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## COMMANDERS REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL ! I HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED THE HOLIDAYS.

THANKS TO ALL THE POSTS FOR A GREAT SIX MONTHS, IF WE KEEP ON DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING WE WILL BE TOPS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

NED JOHNSON, COMMANDER

## 1ST DIVISION COMMANDER

Gus Lanzo 678-3392

SIX MONTHS WENT FAST AND I DIDN'T GET TO CHECK IN ON ALL THE DIVISION POSTS BUT I WILL GET THERE.

KEEP THOSE ITEM COMING FOR THE HOMELESS AND HOSPITALIZED VETS. THERE ARE MORE OUT THERE DUE TO THE ECOMONY.

WE'RE DOING GREAT ON MEMBERSHIP. KEEP IT UP ! WE CAN MAKE 100% FOR THE DIVISION WITH A LITTLE PUSH.

## 2ND DIVISION COMMANDER

Lincoln Parsons, Commander-378-7607

As of this report, I have visited all but two Posts. I will be visiting the two Posts in the Division during the month of January, 2010.

I hope that everone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

I was happy to be invited to the concert by Michael Amonte, saluting veterans. He puts on a great show !

## THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER

James Barton - 484-4471

Post visitations continue and I thank all the Posts for their hospitality. Membership is progressing and doing well.

Please remember the County Commander's project, The VetDog Program during this season of fund raising and giving.

We have been blessed with the good fortune to receive hand made Christmas cards for our troops over seas from the students from Arch Bishop Molloy School.

We have also received a very generous donation from the North Shore Hebrew Academy of personal grooming products for our veterans at the local VA hospitals.

Thanks kids for all your support!

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy and most importantly safe holiday season.

## ADJUTANTS REPORT

ANDY BOOTH. ADJUTANT - 731-6421

HOUSING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO ARE GOING TO THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE IN ALBANY. IF YOU NEED ONE CONTACT ME AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

ONCE AGAIN I ASK ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES WHO ARE GIVING REPORTS AT THE COUNTY MEETINGS TO MAKE SURE I GET A COPY FOR THE MINUTES. IT SURE MAKES MY JOB SIMPLER AND WHEN THE RECORDER MISSES SOMETHING I CAN GET IT FROM YOUR COPY. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

## SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Since the County Meeting in November, I shipped out 25 packages (7 packages of books and 18 packages of items for the troops). The Elmont post #1033 collected and gave to me enough stuff to fill the 18 packages. I also sent two envelopes with 22 phone cards to "operation Comfort Warriors", which the National Headquarters is helping. We also sent a check for \$2,000 to "Operation Comfort Warriors". The Legion magazine talks about this program and they were trying to raise an additional \$100,000 by 1 January 2010. They have already raised \$150,000. Check your copy of the Legion magazine on page 10 for details. I urge all posts to donate to this worthy cause. I have received several cards Thanking the Nassau County American Legion for all the support. I will read only one card which is from a LtCol Alan Flower USAF MC FP who is a member of the Robert Spittel Post #1285 and is in Iraq. I have supplied names of members in Iraq and Afghanistan to the Merrick Unit #1282 and to the Kings County Auxiliary.

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### "HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Homeland Security is not only about Terrorism, it covers disasters such as, floods, hurricanes, train derailments, fire, snowstorms etc. The storms of the past couple of weeks have brought flooding, deep snow and bitter cold throughout the United States, this is where the veterans can help the most due to their training. Remember if you volunteer to help, do not take on any job you are not qualified to do, this could only add to the disaster.

The holiday season is upon us, it is a time to rejoice and spend with family and friends. This time of the year we can become vulnerable, so enjoy but stay alert. Remember, "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAID SOMETHING".

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### OOPS ! INCORRECT INFORMATION

In the November Issue I listed Al Woessner as being 98 years old and living in an assisted living unit. I have been corrected by Mr Woessner. He lives in his own condo and is only 86 years old !.

## CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 37 phones right after the November County Meeting, they had a value of \$26.95. I am awaiting three checks \$26.95, \$17.40 and \$54.20 which should be here by 15 January. The total of \$98.10 will be divided between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship. I picked up phones from the Town of Hempstead, Ken Cadieux and Tom Riordan along with the ones I received tonight will be shipped on Monday 21 December. Keep collecting cell phones and bring the cell phones to the county meeting or if you have a large amount I will come to you to get them. A large amount is 25 or more, make it worthwhile for me to drive to where ever you may be.

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### BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Boys State Program pamphlets I sent to each post should be used to bring the information about Boys State to the school Guidance Counselors. Make copies of the Pamphlet and visit the schools to talk with the Guidance Departments. This will get your program underway instead of waiting until the last minute. Boys State is from Sunday 27 June 2010 to Saturday 3 July 2010. We supply bus transportation to and from SUNY Morrisville. I will be attending the Boys State meeting at the Mid-Winter Conference and will bring back any and all information that is presented at the meeting. The packets for Boys State should be available immediately following the Mid-Winter Conference. If you request a packet or packets a check for \$350 for each boy must be sent to me before I give you the packet(s).

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### EDITORS REPORT

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A COPY OF THE COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE IT IS AVAILABE ON OUR WEB SITE AT [nassaulegion.org](http://nassaulegion.org)

IF YOU HAVE A COMPUTER AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A COPY IN COLOR BEFORE IT GETS MAILED PLEASE SEND ME YOU NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS AND WHAT POST YOU ARE FROM. I WILL ADD IT TO MY LIST .

## Legionnaire of the Year

Joe Slattery, Jr. PCC, Chairman 516-433-4227

Our County Legionnaire of the Year Program builds on your Post recognition program. Letters were sent out to all Posts last month. The letter included instructions and a Report Form. Posts need to make their selections in the month of February. Completed County resumes need to be in my hands no later than the FEBRUARY County meeting or mailed with a post mark before March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2010.. The resume must be in the proper format to be considered. The letter on instructions is the same as last year. Those nominated last year are being carried over to this year. There is no need to resubmit their resume although additional information can be added for consideration since last year. If your Post has a new honoree and wants to have them considered this year instead of last years' honoree, you must withdraw last years honoree. Only one nominee per Post.

Your County candidate must be a past or the current Post Legionnaire of the Year to be nominated for this honor. The decision of the judges will be final. Presentation of the County honoree will be at the June County Convention. All Post honorees will be asked to attend the convention to be also recognized. The County honoree will go on the District level.

Your Nassau County Commander and Committee wants to support your Post members for what they do for the American Legion and other Veterans. You need to be in it to win it. Any questions? docjoepc@yahoo.com

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### CEMETERY REPORT KEN CADIEUX - 536-3796

WE HAVE MADE A DEAL WITH THE ARBORIST ASSOCIATION TO HAVE ALL THE TREES PRUNED AND TRIMMED IN THE L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE. ON ARBOR DAY 70 FIRMS WILL BE ON HAND TO DO THE WORK FOR FREE BUT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH T-SHIRTS WITH THEIR LOGO AND VOLUNTEERS PRINTED ON THEM. WE ALSO HAVE TO FEED THEM A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND A BARBECUE LUNCH. WE ESTIMATE THE COST TO BE AROUND \$3,500.00 AND COULD USE SOME DONATIONS TO HELP PAY FOR THE COSTS.

THE COST SAVINGS TO LINC MO FOR THIS WORK WOULD BE 150,000, DOLLARS.

## REHABILITATION SCHEDULE - 2010

Remember your donation of \$50.00 if attending or \$100.00 if not attending. If your Post can't make the date assigned please call me at 435-7066 and let me know.

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### TEAM #5: JANUARY 9, 2010

NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861  
WILLIAM J. LONGUET #101  
BALDWIN #246  
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY #342  
LAWRENCE / CEDARHURST #339  
PLAINVIEW #812

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### TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 13.2010

YOUNG SIMMONS #1765  
NORTH BELLMORE #1749  
CATHEDRAL #1087  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE #303  
MANHASSET #304  
AVIATORS #743

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### TEAM # 7: MARCH 13, 2010

NEW HYDE PARK ERNIE PYLE #1089  
ANDREW FATSCHER #854  
LYNBROOK #335  
JAMES F. BRENGAL #456  
CHARLES A. FOWLER #160  
WILLISTON #144

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### TEAM # 8: APRIL 10, 2010,

MINEOLA MEMORIAL #349  
LEVITTOWN #1711  
FRANKLIN SQUARE #1014  
BELLMORE #94  
VICTOR MURTHA #972  
EUGENE S. SMITH #175

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### TEAM # 9: MAY 8, 2010

UNIONDALE #1487  
ROBERT VAN COTT #1139  
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL #1051  
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL #1246  
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER #265  
JOE MURPHY #1957

**NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT / DINNER**

THE NATIONAL COMMANDERS DINNER WILL BE HELD AT ANTUN'S RESTURANT IN QUEENS ON FRIDAY, APRIL, 16, 2010. TICKETS COST \$55.00 PER PERSON.

NASSAU COUNTY HAS PLEDGED 10 TABLES FOR THIS AFFAIR.. A LETTER WILL BE GOING OUT TO ALL POSTS AND PAST COMMANDERS WITH THE INFORMATION ON TICKET PURCHASE AND TIMES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ME AT THE PHONE NUMBER BELOW.

**THIS AFFAIR IS USUALLY A SELL OUT SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY SO THAT YOUR POST WILL BE GURANTEED ATABLE.**

FRANK COLON, TREASURER 516 - 766-6563

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**: Education & Scholarship Committee**

The work of the Education & Scholarship Committee is progressing very well.

We would like to thank the post that have contributed \$705.00 to this program, but we need additional support from the posts that have not participated.

If your post has not contributed there is still time for your post to contribute by mailing your check to:

Harry D. Ransom, PCC  
Education & Scholarship Committee  
229 Brown Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550

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**COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR.**

Letters and nomination forms were sent to all Posts in the County.

Every Post has that special Legionnaire that keeps the Post running. This is your chance to honor that Post member with a Post Legionnaire of the Year recognition. That person then becomes your Post candidate for the County Level program.

If your Post nominated someone last year, they will be considered this year. It's best to just update the resume to include what was done this past year and return to me before the deadline of March 1st. 2010. Remember "you need to be in it , to win it". Post Commanders, you owe it to your members to recognize your Post Legionnaire of the year. Any questions? Joe Slattery Jr. Chairman. [docjoepc@yahoo.com](mailto:docjoepc@yahoo.com)

**NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION**  
**MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NIGHT**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2010**  
**STUART THOMAS MANOR**  
**2143 BOUNDARY AVENUE**  
**FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK**

**\$ 53.00 per person**

**COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER, DANCING, OPEN BAR AND PRESENTATION OF POST COMMANDERS AWARD PIN AND PAGEANT**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
**NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION**  
**EARMARK IT: MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NIGHT AND SEND TO**

**ANTHONY L. PATERNOSTRO, PCC**  
**MILITARY BALL/POST COMMANDERS NIGHT**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**137-24 250 STREET**  
**ROSEDALE, NEW YORK 11422**  
**718-527-4865**

**REMEMBER:**

**TO INCLUDE THE PAGEANT INFORMATION SHEET THAT IS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER CUTOFF FOR TICKETS IS:**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2010**

**LET'S HAVE A FULL HOUSE**

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**REHAB REPORT**

The last visit to Northport Was Cancelled due to the weather and those Posts who were scheduled are asked to join in on January 9th.

The next team up is team number 6 on January 9th at 1:30 PM at Building #92. Check the schedule on the previous page for your Posts date to attend.

A reminder that the American Legion Family is always invited to attend with the assigned Posts, i.e. Auxiliary Units and SAL Units. Donations are always welcome. A Post attending is asked for a \$50.00 donation and if a Post cannot attend a \$100.00 donation is requested. If your Post cannot attend on your assigned day please, let me know. My home phone # 766-6563.

## Veterans News by Edward G. Aulman

### Nominee

Dr. Robert Petzel has been nominated by Pres. Barack Obama for VA undersecretary of health. “ I have a reputation for candor,” Petzel said, promising to speak up within the administration if he felt medical budgets were to low and also be blunt with Congress about his personal assessment of funding..

### Annual Tribute to James D. McNaughton

The 5th Annual Tribute to James D McNaughton who died in Iraq almost five years ago will be held at Mulcahy’s Pub & Music Hall 3232 Railroad Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 from 1: 00 pm to 8:00 pm on January 23, 2110. A \$20 cover charge covers prizes, giveaways, music, drink specials and much more. For more information contact Vinny at 631-745-3813 or visit [www.iimmymcnaughton.com](http://www.iimmymcnaughton.com).

### Schumer Announces Mobil Clinic

Senator Charles E. Schumer announced final Congressional passage of a \$100,000 grant that would create a Long Island legal advocacy clinic for veterans. Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center will use the funds to create a legal advocacy clinic for veterans to help with a myriad of legal issues and obstacles to obtaining benefits to which veterans are entitled, including insurance, housing, education, education, family issues, and jobs. The bill now goes to President Obama for his signature.

### Stop-Loss Pay Update

If you still have not received your pay for the Stop Loss period relax. Software and manpower issues have resulted in a slow down in payments. If you were held on active duty between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009 the government owes you \$500 per month. The deadline to submit a pay claim is 21 October 2010. A Claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Payment is available at the Veterans Service Agency or you can contact the service you were a member of directly. Army <https://www.stoplossi.army.mil>. Navy: Email to NXAG [N132C2navy.mil](mailto:N132C2navy.mil). Marine Corps: <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss>. Air Force: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss).

### Study of Vietnam Era Female Veterans

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced that the Department Of Veterans Affairs is launching a comprehensive study of women Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War to explore the effect of their military service upon their mental and physical health.

The study represents to date the most comprehensive examination of a group of women Vietnam Veterans, and will be used to shape future research on women Veterans in future wars.

Women comprise 7.8 percent of the total Veteran population and nearly 5.5 percent of all Veterans who use VA health care [services](#). VA estimates women Veterans will constitute 10.5 percent of the Veteran population by 2020 and-9.5 percent of all VA patients.

### Red Cross Hockey for the Troops

For \$3,000 dollars you can send 100 military members and military families to see the Islanders take on the Hurricanes February 6, 2010. You and a guest will join us in a luxury suite during American Red Cross Night. You will also receive 10 complimentary vouchers which can be used at any weekday game. Your company will also be recognized on the Islands scoreboard and press releases February 6. Gift opportunities also exist at the \$1,500 and \$500 level. Contact The American Red Cross 195 Willis Ave, Mineola, NY 11501 or call 516 470-9390 for questions.

## Charities Helping Vets

The American Institute of Philanthropy issued a report card of the leading charities. The following charities received an "A" based on fundraising costs and percentage of money spent on charitable activities: Air Force Society, Armed Services YMCA of the USA, Army Emergency Relief, Fisher House Foundation, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, National Military Family Association, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

## Korean War Anniversary Tour

Since 1975, the Republic of Korea has been inviting Korean War Veterans, and family members, to return on a subsidized visit to thank them for their sacrifices that saved their country from Communism. The Korean government pays for hotel rooms, meals and in country tours and for the first time the ROK government is planning on subsidizing the air fare. The dates of the trips have not yet been published but the phone number for registration has. Call 800-722-9501 for information.

## Outward Bound Free Trips

Outward bound, a 45-year old non-profit outdoor, adventure-education organization is looking for OEF and OIF Veterans, interested in participating in fully-funded reintegration wilderness expeditions. Adventures are physically, mentally and emotionally stimulating and work to build the self-confidence, trust, and communication skills necessary to successfully return to their families and communities following war time service. All expenses paid. Veterans will not be responsible for cost of expedition including round-trip stateside transportation to course site. Paid for by the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation. Call 1-866-669-2362 x 8387 and go to their website <http://www.outwardbound.org/index.cfm/do/cp.veterans>

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT

Our Annual Easter Party will be held at the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at noon. I am asking our members to be there at 10:00 AM please! I can't do it alone, I need help.

This party is for the children of SCO family of service of Sea Cliff, New York. The children will be transported by bus from Sea Cliff to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, the party will start the moment they enter the club.

The menu will be a hot buffet with plenty of food, ice cream, cake and soda for Dessert and a DJ for there dancing pleasure. I expect about one hundred and ten people including staff.

My letter appealing for funds to supports this program is in the mail please be liberal with your donation. Earmark all checks Children & Youth and mail all checks to me, Willibe Wilson, Jr., 21 Brewster Street, Apt. W5 Glen Cove New York 11542-2500

## CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Let us do our part to let Congress know that our organization is concerned about the future leaders of this country. I'm asking all post Children and Youth Chairmen to take the lead to see that their post is COUNTED!"Remember" Plan to do your consolidated post reporting now by recording your Children & Youth Activities.

Willibe Wilson, JR

## ORATORICAL CONTEST REPORT

The first phase of the Oratorical Program will have been completed as of December 17, 2009, with three (3) preliminary contests held. The first and second place winners, of each of the three (3) preliminary's will be moving on to the County Finals. This years finals will once again be hosted by the Glenwood Landing Post #336 on January 9, 2010, at 10:00 A.M.. If you can ,come out and listen to these outstanding students.

Also note that the 10th District contest will also be held at the Glenwood Landing Post on January 30, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. and the Zone 2 contest will be held at the Elmont Memorial Library, Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., with a snow date of February 20, 2010.

*William G. Harms, PCC*  
*Oratorical Committee Chairman*

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## REHAB NOTICE

WE NO LONGER COLLECT MAGAZINES, INK JET CARTRIDGES OR CARD FRONTS AS WE HAVE NO PLACE TO SEND THEM. ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE STILL COLLECTED AND USED FOR THE VETS REHAB PROGRAM.



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 VETERANS MONUMENTS IN  
 EISENHOWER PARK.  
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 nassaulegion.org and SELECT INFORMATION  
 THEN MONUMENTS AT EISENHOWER PARK



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 2010
- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR !**
  - 9 Team #5 Northport Visit
  - 9 County Oritorical Finals at Glenwood Landing Post
  - 18 Martin Luther Kings Birthday - **Fly Your Flag !**
  - 22-24 Mid-Winter Conference - Albany
  - 26 Tenth District Meeting Suffolk
  - 29 County Meetings at Plainview Post  
 7 pm Staff Meeting, 7:15 pm, Advisory Meeting, 8 pm County General Meeting.
- Feb
- 12 Lincolns Birthday - **Fly Your Flag !**
  - 13 Team # 6 Northport Visit - Rehab
  - 15 Presidents Day - **Fly Your Flag !**
  - 20 Military Ball / Post Commanders Night - Stuart Thomas Manor Farmingdale 5 - 11 P.M.
  - 22 Washingtons Birthday - **Fly Your Flag !**
  - 26 County Meetings at Plainview Post  
 7 pm Staff Meeting, 7:15 pm, Advisory Meeting, 8 pm County General Meeting.
- Mar
- 1 Deadline for Legionnaire of the Year submissions.
  - 17 Happy St Pats Day ! Wear your green.
  - 26 County Meetings at Plainview Post  
 7 pm Staff Meeting, 7:15 pm, Advisory Meeting, 8 pm County General Meeting.
- Apr
- 16 National Commanders Dinner at Antun's in Queens.