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COMMANDERS REPORT ROBERT REAHL 681-5545

As the summer comes to a close, I hope everyone had a good one and now its time to get the Membership in for the New Year 2007 in.

The Staff had a meeting with the Membership Officer Ned Johnson. The Goal sent down by the Department is one new member per Post as of the July 11, 2006 final report of last year's membership.

But the Membership Officer and I are asking all Post that did not reach a 100% last year to and try and get back at least half of the members that did not renew. See Membership report.

I feel that we can reach a 100% or high this year, if every Post member does their part in helping there Membership Officer. As you all know the Membership is the life blood of The American Legion.

To those of you that have been sending your Membership Pink sheets to me Robert Reahl please correct your records as I have not been Membership Office for the last two years

I like to thank John Radin & Frank Colon again for stepping forward to fill the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders and will be looking forward working with them.

Since we had no one come forward to take on the Department Commander Visit Committee Chairperson. I had to form a Committee and the following offer to help Peter Holowecki, PDVC and Reggie Butt, PCC.

FIRST DIVISION REPORT JOHN RADIN, Sr. - 431-5192

I wish to thank all for re-electing me as your Division Commander for this Legion year. I will do my best to fullfil all the duties of the officer to the best of my ability.

I will be setting up the dates for the Division Meetings and the Caucus in the near future and you will all be advised of the time & place.

Let's all make that extra effort to get the membership in this year and let's be the first Division

SECOND DIVISION REPORT FRANK COLON, COMMANDER 766-6563

I would like to thank all those who elected me as the Division Commander for this Legion Year and I promise that I will support Commander Reahl and do my best to fulfill his goals for 2006-2007.

For the Second Division I have made the following appointments: Americanism and Rehabilitation Stuart McKinney, Bill Hynns as Membership & Sgt at Arms. There are still several positions open and anyone who wishes to take on the jobs, please contact me.

The Second Division Meetings have been set for, September 27, 2006 for a general meeting, January 24, 2007 for a membership meeting and May 2, 2007 for the Division Caucus. All meetings will start at 8 pm and will be held at the North Bellmore Post 1749, located on Newbridge Road off exit 25S on the Southern State Parkway.

I will be making the rounds of the Posts in the Division and if you need any help please, do not hesitate to call me.

THIRD DIVISION REPORT HOWARD LIEBMAN - 433-7487

With all the dates for our meetings set and as our forward motion begins we will be consecrating on membership as you know we did not make quota last year. We are being asked that if your Post did not make 100% last year to try to recoup those members who did not renew. I know that we can do it because this Division has always been the leaders and show the other Divisions the way.

Keep in mind that the goal for 2007 is only one more member than you finished with as of July 2006. If you finished with 100 members last year, you now need 101 members for 100%. Let's go team! we've got our work cut out for us.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR JOHN MARINO, CHAIRMAN- 694-9029

Legionnaires now is the time to start thinking of a Legionnaire from your Post who you consider an outstanding Legionnaire. In October I will be mailing you guidelines to follow in submitting your choice that you think should be Legionnaure of the Year for 2006-2007. As Chairman I am making one change that is instead of asking the 2nd District to judge our candidates I will pick three Past County Commanders from Nassau County to be the Judges. Again let me urge you that when the time comes please submit your choice.

REHABILITATION REPORT
FRANK COLON, CHAIRMAN

Just a reminder to all Post Commanders that last months County Newsletter had all the dates and times for the hospital visits for this years program.

If anyone has a question about changing their Post's date please contact Stu Mckinney at 735-4041 or myself at 435-7066 so that we can make that happen.

The donations are the same as last year, if a Post attends their date they are asked to bring \$50.00 and if a Post cannot make their date if possible a donation of a \$100.00 check made out to Nassau County American Legion and earmarked for the Re-hab Program for 2006-2007. I know that we will continue to lead the way with this great program.

WINAL MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Byrne, Chair

Please submit the names of all your women members to:

Barbara Byrne
1905 Bushwick Avenue,
Merrick, N.Y. 11566
Tele: 516 - 546-5675

Please try to recruit more women veterans into your posts, they are hard workers and dedicated citizens.

History

Last month I discussed the preparation of the pictorial and narrative histories. This month I would like to focus attention on post newsletters. The National American Legion Press Association has recommended certain criteria for judging. Newsletters should be judged on: Content (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, local, county, state and national, as appropriate); clear, concise and balanced writing; make-up; design and appearance; use of photos and illustrations. These standards will be used in judging those newsletters submitted for the newsletter contest.

Adherence to these principles will help to create excellent newsletters.

ROGER EASTMAN

MILITARY BALL / POST COMMANDERS NIGHT
Tony Paternostro, PCC Military Ball Chairman

As of today I have heard from 24 Post on whether to combine or not combine the Military Ball and Post Commanders Night. This still is not a true opinion of the County Post. Time is up, and a date must get set. My recommendation to Commander Reahl is to have separate functions this year. Don't take this as a victory for those who want separate functions, but as a lack of interest by our County Posts. As soon as I know the final decision of our County Commander, I will set a location and date for the function.

The results were; 14 TO COMBINE
 10 TO LEAVE SEPERATE
 24 TOTAL

EDITORS NOTE: The Advisory Committee and the members of the County Committee voted to have two seperate functions.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

As you know Operation Iraqi Freedom is still going on - men and women on active duty are still dying and leaving behind their children who will one day grow up and wonder how they will be able to attend college. It is therefore our job to help them when that day comes to fulfill their dream of a college education. In order to do that - now is the time to make a contribution to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. If you have already made a donation "Thank You" and then again maybe you will find it in your heart to make another one.

Please make your check payable to the American Legion, Nassau County Committee, earmarked for "Legacy Scholarship" and mail to me, Arlene Howard PCC at 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville NY 11801-2435.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 516-938-1373. Thank You.

Arlene S. Howard PCC Chairman, Legacy Scholarship



MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS FOR 2006-2007

FIRST DIVISION		QUOTA'S			
Post #	Name	06 Mem	+/-	Dept/	County
854	A. Fatscher	274	-35	275	291
246	Baldwin	330	-25	331	343
948	Bellmore	129	-13	130	137
536	Demott/Carman	16	+2	17	17
958	E. Rockaway	142	-4	143	146
1132	Edwin Welch Jr	195	-29	196	210
1029	Island Park	73	-13	74	80
81	J. Franklin Bell	15	-4	16	17
339	Law/Cedarhurst	96	-10	97	1-2
335	Lynbrook	32	+4	33	33
44	Malvenre	168	-12	169	175
1066	Massapequa	571	-39	572	591
1282	Merrick	156	-8	157	160
1246	Oceanside Mem	161	0	162	162
303	Rockville Centre	130	-12	131	137
1051	Roosevelt Mem	32	-3	33	35
972	Victor Murtha	106	-11	107	112
1273	Wantagh	311	-14	312	318

SECOND DIVISION

743	Aviators Post	100	-35	101	118
1087	Cathedral	135	-2	136	137
1082	E. Meadow Mem	187	-2	188	189
1033	Elmont	268	-37	269	288
334	Floral Park	179	+4	181	181
1014	Franklin Square	89	-7	90	93
1488	Gomillion Campbell	45	+4	46	46
390	Hempstead	149	-7	150	154
449	Hugh C. Newman	69	-3	70	72
1957	Joe Murphy	23	-15	24	31
1711	Levittown	358	-22	359	370
1089	NHP/E. Pyle	185	-11	186	191
1749	N. Bellmore	157	-11	159	164
1139	Robt. Van Cott	44	-6	45	47
1487	Uniondale	59	-19	60	69
265	Wm B. Turner	150	-17	151	159
342	Wm Clinton Story	100	-11	101	106

THIRD DIVISION

86	Archie McCord	109	-10	110	114
1718	Carle Place	142	-14	143	149
160	Chas A. Fowler	82	+4	83	83

THIRD DIV (cont)

421	Chas Wagner	162	-6	163	166
175	E. S. Smith	171	-6	172	174
76	Glen Cove	86	-7	87	91
336	Glenwood Ldg	281	+2	282	282
962	H Van Wagner	96	+2	97	97
456	J.F. Brengel	64	-4	65	67
122	James Lyons	7	-8		
304	Manhasset	247	-5	248	250
349	Mineola Mem	59	-7	60	63
1050	Nassau Police	213	-1	214	214
1861	N. Cassel Mem	29	-4	30	32
1812	Plainview	291	-38	292	311
509	P. Washington	89	-2	90	91
4	Q. Roosevelt	177	-6	178	181
1285	R. Spittel	128	+5	129	129
101	Wm Longuet	60	-10	61	65
144	Williston	414	-1	416	416
1765	Young/Simmons	55	+1	56	56

NOTE** Department Goals have been set at one (1) member above your final membership reported to Department as of July 11, 2006, which was used to determine the % of goals by Department.

County Goal in the last column is FIFTY per cent of the (546) members that the Posts failed to renew in 2006. It will increase our assigned goal by 288 members. Department Commander James Casey, County Commander Robert Reahl and the membership team are requesting that you make every effort to get these members back into the Legion in 2007. It would bring us back to respectability in membership where we once were. Thank you for your cooperation in this vital endeavor,

Peter Holowecki, PDVC - Dept Membership Coordinator

WINAL REHAB REPORT

Another Legion Year is starting and as it is my job to keep Women veteran members of the American Legion apprised of their veteran rights and benefits I am asking all Post Commanders to please appoint a WINAL Chairman in your Post and send her/his name, address and phone number to me so that I may be able to send the information that is available to me to them.

Arlene Howard PCC 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville NY 11801-2435 Phone # 938-1373. Thank You

NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE

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PERMIT #8

MEMBER

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION
NEW YORK STATE LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION

DVD DONATIONS

Ken Cadieux, 536-3796

I had a conversation with some of the troops that just returned from Iraq at the Salute to Veterans at Eisenhower Park. I asked them about what they needed and if DVD Players were readily available. I was told that most of the troops have DVD players so I am asking any Legionnaire or SAL Member or Auxiliary Member to donate some of those movie DVD's that we all have laying around and we will ship them to our troops overseas. Bring them to the County meeting or if you have a lot give me a call and I will pick them up. We did this project with tapes and collected over 8,000 tapes for our hospitalized vets. Let's break that record and support our troops overseas.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sept | 16 | Sat | Nassau County MIA/POW Candlelight Vigil at Eisenhower Park 6:30 PM |
| | 25 | Mon | 3rd Division General Meeting at Plainview Post 1812 8 PM |
| | 26 | Tues | County Advisory Meeting - Edwin Welsh Jr. Post - Seaford 8PM |
| | 27 | Wed | 2nd Division General Meeting at N. Bellmore Post 8 PM. |
| | 29 | Fri | Nassau County Meeting - Cathedral Post - West Hempstead 8PM |
| Oct | 8 | Sun | <u>Nassau County Legislative Breakfast, Williston Post 144</u> |
| | 24 | Tues | County Advisory Meeting - Edwin Welch JR. Post - Seaford 8PM |
| | 27 | Fri | Nassau County Meeting - Cathedral Post - West Hempstead 8PM. |
| Nov | 4 | Sat | <u>Department Commanders Visit & Dinner Elmont Post</u> |
| | 5 | Sun | UVO Vets Day Services at Eisenhower Park 10:30 am. |
| | 5 | Sun | L.I. National Cemetery at Farmingdale Vets Day Services 1:00 pm. |
| | 7 | Tues | Election Day - Fly Your Flag ! Get out and vote. |
| | 11 | Sat | Traditional Veterans Day ! Fly Your Flag ! |
| | 21 | Tues | County Advisory Meeting - Edwin Welch Jr Post in Seaford 8 PM. |
| | 23 | Thur | Happy Thanksgiving to all ! |
| | 24 | Fri | County Meeting at Cathedral Post - West Hempstead 8 PM. |

POST DONATIONS

STAMPS

225,000	ROBERT SPITTEL
800	WANTAGH POST
1667	PT WASHINGTON
200	EAST MEADOW

HEARING AIDS

6+ (BATTS)	WANTAGH POST
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PLAYING CARDS (DECKS)

33	CATHEDRAL POST
20	R. SPITTEL

GREETING CARDS (NEW)

400	ROBERT SPITTEL
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CARD FRONTS

2500	WANTAGH POST
3786	PT. WASHINGTON
25	CHAS WAGNER

MISC

1	ELECTRIC RAZOR - WANTAGH POST
1	CASE (30LBS) COFFEE - E MEADOW
72	DECKS OF GAME CARDS - E. MEADOW
300	DVD MOVIES - BALDWIN POST

TABS

44 LBS	WANTAGH POST
1 1/2 LBS	MALVERNE POST
2.5 LBS	BALDWIN
13.1 OZ	EAST MEADOW
13 CANS	PORT WASHINGTON

EYEGASSES

300 PR	MERRICK POST
299 PR	WANTAGH POST
206 PR	PORT WASHINGTON
7 PR	ROBERT SPITTEL
44 PR	CHAS WAGNER

CELL PHONES

2	CHAS WAGNER
3	EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL

INK CARTRIDGES

1	CHAS WAGNER
2	EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL

RED, WHITE & BLUE AWARD PROGRAM

The "Red, White and Blue Award Program" recognizes individuals, organizations, business, and industries, other than The American Legion and its members or its associated organizations, for promoting Americanism through action.

Posts must submit nominations in writing for this award to their County Chairman anytime during the year. It is requested that nominations be submitted on entry forms that are available from Department Headquarters. County Chairmen are authorized to determine a candidate eligible for this honor. The County Chairmen must be prudent in their decisions and stay within the guidelines of intent established for the program. For those individual/organization that demonstrated patriotic acts "*above and beyond*" the norm, County Chairmen may submit the nomination to Department for consideration of The American Legion, Department of New York "Red, White and Blue Award". County Chairmen may determine the time and place for presenting the Citations and it should be done so the local Post, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL Squadron can be present. Local news media should be invited to cover the presentation. Citations are available by request from Department Headquarters.

1. An individual or organization responsible for placing the American Flag at business, communities and special sites on all the patriotic holidays.
2. Groups or organizations who are promoting and conducting patriotic events such as pageants, plays, etc.
3. Industries that make a special effort to display and fly the American Flag at conspicuous places thruout their facilities and promote AMERICANISM to their employees.

This is the American Legions way of saying "Thank You" to those citizens who are that they are proud to be an American.



CERT Training Planned

County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi has announced that the Office of Emergency Management will conduct basic training for the Community Emergency Response Team program in the Syosset/Hicksville area on eight consecutive Tuesdays from August 22-October 10, 2006. Anyone over 18 years of age is welcome to join CERT and take the training course that includes CERT organization, First Aid, Light Search and Rescue, Terrorism, Disaster Psychology, Firefighting and Disaster Simulation, Human Services, Shelter Introduction and Community Outreach & Education. Classes 1 and 2 will be held at the Hicksville Community Center 28 W. Carl Street, Hicksville. Classes 3 to 8 will be held at the TOBY Facilities 150 Miller Place, Syosset. Classes are from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Refreshment will be served. Missed classes can be made up, however some restrictions apply. For information and registration contact Karen Luciano at Karenann.luciano@otda.state.ny.us .

Opportunity for Veterans Owned Businesses

The Nassau County Office of Economic Development is inviting business owners to attend an Empire Zone Business and Community conference on September 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the West Hempstead High School, Video Conference Room, and at 400 Nassau Boulevard, West Hempstead, NY. A panel of economic developers will discuss various incentives available to businesses seeking to invest or expand within the Empire Zone areas. For more information call 516-571-1784.

Invitational Drill Competition

"The Old Guard", the US Army 3rd Infantry Regiment Drill Team and the ceremonial unit at Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns will be part of the Q-8 Invitational Drill Competition at Eisenhower Park on Saturday October 14, 2006. From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, the best precision rifle drill teams from across the nation will compete in Exhibition Drill, Standard Drill, Saber, and Color Guard as well as Marksmanship. Aircraft over flights, 21-Gun Salute, and Artillery Salute as well as a retreat ceremony are planned. The event is sponsored by the Q-8 Alumni Association (Hofstra ROTC Graduates).

Agent Orange in Korea

The VA recognizes that many diseases, including diabetes type II, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers, are connected to exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. Agent Orange was also sprayed on the DMZ in Korea between April 1968 and July 1969. Veterans who served with the following units during that time and develop serious health concerns should contact the Veterans Service Agency: the four combat brigades of the 2nd Infantry Division : 1/38th, 2/38th, 1/23rd, 2/23rd, 3/23rd, 3/32nd, 1/9th, 2/9th, 1/72nd, and 2/72nd Armor, and 4th/7th Cavalry and from the 3rd Brigade of the 7th Infantry Division 1/17th, 2/17th, and 1/17th Armor, and 2/10th Cavalry.

New Benefit for Guard/Reserve Retirees

National Guard and reserve personnel who enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program within 120 days after retirement are eligible to skip the 12 month waiting period required for certain benefits (such as crowns, bridges and braces). Call 888-838-8737 or contact www.trdp.org . (From NACSO News, Aug-Sept.06)

Senate Moves Fast to Help Lawyers

Working at a speed unusual for the US Senate, Senator Larry Craig's Bill 2694 has passed the Senate. Several good items were added to this bill including: money for national cemeteries on Native American lands, removing the ashes of a double murderer from Arlington Cemetery, and improvements in the GI Bill and Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Benefit Program. If the bill passes in the House, veterans will get the ability to pay lawyers to help them file for VA benefits. Trained and accredited State and County Veteran Service Officers now provide that service free of charge to veterans and dependants.

Newsday is Looking for Veterans

Newsday will celebrate Veterans Day 2006 with a special magazine and internet collection with veterans photos and stories. Send the non-returnable photos to Newsday Veterans Magazine, Main Newsroom, 235 Pinelawn Rd., Melville, NY 11747-4250 or e-mail to veterans@newsday.com. Include a note stating where and when you served and any memories you wish to relate as well as your name, address and phone number or e-mail address.

38,000 VA Records Lost

Following the loss then recovery of 26 million VA records, the Department of Veterans Affairs cancelled plans to give all veterans a year's worth of free credit monitoring. The VA also changed a policy that allowed many workers to take home laptops slowing down the claims decision making process. Now the VA reports that a subcontractor has reported the loss of a desktop computer that has vital information on 38,000 veterans who received medical care at two VA Medical Centers in Pennsylvania.

Local Heroes

Nassau County veterans are blessed to have sixty good Samaritans that take turns driving disabled veterans to medical appointments in Northport and the VA clinic in Plainview. Larry Paul, a Vietnam veteran from Seaford; Jack Lewin, a grandfather and computer whiz from Woodmere; Mel Blair from Hicksville (when not traveling); Jim McDonough, an artist and chef from Massapequa Park; and Stan Kuchlewski, a VFW Commander and VVA officer from Levittown are five of these great people.

Call for Help

The Veterans Service Agency is open Monday-Friday 9-4:45 at 1425 Old Country Rd. Building H, Plainview. We have out stations in Franklin Square, Levittown and Oyster Bay. Call us at 516-572-8452 for any veterans related issue.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGE KIT:

The USPS has a program for military family members and friends to supply them with packaging materials to send packages to troops overseas. If you call 1(800) 610-8734 and select option # 1, ask them for the "Military pack" they will send you boxes, tape, packaging materials and labels at no charge to you or the recipient. They will also give you an I.D. number so if your supply runs low, you just call them up and they'll send you more supplies. The materials take about four to ten days to receive. USPS web site www.usps.com/supportingourtroops/ has guidelines for packing, addressing, and shipping items to U.S. troops.

The kit contains:

- Three (3) each of flat rate boxes O-FRB1 and O=FRB2
- Two each of Cube boxes OBOX4 and OBOX7
- Address labels - Label # 228 10 each
- One roll of Priority Mail tape
- 15 customs forms with envelopes.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boy's State Program ended with 31 boys attending Boy's State. The boys left on Sunday 25 June at 6 A.M. and returned on 1 July at approx 2:00 P.M. I talked with a few of the boys and they all seemed to enjoy the week except for the heavy rains.

I have received 5 or 6 letters from some of the boys or their parents thanking the American Legion for the opportunity to attend this past session. I will be contacting the Post Commander and Boy's State Chairmen after September to prevent for next year. I was disappointed that we fell 9 short of our goal. Three boys dropped out at the last, one was sick (understandable), one failed courses and had to go to summer school, and one with no reason. I have the financial report which was submitted to the Finance Committee, Treasurer and Commander.

NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTORY

To date we have not received the "White Sheets" for the directory listing from the following posts and if they are not received by September 10th your Post listing will be blank. I need your Post Commander, Adjutant and County Rep's name, address and telephone number.

ARCHIE McCORD
BELLMORE
DeMOTT/CARMAN
EAST ROCKAWAY
ELMONT
EUGENE SMITH
GLEN COVE
GOMILLION CAMPBELL
HEMPSTEAD
J. FRANKLIN BELL
JAMES BRENGEL

JOE MURPHY
MALVERNE
MASSAPEQUA
N.C. POLICE
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL
ROBERT VAN COTT
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL
UNIONDALE POST
WILLISTON
WM BRADFORD TURNER
WM CLINTON STORY

The following Post's have not yet taken an Ad:

ARCHIE McCORD
BELLMORE
CHARLES. FOWLER
DeMOTT/CARMAN
EAST ROCKAWAY
ELMONT
EUGENE SMITH
FLORAL PARK
FR SQUARE
GLEN COVE
GOMILLION CAMPBELL
HEMPSTEAD
ISLAND PARK
J. FRANKLIN BELL

JAMES BRENGEL
JOE MURPHY
MALVERNE
MASSAPEQUA
N.C. POLICE POST
NEW CASSEL MEM
PT WASHINGTON
ROBT VAN COTT
ROOSEVELT MEM
UNIONDALE POST
WILLISTON
WM BRADFORD TURN
WM CLINTON STORY
WM LONGUET

SOLDIERS FOR SOLDIERS CELL PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Please bring the cell phones and the ink cartridges to the County meeting to give them to me. Please bring only the cell phone with its battery, no other adapter (i.e.), earplug, charger, ETC). Put the ink jet cartridges in plastic sealable bags. I have to ship the cell phones and ink cartridges in separate shipments as the procedure is that they are now shipped to two different recycling centers..

I have shipped 1299 cell phones and 281 ink jet cartridges to date. I have approximate 200 cell phones and 25 ink jet cartridges ready to ship. PLEASE, no EPSON cartridges, they are not refillable and have no value. Remember the National Headquarters gets \$3 per phone and \$1 per ink jet cartridge, the county gets credit for what we ship. The money is divided between 3 funds, NEF, Legacy Memorial Scholarship and the Children's Miracle Network. These are all good funds to raise money for.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The 344th Combat Support Hospital has Ft. Totten, they returned in the beginning of June.

We are starting to collect and sort out items for the 310 MP Group and them 25th Marine Regiment. Do not stop you efforts at the post level, we can provide you mailing addresses and a list of items to send. We will also accept donation of good and/or money for shipping and the County Organization will handle the packing and shipping. A member of the Carle Place Post #1718 has personally donated \$120 to the program. He does not want to be named. Let's follow his example and SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. Things to collect are toiletry items, snack foods, hard candy, white socks and writing items (such as, envelopes and paper). Bring the items to the county meetings. I would like to send out packages prior to Thanksgiving so that they have them for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Get the youth groups (scouts, school kids, etc.) to start making cards and we will forward them to the units.

ARMY AWARD CITATIONS:

Navy Secretary Donald C. Winter has approved a policy change that eliminates the wait Marines and Sailors endured in the past while certain nonvalor Army award citations were sent up the individuals' chain of command for approval by their parent service. Under the new policy, Marines and Sailors in a combat zone who earn awards such as Army Achievement Medals and Army Commendation Medals can pin them on immediately and send a copy of the citation to their service records. Awards such as the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and decorations for valor still must be approved by the parent service. [Source: Armed Forces News 28 Jul 06]

VETERANS LEGISLATION PENDING

H.R.4992: The 'Veterans Medicare Assistance Act of 2006' to provide for Medicare reimbursement for health care services provided to Medicare-eligible veterans in facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs. No new sponsors were added to this bill which has a total of 20. There are no other related bills. To support this bill and/or send a message to your Representative refer to http://capwiz.com/usdr/index_frame.dbq?url=-http://capwiz.com/usdr/issues/bills/?bill=8670-886

Note: The House of Representatives is out of session 31 July thru 3 Sept. The Senate is out of session 7 AUG thru 3 SEP. With members back home to campaign and meet with constituents, August is the perfect month to talk to your Congressman/woman and Senators. There are only 84 days until Election Day. Be sure you are registered to vote and make your vote count

SONS OF THE LEGION

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Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

SQUADRONS

#	NAME	MEMBERS
246	BALDWIN	32
304	MANHASSET	10
334	FLORAL PARK	20
421	CHARLES WAGNER	14
854	ANDREW FATSCHER	64
958	EAST ROCKAWAY	67
962	HOWARD VAN WAGNER	12
1033	ELMONT	130
1066	MASSAPEQUA	83
1082	EAST MEADOW MEM	16
1246	OCEANSIDE	27
1711	LEVITTOWN	41

If your Post is interested in starting a Sons Squadron contact one of the three Officers listed above for information or help.

