



# Nassau County Legionnaire



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## COMMANDERS REPORT

Joe Brunner

It was a busy month with installations and meetings and the National Convention.

Several problems occurred and they were all resolved by our County Staff.

I am dismayed by the lack of so many active posts County Representatives at our meetings on the fourth Friday of each month. If someone takes the job, they should at least show up to get the vital information discussed. These are not the greatest times for veterans with Albany wanting to tax pensions and so many others who think that veterans get too much.

Let's work together to get the information to every veteran. That's what we are here for! Our County Committees are doing their jobs but our Post's are not attending to get the information.

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## Judge Advocate's Report

Angelo Grande

A motion was passed at the County meeting to have all complaints or requests for information or assistance from the Judge Advocate should be in writing and submitted directly to me.

I have been running around investigating rumors of post closings and problems that prove to be false. Don't listen to rumors, get facts and submit to me for investigation.

I attended a meeting at Post University about the Admiral Connolly Post along with Greg Faling, Division Commander and we will be meeting with them again to help them in any way we can.

## NOTICE

We have been informed that when you go to the polls in November that there will be an item on the back of every ballot asking if you want a State Constitutional Convention. Be sure to mark your ballot's NO answer as they want to tax pensions.

If you do not mark the NO box your vote will be counted as a YES!

## FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Al Ficalora, Commander

We started off the month on August 4th with the Veterans Ceremony at Eisenhower Park with a gala event featuring the Liberty Bells and Tony Orlando, including other entertaining "Do Wop" performers. Nassau County American Legion was well represented as usual.

We were, however, saddened by the passing of Past Department Vice Commander Bill Davison on August 15th. His viewing at Towers Funeral Home was attended and he was honored by many past and present Veterans, family and friends.

On August 23rd, a military observance was held at Finch and Burns for the passing of Assemblyman Brian Currans Father. We honored Brian with a ceremony even though his father wasn't affiliated with either the American Legion or VFW. Brian's father was a WW-II combat soldier. Brian has always backed the veterans and had his Annual Luncheon honoring many of us here tonight.

On September 7th we have the MIA/POW Ceremony also at Eisenhower Park from 11:00 AM- 3PM, with a barbecue to follow the ceremony.

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## Veterans & Troop Supplies

Ken Cadieux

We moved a lot of equipment this month with three special motorized wheelchairs that cost \$46,000.00 for the three. They were special chairs for para-pelagic and they went to the VA at Northport. We also moved 20 Walkers, 18 Canes, 6 Shower benches, 3 Potty chairs, 3 Air purifiers, 3 nebulizer's, 2 wheelchairs and a host of other items that were all donated to us for vets. We also delivered food to several food pantries and needy families. We made our 4th trip out to Northport Day Care Nursery and the Challenged Children's Center with Toys and stuffed animals. Great Job By all of you, we couldn't do it without our members and Auxiliary Units.

Remember ... If you hear of anyone wanting to donate items to the vets, ask them to call me to see if we can use them or if we know of anyone who might need them.

## THIRD DIVISION REPORT

GREGORY FALING – COMMANDER

Welcome to Membership Year 2017/2018. Now that all membership cards, roster are in the hands of all 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Posts, member dues should be starting to be received. Regular remittances to American Legion Department in Albany should be done regularly.

On the same subject of membership dues, on each Post Roster that accompanied the membership cards, there is a column near the right side of the form that indicates who in your Post that is a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Member. Membership Cards for PUFL Members are sent directly those members. A \$1.50 remittance to Nassau County American Legion for each PUFL Member. That \$1.50 per PUFL Member should be sent to the Phil Strehl, County Membership Officer, 34 Matthew Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735 or bring it with you when you attend monthly meetings of the Nassau County American Legion Committee, the last Friday each month at Malverne Post 44.

The directory for the Nassau County Committee, The American Legion is now being compiled. This directory when completed will be distributed to all American Legion Post in Nassau County. To assure accuracy, all Post Commanders should review their section to make sure it reflects the correct Post Officers, County Representative, contact telephone numbers and email mail addresses, so that County Staff have accurate information if they have to contact YOUR POST.

Nassau Fund Raffle tickets should be in the hands of the Post Commander, or the Post Representative for distribution. Remember this program is a major fund-raising activity for the Nassau County American Legion Committee. If you need further information regarding this program, do not hesitate to contact me at the cell number below.

The Department Commanders Visit is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Pompeii Restaurant West Hempstead, NY 6:30pm – 10pm. Ticket information and reservation has been sent each Post Commander for their needed action.

This years' County Legislative Breakfast will be hosted by: Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596, Saturday September 30, 2017 @ 9:00am. Donation is \$20.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to Nassau County Committee American Legion and earmarked "Legislative Breakfast" and mailed no later than Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> to: PCC Reginald Butt, Jr., 93 Simcoe Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771-2207. Phone (H) 516-922-7135 or Cell 516-512-0244.

Recruiting new post members is an on-going effort. Please consider all resources available to each Post Member for this task.

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

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### James N. McLean Memorial Library

Due to the death of Bill Davison, and I as co-chair of the Library Committee, I have taken over the great job done by Bill. He really loved this project and worked very hard to make it work. I will keep up the contact with Hofstra. I will be looking for a list of items that we purchased with the donations made by the Post's and I will report on them in the County Legionnaire each Month.

I received some checks from Bill's son that were from May & June and I took them over to Hofstra on Tuesday of this week to get them processed. So if you made a donation and you have not gotten your check back yet let me know and I will find out what happened to it.

I have new envelopes with my return address for any future donations to the Library and I will see that they are quickly processed and I will try to let you know what is purchased with the donations that are made.

I will list all donations in the Legionnaire so all can see that a donation was made.

I received two additional checks from the Howard Van Wagner Post in memory of:

**Louis J. Noon and Alfred Hoppe.**

Ken Cadieux 516-238-7001  
121 Powell Avenue, kencadieux@optonline.net  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Phil Strehl, Membership Officer

As of mail call, Thursday, August 24th, I have received transmittal forms for just over 900 members, including 9 new ones from just 19 posts. I'm sure there are more out there. Only 3 posts have sent me their PUFL checks for \$1.50 per member. I'll make a deal with those posts with only one or two PUFL's. I know it's a pain to make our a check for a dollar or two, so send me forever stamps, three for each PUFL member and I will make up the difference. Just put them in with your next transmittal form, loose, do not stick them.

Remember my home address is:

34 Matthew Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735 or  
My Post address is: American Legion Post 449  
P.O. Box 4000, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Any questions, call (516) 420-8584

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### Legislative Breakfast

Reginald Butt, Jr. PCC

This year's Legislative Breakfast will be held on Saturday morning 30 September 2017, at the Williston Post #144 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY.

Letters were sent to all Posts, all Past County Commanders, County Staff, County Auxiliary President and County SAL Commander.

This is a working breakfast and the Legislators will make their presentation while the breakfast is served. Breakfast will be eggs, bacon, sausage, potato, rolls with coffee cake, coffee, tea and orange juice.

The cutoff date for tickets or reservations is 18 September 2017. There will be a raffle and bottles of liquor are requested as donation to the raffle.

This breakfast is tasked with raising \$800, your help by attending will be greatly appreciated. Good attendance shows our legislators that we are concerned about veterans' affairs.



## LEGISLATIVE

### S-798 Yellow Ribbon Improvement Act

Introduced in March, the bill would eliminate out-of-pocket costs for children or spouses eligible for the FRY Scholarship. The Fry Scholarship gives 100% Post 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to the children and spouses of fallen service members.

H.R. 1379     S.882

Purple Heart G.I. Bill Act, which would grant full G.I. Bill eligibility to Purple Heart recipients regardless of their time on active duty.

H.R. 2068     S.667

The Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act which would ensure Guardsmen and Reservists who are called to active duty receive the same benefits as their active duty counterparts.

H.R. 2068

The Department of Veterans Affairs Education Relief and Restoration Act of 2017, which ensures those using the G.I. Bill would have their benefits restored if the school they are attending abruptly closes.

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### American Legion Military Ball

On Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:30PM, the Victor Murtha Post 972 of the American Legion will be celebrating its 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary with an elegant Military Ball at Temple Avodah located at 3050 Oceanside Road in Oceanside, New York.

The Ball will feature military pomp, a cocktail hour, a gourmet dinner, lavish desserts and dancing. If you would like to attend the ball, the cost is \$90 per person and checks can be sent to:

AMERICAN LEGION - Ball Committee

VICTOR MURTHA POST 972

P.O. Box 97, Long Beach, NY 11561.

For more information on the Ball or taking an ad in the Ball Journal please, call 516-395-3293.

## Service Officer Report by Ed Aulman

August 25, 2017

The United Veterans Beacon House is having their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Salute Gala. Date: October 5, 2017 Time: 6:30pm Location Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park Tickets call: [www.UVBH.com](http://www.UVBH.com)

Long Island Veterans are waiting for a decision from Gov. Andrew Cuomo to legalize Marijuana for treatment of PTSD. The treatment is not recommended on the national level but it is supported by many veterans.

VAMC is having a Stand Down for Vets at Risk of Homelessness and Homeless Veterans Fri. Sept. 29, 2017 from 10AM to 2pm. Transportation question call 631-261-4400 x 6213

The VA chief of animal experimentation at the Richmond Medical Center said they are not using puppies in experiments. Dr. Michael Fallon said that puppies were not used in animal experiment. Information from the VA to congress says dozens for puppies were used in experiments. Experiments include induced extra abnormal heart beats, premature ventricular contractions, atrial fibrillation, cardiac arrhythmia. A Democratic and Republican Congresspersons have introduced legislation to make experimentation illegal but some say that dog research provides hope to veterans that are suffering from serious spinal cord injuries among other debilitating injuries.

Former service members with Other than Honorable discharges are now eligible for emergency mental health care and 90 day follow up for inpatient or outpatient care. Call 1-800-273-8255 x1

Girl Scouts of Nassau County are inviting all vets to a "Thank You" party November 10, 2017 at the Museum of American Armor, Old Bethpage 1303 Round Swamp Rd. Old Bethpage from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Refreshments will be provided

Brachytherapy is a procedure that is a one day therapy versus a up to nine-week beam radiation. Richmond VAMC says they have better results than the beam therapy. Brachytherapy is not available at Northport.

Congress passed a 3-billion-dollar expansion of GI Bill including remove the 15-year limit when recipients can use their education benefits. This is only for new enlistees.

Cardiac Catheterization is a procedure tells you how well the heart is working. Radial catheterization a flexible catheter is inserted into the wrist. Femoral catheterization go into the groin. If you need that kind of operation ask for the VA Medical Center in NYC not Northport.

Employment Veterans Day at Huntington Resource Center Friday, October 13, 2017 10am-3pm. Veterans looking for jobs should check this out.

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

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### Veterans Rehabilitation

Mary Norris

#### Preparation for Upcoming Legion Year at Building 92

With the *Legionnaire* Newsletter going digital as of July, we thought it was necessary to mail a copy of this year's full Team schedule to each Post, and highlight their month/date. Along with the schedule, a letter encouraging Post to make the trip out to Building 92 and how their participation provides sustainability for the Day at the Races program were outlined.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday date and Team Schedule for Legion year 2017-2018 is as follows, with a couple adjustments:

September 9 – Starting time @ Bldg. 92 is 1:30pm

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Glen Cove #76                 | Lawrence/Cedarhurst # 339 |
| Lynbrook #335                 | Uniondale #1487           |
| William Bradford Turner # 265 |                           |

All Post are encouraged to come out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday between September through May, regardless of when they are scheduled, and brighten the afternoon of veterans who call Building 92 their home.

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program

Post Teams Schedule 2017 – 2018

Subject to Change by request

Team # 1 – September 9, 2017

GLEN COVE #76  
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339  
LYNBROOK # 335  
UNIONDALE # 1487  
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER # 265

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Team # 2 – October 14, 2017

EUGENE S. SMITH # 175  
FRANKLIN SQUARE # 1014  
MINEOLA MEMORIAL # 349  
ROBERT VAN COTT # 1139  
VICTOR MURTHA # 972  
WILLISTON # 144  
GOMILLION CAMPBELL #1488

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Team # 3 – November 11, 2017

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



Team #4 – December 9, 2017

BELLMORE # 944  
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449  
ISLAND PARK #1029  
CATHEDRAL POST #1087  
MALVERNE #44  
NASSAU POLICE #1050  
MERRICK # 1282

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Team #5 – January 13, 2018

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

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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

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Team # 8 – April 14, 2018

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

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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.

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**NEWLY ELECTED  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
DENISE ROHAN**

**NASSAU COUNTY SALUTE TO VETERANS - EISENHOWER PARK**



Betty Harms (shown second from left in center picture) is a member of the American legion Ladies Auxiliary in Seaford and a resident of Massapequa. Betty has been serving the veterans community for many years and continues to be a leader advocate for all fundraisers and events. She has collected thousands of items including clothing, shoes, non-perishable food, handicapped equipment and diapers for children. For needy veterans, she is a constant presence and volunteer at the Nassau County Veterans Stand Down Events every year. she has donated her time and collection efforts for Beacon House, the VA Hospital East Northport, the Vet2Vet Peer Program and the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency.

(Left) Nassau County Ladies Auxiliary.

(Right) Nassau County Commander & Color Guard

(Pictures by James Randle)

**DATES TO REMEMBER - 2017**

|      |    |   |          |
|------|----|---|----------|
| SEPT | 3  | UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION                          | 9:30 AM  |
|      | 4  | LABOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !                               |          |
|      | 10 | LINCMO MEETING - L.I. NATIONAL , FARMINGDALE              | 11:30 AM |
|      | 12 | DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISITATION TO NASSAU COUNTY         | 6:30 PM  |
|      | 22 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST                   | 7:30 PM  |
|      |    | COUNTY MEETING  | 8:00 PM  |
|      | 30 | LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AT WILLISTON POST 44                | 9:00 AM  |
| OCT  | 1  | MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP - Wm Merritt Hallock Post, Ronkonkoma | 9:00 AM  |
|      | 14 | QUEENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE B'FAST - O'CONNELL POST         | 9:00 AM  |
|      | 24 | 10th DISTRICT MEETING - MALVERNE POST 44                  | 8:00 PM  |
|      | 27 | COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - MALVERNE POST                   | 7:30 PM  |
|      |    | COUNTY MEETING  | 8:00 PM  |
|      | 28 | SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATIVE B'FAST - ROSY BOHM POST        | 9:00 AM  |
| NOV  | 5  | UVO VERERANS DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK              | 10:30 AM |
|      | 5  | L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY VETS DAY SERVICE                   | 1:30 PM  |
|      | 7  | ELECTION DAY! GET OUT AND VOTE !                          |          |
|      | 23 | HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL !                               |          |

IN MEMORY OF  
 WILLIAM DAVISON, PDVC  
 PAST COUNTY COMMANDER  
 1991 - 1992

