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County Commanders Report

JOE BRUNNER

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and now that winter is around the corner and it looks like we might get some interesting snow this year.

I have been looking into the Tax-exempt status issue with the county, and as of tonight's meeting there has been no movement according to IRS in the renewal of that status. Nassau County has 14 posts with their status in a revoke state. The post that are expire are listed below.

Lawrence Cedarhurst	Franklin Square
Glen Cove Post 76	Young Simmons
Charles A Flower Jr	Howard Van Wangner
Victor Murtha	Nassau Police
J Franklin Bell	Port Washington
Rockville Centre	UniondaleNew Cassel
Memorial	Elmont

I like to thank the Adjutant for covering some of the Veterans Day Ceremonies for me.

From my family to all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

COUNTY MEETING

THE COUNTY MEETING WAS HELD BUT WE DIDN'T GET A QUORUM DUE TO THE SNOW STORM. BUT EVERYONE THERE HAD THEIR SAY AND ENJOYED THE FOOD PROVIDED BY FRANK COLON.

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND THE COUNTY OFFICERS WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

KEN CADIEUX REPORTED ON THE NEW DIRECTOR OF L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY. HE STATED SHE WILL WORK WITH US 100%

DIVISION REPORT

ALFRED FICALORA

December wasn't a particularly a busy month for the 11t Division.

Of course, I attended on Friday, November 17th the monthly County Meeting.

On the next day, Saturday, November 18th, I attended, along with County Politicians and other County Legionnaires, Assemblyman Brian Curran's Annual Salute to Veterans. It was held at the Lynbrook's Knights of Columbus. One of my own Post 246 Legionnaires was honored, Sgt. Frederick Caputo. A delicious luncheon was also served.

On Tuesday, November 21st, at the Freeport Armory, the traditional Thanksgiving Stand-down was held and Many Veterans attended and were well assisted with food, clothing, turkeys and financial advice. Thanks to Frank Colon, we the County Legion were directed to the person who was assigning help stations. We had our personnel there but did not have table. Thanks to Ken Cadieux and the guys at the VVO table, we were able to distribute watches and bags of toiletries to the Veterans. Our table consisted of PC Frank Neal, James Randle and myself. The Stand-down was a big success.

On Thursday, December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, myself and Bob Guarnaeri were invited Lynbrook Post 335, under the Command of Hank Speicher's Annual Christmas Party. The Italian food catered there was excellent. My distribution of Directories and 1st Division PUFL Remittance was at 100%. Of my 16 Posts, 14 had over the 76%.

On a sad note, the 1st Division gives our sincere condolence's to Ken Cadieux on the passing of his beloved brother.

**THE NEW YEAR IS UPON US !
LET'S GET THOSE STRAGGLERS TO
PAY THEIR DUES !**

THIRD DIVISION REPORT

GREGORY FALING – COMMANDER

A letter from Nassau County American Legion, dated December 1, 2017, was sent to all Post Commanders regarding The Eleventh Annual Military Ball/Post Commanders Night. The Military Ball/Post Commanders Night will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at Leonard's "La Dolce Vita", 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY, 11021 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$68.00 per person. Make checks payable to NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION and earmark it of the Military Ball/Post Commanders Night. Cutoff for tickets is FEBRUARY 1, 2018. Fill out the reverse side of the letter, PAGEANT INFORMATION FORM, stating if your Post, Auxiliary Unit or S.A.L. will or will not participate in the Pageant during the Ball/Post Commanders Night festivities. Your check and Pageant Information should be sent to Frank Colon, Jr., PCC; Military Ball/Post Commanders Night Chairman; 85 Cleveland Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

*When are Member Dues considered Delinquent

- American Legion membership is annual, the Legion year being from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable October 20 in advance. If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended, but nevertheless a member with no privilege except that of reinstatement by post vote and payment of dues. Dues not being paid, such membership continues for five months, to June 30, at which time the member is dropped from the roll by constitutional mandate and membership forfeited. A member may resign from the post at any time while dues are paid and can thereafter join another post as a new member, in which event the continuity of membership is broken, and upon resignation the post is not required to rebate any part or portion of the member's dues. (**excerpt from The American Legion, 2017 Post Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, 54th Edition, Revised February 2017*)

Reminder to Post Membership Officers that have not remitted Membership Dues to American Legion, Department of New York, DO NOT HESITATE TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

The dues for each member to be remitted is \$34.00 (i.e. \$32.50 for National and Department and \$1.50 for Nassau County American Legion), and sent to the address on reverse of the transmittal slip. If there remains any misunderstanding or confusion regarding this, do not hesitate to contact me at 516-503-1225 (cell), and I will assist you as needed.

Now that the Nassau County American Legion County Directory of Staff and Post Staff Information have been delivered, it is advised that each Post review their respective submitted information for accuracy. If in your review of your Post Information, you find a black line through your Post Information, that means no updated was received by the Directory Chair. Correct your Post Information and submit same to the Directory Chair – Ken Cadieux, e-mail kencadieux@optonline.net or bring to the next American Legion County Meeting.

As usual, if there are any problems that I may avail myself to, call me @ 516-503-1225 (cell)

UVO ELECTS NEW OFFICERS 2018-19

President

Morris Miller
116 Franklin Place
Massapequa, NY 11758

YVnW

516-798-3710

1st Vice President

Steve Latus
297 Miller Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520

AFA

516-546-2728

2nd Vice President

Bob Lane
166 Grant Street
Massapequa Park, NY 11758

AMvets

631-782-0341

Treasurer

Edward Aulman
4 Woodland Avenue,
Syosset, NY 11791

1st Marine Div.

516-426-9495

Secretary

Len Goldstein
84 Marshall Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563

MCL

516-599-1837

Judge Advocate

Ken Cadieux, PP
121 Powell Avenue
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570

NCAL

516-238-7001

Service Officer Report

by Ed Aulman

For the past two summers, the Northport VA used the serene settings of Indian Lake in the Adirondack Mountains to create a healthy and healing environment for woman. These female veterans experience whitewater rafting, yoga, archery, creative writing a storytelling. This six-day retreat is meant for woman that have mental health issues, PTSD, military sexual trauma and suffered at least one chronic disease or pain condition. If you know a female veteran that may benefit from such a program contact Rose Williamson Program Manager at 631-261-4400 X 5793

VA is exploring a new treatment for TBI. Veterans with a history of mild to moderate TBI are using a lightweight frame placed on the head and a clip placed inside the nose that emits a light emitting diode that improves brain function, memory, emotions and sleep.

Veterans with PTSD are finding an injection of medication decreases symptoms of PTSD and a Hyperbolic Oxygen Therapy is being used in at least two VA's out west to on veterans with persistent PTSD.

VA Pro Bono Legal advice is available through the VA Northport. Contact Craig Bruno at the Veterans Clinic 631-761-7080 or the Hofstra Veterans Legal Assistance Project at 516-463-7302. (The American Legion the VA or I accept no responsibility for the legal advice.)

A new Veterans ID Card is available to any veteran reserve or active duty who has an honorable or general (under honorable conditions). Vets can request the card by going online to www.vets.gov/ and click on Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card on the bottom left of the page. This card is an important to any veteran that does not have a VA card.

The VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act passed by the House of Representatives 368-55 and by the Senate by a voice vote.

This new law supported by the American Legion makes it easier to fire VA employees for poor performing managers and rank-and-file employees.

The VA has issued a warning to Veterans who currently have VA Home Loan as some of you are being targeted with misleading advertising. Call 877-827-3702 to get a VA loan specialist.

Employment for veterans is up for November to 4.1 compared to 4.3 for non-vets.

Share this information with non-members of the American Legion. Call me at 516-426-9495

REHAB REPORT

MARY NORRIS

Because of a serve weather system moving into our area the night before our trip out to Building 92, and weather forecasters predicting snow falls totaling between 3-7 inches continuing to accumulate into Saturday, we had to cancel out trip out to Northport.

All Posts from Team #4 have been asked to reschedule their participation to a date in 2018 between January through May.

Joe Glovack had contacted Tom and me regarding Christmas gifts for the residents of Building 92. A local Bethpage organization took the time to make and wrapped many gifts. We will deliver these boxes to the staff for distribution to residents before Christmas.

Our next date for the Races is the 13th of January. Team 5 participants, please arrive no earlier than 1:30pm....

Team #5 – Building 92, 60th Boulevard, Northport – 1:30pm

Andrew Fatscher #854Baldwin #246

East Meadow Memorial #1082

Elmont #1033

Plainview #1812

Robert H. Spittel #1285

Any Post that cannot come out when scheduled, you're invited to help on the 2nd Saturday of each month from January 13 through May 12, 2018.

[Bipartisan support for legislation expanding caregiver benefits](#)

By Johnathon Clinkscales

The American Legion and several other veterans service organizations (VSOs) recently delivered more than 180,000 signed petitions to Congress that urges lawmakers to pass bipartisan legislation that will expand caregiver benefits for all disabled veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Comprehensive Caregiver Assistance Program. The bill, which the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs passed on Nov. 29 by a 14-1 vote, would help improve existing health care and services provided under the VA by expanding eligibility for veterans of all generations, including Vietnam-era servicemembers. It would also provide permanent, streamlined access to health care and services with a new Veterans Community Care Program.

The petitions were delivered during a press conference on Dec. 6 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. VSO representatives spoke about the importance of ensuring equal benefits to veterans of all generations. House and Senate leaders, including sponsors of the Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017, were also present to voice their support and celebrate the bill's passage last week in the Senate VA committee.

"Far too many veterans and their caregivers have been denied access to VA's comprehensive caregivers benefits for the wrong reason," said American Legion National Legislative Deputy Director Derek Fronabarger. "The American Legion believes eligibility for veterans' benefits should not be based on when a veteran served, but rather how they served and their physical and mental condition upon returning home."

"As the daughter of a World War II veteran who visits with veterans in my home state of Washington, I have seen firsthand the vital role that caregivers fulfill," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a senior Senate VA committee member who is the bill's lead sponsor. "It is impossible to overstate the value of having a family member or a loved one, by your side, while overcoming an illness or coping with an injury."

"The sacrifice that many caregivers make to provide vital day-to-day care for our wounded veterans often goes unnoticed. Taking care of our veterans means taking care of the caregivers who help make their recovery possible."

Under VA's current Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, only veterans who served on or after 9/11 are eligible for enhanced support. The Caring for Our Veterans Act seeks to provide caregiver benefits to veterans injured before May 7, 1975. Veterans who were injured between 1975 and 2001 would be eligible two years after this bill is enacted.

"We made a promise to care for our brave men and women when they return home from war – that includes supporting our caregivers," Murray said. "We cannot stop until we get this done." Fronabarger said the nation should not and cannot treat veterans differently based only on their service. He said that withholding caregiver benefits of those who served before 9/11 is not giving them the respect and dignity they deserve.

"It is our hope to correct a serious flaw in the original caregiver legislation by removing the discriminatory barriers that prevent some of our nation's most deserving veterans, and their caregivers, from receiving the comprehensive assistance they have earned," he said. "The American Legion supports any responsible legislation that expands caregiver support to all veterans."

"Caregivers are true partners in the delivery of health care to veterans and they deserve quality support," said Rep. Ryan Costello, R-Penn. "It is time that we expand this program to veterans of all generations." The Caring for Our Veterans Act is now awaiting a vote in the full Senate. If passed, the bill would provide about \$4 billion for the Veterans Choice Fund and create standards for timely payment to community care providers.

"Often, caregivers put their lives on hold to provide full-time assistance to the veteran. This can take an immense toll on families, relationships, bank accounts and the health and well-being of caregivers," said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., SVAC's ranking member who introduced the bill. "We cannot rest easy until our efforts to expand the VA's caregiver support program comes to fruition. Republicans, democrats and independents must continue to work together to get this legislation across the finish line and signed into law."



NASSAU COUNTY TABLE AT
VETERANS MEMORIAL STANDDOWN
AT FREEPORT ARMORY

LINC MO PROGRESS REPORT

BILL HARMS

WE HAVE MET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY, SHE CAME FROM CAMBODIA AS A CHILD AND SERVED IN THE MILITARY FOR TWO HITCHES. SHE SAYS SHE AND HER FAMILY OWE THEIR LIVES TO THOSE WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM AND SHE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM.

ALL THE OTHER PROJECT WERE DISCUSSED WITH HER ON OUR UP COMING PROJECTS AND THE NEW LAND BEING DONATED BY SUFFOLK COUNTY. ALL ARE ON TRACK AND WE WILL BE GIVING YOU MORE INFO AS WE GET IT.

ANDY BOOTH WAS ELECTED TO A TWO YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT AND MORRIS MILLER FROM THE VVNW 1st V.P., ROBERT SMITH, SUFFOLK A.L. 2nd V.P.

WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT OF MEMBERS FOR OUR ELECTIONS AND THE INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIGN ON nylegion.org for forms

Mid-Winter Conference

Desmond Hotel & Conference Center

Albany, NY

January 19-21, 2018

[DETAILS with forms.](#)
[2017 photo gallery](#)



Legislative Hill Day

Legislative/Exec Meetings March 12 at
Desmond Hotel & Conference Center

Breakfast March 7 at Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY

March 12-13, 2018

DETAILS with forms



LINC MO REPORT ON POLES

WE ONLY HAVE SIX (6) POLES OUT OF 52 LEFT TO BE DONATED AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY . AS SOON AS WE SELL THE REMAINING POLES WE WILL PLACE THE ORDER AND SCHEDULE A DATE FOR THEIR PLACEMENT. ALL DONATION PLATES WILL BE ADDED AFTER THE POLES ARE IN PLACE.

THE OFFICIAL DATE FOR THE DEDICATION HOPEFULLY WILL BE MEMORIAL DAY 2018.

WE WILL ALSO BE SETTING UP FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES AND MONUMENTS TO BE PLACED IN A LOCATION AROUND THE MAIN FLAGPOLE. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

VAV's Report FOR 12/27/2017

Rep Robert Reahl, PCC 516-681-5545

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

VETEARNs AT NORTHPORT

VA NEED OUR HELP

The VAV's would like to thank the following

Posts and Legions Since last month

For their greatly needed Donation to help the

Vets at Northport VA Hospital.

To get needed items the VA does not pay for.

REMEMBER YOUR DONATION GOES

100% TO THE VETS

TOTAL FOR 2014 -2016 \$7635

TOTAL FOR 2016 -2017 \$2245

TOTAL FOR 2017 - 2018 250.00

PLEASE DONATE as ever little bit helps:

(**DO NOT MAKE CHECKS**)

(**OUT TO COUNTY**)

Make ALL check's out to: -

VAV's Executive Board

&

Mail it to Vic Pres of Exc. Board

Robert Reahl, PCC

69 Hope Drive

Plainview, NY 11803-5646

VETERANS REHAB & SUPPLIES

Ken Cadieux

WE HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY TIME IN THE LAST MONTH ! WE HAVE DELIVERED TOYS TO NORTHPORT, STUFFED ANIMALS TO A CHILDRENS HEAD START PROGRAM, A TRUCK LOAD OF CLOTHING, SHOES HOUSEWARES, AND SMALL APPLIANCES TO BEACON HOUSE, A TRUCK LOAD TO THE NASSAU COUNTY STANDDOWN, AND A SECOND TRUCK LOAD TO BEACON HOUSE JUST YESTERDAY. OUR THANKS TO THE MANY WHO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. WITHOUT THEM THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT EXIST,

SPECIAL THANKS TO: JOE GLOVACK, BETTY HARMS, COOKIES THRIFT SHOP, ROSEMARIE SALES, FRANK COLON, AND ALL THOSE WHO BRING ITEMS TO THE COUNTY MEETINGS OR DROP THEM AT MY HOUSE.

WE HAVE MADE THIS A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR A LOT OF NEEDY PEOPLE THIS YEAR ! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND THANKS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2017- 18

JAN	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !	
	19-21	MID WINTER CONFERENCE IN ALBANY	
	26	NASSAU COUNTY MEETING - MALVERNE POST - ADVISORY	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
FEB	1	DEADLINE FOR TICKETS TO MILITARY BALL/ POST CMDRS NITE.	
	17	MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS - LEONARDS GREAT NECK	
	23	NASSAU COUNTY MEETING - MALVERNE POST - ADVISORY	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
MAR	12-13	HILL DAY IN ALBANY	
	23	NASSAU COUNTY MEETING - MALVERNE POST - ADVISORY	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM

2018 - 99 Years of Serving Veterans !

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program

Post Teams Schedule 2017 – 2018

Subject to Change by request

Team #5 – January 13, 2018
BALDWIN POST 246
ANDREW FATSCHER # 854
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL # 1082
ELMONT # 1033
PLAINVIEW # 1812
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285



Team # 6 – February 10, 2018
ARCHIE McCORD # 86
GLENWOOD LANDING #226
JOE MURPHY #1957
LEVITTOWN #1711
PORT WASHINGTON # 509
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
(LIU) ADMIRAL CONOLLY #2014



Team #7 – March 10, 2018
CHARLES WAGNER POST #421
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
WANTAGH # 1273
MANHASSET #304
NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089
YOUNG SIMMONS #1765



Team # 8 – April 14, 2018
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
FLORAL PARK # 334
HEMPSTEAD # 390
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342



Team # 9 – May 12, 2018
CARLE PLACE # 1718
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
ROCKVILLE CENTRE #303



IF YOUR POST CAN NOT MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED DATE, CONTACT MARY NORRIS AT CELL # 287-3569

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A \$50 CHECK TO OFF-SET OPERATING COST. IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR \$100 TO COUNTY.

JAMES MACLEAN LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY HAS NOT BEEN GOOD LATELY DUE TO THE LACK OF DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. WITH ONLY TWO (2) POSTS. BALDWIN SENT IN A DONATION IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT JONES, AND MERRICK IN MEMORY OF LEONARD TUCKER A LONG TIME MEMBERS OF THE POSTS.

DONATIONS ARE MADE BY POSTS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF DECEASED MEMBERS. A BOOK OR OTHER ITEM DEALING WITH THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK OR LONG ISLAND IS PURCHASED WITH THE DONATIONS AND A TAG IS PLACED IN THE ITEM TO SHOW THE NAME OF THE PERSON BEING HONORED AND THE DONORS NAME AND RECEIPTS ARE SENT TO THE FAMILY OF THE HONOREE AND THE DONOR.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MACLEAN LIBRARY AND SEND ALL DONATIONS TO KEN CADIEUX AT 121 POWELL AVENUE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570.

