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Commander's Message-November 2013

On September 28th I attended a Flag Burning Ceremony at the Massapequa Post and also conducted the Installation at the Williston Post. On October 6th I attended the Nassau County American Legion Legislative Breakfast at the Williston Post and also conducted the Installation at the Hempstead Post. On October 11th I attended a Press Conference at a chocolate factory in Valley Stream. Our state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli presented an Afghanistan Veteran a \$50,000 loan to expand his business. On October 12th I visited the Northport VA facility and on October 13th I attended the unveiling of the statue of "Eisenhower" in Eisenhower Park. On October 19th I attended the Queens County Legislative Breakfast at the O'Connell Post in Rockaway Beach and on October 20th I attended the Suffolk County Legislative Breakfast at the Babylon Post. On October 21st I attended a Boys State and Girls State Recognition program at the Massapequa Post and on October 22nd I attended the 10th District Meeting at the Plainview Post. On October 23rd I attended a meeting of the Bayville Zoning Board to protest a zoning restriction affecting the Robert Spittel Post.

3rd Division Report Activities / Participation:

Post Commanders in 3rd Division are invited to identify any Legionnaires we are happy to have welcomed into Membership but who might not have been "Initiated". The Legion's tradition in this matter is strong and the Ceremony is deeply meaningful. You will have received my letter at this point, and I encourage you to contact PDistC and 3rd Div. Adjutant, Willibe Wilson Jr. (676-1263) regarding it.

During November, 3rd Division Post Visitations will continue. If you have not had your Post's Visitation confirmed for November and believe you are scheduled, please contact 3rd Div. Adjutant, Willibe Wilson Jr. (676-1263).

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Nielsen, Vice Commander

Children & Youth:

Children of special needs may be profoundly challenged or very high functioning. Willibe and I are exploring an urgently needed outreach in the area of our concern for Children who may represent needs that are under served. In specific we are meeting with the Family Service Leadership at the Headquarters, 1st Marine Corps District. In that the Families assigned here on "independent duty" lack the broad service and support structure typically present on Military Bases, the Children of our Nassau County Active Duty Military Families are under served.

We are in collaboration with the Family Services Officer, the Public Affairs Officer, the Command Sgt. Major, and Active Duty Parents to determine appropriate forms of advocacy for the Veteran Community to undertake in off setting some of the more urgent impacts for there not being a Base Community for the Military Families.

Fred Nielsen, Chairman

October 2013 Membership Report

"How can I join? Ask me!"

So far, we are on target to meet November's goal of 65% membership for Nassau County. We now have 70 new members. There are 4 Posts in the County that have not sent in any transmittals. If there is a problem and you need help, please call me at (516) 375-2139. The next subject is PUFL's. 17 Posts have sent them in which means that there are 36 Posts that have not. PUFL's should be sent to me at:

Frank Neal
295 Crowell Street
Hempstead, New York 11550

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NEW CLASS AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COLLEGE

On Oct. 27, The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis will welcome its 15th consecutive National Legion College class since 1999. The class of 56 Legionnaires, representing 34 departments, will gather for six days in the National Executive Committee room on the fourth floor of the headquarters building to learn about the organization's overall mission, to hear from national staff and to share best practices.

The program's curriculum requires students break into small groups where they will develop and present a post revitalization plan, write a resolution on any topic of The American Legion and develop communication strategies to promote Legion programs. The small groups will also be challenged to think creatively about Legion issues, such as membership recruitment and retention.

CONVENTION REPORT -

Just a reminder-the date has been reserved .

The Nassau County American Legion Convention will be held at the Levittown Hall in Hicksville NY on Friday night June 6th starting at 8 p.m. and Saturday Morning June 7th starting at 9 a.m. Committees will meet earlier.

If you are interested in hosting the Installation Dinner please send your bid to me. Arlene Howard, 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville, NY 11801-2435. Deadline December 15th'

Thank you.

Arlene Howard PCC Convention Chairman

WINAL REPORT

If you want to make your membership quota sign up those Women Veterans who also fought for our freedom and those who are still on active duty fighting for our freedom.

Then inform them of the many benefits that are available to them which are listed on The American Legion web site - legion.org/veterans benefits/women veterans - the list is too long to list in my report.

Tell them that The Northport VA Medical Center has a beautiful Woman Veteran wellness clinic and they should call and make an appointment to see a VA doctor.

Thank you.

Arlene Howard PCC, WINAL Chairman

NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

KEN CADIEUX, REP

WE HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AT THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE. THEY HAVE PROMISED TO WORK WITH US TO GET NATIONAL SHRINE STATUS.

THE MAIN OFFICE AND THE BATHROOMS WILL BE RENOVATED AND IMPROVED AS PART OF THE PROCEEDURE.

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

The Federal Legislatures have finally resolved the Government shutdown with another Bandaid patch. They now have until 15 January m2014 to get the budget and their act together.

The Legislative Breakfast was held on October 6, 2013 at the Williston Post #144. The legionnaires only purchased 93 tickets, we had 25 guests and only 5 Legislators were there to speak to the group. Three other Legislators arrived after everything was over. The government shutdown and the action in Washington did not help. Financially I was tasked by the budget to make \$800, I made \$1010.18. I received a donation from the Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto's Campaign Fund of \$500. So the \$500 plus the \$210.18 over budget will be transferred to the Non-Allocated fund.

NASSAU COUNTY JAMES McLEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION

HOUSED AT THE HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IS OUR LEGION SPECIAL COLLECTION OF BOOKS, PAPERS, MAPS, AND MANY ITEMS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE HISTORY OF LONG ISLAND AND NEW YORK STATE.

THIS COLLECTION WAS STARTED BY JAMES McLEAN, WHO WAS THEN THE COUNTY COMMANDER OF NASSAU COUNTY. THIS COLLECTION GREW EACH YEAR WITH DONATIONS FROM THE POSTS, SOME IN MEMORY OF A FALLEN COMRADE OR FAMILY MEMBER OTHERS IN HONOR OF SOME SPECIAL EVENT. EACH DONATION IS ACKNOWLEDGED AND THE PERSON OR FAMILY OF THE HONOREE IS NOTIFIED OF THE DONATION.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THE DONATIONS HAVE FALLEN OFF AND THE PROGRAM IS IN DANGER OF BEING LOST.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER WILLIAM DAVISON BY CALLING 764-0645. OR THEY MAY BE PICKED UP AT ANY COUNTY MEETING. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: JAMES McLEAN MEMORIAL COLLECTION. THIS IS THE FINEST COLLECTION OF NEW YORK AND LONG ISLAND HISTORY FOUND ANYWHERE. IT IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL FOR REFERENCE AND SCHOOL WORK.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

This Year's Boys State will run from 27 June 2014 (Friday) until 03 July 2014 (Thursday). The Friday start is due to the Regents Exams being given up till the 25th of June, school ends on 27 June. I have booked the two buses (two – one way trips) with an increase this year of only \$25 each trip. I cost of Boys State will be set at the Mid-Winter Conference but I feel there will be an increase. If no increase is passed the fee will be \$450.00 but I will hold that until after the Mid-Winter Conference. The Post Chairman should be contacting the schools and setting up interviews, then once we have the okay to proceed they will be ready.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received the check for \$59.10 which I have asked the Treasurer to split between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship Funds. I have shipped 175 cell phones, 1 laptop computer and 2 handheld GPS units. Items I get tonight will start another shipment. I receive the check from the recycling center I will ask the Treasurer to split it between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship.

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
readers	E-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.

NEW DIRECTORIES

THE NEW COUNTY DIRECTORIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DIVISION COMMANDERS FOR DELIVERY TO ALL POSTS IN THEIR DIVISION. EACH POST GETS 3 COPIES, ONE FOR THE COMMANDER ONE FOR THE ADJUTANT AND ONE FOR THE COUNTY REP.

IF YOUR REP DID NOT MAKE THE COUNTY MEETING, CONTACT YOUR DIVISION COMMANDER TO ARRANGE THEIR PICK UP.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The hurricane season is behind us now and those of us in the northeast seem to have avoided serious natural disasters, unlike last year. However, other parts of the country have not been nearly as fortunate. There has been severe flooding in Colorado, North Dakota, Illinois and other parts of the west.

Wherever there has been an urgent need, the NEF has been there, delivering grants, serving meals, providing shelter and comfort. Thanks to contributions from Legion Family members and supporters, the NEF has distributed more than \$8 million in aid, one grant at a time, to qualified victims. Help in times of crisis is one way the American Legion makes significant differences in the lives of veterans, their families and communities.

You never know when, where or how future emergencies will happen. You can never speculate on the total cost in damages. One thing is certain. Victims will be looking for the American Legion, and the American Legion needs to be there doing what it does best.

To date we have collected \$2,230, a good start, but I know we will do better.

I would like to thank the following for their generous contributions: Malverne Post, Bellmore Post, Wantagh Post, Baldwin Post, Merrick Post, Charles Wagner Post, Nassau Police Post, Edwin Welch Jr Post, Victor Murtha Post, Floral Park Post, Rockville Centre Post, Carle Place Post, Bill Davison DVC, Tony Paternostro PCC and Robert Robesch PCC.

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Bob Robesch, PCC
Chairman NEF

THANKS

WE WISH TO THANK THE PLAINVIEW POST FOR ARRANGING THE DONATION OF CHILDRENS BOOKS, RECORDED BOOKS AND DVD'S TO US. THE BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHILDREN'S WARDS AT HOSPITALS IN NASSAU. THE RECORDED BOOKS & DVD'S WILL GO TO NORTHPORT. GREAT JOB !

Americanism:

For this Americanism Year, I am introducing the Commander's "Patriot Award", the County Americanism Award to be presented at the County Level. Post Commanders and Americanism Chairmen, I need your Contact Information. Please email me at brother2fredn47@hotmail.com or Div. Adjutant Willibe Wilson Jr., at wilpluspea@gmail.com.

Bob Harrington, Post Commander of Howard Van Wagner Post #962 in Locust Valley has provided strong assertion that Ms. Kaye Weninger should receive the Department Americanism Award and has provided compelling input to support such award. In brief paraphrase, Commander Harrington has said Ms. Kaye Weninger is a, long time Friend of the Post and remarkable supporter of Vets through for her Vet Advocacy, patriotic zeal, and her proactive vision for honoring the remembrance of "D" Day.

A Department Of New York Red, White & Blue Award Nomination for Ms. Kaye Weninger has been submitted enthusiastically recommending approval. Department Adjutant Casey and Dept. Americanism Chairman, Ed Malicoat, assisted in getting fast rack approval and signature by Department Commander Ken Govenor. On October 26 Commander Harrington will join the County Commander and others in presenting this profoundly well deserved Americanism Award.

The October 26th Veteran Appreciation Event hosted by "Operation Democracy" is firstly a Liberators "D" Day Remembrance and WWII Veteran Appreciation Event which will feature presentations of appreciation by Young-Simmons Post 1765 to a selected WWII Vet and by the Children of the Fourth Generation (a WEBELOS Scout, a High School Student, a Law Student, and an Iraq War Vet). Finally a Family Member will present to our Principle Honoree a "Mother Of Normandy" Collection.

Fred Neilsen, Chairman

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP Report

As of this date the following Posts and Members have donated to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Plainview Post #1812, Quentin Roosevelt Post #4, PCC Joseph Reale and Historian James Randle.

Remember all I ask is \$1.00 per member.

Thank you to all those who have contributed in the past and present to this worthy program.

Arlene Howard PCC Chairman

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2013 - 2014

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 9, 2013

HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
HEMPSTEAD # 390
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082

TEAM # 8: APRIL 12, 2014

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

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 14, 2013

NASSAU POLICE #1050
ELMONT # 1033
MALVERNE #44
MERRICK # 1282
GLEN COVE # 76
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449

TEAM #9: MAY 10, 2014

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

TEAM # 5: JANUARY 11, 2014

NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101
BALDWIN #246
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

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.

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 8, 2014

YOUNG SIMMONS #1765
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
CATHEDRAL POST #1087
ROCKVILLE CENTRE #303
MANHASSET #304
AVIATORS # 743

HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN

THE FALL STANDDOWN WILL BE HELD AT THE FREEPORT ARMORY ON BABYLON TURNPIKE FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.

WARM CLOTHES AND COATS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS STANDDOWN. IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS CONTACT FRANK COLON, JR AT 435-7066, FOR A PICK UP.

TEAM # 7: MARCH 8, 2014

NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
LYNBROOK # 335
JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
WILLISTON # 144

IF YOU WISH TO HELP OUT BE THERE EARLY AND YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A JOB.

REMEMBER WE FEED THEM ALL AND SEE THAT THEY GET TO SEE ALL THE AGENCIES WHO ARE THERE TO HELP THEM.

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

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758
PERMIT # 8

MEMBER
National American Legion Press Association
New York State Legion Press Association

A \$5.00 DUES INCREASE WAS PASSED. IT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2014.

TO AVOID PAYING THE EXTRA \$5.00 ALL DUES HAVE TO BE RECEIVED IN ALBANY BY DECEMBER 15, 2013. IF THEY ARE RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE THE POST WILL BE CHARGED THE EXTRA \$5.00.

NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2013

NOVEMBER

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| 3 | NASSAU COUNTY VETS DAY PARADE - GARDENERS AVE LEVITTOWN
10 AM - 12 NOON FOR INFO CALL JOE PASCARELLA 572-6512 | |
| 5 | ELECTION DAY - GET OUT AND VOTE! | |
| 9 | DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT | |
| 9 | TEAM #3 VISIT TO NORTHPORT HOSPITAL | 1:30 PM |
| 10 | UVO VETERANS DAY SERVICE - EISENHOWER PARK | 10:30 AM |
| 10 | L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY VETERANS DAY SERVICE | 1:30 PM |
| 22 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST
COUNTY MEETING | 7:15 PM
8:00 PM |
| 25 - 26 | NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP | |
| 26 | HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN - FREEPORT ARMORY | 9:00 AM TO 3 PM |
| 28 | THANKSGIVING DAY - HAPPY TURKEY DAY! | |

DECEMBER

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| 7 | PEARL HARBOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG! | |
| 14 | TEAM #4 VISIT TO NORTHPORT HOSPITAL | 1:30 PM |
| 16 | BATTLE OF THE BULGE - FLY YOUR FLAG! | |
| 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! | |
| 27 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - PLAINVIEW POST
COUNTY MEETING | 7:15 PM
8:00 PM |
| 31 | OFFICIAL END OF WW-II | |

JANUARY 2014

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| 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! | |
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