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COMMANDERS REPORT

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE IS HAVING A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER.

I AND MY STAFF ATTENDED AND INSTALLED THE OFFICERS OF THE CHARLES WAGNER POST #421 .

WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AT THE DEPARTMENTS MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD AT THE WILLISTON POST 144.

THE COUNTY WANTS TO CONGRATULATE BARBARA BYRNE'S OF THE MERRICK POST FOR HER AWARD AS WOMAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR.

I WAS INVITED TO THE MERRICK POST'S VETERANS BARBQUE FOR THE VETERANS FROM STONYBROOK HOSPITAL.

MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES ARE WHAT KEEPS THE NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION STRONG.

Frank Colon, Jr. Cmdr.

FIRST DIVISION REPORT



Well just like when "Car 54" called in, I am happy to report that "Post 1029" found the callbox and called in also.

All the 2011 membership cards and rosters have now been delivered.

I attended a Brooklyn Cyclone's baseball game with Malverne Post 44 and the next week they had a great clambake at the Post, a great bunch of guys turned out for both events – thanks for a good time.

Visited the Roosevelt Memorial Post 1051 for their August meeting, we helped each other out with some administrative tasks, thanks for the hospitality.

The County hosted the Department of NY, 1st & 10th District Membership training session on August 22nd at the Williston Post 144, it was good to see some of the 1st Divison Posts (44, 958, 972), there was a lot of good information on recruiting, retention, and post activities that was provided.

As a reminder, if you haven't sent me a copy of your Post's Certification of Service Record form PLEASE send it to me as soon as possible, the County needs a copy on file and when the Dept. of NY calls and says that they don't have it/can't find it, the County will send them a copy. If you need a copy of the form you can find it on the County's website or just call me and I'll send you one.

Last item PLEASE send in your Post's Directory form so the County directory has some contact information for your Post.

If I haven't already done so, I will be contacting your Post to arrange to visit at one of your regular meetings.

John J. Hassett,

Cell – (516) 313-1402

Cdr344@optonline.net

SECOND DIVISION REPORT

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires,

As the summer comes to a close and we approach the Fall I look forward to continuing the great work of the 2nd Division. I remind all Division Post Commanders to make sure that the Post Officers Certification Forms and Post Tax Exempt Forms are properly filled out and submitted. I also advise you that most forms are available online at either the National or Department of New York websites. Please become familiar with and utilize these resources. Also, make sure your Post information for the County Directory is submitted ASAP if it has not been done, as that contact information is crucial for effective communications between all of us. I specially encourage the use of email as it is a fast and efficient way to transmit messages and documentation. Secondly, I attended the zone membership workshop along with my Membership Officer Nick Yaworski and several Post membership chairmen. The event was a success in

attendance and accomplishments as we all walked away with some great ideas we'll implement this Legion year. Finally, feel free to contact me directly for assistance with any specific concerns.

Manny Rodriguez
MRodriguezUSA@gmail.com

THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER

The Commander and the County staff recently attended the Installation of Officers for the Charles Wagner Post on August 16th. Sincerest congratulations to the new commander Greg Bennett and his staff. The county expects great things from you and your staff commander as you have the unique position as to have three past county commanders both on your staff and honored members from whom you can draw a vast amount of knowledge and experience.

My post visitations have commenced and I look forward to visit as many posts in the Third Division as our schedules permit.

The Annual Membership Workshop was held on August 22 at the Williston Post. Unfortunately, not ALL of the Third Division posts were represented thereat. It behooves ALL third division post commanders and their respective post adjutants to "come up to speed" on keeping current members and take an active role in recruiting new members. Contact local PTAs, houses of worship, and OTHER organizations to ascertain if any members are veterans and to "keep membership brochures with you wherever you go".

New members are "out there" – YOU ONLY HAVE TO ASK". That was a "buzz word" at the Workshop.

Third Division General Meeting and Membership Meeting have been confirmed for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 and Tuesday, January 18, 2011 respectively. Both meetings will be held at the Williston Post at 8 pm. My sincere thanks to Frank Oliveri for his gracious assistance and cooperation in this regard. All posts are "requested" to have at least one member attend each meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All posts are required to file IRS FORM 990 – Tax Exempt Certification. This MUST be accomplished NO LATE THAN OCTOBER 15, 2010. IF not done, your post will lose its tax-exempt status. IRS Form 990 or 990 EZ – depending on your individual post's requirement may be downloaded from the IRS website and follow the links OR from your local IRS field office.

Louise M. McCann

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISITATION

PETER HOLOWECKI AND REGINALD BUTT

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County is on 6 November 2010. The dinner honoring him will be held at Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY. All the details are being worked on now and when they finalized the letters will be sent out. Please reserve the date and try not to plan any functions at the time so there will be no conflicts.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

PETER HOLOWECKI

The Protocol Committee met via e-mail and snail mail to review the recommended guest list for the Military Ball/Post Commanders Night. The list was approved as presented and the program chairman Tony Paternostro was informed of the decision

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

During the month of August I have shipped 9 packages to the troops. I picked up 4 boxes of books which was donated by the library at North Shore Towers, we now have plenty of books to ship out. The program Books for Soldiers is still active and the woman collecting and packaging the books just picked up 175 additional books.

I have approximate 10 names to ship items to and the troops in Camp Drum (10th Mountain) are deploying 3500 personnel in September and another 10,000 in November. They have asked any wanting to adopt a Platoon please request one or two. I will be asking to adopt one platoon.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The Post Boys State Chairmen should start planning now with the new school year starting. Visit the schools and talk with the Guidance Counselors or Principals. Don't wait until the last minute, packets will be available in last January or early February, get your boys ready before that time. Remember the fee is going up again this year, the fee to the posts is now \$400.00.

Membership Officer's Report

Angelo Grande

On August 22, 2010 the American Legion Department of New York held a membership seminar at the Williston Post #144. I would like to thank all the Legionnaires from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions, who came to the meeting. We had a great showing.

Mike Bowen the Department of New York Membership Officer spoke about membership.

How to get new members? Just ask, are you a veteran? There are over one million eligible veterans in New York State. What Post do you belong to? Many Veterans say that they were never asked to join the Legion. Let the community know what your Post is doing at the American Legion. Always publicize what your Post is doing.

The emphasis of the meeting was membership retention. We are getting members, but we are not retaining them. Legion Posts must have activities to retain members.

The Department Commander, James Triola spoke about mentoring. He said we should pass on our knowledge of the legion to the new members.

The Department of New York would like Posts to set up their own Web Sites. The reason is that our younger veterans are computer literate. We should try to attract younger veterans, as well as women and minorities. In the future you will be able to do renewals on-line. You can now generate membership rosters and submit consolidated reports on-line. You can also publish a newsletter and calendar on this site, visit mylegion.org. for further information.

The goals for the 2011 Membership Year have been established. They were established by taking the total for each Post's 2010 membership as of the National Convention Call, July 28, 2010, and adding 1. Any Post with membership under 15 was automatically given a goal of 15 members. Please contact me with any questions. You may contact me by calling 516-676-7436 or e-mail me at aigrande@yahoo.com.

Don't forget our next County Meeting, which will be held on Friday, August 27th at 8:00 PM at the Hempstead Post #390, 160 Marvin Avenue, Hempstead, NY. If you need any materials, please see me after the meeting.

"LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST"

PETER HOLOWECKI AND REGINALD BUTT

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for 10 October 2010 at 9 A.M. and it will be held at the Williston Post #144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY. Breakfast will consist of eggs, meat, rolls, cakes, coffee and juice. This is a working breakfast and food will be served at your tables, the Legislators will begin their presentations while you eat. Questions and hopefully answers after each Legislator is finished their presentation.

Tickets are \$15 and the cut off date for sales is October 1, 2010. I have to give a head count by 4 October. Letters to each Post, Past County Commanders and County Staff are being distributed and/or mailed tonight. I will accept reservation via phone but will not release tickets until I receive a check or cash.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

The 85 cell phones I shipped in July turned out to be 105 cell phones with a value of \$56.40. When the check comes in I will have the Treasurer split it between the Legacy Memorial Scholarship and the National Emergency Fund, \$28.20 each. The checks are now being forwarded at the end of the month. I picked about 20 phones from the Town of Hempstead (Town Hall) and I have 14 other phones, I need 50 phones to make a shipment. The bin in Levittown Hall was removed but I checked with the person in TOH and they will replace it. 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. Your other option is to drop them off at my home.

**DIRECTORY DEADLINE
SUBMISSION MUST BE
RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

HOMELAND SECURITY”

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

When disasters happen volunteers are needed to mobilize other local volunteers and resources. Disaster related volunteer work may include such tasks as damage assessment, food preparation, language interpretation and message delivery. Other tasks run the gamut from cleaning up to entering data to transporting people to answering phones. We are now in the hurricane season and Long Island is overdue to get hit with a bad one. We have had effects from Hurricane Bill and this weekend we will feel the effects from Hurricane Danny. Volunteers are needed the most when these type disasters hit.

Volunteer the use of the post building in emergency or disaster situations. Get member of the post to attend CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training. This training is 20 hours and they must attend all sessions. Local volunteers are necessary for the hardest and longest part of any terrorist attack, or natural disaster, the recovery phase. Local volunteer know how the area was before the attack or disaster and they know the best ways around any blockage of roads or other obstacles. Volunteers should only take on jobs or tasks that they are qualified to do, this way the risk of someone being hurt or worst is minimized.

Remember: “ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”.

CONVENTION REPORT

Plans are in the works for the up coming Nassau County Convention which will be held Friday June 3rd and Saturday June 4th 2011.

Bids are being accepted from any American Legion Post that would like to host the Installation dinner. Please contact me, see information below, and let me know if you are interested and I will send you the necessary information.

The convention itself will be held at the Levittown Hall.

For God, Country and The American Legion

Arlene S. Howard PCC, Chairman

42 Jersey Street, Hicksville

NY 11801-2435

Tele# 516-938-1373

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

As we start a new Legion Year let us not forget our donations to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship that will help the children of those who were killed while on active duty after 9/11/2001

You can send your donations in a Post check made out to the Nassau County Committee earmarked Legacy Scholarship Fund to Arlene Howard 42 Jersey Street, Hicksville NY 11801-2435.

On behalf of the children of those in our Armed Forces who were killed after 9/11. I thank you.

For God, Country and The American Legion
Arlene S. Howard PCC, Chairman

WINAL REPORT

Remember Women Veterans are eligible for the same VA benefits as male veterans so make sure you contact the VA and register for your benefits especially your health care benefits.

If you need to replace your military records, use Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records. You may get this form at a VA regional office or from the website www.va.gov/forms.

For God, Country and The American Legion,
Arlene Howard PCC, Chairman



CMDR COLON AND PDC FANG WONG

Flag Presentation Update

The United States Flag Code establishes advisory rules for display and care of the flag of the United States. It is Section 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 et seq). The following guidelines for displaying the flag indoors and should be followed:

Indoor Display

The union is always in the upper left corner. When on display, the flag is accorded the place of honor, always positioned to its own right. Place it to the right of the speaker or staging area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states, localities, or societies are grouped for display.

When one flag is used with the flag of the United States of America and the staffs are crossed, the flag of the United States is placed on its own right with its staff in front of the other flag.

When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's union (stars) should be at the top, to the flag's own right, and to the observer's left.

Outdoor Display

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag, the flag of the United States must always be at the top except that the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for Navy personnel when conducted by a Naval chaplain on a ship at sea.

When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the street runs north-south, the stars should face east. For streets running east-west, the stars should face north. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building and the stars facing away from it.

When flown with flags of states, communities or societies on separate flag poles which are of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor—to its own right. The other flags may be the same size but none may be larger.

No other flag should be placed above it. The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.

When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation in time of peace.[8]

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

Ordinarily it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset, although the Flag Code permits night time display "when a patriotic effect is desired." Similarly, the flag should be displayed only when the weather is fair, except when an all weather flag is displayed. (By presidential proclamation and law, the flag is displayed continuously at certain honored locations like the United States Marine Corps Memorial in Arlington and Lexington Green.)

The flag of the United States of America is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered. The salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is the longest.

[Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Flag_Code Jul 2010 ++]

NOTICE !

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
MICHAEL T. MILLER PDVC
COUNTY JUDGE ADVOCATE
809 N. WILLIAM STREET
BALDWIN, NY. 11510-1436 (516) 223-8877**

**SUBJECT.- FILING IRS FORMS; TO; ALL POST
COMMANDERS.**

Note from National Judge Advocate: IRS has announced that under a onetime relief program, small tax exempt posts that failed to file returns for 2007, 08 & 09 can avoid losing their tax-exempt status by filing a return by Oct 15, 2010. Two types of relief are available: (1) filing extension for the smallest post 990N & (2) a voluntary compliance program for small posts (file form 990-EZ.

This will remind you that your Post MUST file IRS forms 990 or 990-EZ or 990-N annually either calender or fiscal year. Most Posts receive one of these forms annually from the IRS. Failure to do so could cause your Post a major problem with the IRS, and could be a reason to lose your tax exempt status.

If your Post has not received one of these forms, it does not mean that you do not have to file a return.

YOU MUST FILE 990: If Your gross receipts are over \$100,000 and your assets are over \$250,000.

YOU MUST FILE 999 N.- If Your gross receipts are less than \$25,000.

YOU MUST FILE 990EZ: If Your gross receipts are between \$25,000 and \$100,000 and your assets are less than \$250,000.

This information was provided by the IRS service, if you have any questions, or need forms, telephone IRS general information 1-877-829-5500.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

PLEASE KEEP PETE HOLOWECKI WHO IS ILL AND STU McKINNEY WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK IN YOUR PRAYERS.

AMEN

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

**COUNTY JUDGE ADVOCATE
MICHAEL T. MILLER PDVC
809 N. WILLIAM STREET
BALDWIN, NY. 11510-1436 (516) 223-8877**

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES FALLEN HERO FOUNDATION., E-MAIL FROM PDC. ROBERT L MORRILL: .

THIS GROUP, THE UNITED STATES FALLEN HERO FOUNDATION, HAVE BEEN USING THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR A MEMORIAL MT WAS TO BE BUILT IN TEXAS

THIS GROUP IS A COMPLETE FRAUD THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM, THAT THEY HIRED, BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE FOUNDERS ACTIVITIES AND THEY WENT ON TO NOTIFY THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE FBI, BUT THEY DID NOT WANT TO GO PUBLIC UNTIL THEY WERE SURE

THIS GROUP HAVE CONTACTED THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE GOTTEN VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND THEY DIDN'T WANT TO RISK HURTING THEM UNTIL THEY WERE POSITIVE THIS GUY WAS A DIRT BAG.

WELL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUBPOENA TIPPED OFF A DALLAS TV REPORTER AND HE ASKED TO HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE THE STORY DID AIR, JUST TO WARN PEOPLE, HIS WEBSITE IS STILL UP AND HE'S STILL RAISING MONEY. HE HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE RAISED OVER \$2 MILLION DOLLARS:

KEEP THIS IN THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD, AND LET YOUR PEOPLE KNOW IF YOU HEAR OF THIS PROJECT COMING INTO YOUR AREA. WE WANT TO HONOR OUR COMRADES, BUT WE WANT IT TO BE DONE IN THE PROPER MANNER AND WITH THEIR VALOR IN MIND.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION,

Michael Miller

**MICHAEL MILLER, PDVC.
COUNTY JUDGE ADVOCATE**

NORTHPORT REHAB SCHEDULE 2010 - 2011

TEAM #1 SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4
GLENWOOD LANDING #226
J. FRANKLIN BELL #81
MASSAPEQUA # 1066
CHARLES WAGNER #421
CARLE PLACE #1718

TEAM # 6 FEBRUARY 12, 2011

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

TEAM # 2 OCTOBER 9, 2010

PORT WASHINGTON #509
FLORAL PARK # 334
WANTAGH # 1273
ARCHIE McCORD #86
EDWIN WELCH, Jr. #1132

TEAM # 7 MARCH 12, 2011

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

TEAM # 3 NOVEMBER 13, 2010

HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962
ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285
EAST ROCKAWAY # 958
HEMPSTEAD #390
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL #1032

TEAM # 8 APRIL 9, 2011

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

TEAM # 4 DECEMBER 11, 2010

NASSAU POLICE #1050
ELMONT #1033
MALVERNE #44
MERRICK # 1282
GLEN COVE # 76

TEAM # 9 MAY 14, 2011

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

TEAM # 5 JANUARY 8, 2011

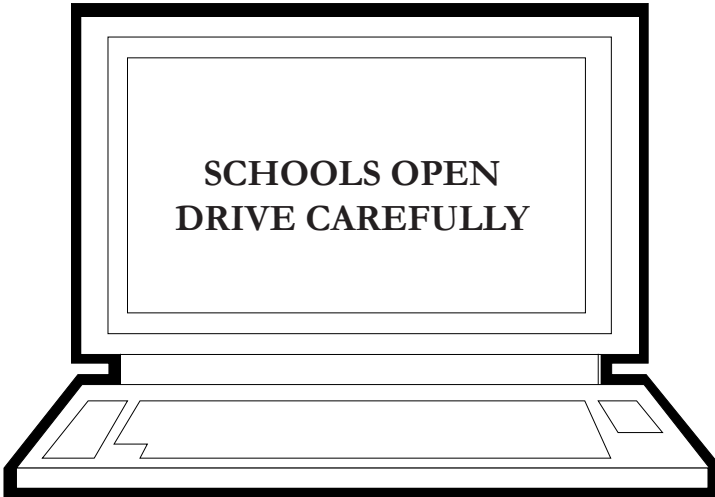
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861
WILLIAM J. LONGUET # 101
BALDWIN #246
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY # 342
LAWRENCE /CEDARHURST #339
PLAINVIEW #1812

FOR A CHANGE OF DATE OR IF YOUR
POST CAN'T MAKE IT CONTACT CHAIRMAN
JOHN RADIN, SR AT 431-5192

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New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| SEPT | 7 | NASSAU COUNTY VETS ADVISORY MEETING AT CRADLE OF AVIATION |
| | 24 | COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM
COUNTY MEETING 8 pm |
| | 25 | NASSAU COUNTY CANDLELIGHT MIA/POW VIGIL AT EISENHOWER
PARK STARTING AT 7:00 PM |
| OCT | 10 | LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AT WILLISTON POST 9 AM |
| | 22 | COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM
COUNTY MEETING 8 pm |
| NOV | 6 | DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT & DINNER -WILLISTON POST |
| | 19 | COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM
COUNTY MEETING 8 pm |

VETS REHAB

PROPOSED COUNTY LEGION BUDGET

THE NEW BUDGET FOR THE 2010 - 2011 LEGION YEAR WAS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AT THE AUGUST COUNTY MEETING. COPIES WILL BE MAILED TO ALL COUNTY POSTS AND IT WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW IT AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS COME AND ASK THEM.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING THE ITEMS FOR OUR VISITS TO NORTHPORT AND STONYBROOK, WE ARE ALSO STOCKING ITEMS FOR THE NEXT VETERANS HOMELESS STANDDOWN. WE ARE STILL COLLECTING TABS, STAMPS, GLASSES, HEARING AIDS, CELL PHONES, PUZZLES, GAMES, NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, PENS, WRITING PAPER, PADS, AND ANY ITEMS THAT YOU FEEL MAY BENEFIT SOME OTHER VETERAN. BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE COUNTY MEETING OR IF YOU HAVE A LOT CALL ME AT: 536-3796

KEN CADIEUX