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## Commander's Message

Angelo Grande

On March 29th we had a Training Session for all Post Commanders at the Malverne Post #44. I think it was a good experience for those who attended. I would like to thank Post Commander Joe Brunner for the use of the Post for the Training Session. On Monday, April 7th I attended a Law and Order Night at the Charles Wagner Post #421 and on Friday, April 11th I attended the National Commander's Dinner at Antun's Restaurant in Queens.

On April 21st I received a phone call from our American Legion Department Adjutant, James Casey that our new Post at LIU Post College has been issued a temporary charter. The new Post will be called the Admiral Conolly American Legion Post No.2014. The Officers will be invited to our County Convention in June and our Department Adjutant has invited the Commander of the new Post to the Department Convention in July at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. On Tuesday, April 22nd I attended a meeting of the Glenwood Landing Post #336. Fred Nielson 3rd Division Commander and Matt Rufano, Veterans' Counselor for the Town of Oyster Bay were the guest speakers. Fred spoke about a program he is conducting with Ralph Casey, our County Chaplain. Ralph is in the process of filming interviews with World War II Veterans. Students from three area schools will be doing the interviews. A DVD will be made of the interviews. The second speaker Matt Ruffano spoke about the new Veterans' School Tax Reduction Law. He mentioned that you should get your reduction in 2014-15 if you filed before March 1st. If you filed after March 1st you won't get the reduction until 2015-16. If you have any questions you may contact him at 516-797-7941. He said he would answer your questions, even if you don't live in the Town of Oyster Bay.

On Wednesday, April 23rd I met with two officers of the Island Park Post #1029, John Marino, County Rep. and Joe Aniano, Adjutant. We discussed their past and future donations to veteran organizations. They have donated thousands of dollars. They are in the process of donating over ten thousand dollars to the Long Island Veterans' Home at Stony Brook University. They are planning to make a donation to the Nassau County American Legion at the Legion Convention in June.

Island Park Post #1029 has done an outstanding job of

helping our Veterans. The Post also has about 15 rifles that they would like to donate. Please contact them and they will decide who will receive them.

We have reached our goal of raising \$6,000 to sponsor a Vet Dog. We are now waiting to match a Vet Dog with a Disabled Veteran from Nassau County.

We are looking to get the Membership up to 100% at many Posts. There are many Posts that are very close to achieving their goal. Let's make some calls and make it happen. You all know how important membership is.

On Sunday, April 27th I will be attending a Law and Order Ceremony at the Merrick Post #1282 and on Monday, April 28th I will be attending a Law and Order Ceremony at the Howard Van Wagner Post #962. On May 1st I will be issuing a Certificate of Recognition and a Gold Medal to Cadet Anuraj S. George for his outstanding service to the ROTC at Hofstra University.

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

As we get close to the end of the American Legion Year, I want to thank the following posts for the outstanding work in regards to membership. The Victor Murtha Post for having a percentage over 101%, J Franklin Bell post for 100%, East Rockaway Post for 98.7% Island Park Post for 96% and finally the Massapequa Post for 95.6%. I would like to ask the commanders of the first division contact their membership officers and find out why we can't get those members caught up for the year. Are they ill, are they in a health facility, have they moved, or worse yet, passed on. I will be calling post commanders over the next few days to see what I can do to get these posts as high as we possibly can. Also, please send your transmittals in as quickly as you can. It seems some membership officers' hold on to the renewals for an extended time. Let try to see if we can get some of these post to at least 90% or better before the end of the membership year. Please get your list of delegate for the Department of New York Convention and for the National Convention. One last item, if you have not done it yet please get you delegate and alternate list to the County Adjutant so your post has the opportunity to vote in the upcoming County Convention.

Joseph Brunner, Division Commander

3<sup>rd</sup> Division Report Activities /  
Participation:

“Hearth & Home” For Returning Vets”

Several months ago I inquired of the Nassau County Leadership and Troop Support as to whether or not we had at this time anyone responsible for assisting Veterans, especially Disabled Veterans meet their housing needs. Subsequently, I reported the establishment of the “Hearth & Home For Returning Vets” Project. Early in this Project, I informed the County Commander that I was invited to participate in a meeting on this initiative with Nassau County Clerk Maureen O’Connell in which we would ask her support and involvement. I was directed to proceed. I have been informed that on a date not yet firm, Ms. O’Connell will present a Citation for the first Vet Housing Placement under this Project which has gone to closing in a 3rd Division, North Shore Community.

Freddie Nielsen

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Children & Youth:

Due to the SCO Family of Services Schedule impacted by this year’s severe winter, it has been reported to us that the Children will not be available for the Spring until June. We have been working closely with several important partners in this event to include St. Patrick’s, SCO Family Services, and the American Legion Auxiliary to firm up a date that is workable for all concerned. That date is JuLY 12 at 12:00 Noon. For setting up, we will be in Cafeteria by 10 AM. In the meantime, thank you for supporting this compassionate program of long standing. We still need to raise our budget of \$2,000. We express our gratitude to all those who have already helped us toward meeting this goal.

Willibe Wilson, PCC

Law and Order Report

On April 7th 2014, I attended The Charles Wagner Post 421 Law and Order Program with County Commander Angelo Grande and his wife and Historian James Randle and his wife.

On April 16th 2014, I attended the Edwin Welch Jr. Post 1132 for their program.

I would like to thank these two Posts for their invitations and as always for their outstanding jobs in presenting this program to their community.

I still have two more Programs to attend this month. One is on April 27th at the Merrick Post 1282 and on April 28th at the Howard A. Van Wagner Post 962. I will be looking forward to attending their programs.

One final note! Those Post who haven’t gotten their Law and Order Program forms back to me, please do so A.S.A.P.. Thank you.

Ronald Sabo, Law and Order Chairman

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CREDENTIALS REPORT

April the month for Division meetings & thoughts about the County Convention, we have to elect Delegates and Alternates to attend these sessions, list must be in the hands of the County Adjutant before hand.

We must also think about the Department and National conventions, Delegates & Alternates must be elected to attend them, and the list must be in my hands so that I can prepare my list To be sent to the Department.

Delegates name, address & phone number must be on Post Stationary, signed by the Post Adjutant and Post Commander. I must have this list before the County Convention, so that I can mention the names at the convention and have them elected on the floor to be able to attend. Please let’s not wait until the day of the convention to slip me a name and have it added to the list, this is not fair to anyone.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

MICHAEL MILLER, PDVC  
CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN

## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The last shipment of cell phones had 129 cell phones and 2 Lab Top Computers, the value is \$78.45. One phone was worth \$15 and another \$3. The check should be sent to us after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, when it comes in the treasurer will be directed to split it between the NEF and The Legacy Scholarship Programs. I have approximate 25 cell phones, I need 50 to ship.

The recycling program now includes these item

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.

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## BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

As of the writing of this report we have 47 boys signed up for Boys State shy of our quota of 50 boys.. Completed applications and forms are due to me by 30 April. As of Friday 1 P.M. only 37 of the 47 boys have completed and submitted the application on-line. I have only 18 of the 47 completed forms (with signatures) needed to turn in to the Boys State Coordinator. I will be calling all the Post Commanders and/or Boys State Chairman to run these boys down to get the necessary paperwork. Also 1 post owes a check for \$450. I have turned into the treasurer checks totaling \$20,300. and have requested a check for \$16,450. to be submitted to the Boys State Coordinator along with all the paperwork for the Boys State Candidates. 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 will be sent out to all the candidates and the sponsoring posts plus the County staff with these details.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Time is getting short, the legion year is almost over. Lets make the month of May that final push to get those final few unpaid members to pay their dues. Transmittals have been very slow for April. The County commander, myself and the vice Commanders will be calling those posts that are below 90% strength is its membership.

Frank Neal  
County Membership Officer

## “LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT

VA CARE, TRICARE AND OBAMACARE:

A recent Congressional research Service (CRS) report claims that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) anticipates a net increase in enrollment as a result of the affordable Care Act (ACA), also commonly known as “Obamacare”. The VA is assuming that the ACA requirement for individuals to pay a penalty unless they comply with the minimum essential health coverage will encourage non-enrolled eligible veterans to enroll in VA health care.

Since January 1, 2014, all Americans must have Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) to fulfill the individual-coverage mandate of the ACA. Unless mexempted, those without MEC may be required to pay a penalty (a “shared responsibility payment”) for each month they go without healthcare coverage.

TRICARE Prime, Prime Remote and Standard; the U.S. Family Health Plan, TRICARE Overseas plans, Transitional Assistance Management Plan and TRICARE for Life (TFL) meet the requirements of MEC. Purchased programs such as TRICARE Young Adult (TYA), TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR), TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), and Continued Health Care Benefit Program also qualify.

Veterans organization have worked to ensure TRICARE And VA healthcare programs are separate from the ACA and their Legislative Teams continue to monitor implementation of the law to ensure those programs are not adversely impacted by unanticipated consequences.

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## PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The Protocol Committee is awaiting the list of invited guests for the Installation list Dinner. The committee normally reviews the the list and makes recommended changes or agrees with the list. The County pays for these guests and we want to ensure no one is left out or someone is put the list that should not be there.

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### Americanism:

“Patriot Award”

For those Posts interested in being considered for the Commander’s “Patriot Award”, the County Americanism Award, you can pick up the criteria and due date in my letter on the back table. After tonight you can also request this information via email to the 3d Div. Adjutant Willibe Wilson Jr., at [wilpluspea@gmail.com](mailto:wilpluspea@gmail.com).

## REHABILITATION PROGRAM - STATUS UPDATE

Recap of "Day at the Races"- April 12, 2014-Northport Nursing/Convalescent Home Bldg 92  
Participant - Team #8:

We had an extremely good turnout from the Posts scheduled and Scout Troop 577 was also on hand to help bring the patients to/from their rooms.

The last date for Nassau County American Legion "Day at the Races" is Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. The following Posts are reminded to be out at building 92, Northport at 1:30pm:

### Team #9

Uniondale # 1487	Robert Van Cott # 1139	Roosevelt Memorial # 1051
Oceanside Memorial #1246	William Bradford Turner # 265	Joe Murphy #1957

Also, please bring a \$50 check to off-set operating cost with you on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. If a Post is not attending, send a check for \$100 to County. Checks are to be made out to Nassau County American Legion and on memo line mark "Rehab/Day at the Races."

### Stand-down and VA Comfort Bags

Frank has suggested many times "Get the school kids involved with collecting the items for the Comfort Bags" that the County hands out at the VA at the end of each Day-at-Races.

We have a commitment from Our Lady of Mercy School in Hicksville to take a collection box and ask their students to donate the items we fill the Comfort Bags with and some items for the Stand-down through the end of this school year:

Unscented Lotions*	Toothpaste	Socks (Black or Gray)
Toothbrushes (soft bristles)	Denture Adhesive	T-shirts (medium & Large Sizes)
Shampoo* & Conditioner*	Playing Cards	Deodorant - Medium Size
*Travel or "trial" size	Shampoo	Baby Wipes
Combs	Brushes	Soap
Q-Tips	Hand Sanitizer	Hankkerchiefs

A letter was delivered to the Superintendent (Ms. Maureen Bright) of the Hicksville School District, asking to meet with Post 421 Commander Tom and me, and place collection boxes in their 9 school building. We are also targeting elementary and middle schools Trinity Lutheran School and Holy Family and the Holy Trinity High School and place collection boxes for the items through the end of this school year.

Mary Norris, Co-Chair Rehab

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### Scouting Report

The 2014 Eagle Scout of the Year is  
Timothy P. Messmer of Troop 577

The 2014 winner of the Eileen Ferguson  
Scouting Award is Amy Thomas of Crew 577

The sponsoring posts should make sure the  
scouts are at the Friday session of the County  
Convention prior to its opening in uniform

Charles G. Mills, Scouting Chairman

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### 40/8 Nurses Training Ball a Success !

Thanks to all who supported  
the Nurses Ball held last month at the  
Malverne Post. All those who attended had  
a great time. We also picked up two new  
Posts who will Sponsor a Student for the  
Next three years. East Rockaway Post  
and Malverne Post . We also have several  
other Posts who are considering being  
sponsors. if you are interested call Frank Colon  
at 766-6563 for the details.





NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK OFFICIAL

CONVENTION CALL

Pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws, I, Angelo Grande, Commander of the Nassau County American Legion, Department of New York, do hereby call the 95th Annual Convention of Nassau County to be held in Hicksville, New York, Town of Oyster Bay, at the Levittown Hall, Levittown Parkway, Hicksville, NY 11801, Telephone 516 933-6400, commencing Friday, June 5th, 2014 at 8:00 P.M., and ending on Saturday, June 6th, 2014. The Installation Ball to be held at the Leonards of Great Neck N.Y. on Sunday Afternoon, June 7th, 2014.

1. To elect Officers for the Nassau County Organization for the ensuing year, a Commander, three Vice Commanders of equal rank, an Adjutant, Treasurer and a Membership Officer.
2. To elect Delegates and Alternates to the Convention of the Department of New York, to be held in Albany, NY from July 17-19, 2014
3. Nassau County is entitled to four (4) Delegates and Alternates at large and one Delegate and Alternate for each 250 paid-up membership prior to thirty days before the date of said Department Convention.
- 4; The remaining Delegates and Alternates to which the County is entitled to according to its membership as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws shall be elected at the County Convention after nominations by the Divisions at their respective Caucuses held for that purpose at the County Convention.
5. Each Division shall be entitled to a proportionate number of Delegates and Alternates in the same proportion as that Division has contributed to the total membership of the County, such proportions to be divided by the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials.
6. To transact such other business as may come before the Delegates and Alternates assembled and to consider such matters as the County may desire to bring before the Department Convention.
7. Post representation to the County Convention shall be on the basis of one Delegate and one Alternate for the first fifteen members and one additional Delegate and Alternate for each twenty—five members or major portion thereof, paid up at the time of the report of the Credentials Committee at the County Convention, and all Past County Commanders and Past State and National elective officers present and in good standing as a member of a Post in Nassau County.
8. Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention shall be elected at a meeting duly called by the Post at least ten (10) days prior to said Convention and each Delegate and Alternate shall be supplied with credentials by the Commander or Vice Commander and Adjutant of their respective Post. No Delegate or Alternate shall be seated without presentation of proper credentials.
9. In order to execute the Unit Rule, fifty percent or better of the Post Delegation must be present at Roll Call. Further, the intent to exercise this privilege must be submitted in writing to the County Adjutant prior to the opening of the Convention, such letter to be over the signature of the Post Commander or Adjutant.

Attest: John Hassett  
County Adjutant

Angelo Grande  
County Commander

## THE RULES OF THE CONVENTION

The rules of the convention are as follows:

- 1) With the following modifications, Robert Rules of Order, revised, will be followed and shall govern this Convention in all cases wherein they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and ByLaws of The American Legion or special rules of order of this Convention.
- 2) Only duly accredited Delegates or Alternates shall be given the privilege of the floor during this order of business of this Convention.
- 3) The official reports of the Posts to the Credentials Committee of the names of Delegates and Alternates to Convention shall be binding upon this convention and the names as reported shall be recognized as the official Delegates and Alternates to the Convention.
- 4) Alternates shall have all the privileges of Delegates, including that of serving on committees, except the privilege of voting on the Convention floor.
- 5) A Delegate desiring to obtain the floor or make a motion or address the convention shall rise, address the Presiding Officer as Mr. Commander, and give their name and the name of his or her Post before proceeding with his or her subject.
- 6) The floor shall be permitted but once to an individual Delegate on the same question; also once on an appeal.
- 7) The decision of the Presiding Officer as to who is entitled to the floor in any instance shall be final and there shall be no appeal from that decision.
- 8) The decision of the Presiding Officer in ruling any motion out of order shall be final, but an appeal may be made and brought to a vote
- 9) Debate shall be limited to 5 minutes for each speaker. No Delegate shall speak for more than 5 minutes on the same question, without the consent of the Convention by two-thirds vote except nominating speeches for County Officers.
- 10) Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to forty-five (45) minutes except under special rules as the Convention may adopt prior to debate, by two-thirds vote.
- 11) Voting shall be by acclamation, that is to say a voice vote, except where a roll call is demanded by the chairman of at least three Posts. Election of County Officers shall be by roll call.
- 12) Nominations shall be made upon a roll call of Posts. A Post may nominate, pass, yield to another Post or second a nomination. The roll call shall be according to divisions beginning with the First Division, then the Second Division, and then the Third Division. In each division Posts are to be called in alphabetical order except that by unanimous consent that this rule may be abrogated to save time. Nominating speeches are limited to seven minutes, seconding speeches to three minutes. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate.
- 13) Whenever a ballot by Posts is taken, the vote of each Post shall be equal to the total number of Delegates to which the Post is entitled, as shown by the report of the Credentials Committee, provided that a majority of the Delegates of the Post are present, and vote unanimously. In the event of a divided vote of a Post delegation, or when less than a majority of a Post delegation is present, only the votes of those present and voting shall be counted.
- 14) Past County Commanders Past State and National elective Officers entitled to vote shall only vote after the roll call of Posts has been completed.
- 15) The Commander of every Post, the delegation of which has been duly instructed by such Post to vote the Unit Rule at this Convention, shall so verify in writing to the County Adjutant, otherwise, a vote by Unit Rule by the delegation from any Post need not be recognized, where a dispute arises among the delegates of such Posts on any question at this Convention. A Post may vote its entire strength under the Unit Rule, unless there are less than 50 % of the delegates present at the time of voting, in which event only those present and voting shall be counted.
- 16) Upon any vote taken under a roll call of Posts, the chairman and members of the delegation shall rise, and the chairman shall announce the number of votes his or her Post casts, either in the affirmative or negative, or in favor of a candidate, as the situation requires. If voting under the Unit Rule, the chairman shall so state.
- 17) A candidate for office shall be deemed elected, if he or she received a majority of the votes cast. In the event no candidate receives a majority, a second vote shall be taken. In the further event that no candidate received a majority after the second vote, all candidates other than the two (2) receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot shall withdraw, and balloting shall continue.
- 18) All proposed resolutions shall first be submitted in writing to the Resolutions Committee and no action shall be taken by this Convention upon such proposed resolutions, without a report of the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee upon the resolutions, but the Presiding Officer of the Convention, if he or she feels the occasion or courtesy demands it, may otherwise permit the submission of such resolutions to the Convention.

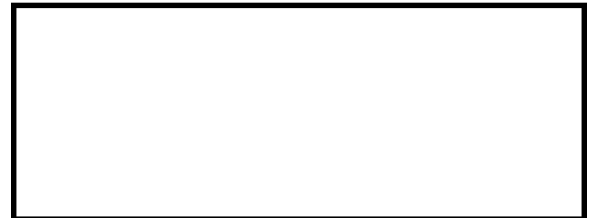
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**DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014**

MAY	11	MOTHERS DAY - REMEMBER MOM!	
	23	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	24	FLAGGING OF THE GRAVES AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY	7:00 AM
	25	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	25	MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES - L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY	2:30 PM
	29	BOYS STATE ORIENTATION - WILLISTON POST	8:00 PM
JUNE	6	COUNTY CONVENTION AT LEVITTOWN HALL	8:00 PM
	7	COUNTY CONVENTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS	9:00 AM
	8	COUNTY INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK	1:00-5:00 PM
JUNE	27- JULY 3	BOYS STATE	
JULY	15	HOMELESS VETS STANDDOWN - HEMPSTEAD POST	9:00 AM
	17-19	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN ALBANY	
	25	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

**MEMORIAL DAY PATCHES**

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED TO COVER THE COST OF PROVIDING MEMORIAL DAY PATCHES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO FLAG THE GRAVES AT L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY



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Plainview Post      Carle Place Post      Korean War Vets Assn  
1st Marine Div. Assn      Western LI Detachment Marine Corps League  
Nassau County 40/8      For their donations to provide the patches totaling  
\$405.00      (Only \$1595.00 to go.)      Please Help.