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COMMANDERS REPORT

We have much to be thankful for here in Nassau County.

There have been 4 installation since my last article. Ceremonies and camaraderie were the order of business at Plainveiw Post. This was followed by elegance at the installation of re-elected Commander Matt Falcone, Manhasset Post, at the Swan Club. A newly elected Commander Gregory Faling was installed at the Charles Wagner Post in Hicksville. Merrick Post completed the installation cycle for October with re-elected Commander Ken Braun. A great time was had by all at each of these installations and we thank you all for your hospitality and for participating in this great Legion tradition.

The Island Park Post hosted the St. Alban's veterans at the Rockville Centre Post. Despite the fact that Island Park has no building they thought outside the box and worked with another Post to enable them veterans to have a great fun filled day; creative problem solving needs to be applauded.

Franklin Square Post invited me to visit their meeting so we could share ideas and discuss important items for the future.

On October 12th, the Legislative Breakfast was held, as usual Reggie Butt, PCC, organized a great meeting with the assistance of his co-chair Andy Booth. They managed to get 12 legislators to attend. Michael Benedetto, the Chairman of the State Assembly's Veteran Affairs Committee (whose district is in the Bronx) has such an interest such an interest in veterans issues that he cam out to speak with us and answer our questions. At a time when some members don't go across the aisle, it is nice to see a politician cross the city line and come to Nassau County. Unfortunately, the turn out from members of many of our Posts was less than acceptable, with a number of Posts not even sending 1 member. If you want your voice to be heard you have to show up and be counted. The job is not someone else's it is

yours! Remember, if we don't show an interest in veteran's issues to our own politicians, they will be less likely to support veterans needs.

When it comes to MEMBERSHIP, allow me to recognize the Posts that have consistently remained at the BOTTOM by not submitting a single transmittal of dues: Island Park, James F. Brengel, Joe Murphy. 18 Posts in the County have not even reached the 50% mark, the goal is 65%. Post Commanders - it is past due time to get personally involved with your Post's Membership Officer and start calling/visiting members who have not renewed yet. If you have only 1 renewal in a week you must send it in. Let's get out there and make an earnest effort to RENEW and RECRUIT before we become a has been organization.

Lastly, as Thanksgiving is fast approaching, let us give thanks by remembering the NEF, they still need your help (October 2012 was not that long ago) and it is not too late to support the project.

John J. Hassett - cell (516) 313-1402
cdr344@optonline.net

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT

AS OF TODAY, OCTOBER 24th, WE HAVE ONLY SOLD 82 TICKETS FOR THIS AFFAIR. THE DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st FOR TICKET SALES. THE DAYS EVENTS ARE: BREAKFAST AT THE MAJESTIC DINER ON OLD COUNTRY ROAD, WESTBURY (ACROSS FROM THE OLD FORTUNOFF STORE) THEN A TOUR OF VETERANS PPLAZA, FIELD #6 AT EISENHOWER PARK, THEN ON TO THE CRADLE OF AVIATION FOR A TOUR. DINNER AT 7PM AT THE WILLISTON POST 144. I HOPE THAT EVERYONE CAN ATTEND

MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NITE

THE BALL WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21st AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK. THE PRICE WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. LETTERS WILL BE GOING OUT IN MID DECEMBER TO ALL POSTS, PCC's AUXILIARY UNITS AND THE SAL

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

BOYS STATE REPORT

REGINALD BUTT, CHAIRMAN

FLAG ETIQUETTE:

Our Nations Colors are one of the most revered symbols for Legionnaires. We must pay proper respect to the Flag whenever it is encountered. As we approach the Flag or as it approaches us, it is appropriate to render a salute. If under cover (wearing the Legion Cap), a hand salute is given. If not wearing the Legion Cap, recognize the Flag by placing the right hand over the heart. The following are general guidelines.

When observing parades, there are often several units carrying our Nations Colors. As the Flag approaches (approximately 20-30 feet away) render the appropriate salute, holding the salute until the Colors pass. When participating in a parade, as the marching unit approaches stationary Colors, the unit leader should call "eyes right" or "eyes left" (according to the flag location) and order a hand salute until the unit passes the Colors.

At outdoor American Legion functions where the Colors are flying, a hand salute is rendered at the beginning and conclusion of the function. A hand salute is rendered during the hoisting and lowering of Colors, as applicable.

During indoor functions, when our Nation's Colors are to be posted, a hand salute is ordered by the Master of Ceremonies while the Colors are being posted at the beginning of the function and when they are retired at the end of the function. During indoor functions while the Colors are already posted, Legionnaires should render an appropriate salute when exiting and re-entering the meeting room. This should be done at the center of the room or, if that is not practical, at the point closest to the exit while still in view of the flag. Travel to and from the head table should be done around the end opposite the Nation's Colors. This is important for those called to the podium, to speak or to receive awards or recognition. Never pass between the Colors and the Commanders station.



The tentative dates for Boys State 2015 are 27 June 2015 (Saturday) to 03 July 2015 (Friday). Post Commanders and Boys State Chairman should start planning now, do not wait until January. Contact the schools in September and October to get your candidates lined up. We would like all Posts to consider sponsoring a boy or two and if you cannot afford it, make a donation to the program so monies can be used to pick up boys thru the County Organization. Contact your locate civic activities, Lions Club, Kwanians, local Fire Departments, Chamber of Commerce, or Rotary Club and ask them to sponsor a boy thru your post. Let's not let this worthwhile program fail.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The check for \$33.45 was received and I am asking the Treasurer to split it as follows: \$16.75 to the NEF and \$16.70 to Legacy Scholarship. We must have 50 cell phones before we can ship, at present we have approximate 302 phones/accessories and 3 laptop computers .

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 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.

CORRECTIONS ON COMMITTEE LIST

James Randle e-mail should be jtrandle46@gmail.com for Historian and County Awards & Trophies

NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Joseph Brunner, Membership Officer (Chair)
Angelo Grande, PCC (New College Posts)
Michael T. Miller, PDVC Charters

NEW PHONE NUMBER

WILLIAM DAVISON
608-8054

“LEGISLATIVE REPORT”

REGINALD BUTT

The Legislative Breakfast was held on October 12, 2014. There were 11 Legislators present and 1 Judge from the Veterans court. The amount of legionnaires was disgraceful, 71 tickets sold. The Legionnaires and posts need to support the programs to ensure the Legislators will listen when we speak or request certain actions. The breakfast was tasked to making \$800 but we only made \$526.45. With a smaller amount of legionnaires attending we sold less raffle tickets. Quentin Roosevelt Post #4 donated a basket of wine and 17 individual and posts donated 20 bottles for the raffle. Again the turnout of Legionnaires and Posts was very disappointing and this is a vital program to learn what our Legislators are doing for the veterans. This breakfast is held the same time each year and the posts should be planning their schedule early and attendance must improve if the program is to survive.

There is no report on any legislative matters as they are in recess until after the election, they return 12 November.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE POST LAW & ORDER AWARDS



HOMELESS VETS STANDDOWN

THE HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN WILL BE HELD AT THE FREEPORT ARMORY ON NOVEMBER 22, 2014 FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ACT AS GUIDES FOR THE VETS THRU THE ENTRANCE IN THE HALL UNTIL ALL STATIONS HAVE SIGNED OFF ON THEIR FORMS.

WE STILL DESPERATELY NEED WINTER COATS AND WARM CLOTHING, HATS, GLOVES AND SCARFS. IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO KEN CADIEUX'S HOUSE AT 121 POWELL AVENUE IN ROCKVILLE CENTRE OR IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS CALL FRANK COLON AT 766-6563 FOR A PICK UP.

LEGIONNAIRE

THE LEGIONNAIRE LAST MONTH WAS 10 PAGES AND I RECEIVED SOME NOTICES THE SOME OF THE E-MAIL RECIPIENTS SERVER COULD NOT ACCEPT THE FILE BECAUSE IT WAS TOO BIG. SO IF YOU ARE ON THE E-MAIL LIST FOR THE FLYER AND GOT LESS THAN 10 PAGES YOUR SERVICE CAN'T HANDLE THE NEWSLETTER.

REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

WE HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING MUCH IN THE WAY OF ITEMS FOR THE VETS OR TROOPS. WE WILL SOON BE ORDERING SOME ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS VISIT TO NORTHPORT BY OUR REHAB COMMITTEE AND POSTS.

National Emergency Fund

Luckily, it appears that we are just about out of the hurricane season without any significant storms coming near our shores. Unfortunately, winter is approaching and we don't know what kind of disaster might strike the American Legion Family.

The National emergency fund stands ready to assist Legionnaires and Posts with immediate financial assistance should the need arise. The fund is constantly in need of replenishment and Department Commander Peters has made it one of his major projects for this year.

The Nassau County donations are coming in very nicely. To date I have collected \$4,604.40 and I am anticipating continued contributions over the next several months.

Since my last report, I have received checks from 16 posts, two Past Commanders and one High School.

Many thanks go out to Plainview, Glenwood Landing, Eugene Smith, Baldwin, Westbury, Uniondale, Floral Park, North Bellmore, Charles Wagner Quentin Roosevelt, Edwin Welch, Howard Van Wagner, Charles Fowler, Massapequa, Nassau Police, Archie McCord Posts, along with Reggie Butt, Tony Paternostro, James Randle and Joe Oliveri. Special thanks also to The North Shore High School Varsity Basketball Team.

For those of you who are anxiously waiting to contribute, please send your checks payable to The Nassau County Committee, earmarked NEF to My attention at (4 Netherwood Dr. Albertson NY 11507

Thank you all for your generosity
Robert A. Robesch, PCC NEF Chairman.



TO FUTURE COUNTY COMMANDERS

THOUGHT FOR COUNTY HISTORIAN

WHEN PCC BILL HARMS ASKED ME TO BE COUNTY HISTORIAN IN 2007, I FOLLOWED ROGER EASTMAN WHO WAS HISTORIAN FOR SEVEN YEARS. AND I HAD A THOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE;

AS AN OFFICER MOVES UP THE CHAIRS AND BECOMES COUNTY COMMANDER THAT HE SHOULD THINK OF BRINGING HIS POST HISTORIAN TO BE HIS COUNTY HISTORIAN. HE WOULD BE GOOD CANDIDATE BECAUSE THEY HAVE WORKED TOGETHER. I CAN HELP THEM AND I WILL HELP THAT LEGIONNAIRE.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY JAMES T. RANDLE

VAV's Report

Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545

Dep. Rep William Harms, PCC 516-795-3679

The VAV's is need of Donations to help get items that Veterans need at Northport VA Hospital but the 'VA' does not pay for. When a Donation is requested and approved by the VAV's Exc. Board the max per request is \$500.00.

Nassau County American Legion has donated \$2000.00 over the last 2 years. No Nassau County Posts have participated.

Suffolk County American Legion over the same time frame has donated \$3700.00 and this year 10 of their local Posts have donated checks from \$100.00 to \$300.00.

If a local Post in Nassau would care to make a donation:
Please make out checks to: - VAV's Executive Board
And MAIL them to the Vice President of the Exc. Board

Robert Reahl, PCC
69 Hope Drive
Plainview, NY 11803-5646

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY NOT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS COULD DELAY PROCESSING

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER GRANTS: Grants from this fund provide emergency assistance to The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion current members in areas devastated by a declared natural disaster, to include floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and related adverse weather events. You must have been displaced or evacuated from primary residence and had out-of-pocket expenses to provide for food, clothing and shelter. These funds are not designed for insurance compensation or to cover monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds), equipment or vehicles. Individual members may apply for assistance. Only one grant per household (up to \$1,500.00) will be approved.

POST GRANTS: Same criteria apply. Post Grants (up to \$5,000.00) must derive from a declared natural disaster. Substantiating information must provide that The American Legion Post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained. A written report from a Post, District or Department officer outlining losses and the impact on community should be provided with the Grant Application. The NEF is not a replacement for insurance. It is the responsibility of each Post to have necessary insurance to sustain operations in the event of damage.

REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION: Department and National Headquarters must have sufficient, documented information to justify the need. The application must be filled out completely and accurately. If needed, attach additional sheet(s) for supporting data (photos, receipts for temporary lodging and food, work estimates, etc.). **NOTE:** Grant requests must be submitted through the proper channels and reach National Headquarters within 90 days of the date of the disaster.

DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES: Applicant will forward original and all supporting documentation to Department Headquarters for processing. Keep a copy of all everything for your records. All grant requests must be reviewed and signed by the Department Commander or Department Adjutant before being sent to National Headquarters. Make sure you have included ALL proper

documentation and photos of hardship to help justify the grant request.

RECOMMENDATION/SIGNATURE OF NEF GRANT APPLICATION: After reviewed by Department, if additional information is needed, the Department will either call or return the application to the individual member or local Post for resubmission. If the application is properly completed, a recommendation will be made and signed by either the Department Commander or Adjutant with the recommended amount, then forwarded to the National Emergency Fund Coordinator for action. When approved by the National Adjutant, a check will be issued and forwarded to Department Headquarters for issuance to the applicant.

If any of the above criteria has not been met, the application will be rejected and returned to Department Headquarters for amendment or further clarification. If the application is disapproved, it will be returned to Department Headquarters who will notify the applicant.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION, CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS FOR HELP.

DIRECTORY

THE NEW COUNTY DIRECTORY WAS GIVEN OUT AT THE OCTOBER COUNTY MEETING. IF YOUR POST WAS NOT PRESENT THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE DIVISION COMMANDERS. BE SURE TO LOOK FOR THE COPIES (3) FOR YOUR POST. ONE FOR THE COMMANDER ONE FOR THE ADJUTANT AND ONE FOR THE COUNTY REP. THERE ARE NO EXTRAS.

THESE DIRECTORIES ARE FOR THE USE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ONLY AND ARE NOT TO BE COPIED OR GIVEN TO ANYONE NOT WITHIN THE LEGION.

WE WISH TO THANK ALL THE POSTS WHO SENT IN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ALL OF THOSE WHO TOOK ADS TO HELP US PAY FOR THE BOOKS. THOSE WHO FAILED TO SEND THE INFORMATION HAVE A BLACK LINE THROUGH THEIR INFORMATION FROM LAST YEAR.

KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN

Recap of “Day at the Races”– October 11, 2014-Northport Nursing/Convalescent Home Bldg 92

For the second month that Nassau County American Legion Posts were scheduled to help out a Building 92, Post participation was minimal. A special thanks goes out to the Commanders and members of Williston Post #144, Mineola Memorial Post #349 and Victor Murtha Post # 972 and their Auxiliary for coming out to help out, making the afternoon an enjoyable one for the residence.

For the month of November, the date for the “Day at the Races” is Saturday the 8th. The following Post are on the schedule to come out to building 92, Northport at 1:30pm:

Team #3

Aviators - # 743	Howard Van Wagner # 962	James F. Brengel # 456
North Bellmore Post # 1749	Oceanside Memorial - # 1246	Roosevelt Memorial - # 1051

In addition to the reminder phone call to each Posts the week before the 8th of November, a postcard is also being sent to each Post restating date Post is scheduled to help out at Building 92.

To off-set operating costs, Post are asked to bring a \$50 check with them on. If a Post is not able to attend, send a check for \$100 to the County, made out to Nassau County American Legion and on memo line mark “Rehab/Day at the Races.

Mary Norris, Co-Chair

Membership Report

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL	LAWRENCE-CEDARHURST	OCEANSIDE
JOE MURPHY	JAMES F. BRENGEL	

The above list posts still have no transmittals to Department for their membership. Let’s get the membership renewals in. I have made calls to these post and have to told they were sent in. Also The Vice Commanders have been contacting their posts and will continue to contact them. Remember if I don’t have the copy of your post’s transmittals I cannot call Department and find out why your numbers are not changing.

Again Nassau County has fallen in membership. I ask in last month’s column to start sending in the renewals even if you have one. Please Do Not hold them until you have 20 or 30. The next cutoff date is November 10th and we need 65%. Remember the cost of PUFLS are \$1.50 per member not \$1.00. I am getting to many post not paying the correct amount.

I know we can do this. I am now asking the commanders to start getting on their membership officers to get the renewals in.

Joseph Brunner, Membership Officer

COUNTY MONUMENT COMMITTEE

THE COUNTY MONUMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE ADDING MORE NAMES ON THE “WALLS OF HONOR” IN EISENHOWER PARK NEXT JUNE. WE ALREADY HAVE 150 NAMES AND WE EXPECT MORE. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NAME OR THE NAME OF A FAMLIY, FRIEND OR ANYONE WHO HAS SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY PLACED ON THE WALL THE COST IS ONLY \$100.00 PER NAME. SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR APPLICATIONS AT:

nassaulegion.org

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program Post

Team #3 - November 8, 2014

AVIATORS # 743
HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962
JAMES F. BRENGEL # 456
NORTH BELLMORE POST
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL # 1246
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL # 1051

Team #4 - December 13, 2014

BELLMORE # 944
CATHEDRAL POST #1087
MALVERNE #44
NASSAU POLICE #1050
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089

Team #5 - January 10, 2015

LIU) ADMIRAL CONOLLY #2014
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082
ELMONT # 1033
PLAINVIEW # 1812
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285
BALDWIN POST 246

Team # 6 - February 14, 2015

ARCHIE McCORD # 86
GLENWOOD LANDING #226
JOE MURPHY #1957
LEVITTOWN #1711
MERRICK # 1282
PORT WASHINGTON # 509
YOUNG SIMMONS POST 1765

Team #7 - March 14, 2015

CHARLES WAGNER POST #421
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449
MANHASSET #304
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
WANTAGH # 1273
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101

Team # 8 - April 11, 2015

EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
FLORAL PARK # 334
HEMPSTEAD # 390
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342

Team # 9 - May 9, 2015

CARLE PLACE # 1718
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

IF YOUR POST CAN NOT MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED DATE, CONTACT CO-CHAIRPERSON MARY NORRIS AT CELL # 287-3569 OR # 740-7422. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A \$50 CHECK TO OFF-SET OPERATING COST. IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR \$100 TO COUNTY.

NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2014 - 2015 LINC MO YEAR TOOK PLACE AT THE CEMETERY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th. THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WAS DONE BY PAST PRESIDENT WILLIAM HARMS AND A LUNCHEON FOLLOWED.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

President	Morris Miller	VVNW
1st V/P	Frank Colon, Jr.	A.L.
2nd V/P	Dick Cote	Amvets

President Morris proceeded to appoint the following positions to fill out the slate:

Judge Advocate	Ken Cadieux	40/8 (N)
Treasurer	Andy Booth	A.L. (N)
Secretary	Bob Smith	A.L. (S)
Chaplain	Randy Carroll	VFW (N)
Sgt at Arms	Gary Glick	JWV
Asst Sgt	Richard Toth	VVA

Accepted for Honorary membership in LINC MO were:

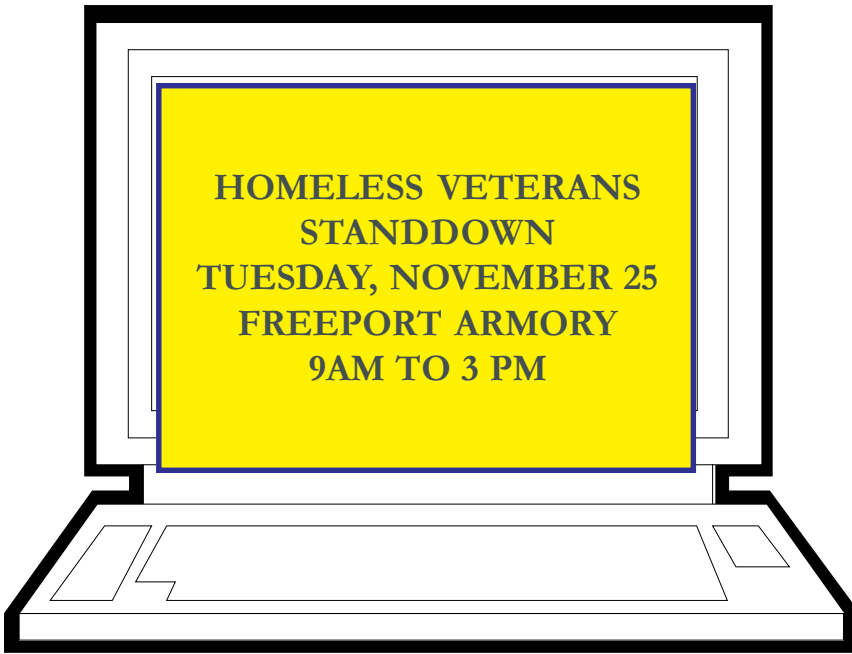
Nassau County Auxiliary
Blue Star Mothers
They will be non voting members of LINC MO due to the charter and not for profit requirement of Duly Chartered Veterans organizations shall have a vote. We Welcome them.



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



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014

NOV	4	ELECTION DAY ! GET OUT AND VOTE !	
	9	VETS DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK	10:30 AM
	9	VETS DAY SERVICES - L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE	2:30 PM
	21	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	25	NASSAU COUNTY WINTER STANDDOWN FOR HOMELESS VETS FREEPORT ARMORY	10AM - 2-PM
	27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL !	
DEC	7	REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR ! FLY YOUR FLAG !	
	19	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
	16	HANUKKAH BEGINS	
	25	CHRISTMAS	
	26	KWANZAA BEGINS	

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JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
	23-25	MID WINTER CONFERENCE IN ALBANY	
	30	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
FEB	21	MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NIGHT AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK	1-5 PM