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COMMANDER'S REPORT

The Consolidated Post reports from Department of New York were received. These will be sent out shortly to all posts. It is imperative that once received, you completely fill out and return to the County Adjutant, Joseph Brunner, no later than May 22, 2017. You should keep a copy for your files.

If you plan on running for a County Office, please note the following caucus information:

1st Division - March 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Baldwin Post #246

2nd Division - March 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Levittown Post #1711

3rd Division - March 4, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Glenwood Landing Post #336

Thanks to all those who attended the Military Ball, and those who gave their time to make this occasion a great success. We had a great turn out. A special thank you to Frank Colon who chaired the event.

We plan on touring the Northport VA Hospital in early March. If you have any concerns, now will be the time to let me know so these can be relayed to Department.

Our National Commander's visit is scheduled for April 7, 2017. Please contact Bob Guaneri for tickets if you plan on attending.

Frank Neal, Nassau County Commander

FIRST DIVISION REPORT AL FICALORA COMMANDER

FEBRUARY WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR THE FIRST DIVISION. ON FEB. 1st I ATTENDED THE 4 CHAPLAINS CEREMONY AT THE BALDWIN POST. IN ATTENDANCE WERE CLERGY, COAST GUARDMEN, POLITICIANS, AS WELL AS CHANNEL 12 NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM THE HERALD NEWS.

ON FEB. 5th, I ATTENDED THE ANNUAL COUNTY 4 CHAPLAINS CEREMONY AT THE NORTH COUNTY REFORM TEMPLE IN GLEN COVE. WE MET ONE OF THE SAILORS WHO CAME TO THE RESCUE OF THE MEN ON THE DORCHESTER.

ON FEB. 18th I ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MILITARY BALL AT LEONARDS OF GREAT NECK. IT WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL AND MOVING AFFAIR. ATTENDANCE BY 350 PEOPLE MADE IT THE BIGGEST BALL IN YEARS. THE FOOD WAS GREAT ANDEVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME.

LAST NIGHT, ON FEB. 22nd, COMMANDER FRANK NEAL AND I ATTENDED THE LAW AND ORDER NIGHT AT THE MALVERNE POST 44. THE MALVERNE POLICE, DETECTIVES, FIREMEN, EMT'S AND 4 EAGLE SCOUTS WERE HONORED. THE RECIPIENTS WERE HONORED WITH PLAQUES AND WRITTEN COMMENDATIONS.

TOWN SUPERVISOR ANTHONY SANTINO AND THE MAYOR OF MALVERNE DELIVERED SPEECHES THAT WERE VERY CONGRAULATORY AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE HONOREES.

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Phil Strehl, Commander

Attending the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony is always a rewarding occasion. We gathered to recognize the sacrifice of four men of faith, whose actions that night, February 3, 1943, aboard the sinking ship, Dorchester, exemplifies the meaning of heroism. The giving of life vests to others that they may survive, without regard for their own safety. Thanks to Post 336, Glen Cove and our Chaplain Ralph Casey and County Commander Frank Neal whose comments rounded out the ceremony.

Thanks to the Franklin Square Post for getting back on track on membership. Sometimes it's rough. We at the Post level should be Dentists as we are always pulling teeth to get the last few late dues recorded, Thanks Again !

The Commanders Night / Military Ball held on Saturday, February 18th was well attended at Leonards of Great Neck. Concerns for PCC Frank Colon's health issues were made aware to all on Sunday. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Second Division Caucus is set for March 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the levittown Post. Notices have been mailed out. My Nomination for Membership Officer has been made by my Post, Hugh C. Newman III Memorial Post 449, Farmingdale

THIRD DIVISION REPORT
GREGORY FALING – COMMANDER

Target dates for submission of membership dues to NATIONAL (not Department) to be recorded by the following dates: (Post submissions should consider transmit time though Department)

<u>Date due to National</u>	<u>Posts should be at</u>
April 12, 2017	95%
May 10, 2017	100%

Post Commanders and Membership Personnel should be concentrating their energies to assure that dues payments received in the Post are sent to the Department in Albany regularly don't wait until you collect many to send forward. It appears that a couple of Posts within the 3rd Division are not following this procedure. If assistance is needed in processing membership dues received, do not hesitate to contact me at 516-503-1225.

Remember recruiting new members to join your Posts is an on-going effort. Please consider all resources available to each Member for this task.

Post CPR (Consolidated Post Record) PDF forms are now available on-line via NY Legion.net. These forms can be sent via e-mail to Department as they are completed.

The 3rd Division Caucus is scheduled for 4 March 2017, beginning promptly at 0900 at the Glenwood Landing Post, Glen Head Road, Glen Head, NY.

Our National Commanders Dinner is scheduled for 7 April 2017, 1900 – 2300, at Anton's Restaurant, Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY. Reservation information will be forth coming via The Nassau County Legionnaire and mail to Post Commanders.

Nassau County American Legion Convention is scheduled for June 3, 2017 @ 2100 hours and June 4, 2017 @ 0900 hours. More information to follow as becomes available.

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

THE 48TH ANNUAL NURSES
TRAINING BALL

DATE & TIME

Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:00-5:00 PM

PLACE

Malverne American Legion Post #44
240 Franklin Avenue
(South of the Southern State Parkway)
Malverne, NY 11565
516-599-8645

***** MENU *****

Chicken Dinner with Trimmings
Free Beer and Soda - Coffee & Cake
Wine and Mixed Drinks at Legion Prices
Music & Dancing
Car Fare \$25.00 per person

*****For

Questions or Information Contact:

Frank Colon, Jr.
85 Cleveland Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11570



BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

This Year's Boys State Program will run from 25 June 2017 thru 01 July 2017. The price for Boys State will remain the same, \$450. As of the writing of this report I have only received 3 checks. You should be interviewing your boys and Have them start completing the applications. Also, please send me the checks for the number of boys you are sending to the program. I need to know how many boys I can expect as I have boys waiting for sponsors. If your post is not interviewing a boy or two and you want to sponsor a boy sent me a check, if you cannot afford the \$450 can you please make a donation to the program. The cutoff date to have all completed forms back to me is April 7, 2017, I must have all applications to the Department by the close of business on 14 April 2017. Any applications arriving at the Department after that date will be assessed an additional \$150 per applications. Also, this year the Physical form on the Boys State Website is the only form that is authorized this year. Last year they could staple the school physical or an insurance physical to the Boys State form. There were many problems last year so only one form will be accepted this year. The web site is up and running, if you or the boy(s) you select need help have them contact me. The county quota is 50 boys please help kept this worthwhile program running.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have about 150 cell phones, 30 that I had and over 100 that I picked up from Ralph Esposito. Ralph is a member of the Elmont Post #1033. The recycling center has been informed and is awaiting me to tell them how many shipping labels I need. The phones will be shipped out this coming week. The recycling center accepts the following devices: smartphones, cell phones, handheld gaming systems, tablets, i-pods and i-pads as well as any chargers or accessories that come with these devices. They can no longer accept laptops, portable CD players/drives or digital cameras.

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.

VAV's Report FOR 2/24/2017

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

Donation as of 2/24/ 2017

NONE 000000000000000000000000

TOTAL FOR 2016 -2017 \$1470

PLEASE DONATE as ever little bit helps:

DO NOT MAKE CHECK OUT

TO THE COUNTY AS IT

WILL NOT GET TO VETs

Make the check to: -

VAV's Executive Board

&

Mail it to Vic Pres of Exc. Board

Robert Reahl, PCC

69 Hope Drive

Plainview, NY 11803-5646

Legislative Program

Reginald Butt, Jr. PCC

The Legislative Chairman and the County Commander will be attending Hill Day on 6 & 7 March 2017. The meeting will be held on 6 Mar 2017 at the Desmond Hotel and the Breakfast on 7 Mat in the Legislative Building in Albany. I do not have any information if anyone else in planning to attend. Please let me know if you will be attending Hill Day.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

REGINALD BUTT, JR.

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee met in the beginning of the month (mailed information and talked to members for their input) and the topic was SOP's 5 & 6 which the committee agreed they were good as written. The committee Chairman notified PCC Tony Paternostro that the committee was in favor of the SOP's

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

Dennis C. Dietrich

As of February 24 , 2017 Nassau County Membership was at 86.42%. By February 3, 2017 all Posts should be at 85%. By March 6, 2017 all should be at 90%.

Nassau County is in 44 place for NYS. with 86.42% and 10th Div is in 7 place with 86.41 %.

All Posts should be sending in their membership transmittal forms as soon as possible. To receive credit faster for your Post you can send the transmittal forms to the State by regular mail.

Please send in your PUFL's as soon as you can. Send \$1.50 for each PUFL member to me @ 1414 Amend Drive, North Merrick, NY, 11566. Make checks out to Nassau County American Legion, Earmark PUFL's.

The Following Post have outstanding PUFL'S,
Merrick 8, Lawrence-Cedarhurst 13,
Andrew Fatscher 9, Aviators Post 15,
Uniondale 1, William Clinton Story 1,
Levittown 3, Hempstead 1,
Gomillion- Campbell 1, Mineola Memorial 2,
Charles A Fowler, Jr. 1, Nassau Police 1

If you need forms you can download them from NYLegion.net.

If you need anything, please call me at 917-699-0603.

National Consumer Protection Week

National Consumer Protection Week, March 5-11, 2017, is a time when consumer protection groups and others come together to help people understand their rights, make well-informed decisions about money, and spot scams. For resources to help plan an event or spread the word, visit ncpw.gov. Need consumer education materials for your event? Order free copies at ftc.gov/bulkorder.

February 11, 2017 Day at the Races

Our visit to building 92 started out a little slow with resident attendance. The regular participants we can count on one hand. After a couple of sweeps of the facility by Commander Brady and members of Post 1711, the numbers improved. Cub Scout Pack 406 from Maplewood School in Huntington was also on hand to help-out. All in all, we ended up with 23 residents/patients for the afternoon.

Veteran Services' trip in January was cancelled due to illness. Letters have been sent to Post scheduled to come out in January, asking them to come out on the 2nd Saturday during the last 3 months (March, April, or May) this Legion year.

A number of elementary schools made "Valentines" for our veterans out at Northport. A thank you letter and certificate of appreciation will be sent to each school.

The following Post are scheduled to come out to Northport in March:

Team #7 - Please be at Bldg. 92 by 1:30pm on March 11th

Charles Wagner Post #421 Hugh C. Newman III #449 Manhasset #304

Quentin Roosevelt #4 Wantagh #1273

Any Post who cannot come out when scheduled, you're invited to help on the 2nd Saturday of each month between September through May.

[Robert Cafici PTSD Awareness Benefit for the VAC](#)

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 2017 5:30pm – 9:30pm

WHERE: Mulcahy’s Pub & Concert Hall, 2323 Railroad Ave, Wantagh

COST: \$60 (over 21), \$35 (for under 21), children under 6 are Free.

On April 29th 2017, the 6th Annual Robert Cafici PTSD Benefit, to be held at Mulcahy’s Pub in Wantagh, will allow the Long Island community to remember Robert and all of those like him who have struggled and lost. But the brighter side of this benefit event is that it is also a day of hope in which awareness of those who still struggle in their own minds is brought to the forefront. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is all around us, and Boots on the Ground NY is committed to ensuring that our Heroes receive the help they need. The funds raised by this event will help BOTG-NY continue to expand programs directed at raising community awareness and direct veteran support, including anonymous veteran support groups, the maintenance of our Veteran Activity Center (The VAC), which serves as a place for veterans to find the camaraderie of their peers in a healthy environment, and our veteran outreach programs, such as our food pantry and furniture program.

Boots on the Ground NY and the family of Robert Cafici invite you to join us as we remember Robert and actively work for a brighter tomorrow. \$60 for tickets and at the door, open bar & top of the line buffet. A portion of ticket costs are tax deductible. There is also a huge chinese auction of great items, and a special auction of patriotic artwork made by our own BOTGNY Veterans. A 50/50 style raffle that goes on sale in February and becomes quite a large amount. See Directors or Board Member for raffle tickets.

All proceeds go towards assisting Veterans coping with PTSD. BOTG-NY maintains a Veterans Activity Center which offers group meetings and sanctuary for Veterans. The building also houses all Boots on the Ground NY programs, including care packages processing, food pantries, and open houses for Veterans of all eras. The VAC as it’s commonly called is known as the place “where Veterans come together”. In November of 2014 the group room was named in Honor & Memory of Robert. The building was opened in April of 2013. Robert Cafici was a Marine Combat Veteran who lost the battle with PTSD on December 18th, 2007. In 2012 his discharge was rightfully upgraded to an Honorable Discharge. In April of 2012 he was given Full Military Honors at his Memorial marker in Farmingdale. This is his legacy. We appreciate your support!

[Consolidated Post Report Form Now Available](#)

The 2016-2017 Consolidated Post Report form is now available on the Department website on the [Resources page](#).

The PDF form is fillable when opened in [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) (free).

Post officers should fill it out and return it to Department headquarters.

THINK BEFORE YOU DONATE!

<p>The American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' Salary for the year was \$651,957 Plus expenses</p>	<p>MARCH OF DIMES It is called the March of Dimes because Only a dime for Every 1 dollar is given to the Needy.</p>	<p>The United Way President Brian Gallagher Receives a \$375,000 base salary Along with numerous expense benefits.</p>	<p>UNICEF CEO Caryl M. Stern Receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k Per month) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. Less than 5 Cents of your donated dollar goes to the Cause.</p>	<p>GOODWILL CEO and owner Mark Curran Profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a Very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business And then he sells the items for PROFIT. He pays nothing For his products and pays his workers minimum wage! Nice Guy. \$0.00 goes to Help anyone! Stop giving to this Man.</p>
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PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL DO SOME GOOD:

<p>The Salvation Army Commissioner, Todd Bassett Receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for Managing this \$2 billion dollar Organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go To the cause.</p>	<p>The American Legion National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary. Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>
<p>The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary. Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>Make a Wish: For children's last Wishes. 100% goes to funding trips or Special wishes for a dying child.</p>	<p>St. Jude Research Hospital 100% goes towards funding and Helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and Cannot afford to pay.</p>	<p>Ronald McDonald Houses All monies go to running The houses for parents who have critically ill Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding The families.</p>	<p>Lions Club International 100% OF DONATIONS GO TO HELP THE BLIND, BUY HEARING AIDES, SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. THEIR LATEST UNDERTAKING IS MEASLES VACCINATIONS (ONLY \$1.00 PER SHOT).</p>



Malverne Post 44

AMERICAN LEGION



Atlantic City

Bus Trip

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Franklin Ave. & Legion Pl,

**Arrival Time: 8:15 AM – Free Parking, rolls, bagels, donuts
& coffee before departure.**

Enjoy a relaxing round trip ride to Atlantic City

Caesar's Casino in a Comfortable Coach Bus with movie & games

Price \$40.00 per person

Receive \$30.00 gaming voucher on arrival

Make checks to: American Legion Post #44

PO Box 44, Malverne, NY 11565

Must Call by: March 27, 2017 to reserve a seat,

Early birds get the seats!

For Reservation Call

Bob Guarneri at 483-5631

John Hassett at 887-7473

Nassau County Rehabilitation Program
Post Teams Schedule 2016 – 2017

Team #7 – March 11, 2017
CHARLES WAGNER POST #421
HUGH C. NEWMAN III #449
MANHASSET #304
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
WANTAGH # 1273

Team # 8 – April 8, 2017
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
FLORAL PARK # 334
HEMPSTEAD # 390
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
NORTH BELLMORE POST #1749
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342
HOWARD VAN WAGNER POST

Team # 9 – May 13, 2017
CARLE PLACE # 1718
CHARLES A. FOWLER # 160
EDWIN WELCH, JR. # 1132
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
LAWRENCE/CEDARHURST #339

DONATIONS NEEDED

THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY IS ONCE AGAIN LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO HELP PAY FOR THE PATCHES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO FLAG THE GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND PICK THEM UP AGAIN THE FOLOWING WEEK.

THESE CHILDREN FLAG OVER 267,000 GRAVES IN A LITTLE OVER 3 HOURS. THE COST OF THESE PATCHES RUNS OVER \$2,500.00 AS OVER 5000 ARE GIVEN OUT EACH YEAR, THE DATE, LETTERING AND BORDER COLOR ARE CHANGED. EACH YEAR WE ASK THE VETERAN COMMUNITY FOR DONATIONS TO PAY FOR THESE PATCHES.

WE ALSO FEED AND PROVIDE DRINKS FOR THEM AFTER THEY HAVE FINISHED

MAKE ALL CHECK OUT TO LINCMO,
AND SEND TO ME:
KEN CADIEUX, CHAIRMAN
121 POWELL AVENUE
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

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 THE OPERATING COSTS. IF NOT ATTENDING, SEND A CHECK FOR \$100 TO COUNTY.

[VA Secretary Shulkin among Notable Speakers at the American Legion's Washington Conference](#)

WASHINGTON—([BUSINESS WIRE](#))—Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin will speak at The American Legion's 58th annual Washington Conference during a Commander's Call event on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Washington Hilton – International Ballroom Center in Washington, D.C.

Other government dignitaries who will also be speaking include U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Forces; U.S. Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN), chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and U.S. Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The Commander's Call will take place from 8 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. inside the Washington Hilton's International Ballroom East & Center. This event will be broadcast live on www.legion.org.

[About The American Legion](#)

With a current membership of over 2 million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 13,000 posts across the nation.

American Flags by American Legion



Right Price. Right Purpose.



Each USA-made flag purchased from The American Legion gives financial support to American Legion programs that give help to veterans and military families in need.

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

MAR	2	1st DIVISION CAUCUS - BALDWIN POST 246	7:00 PM
	4	3RD DIVISION CAUCUS - GLENWOOD LANDING POST	9:00 AM
	9	2ND DIVISION CAUCUS - LEVITTOWN POST	7:00 PM
	12	LINC MO MEETING 11:30 AM - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS	11:30 AM
	17	ST PATRICKS DAY !	
	24	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM
APRIL	2	UVO MEETING - CRADLE OF AVIATION	9:30 AM
	9	L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY MEETING FARMINGDALE	11:30 AM
	28	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - HEMPSTEAD POST	7:30 PM
		COUNTY MEETING	8:00 PM



DECLARED CANDIDATES

JOSEPH BRUNNER - COMMANDER	MALVERNE POST 44	FIRST DIVISION
AL FIGALORA - 1ST DIVISION COMMANDER	BALDWIN POST 246	FIRST DIVISION
2ND DIVISION COMMANDER		
GREG FAILING - 3RD DIVISION COMMANDER	CHARLES WAGNER POST	3RD DIVISION
BOB GUARINERI - ADJUTANT	MALVERNE POST 4	FIRST DIVISION
CARL MARCHESE - TREASURER	MINEOLA MEMORIAL	3RD DIVISION
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	CONNOLLY POST	3RD DIVISION

GET YOUR DELEGATES LISTS INTO THE COUNTY ADJUTANT OR YOUR POST MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR NOMINATE ANY CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.