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COMMANDERS REPORT

Robert Reahl

I like to thank all the Legionaries, Auxiliary and S. A. L. members that show up to volunteer at The Veterans Stand Down at the Freeport Armory on November 20th 2006. The American Legion Family had a nice turn out.

Note to All Posts remember the National dues increases of \$4.50 goes into affect on Dec. 30, 2006. You must have any dues money you have received sent into to the Dept of NY with a post mark no later then 12/30/2006.

So it is best you send them by FIRST CLASS Mail so they have a Post mark as the prepaid Dept membership envelopes go Bulk Class mail and do not get a post mark and can take 2 weeks or more to get there.

If you do not get them in on time your Post will be responsible for the \$4.50 increase on each member submitted.

I like Thank two more Posts for having reached 100 % or better in Membership, they are Charles A. Fowler, Jr Post # 160 and Joe Murphy Post # 1957.

For Memorial Day Services where Post like Hempstead Post # 390 who place Flags on Veterans graves at local Cemeteries in their area they can now get Flags from Nassau County Veterans Service Agency contact the Director Edward Aulman 516 572- 8452.

The American Legion members turn out for Veterans Day Services at Eisenhower Park and L.I. National Cemetery on November 5th was very poor.

The Auxiliary and S. A. L. had a good showing.

I'd like to thank all the County Color Guard Members from The American Legion, Auxiliary and S. A. L. for attending this special day in remembrances of our fellow veterans.

I wish you all;

A Merry Christmas

A Happy Hanukkah

And

A Happy and Healthy New Year

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

JOHN RADIN

With Thanksgiving passed, we head into our spirited holiday season. I know we are deluged with business, organizational, and religious commitments, but I implore you to please save some energy to help your post meet its membership obligations. Records show that we are currently around the 75% area, but it's the last 10% that befall most post, and thus we must really push and push hard this last month of the year to attain that annual goal of 100%. A further reminder that your membership forms should be post marked no later than the end of the month to be eligible for the old rate prior to the \$4.50 increase.

During my post visits, a couple of Legion questions were asked, and the questions and answers are as follows:

1. How do the posts get their numbers? -- They are assigned as the charter is awarded wherever the post may be located within the state.
2. Can a new citizen be a member of the American Legion? --Yes, as long as he served in the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorary discharge.

I have four more posts in the First Division to visit. If they have questions, please prepare them for the meeting. Again, for those posts that I have already visited, you can either get me on the next go-round or call me at 516-431-5192.

Finally, I still have a few complimentary tickets available to The Michael Amonte "Salute to the Veterans" at the North Fork Theater (Old Westbury Theater) on December 10, 2006, at 3:00 PM. Any questions, please call me at the above phone number. Enjoy all your holidays and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! !

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Frank Colon, Commander

First, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I would like to thank the Floral Park and Aviation Posts for having me at their dinner functions. Membership: There are a few posts who are behind the curve and I would like to meet with their Commanders to see if assistance is needed in reaching the 100% goal. I am still visiting posts and am looking forward to meeting everyone in the division.

THIRD DIVISION REPORT

Howard Liebman, Commander

Membership continues to be our main thrust. To this end, Ned Johnson, County Membership Officer, will accompany me on some Post visits. When I contact some Posts, I hear numbers which sound good; however, these numbers mean nothing until the Transmittal Forms are received. Most Posts are doing well, with two exceeding 100%. We want to help the few Posts that are behind, please let us do so. It begins by promptly returning a call when I leave a message.

Legionnaire of the Year

John Marino PCC

This month I received one resume for a candidate for County Legionnaire of the year. I realize that during the coming Holidays, everyone's thoughts turn family and celebrating Christmas and New Year's, but may I remind you that, at your Post there is at least one legionnaire that during the holidays is putting up decorations and making the preparations for those special events that each Post may have during the holiday season. Don't let your Post and members down. Please remember, the best way to honor a member of your post is to submit his or her resume. I'm looking forward to receiving your candidate to honor your Post and the individual of your choice after the New Year. Thanking you in advance.

Military Ball

Anthony L. Paternostro, PCC Chairman

The Military Ball this year will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007, at the Stuart Thomas Manor, 2143 Boundary Avenue, Farmingdale, New York. Cocktails will be at 6:00 PM, with dinner and pageant from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

As reported under the Finance Committee Report, the county will be covering the cost of the distinguished guests. This allowed me to lower the price from \$50.00 to \$46.00 per person. This is the best I can do, and still be able to make the amount asked for in the County Budget. With the drop in price I have to sell 254 tickets to do this. I am in hope that the Post of the County will support this function as they have in previous years, without me having to beg.

I have distributed letters tonight with all the information on the change in the price. If you did not receive one for your Post please see me after the meeting.

Remember to fill in the pageant information form, and return it with your check. This must be sent back so that we can formulate the program. For those not here tonight, their letters will be in the mail tomorrow.

We both hope that we will have a great turnout for this function.

Memorial Luncheon November 2006

William Davison, PCC Library Chairman

The Memorial Library luncheon that is hosted by Hofstra University, Special Collections, for those who contribute to the program was held and a good time was had by all.

The awards for this year were given in their proper categories to Franklin Square Post #1014, Carle Place #1718 and Williston Post #144. County Commander, Bob Reahl opened our program with the proper ceremony. Our guest speaker was Assemblyman David McDonough.

Jeri Solomon, Special Collection Curator, spoke on some of the latest gifts to the Library. We were very fortunate and pleased to have a Legionnaire from Oceanside Post #1246 who contributed many artifacts from World War I. What a Treasure Chest.

Certificates were presented by this chairman, Jeri Solomon and the Jr. Past County Commander, Tom Riordan. Please continue your support with donations for this important Library.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman

The NEF is growing, so I would like to thank the following Posts: Malverne Post 44 and Mineola Memorial Post 349 for their contribution for a total to date has increased to \$1065. This is the time for giving so please think of helping the fund, so let's continue giving the largest donation you can so we can show that Nassau County is the Empire County.

Make your checks payable to Nassau County American Legion and earmark it NEF and send it to this Chairman at 3521 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793-3336.

The American Legion College of N. Y.

Ned Johnson

This years class will convene at Morrisville College in Madison County on June 15, 16, 17, 2007.

Applications will only be accepted until April 1, 2007 and only if accompanied with a check for the full tuition of \$175.00. There are only 100 seats for the entire state, during this this years session. First come first served.

Upon completion of this college, participants will have a better understanding of the programs, goals and mission of the American Legion.

Applications for this class can be found on the Departments website, nylegion.org, or you may reach me by phone at 516 352 3733.

Children & Youth
Willibe Wilson, Chairman

I have on hand some brochures and flyers that describe the programs and activities of the American Legion.

These programs are adopted annually by the American Legion's National Commission on Children and Youths and design to demonstrate our commitment to the young people in each community and provide a message of hope to children everywhere.

From this list there are several problem areas which directly impact our young people on the National level. These areas of concern are Family Emphasis; Juvenile Delinquency Prevention; and Missing Children.

The tentative date for our Easter Party for the resident of SCO Family of Services, formerly St. Christopher Crtilie of Sea Cliff, New York is Saturday, April 7, 2007. More information is forthcoming.

My annual appeal letter asking for funds to cover the cost has been mailed, a long with some of the brochures and flyers.

I'd like to thank Howard A. Van Wagner Post 962 for there monetary gift. Before you known it will be time to full out the Consolidated Post Report Form.

And NOW is the time to record your children & Youth activities

Membership Report.
Ned Johnson, Membership Officer

The department has published the membership report as of November 14", The county is at 75.13%. We are exceeding our department goal, which is good. However, we are behind as a county on our historical performance. At this juncture of the year we should be at 80 -85%. Especially in a year where the dues are going to increase. The year end is in 38 days, so we need to really work on our potential stragglers. The posts will be liable for the new dues increase for transmittals in hand by Jan 2. 2007

You can find your post's membership percentage on the new county web site. Go to www.nassaulegion.org - bring up the homepage and click on the box "Links and Information., go toward the bottom of that page, and under the "Membership" heading click on "Latest Membership Report" Past County Commander Cadieux has the report automatically updated when ever the department issues a new membership report.

If your post is below the monthly membership quotas we need to bring you up to speed. We can help your post to attain your membership goals. Please contact your division commander or myself and invite us, we will be glad to share our experience and aid you in rounding up your membership.

A presentation of a Parker pen will be made to all Post Membership Officers who meet or exceed their County Goal

UPCOMING ORATORICAL CONTEST DATES-2007

Angel E. Soto, Chairman

The Nassau County Oratorical Contest preliminaries will be as follows:

Wednesday 3 January 2007 Malverne Post #44 snow date, January 2007.

Monday 8 January 2007 Wantagh Post #1273 snow date, Tuesday. 9, January 2007.

Wednesday 10 January 2007 Glenwood Landing Post #336 snow date, Thursday 11 January 2007.

All preliminaries will start at 2000 hours.

County Finals will be held on Saturday 13 January 2007 at 1000 hours. Elmont Post #1033 snow date, Tuesday January 16 2007 at 2000 hours.

The 10th District Contest will be held on Saturday 20 January 2007 snow date Saturday 3 February 2007 Oceanside Post #1246.

The Zone 2 Contest will be held on Saturday 10 February 2007, snow date Saturday 17 February 2007 at Hofstra University.

Department Contest will be held on Saturday 10 March 2007 snow date Saturday 17 March 2007 Sand Creek Middle School, Albany, New York.

If further information is needed I can be reached after the evening hours at home, 516 775 8049.

REHAB REPORT

Frank Colon, Chairman

First I would like to acknowledge the Glen Cove and Wantagh Posts for attending our October Day At The Races. The November Day At The Races was our best visit to date with five of the six posts attending. (The post that could not attend will visit Northport on December 9th at 2PM.) We had over 30 Legionnaires and Ladies Auxiliary members attend, along with 11 Boy Scouts and 4 adult leaders of Troop 577, sponsored by North Bellmore Post 1749. The veterans received over \$700 worth of toiletries. I guess my phoning the post's commanders worked. Thanks to everyone for a great day!!

The holidays are now upon us and I hope the December group will be just as involved as those in November. The December 9th teams are Nassau Police #1050, James A. Lyons #122, Elmont #1033, Malverne #44 and Merrick # 1282, along with Edwin Welch Jr. Post #8. Remember, if you cannot make it, please call me and submit your donation of \$100. Posts who do attend donate \$50. These donations are appreciated as they greatly defray the cost of thg event a&-wdLas go t",ar-d sundries If you have any questions, please contact me or Stu McKenny.

NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE

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NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION
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**Nassau County American
Legion Auxiliary Annual Holiday
Gift Shop at Northport VANC.**

On December 7th and 8th

**Contact Person Joan D. Klopfer
at 538 0841**

DATES TO REMEMBER

2006

Dec	2	Sat	Nassau County 40/8 Nurses Training Ball - A. Fatscher Post - Valley Stream
	3	Sun	L.I. National Cemetery Pearl Harbor Service 1:30 PM
	7	Wed	Pearl Harbor Services at Oyster Bay
		Wed	Pearl Harbor Services at Rockville Centre
	7-8		Nassau County Auxiliary Northport Gift Shop
	16	Sat	Happy Hanukkah !
	19	Tues	Nassau County Advisory Meeting at Edwin Welch, Jr. Post Seaford 8 PM
	21	Thurs	Happy Thanksgiving to All !
	22	Fri	Nassau County Meeting at Cathedral Post - W. Hempstead 8 PM
	25	Mon	Merry Christmas to All !

2007

Jan	1	Mon	Happy New Year to All !
	14	Sun	Testimonial Dinner For Tom Riordan at Wantagh Post 3 PM \$35.00 P.P.
	15	Mon	Martin Luther Kings Birthday - Fly your Flag !
	16	Tues	Nassau County Advisory Meeting - Edwin Welch Jr Post- Seaford 8 PM.
	19	Fri	Nassau County Meeting - Cathedral post - W. Hempstead 8 PM
	22	Mon	3rd Division Membership Meeting at Planview Post 8 PM.
	24	Wed	2nd Division Membership Meeting at North Bellmore Post 8 PM
	26-28		Mid-Winter Conference - Albany
	31	Wed	10th District Meeting - Ronkonkoma Post , Suffolk 8 PM



William Davison, Chairman, MacLean Memorial Library Special Collection M.C.'s the recent luncheon held at Hofstra for the supporters of the collection.

**NORTHPORT VETERANS HOSPITAL
WISH LIST.**

The Following items have been requested by Northport Hospital for the patients use. If you wish to contribute any of the items on the list or to make a contribution to help buy the items please contact:
Ken Cadieux - 536-3796

- UNDERWEAR- ASST SIZES
- SLIPPER SOX
- DENTURE TABS
- DENTURE ADHESIVE (FIXODENT)
- COMBS & HAIR BRUSHES
- SMALL AND MEDIUM TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- BAR SOAP - (IRISH SPRING, IVORY, ETC)
- SHAVING CREAM (LARGE & SMALL)
- SHAMPOO & BABY SHAMPOO
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT (POWDER)
- SCARVES, KNIT HATS, GLOVES
- SWEAT SHIRTS & SWEAT PANTS
- A 60 COP PERCOLATOR
- A 30 COP PERCOLATOR
- 10 MINUTE PHONE CARDS
- 15 MINUTE PHONE CARDS
- POSTAGE STAMPS
- NAIL CLIPPERS (LARGE & SMALL)*
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS*

IF YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL PLEASE GIVE ALL STARRED ITEMS TO THE CHARGE NURSE. PATIENTS ARE NOT TO RECEIVE THESE ITEMS.

***** WHEN VISITING ALL EXTENDED CARE RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOME CARE UNITS PLEASE SEE CHARGE NURSE FIRST. YOU CAN NOT HAND OUT ANY ITEM WITHOUT FIRST SEEING THE CHARGE NURSE.**

Directory Corrections

The following are corrections to the Nassau County Directory for 2006-2007.

Page 16 National Emergency Fund - Anthony Milito's Cell phone number should be 315-5913

Page 26 Merrick Post phone # changed to 521-6989

Page 31 Elmont Post Adjutant should be: Manuel Rodrigues 78 Hinsdale Avenue, Floral Park, N.Y. 11001 Phone # 270-2256 Cell # 850-9453



NATIONAL CEMETERY REPORT

Ken Cadieux, Rep

At the Veterans Day Services at Long Island National Cemetery on November 5, 2006 PCC William Ost presented the new digital bugle to the Deputy Director of LINC on behalf of the Nassau County American Legion and ALL Veterans Organizations. This bugle is to be kept at the Cemetery for use by any veterans group holding services on the cemetery grounds.

Also the 50 new flagpoles donated by various posts and veterans groups were dedicated and each pole bears the name of the donating organization on a metal band on each pole.

We are awaiting the plans for the new memorial garden to be constructed at L.I. National which will be built and maintained by the various veterans organizations of LINCMO.

**THIS
PAGE
IS THE
MEMBERSHIP
REPORT
FOUND
ON THE WEB SITE
UNDER MEMBERSHIP**

Flags for Memorial Day Graves

County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi has announced that beginning Memorial Day 2007, Nassau County veterans organizations wishing to place small American Flags on the graves of veterans can secure those flags from the Veterans Service Agency. Although the Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale provides the majority of gravesite flags for Memorial Day observances, shortages of flags was reported last year and no flags were available for veterans' graves in non-VA cemeteries. Veterans organizations wishing to secure flags for the honoring of veterans graves should send a letter stating how many flags are required to Edward G. Aulman, Director, Nassau County Veterans Service Agency 1425 Old Country Road, Building H, Plainview, NY 11803. Requests must be received by April 1, 2007.

Flu Shot Limits at VA Medical Center

The flu shot walk-in clinics for enrolled veterans at the VA Medical Center in Northport have been temporarily suspended due to an unexpected shortage. All veterans with scheduled appointments at the Northport facility or at the out patient clinic in Plainview can still get their flu shots during their scheduled appointments between now and February 2007. The walk-in clinics, however, where an enrolled veteran could walk in without an appointment and get a flu shot, have been suspended. Veterans without an appointment should call 631-261-4400 ext. 6229 for the latest information about availability of flu shots.

Pearl Harbor Day

December 7, 2006 is the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Air Force Association will conduct their annual recognition of this day at the American Air Power Museum at Republic Airport in Farmingdale. The Skytypers of New York will fly vintage aircraft along with the Antique Airplane Club and Bayport Aerodrome Society from Republic Airport at 12:00 noon to New York Harbor. The aircraft will drop 65 American Beauty Roses over the Statue of Liberty at precisely 12:55 PM, to commemorate the exact time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This ceremony begins at 10:30 AM.

Other Pearl Harbor observances on December 7th will be at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay and at Mill River in Rockville Centre, both at 10:30 AM. On December 3, 2006 at 2:00 PM, the American Veterans (AMVETS) of Post 88 will conduct a Pearl Harbor Memorial ceremony at Long Island National Cemetery. Remember, American flags are authorized to fly at half staff on December 7th.

Commission on the Future of American Veterans

In what may be a pre-emptive strike by the nation's largest veterans organizations, the Veterans Coalition, a non-profit organization founded by the American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS, and Paralyzed Veterans of America, has created a commission to develop a long range strategic vision to provide for our nation's veterans.

Congress and the President created the Disability Benefits Commission in the spring of 2005 and many veterans believe that that commission will recommend changes that will adversely affect veterans.

Navy Scholarships Available

Five \$180,000 Navy ROTC Immediate Selection Scholarships are available for High School Juniors to College Freshman between the age of 17 and 23. Call Chief Benita Haith at 404-272-2938 or Benita.haith@navy.mil.

New York Military Affairs Symposium

Some of the best minds and well known authors of books on military history and policy meet almost every Friday night at CUNY Graduate Center 365 Fifth Avenue in New York City. Their weekly discussion groups from 7:00-9:00 PM are open to the public. For information go to www.nymas.org.

Need a bed in Manhattan?

The Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Airmen's and Coast Guard Club in midtown Manhattan offers "beds" for as little as \$52 per night for veterans or \$25 per night for active duty E1- E4. Active duty officers and higher enlisted grades and retirees pay slightly higher rates. Call 212-683-4353 for reservations and information.

Rebuilding Together Long Island

Rebuilding Together Long Island, Inc. is a program to repair and rehabilitate the homes of poor, elderly and disabled homeowners. They have expanded their services to include helping disabled veterans from the war in Iraq/Afghanistan rehabilitate their homes to adapt to their disabilities. Sol Goldstein was recently honored in Washington D.C. for the good work of the organization. Call Sol at 516-541-7322. for information.

Remember Military Fares?

Remember the Eastern Shuttle? Remember when showing up at an airport in Uniform meant getting the next available seat at a discounted rate? No more. Our active duty military in uniform pay the same airfare that you and I do.

Recall to Active Duty

Studies are underway on what course to take in Iraq. One suggestion under consideration is putting massive numbers of American troops into Iraq to stabilize the country and stay until democracy takes hold. The draft may be necessary if that course is chosen but Congress can always reactivate any retired serviceman or woman until the age of 60. Retired Warrant Officers are subject to recall until 62 and retired generals can be called back until age 64.

Veterans Jobs

I met Ray Kelly New York City Police Commissioner on the Marine Corps Birthday November 10 and he told me the City Police Department has hired 1,600 veterans of the Iraq /Afghanistan War recently and is still looking for more combat veterans to apply.

On November 6th we brought a bus load of veterans to the Javits Center for the Hire a Hero Job Fair. If you missed it I suggest you try Vetjobs.com. Endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, this website can be very helpful.

Thank You

The Veterans of Nassau County are lucky to have a dedicated corps of volunteers that week after week provide transportation for older and disabled veterans to the VA Medical Center in Northport and the VA outpatient clinic in Plainview. Operating county-owned new cars and wheelchair vans, the following deserve your recognition: Ed Goodhue and Matt Brower, both from East Rockaway; Frank Maltese of Mineola; Tom Devine of Bellmore; and Emmett O'Shaughnessy from Bethpage. One of our fleet of 11 vehicles is a van provided by the Nassau County American Legion and we appreciate their support as well.

Ed Autman, Service Officer

VETS REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

We have provided enough supplies to the Solsiers for Soldiers program to fill the packages that were sent out for Thanksgiving to the troops.

We have supplied the Vets Rehab Program at the Beacon House with supplies for the veterans in programs there.

We have donated enough supplies to the Nassau County Veterans Standown to meet the needs of all attending.

All of this is only possible due to the Post's who help support these programs by bringing in items for the vets to the County Meeting. Take a look at the list on the new web-site at nassaulegion.org and see if your post is participating. My thanks to all the Post's who are participating and making this program possible. We are now collecting items for the Christmas shipment to our troops. Please help!



Department Commander James Casey and Staff visit the grave of Theodore Roosevelt on his recent visit to Nassau County.

L-R Christopher Cerrullo 10th District SAL Commander, Al Deichler SAL Department Commander Jonathan Deichler, SAL Aide to Dept Cmdr. Department Commander James Casey and County Commander Robert Reahl.