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COMMANDERS REPORT

THIS PAST MONTH LAW & ORDER PROGRAMS WERE CONDUCTED TO COMPLETE THIS YEARS SCHEDULE. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE POSTS WHO CONDUCTED SOME OUTSTANDING LAW & ORDER CEREMONIES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I AM VERY PROUD OF THE COUNTY ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL COMMANDERS DINNER AT ANTON'S IN QUEENS. THE NATIONAL COMMANDER HAD SOME GREAT REMARKS ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEGION AND HIS MOTTO THIS YEAR IS "S.A.V.E.D." SERVING AMERICAN VETERANS EVERY DAY. AS USUAL NASSAU COUNTY SHOWED THEY WERE STILL THE EMPIRE COUNTY OF THE EMPIRE STATE.

ALL THE DIVISION CAUCUSES WENT WELL AND NEXT YEARS SLATE OF OFFICERS IS LOOKING GOOD.

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAS THEIR MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES READY TO GO. AGAIN MEMBERSHIP IS COMING TO AN END FOR THIS YEAR - GET THOSE RENEWALS IN.

1st Division

The Division Caucus was held at the Malverne Post and we had over 50 legionnaires attend. Howard Kalachman from Victor Murtha Post was nominated for County Vice Commander, 1st Division Commander and I was nominated for County Membership Officer.

I visited the Merrick Post, they had a very nice turnout and swore in a new member – Bernie, keep up the good work and thanks for the hospitality. The Oceanside Post held a very nice Law & Order night followed by some good food, Linda you did a great job. The North Bellmore Post's breakfast fund raiser had delicious food and great company. I also had the pleasure of attending the County Auxiliary meeting at the Robert Van Cott Post with Commander Colon.

The National Commander's dinner was a nice evening out, with good food, music, and camaraderie; Nassau

County was well represented and the Division and a good showing. Lastly, the Children & Youth Easter party at the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club for the developmentally challenged children was a huge success, as always, Willibe did an outstanding job organizing it.

As a reminder, please make up your Post Delegates letter and send it in to our Adjutant Joe Reale (your delegates should also bring a copy to the Convention), as soon as possible, it is important to remember that without it you Post will not be able to vote at the County Convention.

Lastly, the Post Consolidated and Children & Youth report forms for 2011 have been sent to all Post, please complete and return them without delay, remember these reports are where you record all the great efforts of your Post for the past year.

For God, County and the American Legion

John J. Hassett,

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2nd Division Report

County Commander, Staff and Fellow Legionnaires,

On April 15th I had the pleasure of attending National Commander Jimmie L. Foster's Testimonial Dinner. The attendance was about 750 people and it was an impressively well run event. This month has been light as far as other events. However, as the Legion year comes to a close we must remain on course. The following Posts have to submit the PUFLS dues to county ASAP. Membership Officer Nick Yaworski has been trying to reach these Posts unsuccessfully, so please keep your contact information updated: William Bradford Turner, Post # 265; William Clinton Story, Post # 342; East Meadow Memorial, Post # 1082 and Hugh C. Newman III Memorial, Post 449.

I remind all Division Post Commanders to work closely with your Adjutants to submit the letter listing your Post delegates and alternates for the upcoming County convention. This must be submitted to the County Adjutant Joseph Reale and

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credentials Chairman Mike Miller ASAP. Also, I have mailed the Consolidated Post Report forms make sure they are properly filled out and submitted by the date indicated. As always, feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns.

For God and Country, Manny Rodriguez

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Third Division Report

Memorial Day is close at hand. Should any post in the 3rd Division, or any post in the County, not have plans, consider joining your fellow Legionnaires from the Charles A. Fowler Jr. Post as they host the Second Annual International Memorial Day Parade. Members of the Royal Legion Post from Kitchner, Ontario, Canada will again be our honored guests. The Royal Fire Brigade and Pipe and Drum Corps have also expressed interest in attending.

All Post Commanders are not so gently reminded that the Consolidated Post Report and Children and Youth Report are due to the County Adjutant NO LATER THAN 15 MAY.

As reported last month, the 14th Annual POW/ MIA Remembrance will be held THIS SUNDAY 1 MAY during the 1000 hrs Catholic mass at the Mariner's Chapel, Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point. A reservation only luncheon will be held immediately after at the Firefighter's Benevolent Hall. See me after the meeting if you like to attend.

The convention is also close at hand. Most important – the County Adjutant needs your Post's Delegates and Alternate Delegates listing YESTERDAY. Remember, if your list is not received in a timely fashion, your Post will not be permitted to vote. Get your journal ads to Ken Cadieux promptly as well as your Post's Officers for the new Legion year Directory.

For God, Country and the American Legion
Louise McCann, Third Division Commander

**DEADLINE FOR JOURNAL
ADS MAY 13, 2011**

CHILDREN and YOUTH REPORT

The Annual Easter Party for the children of SCO family of service of Sea Cliff, New York was held at the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

This is a very special day for the children of SCO. All bus outings and all other programs was canceled, allowing us the opportunity to give a little joy and happiness to the Children of SCO.

The menu was a hot buffet with plenty of food, ice cream, cake, and soda for dessert and a DJ for there dancing pleasure. There were about one hundred and twenty five people including staff Legionnaires and Auxiliary members.

We thank Barbara Tortorice, County President and all members of the Auxiliary for supplying the Desserts. We also thank the County Commander Frank Colon and all other Legionnaires and Auxiliary members for being there, the outstanding job that they did contributed highly to the success of the program.

All of the above could not have taken place without the support of the Posts and Units that contributed funds. Special thanks to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls, namely Melissa Tierney, Executive Director, and the members of the Board for allowing us the use of the facility.

At 'this time I would like to talk this opportunity to thank the Posts that contribute funds during the month of April and they are: Mineola Memorial Post 349, Island Park Post 1029, Lynbrook Post 335, Merrick Post 1282, Hugh C. Newman Post 449, Howard Van Wagner Post 962, Young-Simmons Post 1765, and Bellmore Post 948.

Consolidated Post Reporting

It is now time to fill out the Consolidated Post Report. I'm asking Post Commanders and Post Children & Youth Chairmen to take the lead and see that their Post is COUNTED FOR!

Fred Nielsen and Willibe Wilson, Jr.

Children and Youth Co- Chairmen

For God and Country

Membership Officer's Report - May

Angelo Grande

We have come a long way, as of the 4-21-11 Membership Report we have reached the 93.47% in membership. Our membership drive continues. We have a couple of weeks to go until the end of the Legion year. Let's make it happen. We can reach 100%.

As our Legion year comes to an end, I would like to thank my division commanders who made this a successful year for me. I would also like to thank Commander Frank Colon Jr. and his staff for aiding me with my job. The Membership Officers of the Posts need to be congratulated also. It is not easy to be a Post Membership Officer. It's nice to work with nice people.

"LEGISLATIVE REPORT"

REGINALD BUTT

On April 15th Congress finally passed a budget, they are still working on it to cut back on some of the expenditures. The Legion is still pushing to get money added to the VA Budget to aid in construction. Congress passed the medical portion with extra funding but cut on the construction side which is needed. The Legion is also pushing the VA about the Care Giver Act which was signed into law but the legion does not agree with the VA interpretation, as of this date no final resolution.

The Flag Amendment is on the table and everyone should contact the Congressmen and the two NY Senators to ask that this be passed. The House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res.) 13

FY '12 DOD Budget: The most pressing concern of the American Legion in the budgets for DOD is the impact on the rates for TRICARE. Proposed changes call for raises in the rates veterans currently pay, and increases of up to 6% over successive years. Ensuring the full funding of the War on Terror remains a top priority as the nation cannot afford shortfalls or to forget that these operations are still critical to the national defense.

Law and Order

Commander Colon and I closed out the month of March on the 313' 2011, with Charles Wagner Post 421 Law and Order Program. It was also the last day for Nassau County Police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey. He was in attendance and it was an honor to be back in the company of an old friend. We presented him with a plaque from the American Legion, thanking him for his service. The program was done very well. I'd like to thank Commander Greg Bennet and the members of the Hicksville Post for the invitation.

On April 4 2011, we attended Oceanside Memorial Post 1246 for their Law and Order Program. Their program also went very well. I'd like to thank Commander Richard Gogarty and the members of the Oceanside Memorial Post for their kind invitation.

On April 10 2011, we attended the Merrick Post #1282 for their Law and Order program. My thank you goes to the Commander Bernard Hoffman and the member of the Merrick Post for their invitation. Once again we had the honor of attending another well run program. This was our final Law and Order for the year. We were impressed with all the Posts from Nassau County that put the time and effort into this program.

All the Post that had a Program were given a consolidated Report and it must be back to me by May 10 2011. I will also accept any Law and Order scrap books.

Law and Order Chairman Ron Sabo

NORTHPORT REHAB SCHEDULE 2010 - 2011

TEAM # 9 MAY 14, 2011

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

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have 5 cell phones and accessories, 1 laptop computer and 1 portable (small) printer ready to ship. I will add whatever items I pick up tonight. I received a check for \$144.90 and asked the Treasurer to split it between the NEF and Legacy Memorial Scholarship, \$72.45 each. As I stated last month the recycling program has expanded and it now includes these items:

1. cell phones
2. cell accessories
3. iPods and MP3 players
4. handheld game systems
5. GPS handheld units
6. Laptops
7. E-readers
8. portable hard drives



Ken Cadieux has received about ten or twelve boxes of mobile cell phones hangars, stereo headsets, clock radios and cordless telephones. I e-mailed the recycling center and he said he would take them but they may not have any value. He sent me fifteen shipping labels. Keep collecting any and all of the above, bring them to the County meeting or if you have a large amount call me to arrange a drop off or pick up. Gas prices are going sky high so the traveling should be kept at a minimum.

COUNTY DIRECTORY

KEN CADIEUX, PCC

THE DIRECTORY LETTERS WILL BE GOING OUT IN JUNE PLEASE GET THEM BACK TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT I MAY GET THE NEW DIRECTORY PRINTED AND IN YOUR HANDS BY THE AUGUST MEETING. THE DEADLINE FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE RECEIVED BY ME IS AUGUST 12, 2011.

NATIONAL CEMETERY:

THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT L.I. NATIONAL WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29TH AT 1:30 PM PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND AS THE CROWD HAS DWINDLED IN THE PAST YEARS AND IF THE PUBLIC THINKS WE DON'T CARE THEY WILL NOT COME EITHER.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Packages are still being shipped as we received an abundance of socks and t-shirts plus other toiletry items. In April I shipped 13 boxes and I am still packing more, I hope to exhaust my supply by the convention. I received a donation from the Baldwin Auxiliary of \$150 to go to the Boy Scout making his Eagle project of shipping 500 boxes to the troops. He has 225 boxes to go and needed financial assistance. I added \$150 to Baldwin Unit's check to make it \$300 plus I am giving him two or three boxes of items to pack up. He got names of troops from Mike Plum (Ft. Drum).

At Present I am responding to a request for Family Support for a Marine stationed on Long Island. His request went to National who forwarded to the Department who forwarded to me. He is asking for help to pay his lawyers fees in a messy divorce but the system is not geared for that. He also needs other assistance which is what I am working with now.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I have 41 boys going to Boys State this year, 10 less they last year. A number of posts waited until the last moment to try to get boys and with the schools closing on 15 April it was a scramble to the applications completed. I set a cut off date of 15 April but , actually until 30 April. Two posts sent checks but did not have boys but at the late date of receiving the checks I was unable to pick up boys for them, they will receive a refund. I receive one application on Thursday 28 April in the afternoon with the name of two additional boys but with no time to get everything done I will list them as alternates.

The Boys State Orientation will be on Thursday 9 June at 8 P.M. at the Williston Post #144 and the bus will pick and drop off the boys at the Williston Post. The boys depart by 6 A.M. on Sunday 26 June and return about 1:30-2:00 P.M. on Friday 1 July. I want to THANK all the posts that are sending boys and Williston Post for use of their hall.

JAMES T. RANDLE COUNTY HISTORIAN

TO ALL POST'S HISTORIANS AT THE NEXT MEETING FRIDAY MAY 27. THIS YEAR HISTORY BOOKS WILL BE JUDGED. THE POST REPRESENTATIVE CAN DELIVER THE POST HISTORY BOOK AT THAT MEETING. BASICALLY THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF POST HISTORIES - A NARRATIVE HISTORY AND A PICTORIAL (SCRAPBOOK) HISTORY. POST HISTORIAN WILL COMPLETE THEIR DUTY AS AN OFFICERS OF THEIR POST. CALL ME IF A BOOK IS READY AND YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING.

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NEW HYDE PARK N.Y. 11040

**93rd COUNTY CONVENTION
PLAQUES TO BE AWARDED JUNE 3-4**

JAMES T. RANDLE CHAIRMAN

TO ALL COMMITTEES THAT INTEND TO PRESENT PLAQUES AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION JUNE 3 - 4 YOU ARE ASKED TO CONTACT ME. THE CUT OFF WILL BE SATURDAY MAY 19. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER. MAKE SURE TO CHECK SPELLING.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

A COPY OF THE UPDATED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, WAS SENT TO TO ALL POSTS,COUNTY OFFICERS,AND PAST COUNTY COMMANDERS. THE COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REVIEWING THE UPDATED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AND BE PREPARED TO VOTE FOR ITS APPROVAL AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION IN JUNE.

JAMES B.MIDDLETON,JR.PCC CHAIRMAN

HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each Post in the County should have a chairman for Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness. The County Chairman is being asked to compile a list of names of all the Post Chairmen in their respective County. This list will be forwarded to the District Chairman, who will compile the District list and then forward it to the Department Chairman. Each post should forward their chairman's name to the County Chairman. Include with the name, phone number, address and e-mail address (if one is available)

There are many incidents of naturally disasters in the U.S. at this time. The worst disaster is in Japan. We must be prepared at all times as with the weather being so crazy we could be hit at any time. Remember the cornerstone of preparedness and prevention is AWARENESS for all hazards. Besides all these disaster we are engaged in three armed conflicts and protest groups are forming, this allows terrorists to mingle with the protesters and makes it difficult to detect. We have cells of homegrown terrorists but infiltrator this is the time we must be extra alert, if you see something tell someone. With the current disasters people tend to think about them and let down their guards, we must always be alert on what goes on around us.

The bottom line is "ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING".

TROOP AND RE-HAB SUPPLIES:

Ken Cadieux, PCC

WE HAVE ONLY ONE MORE VISIT TO NORTHPORT LEFT AND WE ARE STOCKING UP FOR THE STANDDOWN AND THE FALL. ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY ARE:

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| T-SHIRTS | TALKING BOOKS |
| SOAP | TOOTH BRUSHES |
| SHAMPOO | DVD'S |
| TISSUES | HAND SANITIZER |
| SKIN CREAMS | MOUTH WASH |
| BABY WIPES | TOILET PAPER |
| GAMES | PUZZLE BOOKS |

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR LIGHTLY USED OR NEW MENS OR WOMENS CLOTHING, JACKETS, SHOES, WOMENS PRODUCTS, CAN GOODS & NON SPOILBLE FOOD ITEMS. IF YOU HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT CALL FRANK COLON FOR A PICK UP.

Rehabilitation Report - John R Radin, Sr.

April at Northport showed signs of Spring and our Day at the Races was fairly well attended. To start we had four (4) Posts out of the six (6) assigned show up. Mineola Memorial Post #349 - 3 men & \$100, Long Beach Victor Murtha Post 972 - 8 men 1 lady & \$100, Bellmore Post #948 - 3 men & \$50, Levittown Post #1711 - 5 men & \$50. That left Franklin Square #1014 and Eugene S. Smith Post #175 as no shows. As usual we ask for a \$100 donation for no shows. Fortunately everything for the races went along nice and smooth, mainly all of our honored guests had a nice time and all left as winners.

The month of May will be our last visit under the current fiscal year and under the command of Frank Colon, Jr. Those following post that are assigned, please make it a must on your schedule along with \$50 or \$100 whatever you can afford:

William Bradford Turner Post #265
Roosevelt Memorial Post #1051
Robert Van Cott Post #1139
Oceanside Memorial Post #1246
Uniondale Post #1487
Joe Murphy Post #1957

If you need any further information kindly call
John R. Radin Sr 516 431-5192

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WILLIAM DAVISON, PCC CHAIRMAN

THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION IS GROWING WITH THE DONATIONS OF SPECIAL BOOKS DONATED BY THE POSTS. ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ALL HAVE BEEN DONATED.

THE LIBRARY COLLECTS ALL ITEMS TO DO WITH NEW YORK STATE AND LONG ISLAND AND WITH YOUR DONATIONS ITEMS ARE PURCHASED FOR THIS COLLECTION.

THIS COLLECTION WAS STARTED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION BY COUNTY COMMANDER JAMES N. MACLEAN AND IS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN LEGION SPECIAL COLLECTION AT HOFSTRA LIBRARY.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION OF MONEY OR HAVE ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTACT ME AT 764-0645

AMERICANISM - SCOUTING COALITION:

In Nassau County, 37% of our Posts are involved as Charter Organizations. We hope raise that percentage to 50% in the next year. County 2011 = 37%
3rd Div - Need 3 more Posts to Charter a Program
2nd Div - Need 3 more Posts to Charter a Program
1st Div - Need 3 more Posts to Charter a Program

Soon we will be inviting Post Commanders to a Morning Meeting to hear from Com-manders who currently Charter a Scouting Program and from the Kids who benefit from their efforts. We will also hear from Scout Professionals about the Influences in our cul-ture which make the Scout Program essential, especially for at risk kids.

We are working closely with Kevin O'Shea and John Zseller at the Theodore Roosevelt Council who must provide a date they will support and present the Training needed to support the formation of more Cub Packs. Nurturing Youth, a core principle of the American Legion.

DRAGON BOAT PROJECT REPORT:

96 Days to Splash the Team-

Every Vet Sponsor A Cube! About a year ago:

I talked about the idea of the Dragon Boat Project for the first time to Commander, Frank Colon who recognized the benefit the Project offered our Disabled Vets and made a strong commitment to supporting it.

From the earliest expression of this Project to you, I have made clear the need for every Vet to sponsor a Cube. The caring initiative here is the \$20 donation to the American Legion Dragon Boat Project to benefit Disabled Vets. While doing a good thing on its own, that of affirming the Service of a Vet, the Cube is an incentive and a fitting "Thank You" for making this important donation.

In suitable response to the mantra calling "Every Vet To Sponsor A Cube", from Nassau County Legionnaires we would have sponsored 6334 "Thank Vets First" Cubes \$126,680 (6334 X \$20).

We eagerly acknowledge three Posts who have made important Donations: Lynbrook Post 335, Manhasset Post 304, Young-Simmons 1765. And 16 Individuals who have made \$20 Donations which were acknowledged by "Thank Vets First Cubes" Through 24 March the Dragon Boat Project has received \$554.21 Expended \$170 Balance \$384.21

FRED NIELSEN, CHAIRMAN

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MAY | 8 | V.J. DAY FLY YOUR FLAG ! |
| | 8 | MOTHERS DAY - REMEMBER MOM . |
| | 13 | DEADLINE FOR COUNTY JOURNAL ADS. |
| | 21 | ARMED FORCES DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG ! |
| | 27 | COUNTY MEETINGS AT HEMPSTEAD POST - ADVISORY 7:15 PM
COUNTY MEETING 8 pm |
| | 29 | UVO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT EISENHOWER PARK |
| | 29 | L.I. NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES 2 PM |
| | 30 | MEMORIAL DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG ! |
| JUNE | 3 | NASSAU COUNTY CONVENTION - LEVITTOWN HALL 8 PM |
| | 4 | COUNTY CONVENTION RESUMES - ELECTION OF OFFICERS 9 AM |
| | 5 | INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - EDWIN WELCH JR POST SEAFORD
3:30 TO 7:30 PM - TICKETS \$42.00 P.P. |

MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. ASK A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO JOIN. LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT WE DO FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. TALK UP THE AMERICAN LEGION AT AFFAIRS, CHURCH, PARTIES, AND WHEN YOU SEE THAT PERSON WITH THE BASEBALL CAP WITH A BRANCH OF THE SERVICE ON IT ASK THEM IF THEY BELONG TO THE LEGION. AND ALWAYS CARRY AN APPLICATION WITH YOU.