy Post # 1957. We start at 2:00 PM, But arrive at 1:30 PM to help bring our Veteran patients in to enjoy the day.

FRANK COLON, JR.

“HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

With the bombing at the Marathon in Boston, which was done by home grown terrorists, one a naturalized citizen and one with a green card, this highlights what we have been saying. You must be alert and report any suspicious activity. There seems to be more and more of these homegrown events, with some being copycat events. The surviving terrorists, being a citizen, must be tried in civilian court. The Constitution does not allow a citizen to be tried in a military tribunal.

If you see something that looks out of place or individuals acting suspicious, report it to someone. It is better to be safe than sorry. Remember, Terrorism has many formal definitions. In most cases 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”.

Law and Order

As the Legion year comes to a close, I or my representative has attended seven Law and Order Programs. All programs were done with great class and I thank them for their kind invitation to join them in honoring their recipients.

Remember this is our opportunity to thank those who put their lives on the line daily for us. I'd also like to thank the Post that did hold a Program but did not notify me. They are keeping our Law and Order Program alive in their own way here in Nassau County.

Ron Sabo

Law and Order Chairman Nassau County



200 NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE
“WALLS OF HONOR”
AT EISENHOWER PARK ON JUNE 22nd

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT CHAIRMAN

On March 1, President Obama submitted his Office of Management and Budget order, detailing more precisely how \$85 billion in across-the-board budget cuts will be made. Overall, sequestration will have a wide-ranging and long-term negative effects on the military and veterans.

In terms of Department of Defense (DoD) spending, military pay is exempt, causing Pentagon accounts to take a heavier reduction of funding because the that goes toward military pay must be made up somewhere else in the Pentagon's budget. According to testimony from military and civilian Pentagon officials, it appears that DoD will target modernization and readiness accounts for the brunt of these reductions. Modernization is the purchase of new equipment needed for an uncertain future; readiness is how the United States currently pays to train and equip our military forces. The American Legion wants no further reductions in DoD accounts as we feel this will be a disastrous public policy decision for our national security.

Like the Legion's concern for the billion dollar reduction in VA medical major construction, which means ever-increasing maintenance costs for aging building, this delay in military modernization will cause costs to rise in order to maintain aging military equipment that has been heavily used in the past 10 years of warfare. And the loss of readiness funding means current service members will be subjected to longer deployments, their families will be subjected to greater stress due to loved ones being constantly in harm's way, war equipment will further degrade due to lack of parts and replacement with new equipment, and there will be more breakdowns of equipment over time due to equipment over use. Lastly, units that remain in home station will not have enough funds for training and supplies to deploy.

In addition to sequestration, federal government funding was set to expire March 27 when Public Law 112-75 expires. This means that the final six months of the fiscal year 2013 had to be funded to avoid a possible government shutdown. The House of Representatives developed a measure to fund the government until Oct 1. This measure was voted on and passed.

SUPPORT THE JAMES MACLEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT HOFSTRA. MAKE A DONATION IN MEMORY OF OR TO HONOR SOMEONE IN YOUR POST OR FAMILY

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have about 40 cell phones and I cannot ship until I have 50 phones or other devices as listed below.

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 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

I have shipped 9 boxes since the last county meeting. I picked up from the North Shore Towers Library 15 cartons of books and I also was given another 10 cartons/bags of books from the lady that does "Books for Soldiers, they were all delivered to Ken Cadieux. There was also a bag of lap robes donated by the Homemakers Nassau group. 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 boys to get all the completed application info back to me. Cut off is 30 April and I need to get everything together to send to the Department. We have 49 boys this year and I want to thank all the posts that sponsored boys to make this happen. The orientation will be held on May 30, 2013 at 8 P.M. at the Williston Post #144. Post Commanders and boys state chairmen are invited to attend, also the County staff. The bus will leave from the Williston Post #144 on Sunday 23 June 2013 departing at 6 A.M. registration starts at 5 A.M.

Adjutant's Report

Angelo Grande

On April 6th I attended the Blessing of the Bikes at the Elmont Post with Commander Joe Reale, Sr., 2nd Division Commander Frank Neal and Steve McManus, County Membership Officer. On April 12th I attended the National Commander's Dinner at Anton's Restaurant in Middle Village. I also attended the Children & Youth Event at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove on April 20th. On April 22nd I attended the Law and Order Night at the Howard Van Wagner Post.

Please send in your Delegate and Alternate List for the County Convention. If you don't send in your list, your Post cannot vote. If you intend to go to the Department Convention in Niagara Falls or the National Convention in Houston, Texas, you must get your Post Commander and Adjutant to sign your request. Then send it to Mike Miller, PDVC, our County Judge Advocate. At our May County Meeting, we will be honoring our Past County Commanders. Please try to attend. Please send in your Consolidated Reports as soon as possible.

Don't forget to get in your requests for tickets and Journal Ads for County Installation Ball on Sunday, June 9th at Leonard's of Great Neck. The Glenwood Landing Post is running the Installation Ball this year, so send your request to: Commander Bill Laderer, Glenwood Landing Post #336, 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head, NY 11545. If you have any questions, you may call Bill at: 516-676-7158.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The scholarship committee met on Thursday evening April 25, 2013 to select the winner of the Nassau County American Legion Scholarship.

The committee selected Eric Fegan of John F. Kennedy High School as the winner.

I would like to thank Commander Joe Reale and Past County Commander Reginald Butt for their assistance.

Harry D. Ransom, PCC, Chairman
Education & Scholarship Committee

AMERICAN LEGION WILLISTON POST 144

BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY MAY 14, 2013

3:00pm TO 9:00PM

730 WILLIS AVE, WILLISTON PARK

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our Community Hospitals need your help. The gift helped me fight LEUKEMIA and save my life. Please share this lifesaving gift. I hope Legionnaires near the Williston Post can help.

Eligibility criteria:

Bring ID with signature or photo, Minimum weight 110 lbs.

Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note) Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids.

For questions concerning medical eligibility call
1 800 688 0900

JAMES T. RANDLE

Please contact me – 516 270 3876

Americanism:

The Red White and Blue Award received 3 Nominations for County Awards along with 3 for Department Awards. Of the Nominations 1 County award and 1 Department Award were forwarded for action by Department. Nominations forwarded for Department Action was one for Ms. Ali Bie of whom we have spoken in the past and one for an area Family whose prominent display of the American Flag is viewed by and inspires 10s of thousands weekly.

There are many who have spoken about the terrorist bombing in Boston and the death and suffering inflicted on innocent people there ending and changing lives forever. When we as Americans are hit hard by life's insanity, and we are knocked dazed to our knees....., we pass a bit of time there to clear our head, for a moment, or even a day. After that the strength, courage, and resolve displayed in the effort of standing up, is far greater than what we displayed in the moments before we were knocked down.

When we were shattered and weakened, scared and confused, we went down to our knees. What happens there? Where do you think that strength to stand up came from? "One Nation, Under God, and indivisible".

Fred Neilsen

NASSAU COUNTY REHAB PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

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



COUNTY HISTORIAN
JAMES T. RANDLE

TO ALL HISTORIANS OF NASSAU COUNTY YOUR POST HISTORY BOOK FOR 2012-2013 MUST BE FINISHED BY FRIDAY MAY, 24 FOR COUNTY GENERAL MEETING AT MALVERNE POST. THE BOOKS WILL BE JUDGED AT THAT TIME AND AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT COUNTY CONVENTION FRIDAY, JUNE 7 2013 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 NIAGARA FALLS. BOOK WILL BE JUDGE ON JULY 18 AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU.

YOU CAN CALL ME I CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT PUTTING YOUR POST HISTORY TOGETHER. JUST GIVE ME A CALL.
516-270-3876

CONVENTION AWARDS & PLAQUES

TO ALL COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN,

FOR PLAQUES IF NEEDED TO BE MADE UP AND HANDED OUT AT NASSAU COUNTY 95TH CONVENTION JUNE 7-8. THEY MUST NOTIFY ME BY MAY 24 FRIDAY. YOU CAN CALL THE ORDER IN. PLEASE NOTE CORRECT SPELLING AND THE ARRANGEMENT TO BE PUT ON THE PLAQUE. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO I CAN CONTACT YOU WITH ANY QUESTION.

CHAIRMAN
JAMES T. RANDLE
106 ROSE LANE
NEW HYDE PARK 1-516-270-3876

LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY

WE NEED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PATCHES GIVEN 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 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
NASSAU VOITURE 803 40/8
BALDWIN POST 246
BALDWIN AUXILIARY UNIT 246
ELMONT POST 1033
NORTH BELLMORE POST 1749
MALVERNE POST 44
NASSAU COMMANDER JOE REALE
EDWIN WELCH, JR POST 1132
JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 655
DAV CHAPTER 117
WESTERN DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS
IDON'TKNOW MOTORCYCLE CLUB
1ST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION.
KEN CADIEUX, PAST COUNTY COMMANDER
JOHN F. PRINCE VFW POST 6478

WE HAVE RAISED ABOUT HALF OF THE SUM NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE PATCHES FOR THIS YEAR. 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

National Commander's
Dinner Committee Report

The National Commander's Dinner was held at Antun's in Queens on April 12, 2013. Nassau County was in competition with NYC County for the highest number of ticket sales, we had 127 attend from Nassau County. The William J. Longuet Post #101 led the County with 12 attendees. A good time was had by all.

John Hassett
Chairman

NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE
 121 POWELL AVENUE
 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570

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We offer our condolences
 to the family of
Robert "Tom" Riordan
 Past County Commander.
 He will be sorely missed.



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

<u>MAY</u>	20	NASSAU COUNTY WELCOME BACK WARRIORS NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE	10 AM - 2 PM
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST COUNTY MEETING	7:15 PM 8:00 PM
	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 !	
<u>JUNE</u>	7	NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	8	END OF CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM
	22	NEW NAMES ON WALLS OF HONOR - EISENHOWER PARK	10.00AM
	29	KOREAN WAR CEREMONY - EISENHOWER PARK	10:00AM
<u>AUG</u>	3	NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS - EISENHOWER PARK CHAPIN LAKESIDE THEATER	6:30 PM

