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COMMANDERS REPORT

William Harms - 795-3679

Another month has passed and all the County staff and chairpersons are in place.

Congratulations to Joe Glovack on his becoming the 3rd Division Commander. I know that Joe will be a valuable asset to the County. Our

Committee Chairpersons are preparing for this years events, and it is up to all of the legionnaires, of Nassau County, to make each and every one a success.

The division Commanders will be visiting all the Posts in the Division to offer any and all assistance that may be needed. Remember any member of the Staff and I are only a phone call away. We are here to serve you to the best of our ability.

Congratulations are in order to P.C.C. Reggie Butt, Jr., recipient of the 1st Town of Oyster Bay Veteran's award, and to P.C.C. Robert "Tom" Riordan, recipient of the Nassau County Distinguished Service medal.

Also a job well done to P.C. Linda Petrizzi upon her recent graduation from the American Legion College.

In closing remember dues are due for the 2007-2008 Legion year. If you haven't done so, take a few minutes and write that check and send it in to your Post. Remember our slogan: "Let's make Nassau great in 2007-2008"

FIRST DIVISION REPORT

Gus Lanzo, Commander - 678-3392

I have been in contact with the Posts in my Division and I will be setting up the dates for our Division meetings for the coming year.

I hope that more First Division Posts will attend the County Meetings so that I can get your input. This is a team project for all posts to participate. I hope to see you all in the near future.

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

Andy Booth, Commander - 731-6421

All post commanders will receive a letter soon regarding our Quarterly meetings. If you don't receive a notice by mid September please try to reach out to me.

The first meeting will be Wednesday October 10, 2007 at 2000 hrs at the Levittown post 1711 the address is 3123 North Jerusalem Road Levittown 11756.

My home number is 516 731 6421.

If you like you can also E-mail me at bluenavy@optonline.net.

If you can't make the meeting can you please call or e-mail me. I don't want to hold up the meeting waiting for someone who is not going to attend.

THIRD DIVISION REPORT

Joseph J. Glovack, Commander - 465-2056

Please mark the following dates on your calendars so that your Post can attend the Division meetings:

General Meeting - Monday, October 29, 2007 - at the Plainview Post at 8 PM.

Membership Meeting - Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Plainview Post at 8 PM

The Division Caucus for nomination of new Officers for the 2008-2009 Legion Year at the Plainview Post at 8 PM.

Please make every effort to attend these important Division meetings.

JUNIOR PAST COUNTY COMMANDER'S DINNER
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC - 922-7135

The dinner to honor our Junior Past County Commander Robert Reahl will be held on September 29, 2007 starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Ave. Williston Park, NY. There will be an open bar, roast turkey dinner with dessert. The program will start at 7:30 and dinner will be served at approximate 8:15 P.M. A letter has been sent to all the posts, Past County Commanders, Staff (old and new) and last years Committee Chairpersons. The cost of the tickets will is \$33.00 per person, get your request for tickets in as soon as possible. Let's show Past Commander Robert Reahl that he did a good job by attending this function.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC - 922-7135

There has been no activity for a little while as the unit I was sending items to should be returning shortly. I am looking for another unit to support. If any knows of a service person in Iraq or Afghanistan please contact me with the name and address and I will send items to them. As soon as I get another unit I will let all the posts know who they are and their address. I have been in contact with the South Elmont Republican Club and the Bellerose Homemakers Club who are collecting items and they will give them to me to send to Iraq and/or Afghanistan.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC - 922-7135

Currently I have over 125 cell phones to ship out. We are also accepting all the accessories, E.I. head sets, chargers, extra batteries. Bring them in to the county meeting or if you have a large amount I will come to you to get them. I will be making a shipment on Monday/Tuesday 20/21 August 2007.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC - 922-7135

There is no activity ongoing for Boys' State Program but each Post Command and the Post Boys' State Program Chairmen should start planning their individual programs now. I will call a meeting in the beginning of November to prepare for when we receive the packets in January. Boys' State will run from June 28, 2008 to 3 July 2008 that is Saturday thru Wednesday. This is one day shorter then normal so the program will be accelerated this year. When further information is available I will inform everyone.

Thank you to all my 3rd Div. Staff members who "volunteered". I still need a DMS/Membership person. Thanks also to Howard LIEBMAN, last years Third Division Commander, who is continuing as "Americanism" Committee Officer, he did a great job then and we definitely need his know how now. I would like to see more Post Commanders and County representatives attend the monthly County Meetings. That's the best way for us to get to see each other and keep up on County news. Besides that you can voice your opinions!! It's very important for the American Legion to know what it's members concerns are. I hope to also meet and get to know you all at the Third Division Meetings too!!! There are only two and the Caucus. How easy is that?? Let's shake the Membership Tree and get our fellow Comrades renewed for 2008. Until next month remember: DON'T Press One for ENGLISH and IN GOD WE STILL TRUST!!!

Community Emergency Response Team

The next CERT class starts August 27, 2007 at the Freeport Fire House, 15 Broadway, Freeport at 6:30 pm. Learn how to protect yourself and others in an emergency. For more information contact the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management at 516-573-0648.

Vietnam Veterans of America Household Goods Program

If it works and you hate to throw it out, donate it to the VVA pick up program. They take clothing, house & kitchen wares, linens, shoes, small appliances, some furniture, toys, books, baby items, bikes, stereos, radios, portable TVs, tools and jewelry. For more information or to arrange a pickup, call 631-582-0242



LEGION - AUXILIARY - SAL , ALL MARCH TOGETHER AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN NIAGARA FALLS



Department Commander William H. Burnett Visited Nassau County and attended the Districk Membership Workshop on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at the Williston Post 144. He stressed the need to get the renewals on the membership. We are getting new members but we are not retaining the old ones.

Commander Burnett was joined by PDC Fang Wong (L) and PDC Jim Casey at the workshop.



Peter Holowecki Chaired the meeting. The meeting was an informative meeting and all who did not attend missed

a great session and good info!



NASSAU COUNTY COLOR GUARD AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN NIAGARA FALLS.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

As previously stated a resolution may be brought before the membership for their consideration four (4) times a year, at the County Convention held in June and at any of the three General County meetings held in September, December and March. The cutoff date for the September meeting will be September 15. This allows time for the Committee to properly review the submitted resolution. Remember the resolution must be printed on Post letterhead and signed by the Post Commander and attested to by the Post Adjutant.

Richard M. Hochbrueckner
20 George Ave.
Hicksville, NY 11801

MEMBERSHIP

Frank Colon, Jr., Chairman 435- 7066

The Blue Star Banner program has begun for 2007/2008. This is a great tool for each Post to use in reaching out to young veterans and their families. It also shows that the American Legion is leading the way in keeping this American tradition alive. I presented the County with a sample of the banner and its history that can be presented to any school, church, town hall, chamber of commerce, etc. within your community. A number of Posts have already taken part in the program and have gotten young veterans to sign up their posts. If you have any questions, please call me.



COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE -

ARTICLES FOR THE COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN TYPED OR PRINTED FORM NO LATER THAN THE COUNTY MEETING NIGHT.

COUNTY DIRECTORY -

THE COUNTY DIRECTORY CUT OFF DATE FOR ADS AND THE WHITE SHEET CHANGES IS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14,2007.

EYEGASSES - TABS - STAMPS - ETC.

THE NEW POST DONATION SHEET FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE GOING ON THE WEB SHORTLY.

NATIONAL CEMETERY -

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, LINC MO WILL BE HOLDING THEIR MEETING AND WE WILL BE GETTING THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN. I WILL THEN MAIL LETTER TO ALL POSTS SOLICITING DONATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT.

ITEMS FOR REHAB AND TROOP SUPPLIES

WE ARE AGAIN LOOKING FOR ANY ITEMS THAT WE CAN USE FOR THE "BAGS" THAT WE PACK FOR THE COUNTY REHAB PROGRAM. BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE COUNTY MEETING OR IF YOU HAVE A LOAD CALL ME AT 536-3796. WITH THE CHECK DONATIONS MADE TO THE REHAB FUND WE WILL PURCHASE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT.

WEB SITE

THE WEB SITE HAS A NEW LOOK AND WE ARE STORING PICTURES OF COUNTY OR POST EVENTS ON THE WEB. THERE IS A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS, COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER AND MANY GOOD WEB SITES TO VISIT.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ADOBE READER - YOU MAY DOWNLOAD IT FREE FROM THE NASSAU COUNTY WEB SITE AT

nclegion.org

A Better Home Loan Program for Veterans

The Federal Government offers veterans a Home Loan Guaranty Program that makes it easier to buy a home if you can find a participating lender. The VA guarantee helps protect lenders from loss if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

Another option veterans should consider is the "Homes for Veterans Program" offered by the State of New York Mortgage Agency and the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs. The Homes for Veterans Program offers: Fixed interest rates .05% below the standard below market SONYMA interest rate; closing cost assistance; no borrower points; requires 1% of home purchase price from borrowers funds the remaining 2% can come from a gift or other acceptable sources. For more information contact www.nyhomes.org or call 1-800-382-HOME.

New York now joins five other states that offer home loan assistance to veterans that is better than the federal program.

More Money Available for Veterans Business Loans

Loans of up to \$150,000 at interest rates of 1.55% above Treasury are available to honorably discharged veterans and members of the Guard and Reserve. This new money comes from the New York State Common Retirement Fund and participating banks of the New York Business Development Corporation. This program is in addition to the Patriot Express Loan Program announced last month by the Small Business Development Center at Farmingdale College. The Patriot Express Loan program has already made 20 loans; the largest was \$350,000. Call John Narciso at 631-370-8891 for information.



Joe Reale from Floral Park Post and Tom Riordan from the Merrick Post Receive the County Veterans Service Medal at the County Salute to Veterans at Eisenhower

Veterans News, By Edward G. Aulman , Service Officer

Suozzi Announces Updated Veterans Web Site

“Returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are encouraged to visit the Nassau County website for valuable information from the county’s Veterans Service Agency said County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi on August 9, 2007 at the Cradle of Aviation in Garden City. Our new veterans should visit www.nassaucountyny.gov and click on County Departments, then select Veterans Services. Valuable information about medical services that veterans could lose if they do not apply for it within two years of discharge is available, along with information about, jobs, training, education, scholarships, tax exemptions, and compensation

Specialized Training Free for Veterans and Dependents

1800flowers.com, a nearly billion dollar company located in Carle Place, has begun a program to train veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan in topics dealing with resume building, interview skills, and sales skills (beginner to advanced). Job opportunities, both part-time and full-time are also available if the veteran has the necessary qualifications. 1800flowers.com is also providing PC/Technical training, partnering with New Horizon’s Learning Centers located on Long Island and the NYC metropolitan area. There is no cost and is viewed by 1800flowers.com as a way of saying thank you to our veterans. Dependents of veterans in the Long Island area are also eligible. If interested, please contact Neil Halloran, Director Fresh University, 1800flowers.com Email:Nhalloran@1800flowers.com.

New Air Force Medal

The Air Force has created the Air Force Combat Action Medal for members who were engaged in air or ground combat off base, in a combat zone, including those who were under or engaged hostile forces with direct and hostile fire. The award is retroactive to 9/11/01, and includes posthumous awards. Airmen should contact their local military personnel flight, and veterans can request an updated DD 215 at the veterans service Agency.

Golf/Dance/Run

The first annual Long Island Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Golf Outing will be held on October 15, 2007 at the Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, NY. Contact chuckmans@aol.com for information.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is November 9, 2007 at the Chateau Briand, Westbury, NY. Contact Jim MacMillan at 516-510-9523 for more information.

The Marine Corps 911 Walk /Run is Sunday, September 9, 2007 at Blydenburgh Suffolk County Park beginning at 0900. Contact marinecorpsrun@optonline.net for more information.

VA Suicide Hot Line

1-800-273-8255 is the new toll free 24/7 suicide prevention hot line, which connects to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans and military personal are asked to select #1 and a trained person from the Department of Veterans Affairs picks up the phone within a few seconds. This national operation is conducted out of Rochester, NY. The VA announced in June that it was hiring new suicide prevention counselors to work in all 153 medical centers.

Personality Disorder Discharges

The House of Representatives Veterans Affairs Committee has been investigating complaints that the armed forces have been issuing Personality Disorder Discharges as an easy way to get rid of service men and women with problems without a court martial or medical discharge. 22,475 members of the armed forces have received these other than honorable discharges between 2001 and 2006. The VA is not bound by these discharges and may grant medical care and compensation to veterans who can show service connection for injuries or illness caused by their service. Combat veterans are particularly encouraged to speak to a veteran’s counselor about medical care, compensation and even a discharge upgrade. Call 516-572-8452 for help.

Change in Flag Code

On June 29, 2007, President Bush signed in to law the Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment of 2007. Governors of states will now have the authority to order flags flown at half-staff on both state and federal office buildings within that state for service members killed while on active duty.

Our Flag Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can a flag that has been used to cover a casket be displayed after its original use?

A: There are no provisions in the Flag Code to suggest otherwise. It would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased veteran and their service to a grateful nation if their casket flag were displayed.

Q: Can the United States flag be displayed on days when the weather is inclement?

A: The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather (nylon or other non-absorbent material) flag is displayed. However, most all flags are made of all weather materials.

Q: What is the significance of displaying the flag at half-staff?

A: This gesture is a sign to indicate the nation mourns the death of an individual(s), such as death of the President or former President, Vice President, Supreme Court Justice, member of Congress, Secretary of an executive or military department, etc. Only the President of the United States or the Governor of the State may order the flag to be half-staffed.

Q: When the flag is not flown from a staff, how should it be displayed?

A: It should be displayed vertically, whether indoors or out, and suspended so that its folds fall free as though the flag were staffed. The stripes may be displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right; that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window of a home or a place of business, the flag should be displayed in the same way; that is, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

Q: How are unserviceable flags destroyed?

A: The Flag Code suggests that, "when a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning." For individual citizens, this should be done discreetly so the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration. Many American Legion Posts conduct Disposal of Unserviceable Flag Ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day. This ceremony creates a particularly dignified and solemn occasion for the retirement of unserviceable flags.

Q: What is the proper method for folding the flag?

A: The Flag Code does not require any specific method, however, there is a tradition that has developed over time. This method produces a triangular shaped form like that of a three corner hat with only the blue union showing.

Q: Are you required to destroy the flag if it touches the ground.

A: The Flag Code states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it such as the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. You ARE NOT required to destroy the flag when this happens. As long as the flag remains suitable for display, even if washing or dry-cleaning (which is acceptable practice) is required, you may continue to display the flag as a symbol of our great country

Q: What is meant by the flag's own right?

A: The right is the position of the time when the "right hand" was the "weapons hand" or "point of danger". The "right hand" raised without a weapon, was a sign of peace. The right hand, to any observer, is the observer's left. Therefore, as used in the Flag Code, the flag and or the blue field is displayed to the left of the observer which is the flag's own right,

Q: Is it proper to fly the flag of the United States at night?

A: The Flag Code states it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The American Legion interprets "proper illumination" as a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer

Q: What should be the position of the flag when displayed from a staff in a church, public auditorium or other public meeting place, whether indoors or outdoors, on platform, or on the floor at ground level?

A: When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church, public auditorium or meeting place, the flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Prior to the Flag Code changes in 1976, the display procedure was somewhat different. Now the staffed flag should always be placed to the right of the speaker (observer's left) without regard to a platform or floor level.

Q: What are the penalties for the physical desecration of the flag?

A: There are currently no penalties for the physical desecration of the flag. The American Legion and other members of the [Citizens Flag Alliance](#) continue working towards securing a Constitutional amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration.

REHAB REPORT

Frank Colon, Jr., Chairman 435-7066

The new Rehab roster for 2007/2008 has been published. Please note that there have been a few changes to the schedule. If you have any questions, please call me. I hope all of the Posts will attend and support this vital program for our veterans at Northport. Also, a reminder that if your Post attends, a donation of \$50 is appreciated, and if your Post cannot attend, please let me know beforehand and donate \$100. These donations pay for and/or defray the cost of the toiletry packages put together by Ken Cadieux which are handed out to the vets, refreshments served while at Northport and the coupon books that are given to the veterans when the races are conducted. Please make every effort to come and enjoy and few hours with our fellow veterans.

NASSAU COUNTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM 2007-2008 POST TEAMS

TEAM # 1 SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT POST # 4
GLENWOOD LANDING POST #336
J. FRANKLIN BELL POST # 81
MASSAPEQUA POST # 1066
CHARLES WAGNER POST # 421
CARLE PLACE POST # 1718

TEAM # 2 OCTOBER 13, 2007

PORT WASHINGTON POST # 509
GLEN COVE POST # 76
FLORAL PARK POST # 334
DEMOTT CARMEN POST # 536
WANTAGH POST # 1273
ARCHIE McCORD POST # 86

TEAM # 3 NOVEMBER 10, 2007

HOWARD VAN WAGNER POST # 962
ROBERT H. SPITTEL POST # 1285
EAST ROCKAWAY POST # 958
HEMPSTEAD POST # 390
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL POST # 1082
GOMILLION CAMPBELL POST # 1488

TEAM # 4 DECEMBER 8, 2007

NASSAU POLICE POST # 1050
ELMONT POST # 1033
MALVERNE POST # 44
EDWIN WELCH, JR. POST 1132
MERRICK POST # 1282

TEAM # 5 JANUARY 12, 2008

NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL POST #1861
WILLIAM J. LONGUET POST #101
BALDWIN POST #246
PLAINVIEW POST # 1812
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY POST # 342

TEAM # 6 FEBRUARY 9, 2008

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

TEAM # 7 MARCH 8, 2008

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

TEAM # 8 APRIL 12, 2008

MINEOLA MEMORIAL POST # 349
LEVITTOWN POST # 1711
FRANKLIN SQUARE POST # 1014
BELLMORE POST # 948
VICTOR MURTHA POST # 972
EUGENE S. SMITH POST # 175

TEAM # 9 MAY 10, 2008

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



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LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



THE BREAKFAST
WILL BE SPONSORED
BY THE ELMONT POST
#1033 AND HELD ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14,
2007 AT 9 AM. AT THE
DUTCH BROADWAY
SCHOOL IN ELMONT.
TICKETS WILL COST
\$12.00 P.P. AND MAY BE
OBTAINED BY CALLING

PETER HOLOWECKI AT: 741-4568



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT	3	MON	LABOR DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !
	13	13	ROSH HASHANAH
	15	SAT	NASAU COUNTY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - EISENHOWER PARK 7:30 PM
	22	SAT	YOM KIPPUR
	25	TUES	NASSAU COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - EDWIN WELCH, JR. POST - SEAFORD 8 PM
	28	FRI	NASSAU COUNTY MEETING - WILLISTON POST 144 - 8 PM.
	29	SAT	JR PAST COMMANDERS DINNER - SEE BELOW.
OCT	8	MON	COLUMBUS DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG!
	14	SUN	LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - ELMONT POST 9 AM COST \$12.00 P.P.
	23	TUES	COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - EDWIN WELCH, JR POST SEAFORD 8 PM
	26	FRI	COUNTY MEETING AT WILLISTON POST 144 - 8 PM
	31	WED	HALLOWEEN - WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILDREN.
NOV	4	SUN	VETERANS DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK 10 AM
	4	SUN	VETERANS DAY SERVICE AT LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY - FARMINGDALE 2:30 PM
	6	TUES	ELECTION DAY . GET OUT AND VOTE !
	11	SUN	VETERANS DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG !
	19	MON	HOMELESS VETERANS STANDOWN AT FREEPORT ARMORY 9 AM
	20	TUES	NASSAU COUNTY ADVISORY MEETING - EDWIN WELCH, JR. POST - SEAFORD 8 PM
	22	THUR	HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL !
	23	FRI	NASSAU COUNTY MEETING - WILLISTON POST 144 - 8 PM.

