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COMMANDERS REPORT

1st Division Report

I wish to thank members of Baldwin Post 246 and Past Post Commander Steven Bohn for a Great Job with the 911 service. It was the first time I have gone to the Baldwin Post 246 for a 911 service. It is something I will never forget. I can't describe it the best way is for you to attend one of their services for the 911. Once again thanks to Baldwin Post, its members and STEVEN BOHN. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

The first thing I want to let all of know is that Monday 19 September 2011 my self and a few members of the American Legion attend a meeting in Hempstead District Court. This court will be known as Veterans Treatment Court. As we find out more I will let all of you know. Just remember, **WE ARE Mentors NOT COUNSELORS** but what we do will stay Confidential to all involved.

I would like to tell all of you about the monument that will be completed by next May 2012.

The money that is left after the monument is completed will be placed in a monument fund.

As some of you may not know, the county of Nassau does not do the upkeep. Its the volunteers that do the work. So to take care of our monument we must have volunteers. We (THE AMERICAN LEGION OF NASSAU COUNTY) have to keep a clean area and change the flag when one has to be changed. We also must keep the monument clean. That takes money. So if you didn't send your check, please do so. It will go a long way. And if you did thanks from your brothers and sisters of the American Legion of Nassau County

And I would like to tell all of you about the Cremains of our Veterans. Sometime in the next two weeks the letters should be mailed out to all the funerals homes in Nassau County.

As soon as we get a number, we will be holding a meeting to talk about the days events.

As soon as we have a date, we will inform all of you and let all know were and when.

For God and Country,
Your County Commander
Andrew Booth

As you should know by now the first division meeting is scheduled for 7PM, Oct 11 at the Oceanside Memorial Post #1246. I want to thank the commander for his hospitality.

Was pleased to be invited to and attend the "Joint Installation of the 2011-2012 Officers" at the Malverne Post 44. Thank you John Hassett, Robert Guarneri and your staff.

On September 9th I was present at the 9/11 memorial in Long Beach with the Victor Murtha Post 972 of the American Legion, their comrades in the VFW, the local fire and police departments as well as several local officials. That included the Hon Denise Ford, who's been an advocate for veterans as long as I can remember. It is hard to believe it has been a decade since that horrible day in America's history.

Although there were about 3000 innocent victims of this terrorist attack on civilians; perpetrated by cowards, it was nonetheless an act of war. There were many instances of heroism that day, not unlike those of our fellow veterans.

Many Police Officer and Firefighters lost their lives doing their duty, trying to save others. A common bond they share with veterans is an oath in which they expressed their willingness to die defending our great nation.

This unprovoked attack was one of the reasons used to get us involved in Afghanistan where unfortunately we continue to lose American lives.

. In the words of the dedication of my book, "Hi Mom, I'm O.K." and Other Lies From Vietnam, I want to thank you, "... my fellow veterans of ... all wars past and present; both those who made it home and those did not, as well as to the families of veterans who had to deal with their own form of hell while their loved ones were overseas."

Add to that my thanks to the American heroes of the police and fire departments.

God bless you, God bless our fellow veterans and God bless America.

Howard Kalachman, 1st Div.

2nd Division Report

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires, As the Fall season approaches and we go into the cold weather months I would like to remind you to periodically check on fellow Legionnaires who might need any assistance. This month I had the honor of hosting the County Commander and the rest of the staff at my home Post Officers installation on Friday 9 September. We had a great time while at the same time continuing a tradition that had fallen by the wayside for the last few years. My apologies to the William Clinton Story Post # 342 for not being able to attend their Installation on the 15th due to a scheduling conflict. This Sunday, September 25th I will be attending the Hempstead Post # 390 Installation with the County staff and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The initial 2nd Division Meeting of the Legion year 2011-2012 will be held on Saturday October 22th, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The venue is the Elmont Post 1033 located at 60 Hill Avenue. Please make sure either the post Commander or a representative from your post is in attendance to get all pertinent information covered at the meeting. This will include the current Post officer's Manual, Post Adjutant Manual, and The Department Commander's Pin Form.

As always, feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns.

For God and Country, *Manny Rodriguez*
2nd Division Commander
MRodriguezUSA@gmail.com / Direct 516. 847.4872

Third Division Report

The County Commander and staff have recently attended the installations of the following posts, Plainview, Robert H. Spittel, Manhasset and Williston. Congratulations and best wishes to all new commanders and their respective staffs. A note to the new commanders – you have a wealth of information and expertise in your posts in the persons of Passed County Commanders.

My post visitation have commenced and I wish to thank Frank Busa, new commander of the Williston Post for the usual Williston hospitality extended to me. I am pleased to have *2nd Division Membership officer, Reggie Butt.* I look forward to visiting as many Third Division Posts as possible. I have three additional post visits scheduled.

REMINDER: The Third Division General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 8 pm at the Williston Post. Commanders: please insure at least one member of your post attends this most important meeting.

The international traveling staff of the Charles A Fowler Post is on the road again. My first vice commander and I have been invited to return to Kitchener/Waterloo Ontario for the dedication of the Fire Brigade's 9-11 Memorial. The Memorial includes a section of steel recovered from one of the World Trade Center Towers. I am deeply appreciative to the Fire Company Commander and his staff for their invitation and look forward to the ceremony. We will be presenting a USS New York commissioning coin to the Fire Company Commander on behalf of the post. Our Royal Canadian Legion brothers and sisters will of course, be part of the ceremony and I look forward to seeing our True North – Strong and Free friends again.

It is only October – but it IS time to start collecting and circulating holiday cards to remind all of our American heroes that that they are always in our minds, hearts and prayers not only at the holidays but every day. We wish them well and it is our sincere hope that they all will come home soon – home to a hero's welcome – the welcome they so RICHLY deserve

For God, Country and the American Legion,
Louise M. McCann

CONVENTION REPORT

Arlene Howard PCC Convention Chairwoman

The new Legion year has started and I am requesting bids for a Post to hold the June 2, 2012 County Convention dinner. Please send all bids to me. PCC Arlene Howard 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville, NY 11801-2435. If you have any questions my phone #938-
ashowco@aol.com.

Because Levittown Hall can accommodate the amount of members attending the County Convention I have applied for a permit for the use of Levittown Hall for the up coming Friday, June 1, Saturday, June 2 2012 Convention.

Thank you for your consideration.

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| NOV 6 | 10:30 AM EISENHOWER PARK
VETERANS PLAZA |
| NOV 6 | 1:30 PM L.I. NATIONAL
CEMETERY AT FARMINGDALE |
| DEC 14-15 | NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP FOR
THE VETS AT THE VA HOSPITAL |

ADJUTANTS REPORT

The following Posts have not yet submitted their Officer Certification Form, due to the Department on June 30th, with copies to the County Adjutant.

1st Division

Andrew Fatscher Post 845, County
Baldwin Post 246,, Dept
East Rockaway Post 958, County
Island Park Post 1029, Both
J. Franklin Bell Post 81, Both
Rockville Centre Post 303, County

2nd Division

Aviators Post 743, Both
Cathedral Post 1087, Both
North Bellmore Post 1749, Both
Robert Van Cott Post 1139, Both
William Clinton Story Post 342, Both

3rd Division

Archie McCord Post 86, Both
Charles A. Fowler, Jr. Post 160, County
James F. Brengel Post 456, County
Manhasset Post 304, County
New Cassel Memorial Post 1861, Both
Port Washington Post 506, Both

Reminder starting in November the County Meeting move to the Massapequa Post #1066, 66 Veterans Boulevard, Massapequa, NY 11758, 795-1504

The meeting in November is Friday, 18 November and the December meeting is Friday, 16 December

Joe

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMEN

The House of Representatives and Senate have returned from their summer vacations.

On the state level: The Funeral Protection Legislation that passed both the Assembly and the Senate was laid on Governor Cuomo’s desk last week. These two pieces of legislation will create a statewide buffer zone at funerals to protect against disruptions and disturbances as well as allowing localities to establish a permitting procedure for those who wish to protest at a funeral. The Governor had until today to make a decision on this legislation. As of tonight I have not heard what the Governor’s decision was or is.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I did not make any shipments during since the last County meeting. I did received the following donations:

1. turned in at the 26 August meeting; \$425 collected and donated by Mike Frisoli of the Williston Post #144
2. turned in tonight 23 September 2011 : \$110 collected and donated by Mike Frsoli of the Williston Post #144

Mike has collected Thousand of dollars for support of the troops. The County presented Mike with a plaque two years ago for his great efforts.

We still an abundance of socks, t-shirts, tooth paste and deodorant but we are in need of lotions, tooth brushes, shampoo/conditioner, cakes of soap plus other toiletry items. Bring them to the County meeting call me for pick up if you a large amount or drop them off at Ken Cadieux’s house.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

School has started, the Post Boys State Chairman should start their programs and contact the schools explaining the program and lining up boys and holding interviews. If you need assistance or a pamphlet contact me at 516 922-7135.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I received a check for \$94.30, and I have the Treasurer to split the check (\$47.15) each between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship fund. I have 95 phones and accessories ready to ship and I will add to it what ever I am given tonight. 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 games 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.

“LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST”

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMEN

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 09 October 2011 at 9 A.M. and it will be held at the Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY. Breakfast will consist of eggs, bacon, sausage, dinner rolls, crumb cake, coffee & tea. Breakfast will be served and this is a working session so as you eat while we have the legislators speak. The cost will be slightly higher this year \$20.00. Letters have been sent and the cut off date for tickets is 4 October 2011 (I need to provide the caterer a head count). To date I have only sold 59 tickets and I need to sell 150 to make the program a success. I have heard from 7 Legislators with 5 say they are coming to 2 maybes (Sen. Schumer and Congressman Peter King). We need bottles of liquor for the raffle, I have received just 2 bottles so far. I would like to make a basket as top prize and then single bottles. As per the budget I am tasked to raise \$1000 and I get half from the ticket sales and half from the raffle. Please support this Legion program. I have tickets with me tonight and will also take reservation and you can send me the money (no money no ticket).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County is on 5 November 2011. The dinner will be held at the Elmont Post #1033, start time is 7 P.M. The dinner will be catered by Valley Caterers and is a chicken dinner, cake, coffee and teas. The liquid refreshments is draft beer, wine and soda throughout the night, there will be a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. The cost of the dinner is \$37.50 per person. I have a few requests for tickets and they will be honored as soon as I get the tickets from the printer. The seating is restricted to 140 persons so the sooner you get your request/check to me the more likely you will get a seat. The cutoff is 31 October or when 140 seats are sold (whichever comes first).

This year there will only one speaker and that is the Department Commander W. Michael Bowen. There will be introductions but this is not a joint visitation so only the Department Commander will speak.

“HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

I have stated in all my reports for Homeland Security that we need to be aware of natural disaster besides terrorists. Also I have always stated “IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”. This is seven signs of Terrorism

1. **SURVEILLANCE:** Recording or monitoring activities, taking pictures, making drawing.
2. **UNUSUAL QUESTIONING:** Attempts to gain information about operations, staffing, security.
3. **TESTS OF SECURITY:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to entering restricted areas.
4. **ACQUIRING SUPPLIES:** Obtaining explosives, weapons, uniforms, badges, credentials, etc.
5. **SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OUT OF PLACE:** People who are in places they should not be, or do not fit into the usual routine.
6. **DRY OR TRIAL RUN:** putting people into position and moving them around without actually committing a terrorist act.
7. **DEPLOYING ASSETS:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

Report any suspicious activity to the Terrorism Tips Line at 1-866-DAFE-NYS (1-866-723-3779) or to the local authorities.

The bottom line is **“ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”**.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

JAMES T. RANDLE

To all Post Commanders: The Elections are over and Installations have taken place. We are in a new Legion year and I hope that Post Historians have been appointed in all Posts. I know that every Post receives a “Legionnaire” news letter. This is an open letter to the Post Historian. The Post Narrative and or Pictorial (scrapbook) History of your Post is important to your Post and ones who come after we are gone. No changes were made. The Officer’s Guide contains the basic instructions. I have copies and I can mail you a copy. The book should have started May 2011 to the end of April 2012. If I can be of any help, please give me a call. 516 -270 3876

Leiacv Scholarship Report

Arlene Howard PCC Chairwoman

As you know our goal is \$1.00 a member and that is not asking too much. Hopefully we can reach that goal.

If you have not sent in your donation please do so now. Make your check out to the Nassau County Committee - earmarked "Legacy Scholarship" and send it to me PCC Arlene Howard 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville NY 11801-2435.

So far this new Legion year 2011-2012 Quentin Roosevelt Post #4 has donated to The Legacy Scholarship Fund. Thank You.

WINAL Report

Arlene Howard PCC Chairwoman

Legionnaires I am asking you to please remind your Woman veterans that they are entitled to the same benefits as the men veterans. Please have them call the Woman's Wellness Center at VAMC Northport (631) 261-4400 to make an appointment to have a checkup.

Those Posts that have women veterans, as their members, please bring them along with you to the County meetings and get them involved with the Legion Programs.

To all Post Looking to make quota don't forget to recruit those woman veterans out there as they will help you make your quota.

Thank You,

HOMELESS VETS STANDDOWN

THE STANDDOWN WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21ST FROM 9 TO 3 PM AT THE MARINE CORPS BARRACKS ON STEWART AVENUE IN THE TUN TAVERN.

FOOD, CLOTHES AND SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL THE VETS. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESCORT DUTIES AND HELP IN THE CLOTHING AREA.

Rehabilitation Report

Frank Colon, Jr., Chairman

Our first visit to Northport VA Hospital, Building #92 had the following Posts in attendance:

Massapequa Post #1066

Charles Wagner Post #421

Quentin Roosevelt Post #4

There were 20 Legionnaires and 2 Auxiliary members in attendance. It was a great visit !

The veterans with whom I have come to know over the previous years that I have been Chairman say that Nassau County does make a difference with their visits. These veterans do not have going for them.

Team #2 is due up on October 8th at 1:00 PM at building #92 in the rear of the hospital. I hope to see all of you out there because you all make it worth doing.

If your Post can not attend, please let me know at (516) 766-6563

My special thanks to the Levittown Post for their timely delivery of items for the vets, it came just in time for the last visit to Northport.

All of the puzzles and books have been picked up by the vets and the clothes for the standdown will be picked up next week by the County Service Agency van.

Remember, if you have any items for the standdown or the vets rehab program call me at the above number for pickup.

REMEMBER TO SEND THE PINK COPY OF YOUR DUES TRANSMITTAL TO JOHN HASSETT THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER AT;

105 FRANKLIN AVENUE,
MALVERNE, NY 11565

GET THOSE TRANSMITTALS IN FAST, DON'T HOLD THEM, MAIL THEM IN AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

DIRECTORY REPORT
KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN

Membership Officer's Report
John J. Hassett

THE FOLLOWING POSTS HAVE NOT SENT THEIR INFORMATION TO ME FOR THE COUNTY DIRECTORY:

1ST DIVISION

EAST ROCKAWAY POST

SECOND DIVISION

AVIATORS POST
CATHEDRAL POST
GOMILLION CAMPBELL
JOE MURPHY
UNIONDALE

THIRD DIVISION

ARCHIE McCORD
CHARLES FOWLER
HOWARD VAN WAGNER
NASSAU POLICE
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL

I NEED THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF:

THE COMMANDER, ADJUTANT AND COUNTY REP FOR YOUR POST. YOU MAY E-MAIL IT TO ME AT

kencadieuc@optonline.net OR MAIL IT TO ME AT: 121 POWELL AVENUE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

Congratulations to Quentin Roosevelt Post #4 for achieving 84.09% Membership. "Good Work" Oyster Bay. Nassau County is now in the 20th place in the state with membership of 60.55% as of 9-22-11.

We have 2 Posts that have not sent in any transmittals: 1st Division - J. Franklin Bell Post #81, 2nd Division - Joe Murphy Post #1957. The following Posts failed to make the Department Membership number of 50% by September 12 - 1st Division - Baldwin Post #246, Roosevelt Memorial Post #1051, Lawrence-Cedarhurst Post #339; 2nd Division - No. Bellmore Post #1749, Hugh C. Newman III Memorial Post #449, Aviators Post #743, East Meadow Memorial Post #1082, Gomillion-Campbell Post #1488; 3rd Division - Young-Simmons Post 1765, Archie McCord Post #86, James F. Brengel Post #456, New Cassel Memorial Post #1861. The next Department goal is 55% by October 12 - Post Membership Officers PLEASE reach out to those members who have not paid yet and talk them in to renewing. If there are any discrepancies in this report, please let me know.

News from Department - They are sending out Online Renewal reports with member listed who paid their dues by computer to National (when they pay by computer your Post will get a dues CREDIT, make sure you use it - put that amount in the "Previous Overpayment" block on the Transmittal form and deduct it from the amount of the check you send in). Each Post will be receiving a list of all the names that have renewed July 1-31 and August 1-31. PUFL checks and rosters are also hopefully lined up to start going out the week of September 26.

Remember the "Three R's" of Membership
Recruit - Retain - Reinstate!

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 .



NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2011 - 2012

TEAM #2: OCTOBER 8, 2011

PORT WASHINGTON # 509
FLORAL PARK # 334
WANTAGH # 1273
ARCHIE McCORD # 86
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132

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

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 12, 2011

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

TEAM # 8: APRIL 14, 2012

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

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 10, 2011

NASSAU POLICE #1050
ELMONT # 1033
MALVERNE #44
MERRICK # 1282
GLEN COVE # 76

TEAM #9: MAY 12, 2012

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

TEAM # 5: JANUARY 14, 2012

HUGH C. NEWMAN POST
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 2012

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

FOR ANY INFORMATION OR DIRECTIONS CALL CHAIRMAN FRANK COLON, JR., PCC AT (516) 766-6563

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2011

OCT	2	UVO MEETING	9:30 AM
	9	LEGISLATIVE B'FAST AT WILLISTON POST \$15.00 P.P.	9:00 AM
	9	LINC MO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	11	1st DIVISION MEETING-OCEANSIDE POST	7:00 PM
	13	3RD DIVISION MEETING- WILLISTON POST	8 PM
	21	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	22	2nd DIVISION MEETING - ELMONT POST	9 AM
	27-29	MIDWINTER CONFERENCE - ALBANY	
NOV	5	DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT/DINNER- ELMONT	7 TO 11 PM
		POST TICKETS \$37.50 P.P.	
	6	UVO VETERANS DAY PROGRAM EISENHOWER	11:30 AM
	6	NATIONAL CEMETERY VETERANS DAY SERVICE	2:00 PM
	18	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
DEC	4	UVO MEETING	11:30 AM
	11	LINC MO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	16	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	14-15	NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP	
2012			
JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
	13	3RD DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WILLISTON POST	8 PM
	20	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

