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## Commander's Report

"The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it" so said American Philosopher William James. This quote is a fine example of explaining the American Legion and its members.

Kudos goes out to all the Legionaries that attended the memorial service for Past 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander Jack Radin last Friday. Additionally, my personnel thanks to the twenty Posts that attended this year's School of Instruction at the Elmont Library last Saturday. Both events are in keeping with the fine traditions of the Legion.

Speaking of traditions the County has some annual events that require participation from the Posts to be successful. On Sunday 7 October the Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Williston Post at 9:00 AM. Then on Saturday 3 November the County will host a dinner for the Department Commander Tim Van Patten, again at the Williston Post. We need to show the Department Commander and the elected officials of Nassau County that the Legion is a strong and viable organization. This can only be accomplished by your Post supporting these functions.

Lastly, insuring our traditions continue, on Sunday, January 13, 2013, the County will host an evening honoring the Junior Past County Commander Andy Booth. Please mark your calendar, more to follow, And while I'm at it remember the National Commander's Dinner in the spring, date TBA.

Joe Reale Sr

Nassau County Commander

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

Joseph Brunner

Welcome to the fall of 2012, I attended 2 posts meetings during the month, First I attended the Victor Murtha Post followed by a visit to the Lawrence Cedarhurst Post. My thanks to both Post Commanders, Howard Kalachman of Victor Murtha and George Elkowitz of Lawrence Cedarhurst.

On a sad note, I was informed that the Victor Murtha lost Jack R Radin Sr on September 16, 2012. Jack was described to me as the encyclopedia of the American Legion for the members of Victor Murtha Post. He will be missed by all.

Please remember to check the American Legion web site for fellow Legionaries who have elected to aligned themselves with the internet or web post know as NY 01 because they might not know where their local post is.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Report

Frank L. Neal

I am proud to say the 2nd Division membership is over 60%. To all Membership Chairmen in Post, job well done.

During this month I visited five posts. I also installed the Aviators' Post. Good luck to "Buzz", Rundlett, the new Commander.

I learned a lot of new things at the Membership workshop held at Williston Post. It was well worth attending. We had good attendance from the 2nd Division at Legion School, with 6 posts attending from the 2nd Division.

One of the highlights of this month was attending the Vets BBQ at Eisenhower Park on September 21st. I got to talk and listen to our old veterans from World War II and Korea. Good time was had by all. There will be a 2nd division meeting on October 10, 2012 at 8.00 pm at Hempstead Post 390.

Let's keep the 2nd Division moving forward.

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## "LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

No Report at this time. I am awaiting the pamphlet from the Department of New York Legislative Chairman Joseph Barry, it is due in next week. Yhe Pamphlet outline the Department of New York's Legislative Program for the Year 2013.

### Third Division Report

Fred Nielsen, Commander

#### Activities / Participation:

It has been my pleasure to participate with the Commander in 3rd Division Posts in their Installations. Seeing the steadfastness of some of our mature Posts of long and proud history has been an educational and inspiring experience. You are such a fine example of the heart and standard of the American Legion. Thank You!

All 3rd Division Commanders have been called and encouraged to attend our Legislative Breakfast on October 10th as we have heard earlier from Legionnaire Reggie Butt. This program keeps our Legislators accountable to us and to our Pro-Vet Agenda. Put your Face in front of theirs

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### Americanism Report

Fred Nielsen

Acknowledging the contributions of the Clergy, the Scouts, and especially Mr. Ben Epstein, our Glen Cove Survivor of the sinking of the Dorchester, for their support in hosting the Four Chaplains Remembrance last year. Certificates of Appreciation will be presented at the opening of the Glen Cove City Council Meeting October 9, 2012. Of important note, Mr. Epstein has suffered a stroke and is participating in an aggressive program of speech and physical therapy. He and his Family hope to attend the Certificate Presentation.

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### NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

Ken Cadieux, Rep

My thanks to the Roosevelt Post 1051 for their donation of \$50.00 to help pay for the new P.A. System needed at the L.I. National Cemetery at Cleveland Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Farmingdale. So far we have only received about one quarter of the funds we need to pay for the equipment used by veterans. If your Post hasn't made a donation yet please do so. Make all checks payable to LINCMO, Inc and mail to me at 121 Powell Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

### Adjutant's Report

Angelo Grande

On September 9<sup>th</sup> I attended the Floral Park Post #334 Installation, September 14<sup>th</sup> I assisted with the Installation of the Aviators' Post #743, September 16<sup>th</sup> I attended the Installation of the Plainview Post #1812, on September 22<sup>nd</sup> I attended the Legion School at the Elmont Library, on September 24<sup>th</sup> I attended the Installation of the Howard Van Wagner Post #962 and on September 25<sup>th</sup> I attended the Installation of the Glenwood Landing Post #336. I also attended the Funeral Service for John Radin.

I am still working on the "Phone Tree". It is an automated dialing system that will leave a Legion message on your home phone. I will update the new telephone numbers in the system, as soon as the new directory comes out. I am also trying to find a way to transfer the phone system software to different computers, so messages can be sent out from different locations.

I am also working on a new project called. "This is Your American Legion". It is a Power Point Project, a slide presentation that will show what we do as a County Legion. I will need information and photos from the various Committee Chairs, as to what they do as a Legion. Once I finish this Power Point Project, I will be visiting different Posts that invite me to do the presentation.

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### Military Ball/ Post Commanders Night

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman

Letters informing all Posts and PCC's will be sent out on October 12th requesting information on the number of tickets needed by your Post and on the back of the letter requesting information if you are bringing a color guard.

Please fill out the form and return to me at 85 Cleveland Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

As directed by your survey letter our Commander selected Leonards of Great Neck and I am looking forward to a great time. The date will be February 16, 2013 from 12 noon to 5:30 PM.

Come and have a lot of fun !

## SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Since the County Meeting on 24 August 2012, I have shipped 4 boxes to the troops. These boxes were prepared by the Cathedral Post, they fill out the custom forms and put address label on the boxes. I pick them up at the post then mail them out. I have a list of names to sent packages to and I will be packaging boxes starting in next month. Don't stop donating items we can use them to support the troops, the visits to Northport and for the Stand Downs. A member of the Williston Post #144, Mike Frisolo has collected and donated the following: last month I turned in to the treasurer checks totaling \$355, tonight I turned in to the treasurer checks totaling \$400, I had to returned two checks as they were made out to Williston Post #144 which they will deposit and they write me a check for \$450. The total collected by Mike was \$1205 in less then two months.

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### "HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each day in read in the papers or hear on the different news media about terrorist acts. Most of these are homegrown terrorists, which means we have to be alert and be observant. The Department of Homeland Security is telling everyone to be on the alert as they are tracking different reports or supposed treats. At present there is no specific treat in the United States but the potential is there. With the recent attacks on our Embassies around the world and the killing of the Ambassador in Libya we need to be extra alert as the homegrown terrorists could start up at anytime. If you see something that looks out of place or individuals acting suspicious, report it. Remember, Terrorism has many formal definitions. In most 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".

## Membership

Steve McManus

Since the beginning of the "Legion Year, Nassau County has been doing very well. As of last reporting period, Nassau County is at 57% membership. We are currently in 20<sup>th</sup> place in the Department and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the District. Special thanks go out the the folowing Post who have achieved over 75% by September 11<sup>th</sup> :

Roosevelt Memorial # 1051 - 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
Robert Van Cott # 1139 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Division  
Mineola Memorial # 349 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Division  
Quentin Roosevelt # 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Division

Thanks to all Post who attended our recent Membership Workshop at the Williston Post. This even was presented by the Department Membership Team and very well received.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. I am here to help anyone achieve their goals . If I cannot answer a question , I will find someone who can.

In addition ,please let me now when I can come visit your Posts. I can be contacted at 516 302 3404 or [smcmanus@optonline.net](mailto:smcmanus@optonline.net).

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### BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

No Report due to no activity at the present time. I am awaiting confirmation on the dates for the program. I believe it will be 23 June thru 29 June but I need confirmation. Once the date and also the cost is confirmed I will mail out letters to all the posts.

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### PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The Protocol Committee had two requests which were reviewed , both requests were approved last year with this year lists being small then last years. the request were from the Military Ball/Post Commanders Night and the Department Commander Visitation Dinner.

## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I did not have enough phones to ship, I need minimum of 50 phones to make a shipment. I have 40 phones now but I need more to ship. When I get 50 phones or other items I can then ship to the Recycling Center. 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 game 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.

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## “LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST”

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 07 October 2012 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 we will have the legislators speak. The cost \$20 as everything has gone up and I am tasked with making \$800 for the County this year. Letters have been sent out to all the posts, Past County Commander and the County Staff. Besides the cost of the breakfast, I have asked for donations of bottles for the raffle at the end of the breakfast. Please get your tickets as soon as possible and be generous with the bottle donations. At the present time I have only sold 61 tickets with 3 posts from the 1st Dive, 4 Post from the 2nd Dive and 8 Posts from the 3rd Div. This is a poor turn out. I have 17 Legislators lined up to attend. The post and Legionnaires of Nassau County need to start supporting our functions. We can't survive if we do not get out and show support. Call me this weekend and let me know how many tickets you want I will mail them to you or call you to let you know the tickets will be at the door.

## DEPT COMMANDERS VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County is on 3 November 2012. Letters have been sent out with the following information. The dinner will be at the Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Ave., Williston Park, Ny starting at 7 P.M. and ending at 11 P.M. the cost will be \$50 per person and the dinner will be served family style with salmon in dill sauce, sliced roast beef, roasted red potatoes with string bean almonidine. Open bar and cake and cookies with coffee and tea. Please reserve the date and try not to plan any functions at the time so there will be no conflicts. Call and reserve tickets or send me a check and I will forward the tickets to you. We want to show the Department Commander that we are “The Empire County of the Empire State”.

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## REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

Ken Cadieux

We have been very busy over the summer with obtaining items for 26 “Beacon Houses” for veterans. It seems we get more and more requests every day.

Our thanks to Dr, Mary Carlson for her “shoes for all program” donation of shoes for the veteran's standdowns. She has supplied several hundred pairs of mens, womens and childrens shoes for our vets programs.

We are short of items for our vets visits to Northport and Stonybrook. Thanks to the Post's donations we have sox and T-shirts on hand but we could use other items for the bags.

Remember that winter is coming and we need servicible jackets and sweaters and warm clothes for the standdown. It will be held at the Freeport Rec Center on Monday, November 19th from 9 AM to 3 PM. let's make this standdown the best ever.

If you have items bring them to the County Meetings or if you have a lot call Frank Colon at 435-7066 for a pick up. Please no magazines.

“We care about our veterans, be a part of the team effort to help.

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

TEAM #2: OCTOBER 13, 2012

PORT WASHINGTON # 509  
FLORAL PARK # 334  
WANTAGH # 1273  
ARCHIE McCORD # 86  
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132  
PLAINVIEW # 1812

TEAM # 7: MARCH 9, 2013

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

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 10, 2012

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

TEAM # 8: APRIL 13, 2013

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

TEAM #4: DECEMBER 8, 2012

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

TEAM #9: MAY 11, 2013

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

TEAM # 5: JANUARY 12, 2013

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

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 9, 2013

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

Education & Scholarship Committee

The work of the education and scholarship committee has started work by getting out the letters to the post requesting donations to keep the program going.

We suggested a minimum donation of \$25.00 to support our program.

The following post have responded with donations totaling \$300.00.

Hempstead Post 390	Malverne Post 44
NHP Ernie Pyle 1089	Quentin Roosevelt 4
Howard Van Wagner 962	Glenwood Landing 336
Bellmore 948	Carle Place 1718

Thank you for your continued support

Harry D. Ransom, PCC

Rehab Report

Frank Colon, Jr. Chairman

Our first visit to Building #92 at Northport VA was a lot of fun and the patients enjoyed our time there. GREAT JOB !!! The next team will be #2 on the 13th of October be there between 1:20 and 2 PM.

Port Washington	Floral Park
Wantagh	Archie McCord
Edwin Welch, Jr.	Plainview

All donations are appreciated. The more Post's that attend, the better we serve the veterans.

We encourage all girls and boys scout troops, and the Son's of the Legion to attend these visits.

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### NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP

Santa is coming to the Northport VAMC early this year. Dates are: Tuesday, and Wednesday November 27, 28.

As in the past looking for volunteers to go to the various units with the carts loaded with gifts for the vets to select.

Joan D. Klopfer  
Gift Shop Chairman



**REMEMBER OUR VETS**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

### DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

OCT	7	LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - WILLISTON POST 144	9:00 AM
	9	LINCMO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	10	2nd DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	8:00 PM
	23	10TH DISTRICT MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	8:00 PM
	26	COUNTY <b>ADVISORY</b> MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	<b>7:15 PM</b>
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
NOV	4	UVO VETERANS DAY PROGRAM EISENHOWER	11:30 AM
	4	NATIONAL CEMETERY VETERANS DAY SERVICE	2:00 PM
	16	COUNTY <b>ADVISORY</b> MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	<b>7:15 PM</b>
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	19	HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN AT FREEPORT REC	9AM -3 PM
	27-28	NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP	
DEC	16	COUNTY <b>ADVISORY</b> MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	<b>7:15 PM</b>
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !	

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### CHAPLAINS REPORT

WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF PAST FIRST DIVISION COMMANDER JOHN RADIN FROM THE VICTOR MURTHA POST IN LONG BEACH. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

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