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COMMANDERS REPORT

First let me thank Diane B. Kadlec for a job well done. Diane helps Veterans with their claims Consortium Pro Bono If any of you did not attend August's meeting and you would like to contact Diane B. Kadlec. Please reach out to your adjutant or the County Commander.

Sunday 13 July 2011 my staff and I attended a Korean War Memorial Service. It was held at the Korean War Monument in Massapequa Park. From what I understand it was the first time that the Nassau County Commander and Staff had attend. I just hope its not the last, As all the other Veterans groups were in attendance.

I hope all had a safe summer as we start looking at the fall. Be safe and happy

All or part of the staff will be attending to Post or things that have to do with the American Legion, in the month of September.

For God and Country
Your Country Commander
Andrew Booth

[1st Division Report](#)

As the newest Division Commander, I'm pleased to have so many new "friends" helping me, not the least of which is your former Division 1 Commander, John Hassett. I want to publicly thank him for his ongoing assistance.

I am pleased to advise that all of the membership cards have been sent out.

Just want to remind the few posts that haven't sent a copy of their Post Certificate of Service Records to me or Joe Realle, they were due in June. If you have not done so yet please send it out immediately. If you need a copy of the Certificate of Service form please call me.

Ken Cadieux advises that all but six posts in Division 1 have submitted their mandatory directory information and journal ads. The deadline for submission is Aug 26. Hope to have 100% compliance and 100% journal ads this year

Due to a very busy schedule with Legion and other duties, and as many posts do not meet during July and August, I've only been able to visit the Island Park post in August. Thank you to John Marino and the Commander for the invite.

John Marino, Island Park Post 335 shared with me their plans for their upcoming annual event on Sept 24th where they have invited a number of disable veterans to be their guests. One of our foundations is devotion to mutual helpfulness. Accolades go out to you and your members.

On Sat Aug 13 it was my pleasure to attend the BBQ the Merrick Post 1282 hosted for 9 senior vets from the group home. Our highest praise go to Cmdr Ed Sholander & his staff and auxiliary for this wonderful event. Also met Bob Wieboldt, who told me he's been a Legionnaire for 67 years! WOW!

I am looking forward to visiting all Division 1 posts in the coming months. I ask each post to confirm the day, locations and time of their

future meetings in writing to me.

Our Division I meeting is scheduled for 7PM, Tuesday October 11, 2011 at the Oceanside Memorial Post 1246. Division 1 Commanders or their appointees are asked to attend.

God Bless you all and God Bless these great United States America!

Howard Kalachman (516) 978-5266
hksunshine@hotmail.com



[2nd Division Report](#)

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires,

I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Labor Day weekend. As the summer wraps up I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing season. Some Posts like my own, meet only once for the months of July and August. However, September is back to business. Post Commanders, do your best to keep your programs going strong and to support our County functions as much as possible. Remember that an active Post rarely has membership problems. By now you all have received your membership packets from me so please get a jump start on that ASAP!

I am glad I was able to help a couple of

Posts over the summer months with specific questions, support and supplies, and I thank membership Officer John Hassett for his assistance.

This summer I had the privilege of attending the Post Officers Installation at Levittown and Cathedral Post. I really enjoyed spending time with such a great group of Legionnaires.

Furthermore, If you have not done so, I ask that you submit your Post Officers contact information for the County Directory ASAP to Ken Cadieux at KenCadieux@optonline.net and include an email for your officers if available. Stay tuned for the scheduled date of our Division meeting which will be held at the Elmont Post in October.

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

For God and Country

Manny Rodriguez, *2nd Division*

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Direct 516. 847.4872

[Third Division Report](#)

The County Commander, Staff and I will be attending the Installations in September – at Glenwood Landing, Robert H. Spittel and Williston Posts. Congratulations and best wishes to all incoming Commanders and their staffs.

The Annual Membership Workshop was held on Sunday, August 14 at the Williston Post. My thanks to all Third Division Posts who attended.

My introduction letter and list of Third Division meetings have been sent to all post commanders and I look forward to visiting as

many posts as possible.

As always, this is my monthly exhortation to “get out into your communities” to “sell” the Legion, its history, and programs. School starts again soon – that means PTA meetings, basketball, volleyball and fall ALSO means soccer, lacrosse and football.

BE CREATIVE! Prospective members are OUT THERE , you only need to ask.

On family support, my church’s bulletin publishes a list of active duty personnel. I have prepared a letter on my post stationary addressed To the Family of _____. I will be bringing the letters to the Rectory this week to have the addresses entered on the envelopes. Following this plan with your own houses of worship, your post will MAYBE gain new members when the troops are re-deployed and but DEFINITELY gain the families’ gratitude for caring for their sons and daughters while they are away from home. It ONLY takes a letter and a few moments of your time.

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

Membership Officer’s Report

The Department held the annual membership seminar at Williston Post #144, on August 14, 2010. Nassau County had the highest number of members present and Department Commander Mike Bowen was extremely impressed. The Department Membership Chairman Dave Riley spoke about membership.

The Best way to get new members? Just ask, “are you a veteran?” If the answer is Yes, then the next question is are you a member of the American Legion? If the answer is No, then ask would you

like to join? You will be very surprised at how many will tell you that they were never asked. The next point is key, make sure you have an application with you (they are small and you can fold them so they fit in your wallet) and get them to fill it out right then and there. There are over one million eligible veterans in New York State.

Let the community know what the American Legion is doing at your Post. Contact the local newspaper and ask if you can put in articles about the American Legion. If your village has a local cable channel ask if you can Post information on it.

Another emphasis of the meeting was retention of members. We are getting in new members, but we are not retaining them. Legion Posts must have activities to get the members to come to the Post and make friends and feel welcome.

Federal Legislation Pending

H.R.776 : Guaranteed 3% COLA for Seniors Act of 2011. A bill to To require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act and to provide, in the case of elderly beneficiaries under such title, for an annual cost-of-living increase which is not less than 3 percent.

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POW/MIA

Bob Fountain, PCC Chairman

A U.S. Army private from New York who died in a Korean War POW camp 60 years ago has finally returned home.

The remains of Pvt. John Lavelle, of Brooklyn, New York, reached Kennedy Airport 30 JUL. "It was unbelievable," said Lavelle's niece, Mary O'Brien. "There wasn't a dry eye." Lavelle was 24 when he was captured in December 1950 by enemy forces near Kuni-ri, a town in what is now in North Korea.

He died of what is believed to be malnutrition in a Chinese POW camp in 1951. His remains were turned over to U.S. officials in 1954, but the Army couldn't positively identify them. They were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii as unknown. The remains were exhumed a year ago when Army researchers found evidence suggesting the remains were Lavelle's. The identification was made possible by dental records. The remains arrived in New York in a wooden casket draped by an American flag. A Port Authority fire truck sprayed water over the plane as it taxied down the runway before members of an Army honor guard removed the casket to a waiting hearse. Gloria Webber, Lavelle's sister, said the return of her brother's remains have finally brought her family "closure." "We're so happy to see that he's back [home]," said Webber, 81. "We're nice and relaxed. There's no more worrying." Lavelle was scheduled for burial 1 AUG in Calverton National Cemetery in Long Island.

Vet Cremains Update

The MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT will conduct its first mission in the State of Utah by honoring fifteen veterans whose remains have been in the care of Deseret Mortuary in Salt Lake City, UT, yet remained unclaimed. Services were conducted with full military honors for the fifteen veterans at 10 a.m., Monday, August 15, at Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 S. Camp Williams Road in Riverton.

A Deseret Mortuary hearse carrying the Cremains will be escorted by members of the MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT, a Veteran's Recovery Program, with large American flags flying on motorcycles.

The hearse will be followed by Patriot Guard Riders, POW/MIA Riders, The Green Knights M/C and other participating veterans focused motorcycle organizations, cars and other vehicles. Roger Graves, MIA/POW Utah State Coordinator, says it has been a privilege to work with the dedicated and professional staff at Deseret Mortuary, a Memorial Mortuaries and Cemeteries company, to ensure all unclaimed veterans in the State of Utah are laid to rest with the honors they deserve for their service to our country.

The purpose of the MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations; to provide honor and respect to those who have served this country, by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

CELL PHONE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped 149 cellphones and accessories plus a laptop computer the value was \$94.30, the check will be sent after the 1st of the month. I also shipped six boxes of electronic items that was given to Ken Cadieux that had no value as they were not digital. I have 90 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 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.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped 13 boxes during August, 3 from Cathedral Post and some for the program Books for Soldiers. Packages are still being shipped we have 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.

"LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST"

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

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 will have the legislators speak. The cost will be slightly higher this year as \$15 (the price last year) will not cover the cost. Letters will be out by 1 September to all the posts , Past County Commander and the County Staff.

I sent a letter to all the posts asking them to bid on having the breakfast and the only post that responded was Williston Post #144.

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"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

The House of Representatives and Senate both have adjourned for the summer work period in their home states or districts.

There is one Legion Action Alert:

The National World War II Memorial located on the National Mall in Washington D.C. honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. On June 6, 1944, the D-Day Invasion, President Franklin D. Roosevelt went on the airwaves and prayed with our nation for God's blessing and protection upon our brave fighting men. He Prayed "almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity" This was the first part of the prayer, H.R. 2070 the "World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011" would bolster the already reverential World War II Memorial with a plaque citing the words of President Roosevelt's prayer "Let Our Hearts Be Stout. You are urged to please contact your Representatives and Senators and request their co-sponsorship and if they say they have already co-sponsored it, THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

"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. We are going to hit in the next day or two with a violent Hurricane named "IRENE". Please all the necessary caution and be prepared as best that you can. Remember the cornerstone of preparedness and prevention is AWARENESS for all hazards. Besides all these disaster we are reminded that terrorist attacks could come at any time. We have been warned that the underground systems are the most vulnerable but also the terrorist being hired in large or main systems, electrical, gas fields, etc. We have found many homegrown terrorist and this is a big problem. We have cells of homegrown terrorists and infiltrator, this is the time we must be extra alert, if you see something tell someone. With the current disasters people tend to think about them and let down their guards, we must always be alert on what goes on around us.

The bottom line is "ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING".

LEGION MONUMENT AT EISENHOWER PARK

The fund raiser to place a monument honoring Legion Veterans is under way letters have been mailed asking for your support. We need \$3000 to cover the cost of erecting this monument. This endeavor is long overdue, lets all pitch in and make this fund raiser a success.

As of this date I have received donations from 17 post's and two Past County Commanders. Since this is an important project I again ask any post that has not donated, to send their check to ensure that this monument will be placed in a place of honor at the VETERAN'S PLAZA. It should be noted that our goal is to raise \$3000, however any money received over that amount will be placed in a special fund since it is our responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the monument and the surrounding area.

Frank J Wicelinski Chairman

CHAPLAINS REPORT

SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER WE HAVE LOST SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR LEGION FAMILY:

THE MOTHER OF PCC TONY PATERNOSTRO
THE BROTHER IN LAW OF PCC REGGIE BUTT
PCC HERBERT BLAUERT
THE MOTHER OF PCC NED JOHNSON

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THEIR FAMILIES

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISITATION DINNER

REGINALD BUTT, CO-CHAIRMAN

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County is on 5 November 2011. I have sent a letter to all posts requesting the post to bid on holding the dinner honoring the Department Commander. To date just one post has responded and the cut-off date is 5 September. All the details are being worked on now and when they finalized the letters will be sent out. Please reserve the date and try not to plan any functions at the time so there will be on conflicts.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

School will be starting in the next couple of weeks, the Post Boys State Chairman should start their programs and contact the school explaining the program and lining up boys and holding interviews. If you need assistance or a pamphlet contact me at 516 922-7135.

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
POST TEAMS SCHEDULE 2011 - 2012

TEAM # 1: SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
GLENWOOD LANDING #226
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
CARLE PLACE # 1718
CHARLES WAGNER POST # 421

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 11, 2012

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

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
LEVIT TOWN #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

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.

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New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER 2011

SEPT	2	V-J DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG	
	4	UVO MEETING	9:30 AM
	5	LABOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG	
	18	LINC MO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	23	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	24	NASSAU COUNTY MIA/POW CANDLELIGHT VIGIL EISENHOWER PARK VETERANS PLAZA	6:45 PM
OCT	2	UVO MEETING	9:30 AM
	9	LEGISLATIVE B'FAST AT WILLISTON POST 9AM \$15.00 P.P.	
	9	LINC MO MEETING - NATIONAL CEMETERY	11:30 AM
	11	1st DIVISION MEETING-OCEANSIDE POST	7:00 PM
	26	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
NOV	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
	14	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MASSAPEQUA POST	7:15 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	14-15	NORTHPORT GIFT SHOP	