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COMMANDERS REPORT

Ned Johnson

I missed the County Meeting last month due to a conflicting engagement. I hope that all went well and I wish to thank Lincoln Parsons the 2nd Division Commanders for sitting in for me.

I am glad to see that we are right on target with out membership for this year. We can't sit back and wait for those renewals, let's give them a reminder that dues are due NOW!

1ST DIVISION COMMANDER

Gus Lanzo 678-3392

Our Division has the first Post with 100% membership ! Congratulations to J. Franklin Bell Post # 81 .

We only need 935 more renewals to make our Division quota. Let's give it a little extra push. Contact those late payers and get their dues !

The First Division is in third place in the County with 64.41% of our quota. We can do better.

2ND DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

Lincoln Parsons, Commander-378-7607

All post commanders will receive a letter regarding our membership meeting Tuesday, Nov 10, 2009 at the Levittown Post # 1711 the address is 3123 North Jerusalem Road Levittown 11756.

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

I have visited 15 posts so far in my division and will visit the other 2 posts in November.

THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER

James Barton - 484-4471

On October 3, 2009, I was a participant in the Horses for Heroes Fund Raising Barbecue held at the Benevolent Hall in Great Neck. Most of you missed an outstanding opportunity to help and support our injured military personnel.

On October 21, 2009, the Third Division Membership Meeting was held at the Plainview Post. There were eight (8) posts in attendance with the County Commander, Ned Johnson and Membership Chairman, Joe Reale. We wish to thank the Plainview Post for their hospitality and use of their facilities.

On October 24, 2009, I represented the American Legion at the dedication of the Xeriscape Garden in Manhasset, located by Leeds Pond. The garden is dedicated to the men and women in our armed forces. The entire garden was the idea and creation of Christopher Johnson, an Eagle Scout in Troop 71 Plandome, NY. It is quite impressive.

Have a safe and healthy Veteran's Day. For God and Country

PAST DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

AL WOESSNER, 1958-1959 IS 98 YEARS YOUNG AND NOW RESIDES IN A ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY AND WISHES TO HEAR FROM SOME OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRES. SEND ALL CARDS OR LETTERS TO:

**AL WOESSNER
780 A HERITAGE VILLAGE
SOUTHBURY, CT. 06488-1325**

CHAPLAINS REPORT RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS:

MIKE MILLER, JUDGE ADVOCATE - NOW HOME RESTING.

ROBERT TOM RIORDAN -IN HOSPITAL AS OF THIS NOTICE.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

PETER HOLOWECKI AND REGINALD BUTT, CO-CHAIR

The Protocol Committee met on 25 September 2009 to review the suggested invited guest list for the Military Ball/Post Commanders Night. The invited guest list was for 18 persons and the Committee approved the list as submitted.

"LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST"

PETER HOLOWECKI & REGINALD BUTT, CO-CHAIR

The Legislative Breakfast was Held on 11 October 2009 at 9 A.M. at Tun Tavern, Marine Barracks, 605 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY. The room was crowded but the food was good and they served 150 people cafeteria style in 40 minutes. The big disappointment was the lack of Legislators attending. Letters went out to 20 Legislators and 12 responded with yes I will be there or it is on my schedule. Only 5 Legislators showed up, with 4 speaking and the fifth had to leave before he got a chance to speak. Two Nassau County Legislators came uninvited and were not allowed to speak. I will give the Financial report but the bottom line on the budget we were to make \$600 and the profit due to the raffle was \$1069.35. Seating was limited and I stressed purchase your ticket ahead of time and I still had people come that did not have tickets. Luckily some people who bought tickets did not show. We had seating on the tables for posts that bought 7 or more tickets and the remaining seats were open. People moved the reserved seating signs to other tables or discarded the signs. This caused a little confusion getting everyone seated. I want to thank the following people who helped at the breakfast: PCC Bill Ost, Joe Oliveri, Maryanne Butt and Lee Oliveri. Tun Taverns PA System was not operating and I borrowed the portable PA System from Ken Cadieux.

DEPT COMMANDERS VISIT / DINNER

PETER HOLOWECKI AND REGINALD BUTT, CO-CHAIR

The Department Commanders Visitation to Nassau County is on 7 November 2009. The dinner honoring him with held at Glenwood Landing Post #336, 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head, NY. The dinner will run from 7 P.M. until 11 P.M.. We have sold out. If you do not have ticket(s) do not show up hoping to be seated we will not be able to accommodate you as seating is limited to 132.

We will take the Commander to breakfast that morning and to Sagamore Hill for a tour. Let me know if you want to attend either but remember the cost is at your expense.

SUPPORT FOR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

In October, I shipped out 4 packages of books and magazines for a program called "Books for Soldiers". I am working with a woman who had registered with "Books for Soldiers", she packages them, fills out all the paper work and I ship them. This woman also gave me 5 cases of shaving cream (24 cans in a case), I kept one case to use to sent to the troops and gave Ken Cadieux the other 4 cases for the Rehab Programs.

RED CROSS TO DELIVER HOLIDAY CARDS:

The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes INC. will partner for the third year to sponsor the National "Holiday Mail for Heroes" campaign to receive and distribute holiday cards to service members, veterans and their families in the United States and aboard. The card campaign includes those working and receiving care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. A special P.O. Box address has been established to start receiving mail as of 2 November. The address is, Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456. People should not send cards to Walter Reed unless they are addressed to a specific wounded warrior. Cards postmarked no later than Dec. 7 will reach service members recovering at Walter Reed.

EAT FREE AT APPLEBEE'S:

Military Veterans and active duty service members will be able to eat for free at any Applebee's across the U.S. on Veterans Day, Wed. Nov 11, 2009. There will be six entrees from the menu to choose from. The items are Three Cheese Chicken Penne, Fire Pit Bacon Burger, Fiesta Lime Chicken, Chicken Tenders Platter, 7 oz. House Sirloin, and Oriental Chicken Salad. Guests will be asked to show one or more of the following as proof of service: a U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, A photograph in uniform or wearing a uniform in person. A complete listing of Applebee's location is available at www.applebees.com.

HOMELESS VETERANS STANDOWN

FREEPORT ARMORY ON NOV 23

9 AM TO 3 PM

"HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each Post should have an appointed Chairman for Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness. This name should have been forwarded to the Department Headquarters (attn: Barbara Kerr).

First, the post should check with local officials to see if they have an emergency/disaster plan in place. Ask how your post can help. 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. 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.

Homeland Security is not only about Terrorism, it covers disasters such as, floods, hurricanes, train derailments, fire, snowstorms etc. The posts and CERT personnel can be a tremendous help in times of emergency.

The cornerstone of preparedness and prevention is AWARENESS for all hazards. It requires everyone's help. The skills, training and education that veterans have make your observations and involvement even more critical. Watch for suspicious activity...

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

I shipped out 66 phones in October and they had a funding raising value of \$41.20. It takes between 30 to 45 days to get the check and when it comes in it will be split between the NEF and the Legacy Memorial Scholarship. I have picked up phones from Ken Cadieux, Commander Johnson and the Town of Hempstead plus what I received tonight, will be shipped out next week. 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.

ORATORICAL REPORT

William Harms, Chairman

At the County meeting, last month, I gave to the Vice Commanders the Oratorical packets to give the Posts in their respective Divisions. I sincerely hope that all these packets were delivered to the High Schools, by the Posts. The students, that participate, have only one month left to return the their personnel information and a copy of their speech to me.

I have tentative dates set, with Posts where the Preliminary's and Final Contests will be held. I would thank the Posts in advance for their participation in this great program.

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

Department of New York
Membership Chairman - W. Michael Bowen

Legionnaires and Membership Committee's;

Congratulations, your dedication to our membership program has again reached new heights. The Department of New York arrived at its Target date Quota of 65% on October 29th, 19 days ahead of Schedule, and a week ahead of last years percentage with 66.57%. I emphasize (percentage); we are still behind last year's total membership at this time by approximately 14,000. However, I have no doubt that we will succeed in surpassing last year's quota's and then some. All we have to do is ask a Veteran to Join! And WE can do it!

At the National Commanders fall visitations to The Department of New York, Commander Hill stated that: Recruitment is the "hardest easy job" there is. And he is correct.

As I mentioned in our Workshops and District meetings throughout the Department, if Legionnaire Martin can recruit over 500 new members in one year and Commander Hill has received the honor of achieving Gold Brigade status many times over,

WHAT IS THEIR SECRET??

It's simple,.....JUST ASK!

Everyone wants to belong to something, and everyone wants to be asked. Communication is our greatest asset in our quest for new members, so let our voices carry our message. Meet our Veteran eye to eye, or as one Gold Brigadier stated Eyeball to Eyeball. Every Veteran deserves the benefits and camaraderie that we have to offer by belonging to the American Legion. It doesn't matter what state they are from or who they are, if they are qualified to belong then sign them up. Let your voice be heard so that other voices can be heard in Congress and across this Great Country and the World. We are the Greatest Wartime Veterans organization in the World, so let's go out and prove it.

I CHALLENGE all of you to sign up a new member by Veterans Day, November 11th, AND I WILL do the same. When a team works together, Great things happen, so Just Ask a Veteran today to join! I know that all of you can do this and those Veterans that do not belong are waiting for you to ask.

HISTORIAN REPORT

JAMES T. RANDLE

To all Post's Historian the Legion year is more than half over. I hope the Post Historian is putting together their Post Narrative or Scrapbook or Pictorial History. Call me I can help or if there is any question. The books are to be from May 2009 through April 2010. I hope I can set a date for receiving the books at the County Meeting in May. They will be judged and Awards will be given out at the County Convention in June with the winning book to go to Department Convention in July.

Address: 106 Rose lane
New Hyde Park N.Y. 10040
516 270-3876

PUBLIC RELATIONS

JAMES T. RANDLE - CHAIRMAN

NEW FOR THE COUNTY NEWSLETTERS CONTEST

To the Post's of Nassau County and Historian's of that Post or the Public Relations Person; There is a Newsletter Contest; To enter submit three Newsletters, the best ones from June 2009 to March 2010; any three that explores the Public Relations of your Post. Submit them in a yellow folder, and put the Post Name and Editor of the Newsletter. Send it to the County Meeting by April 23 with Post County Rep. They will be judged and Awards will be given out at County Convention June 4-5. You can call me for help @ 516 270 3876

Address: 106 Rose Lane,
New Hyde Park N.Y. 11040

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

NOV 8 SUN EISENHOWER PARK
10:30 am

8 SUN LONG ISLAND NATIONAL
CEMETERY AT FARMINGDALE
2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS
DAY SERVICES AT SILVER LAKE PARK,
BALDWIN 10 A.M.

FLY YOUR FLAG !

Report of the Finance Committee. October 1, 2

The Finance -Committee held a meeting on Wednesday: October 21, 2009 for the purpose of a review of the book and records of the County for the Fiscal Quarter July 2009 to September 2009 as well as to discuss other matters concerning the financial operations of the County.

The Books and records of the County, as maintained by the Treasurer, were reviewed in detail and found to be In order (after minor clarifications), and In support of the monthly reports issued to the membership by the Treasurer/Finance Committee

In connection with the continuing improvements to the system of Internal Controls (i.e. checks and balances) it was agreed that the Ridgewood Savings Bank would be instructed to send the monthly statement directly to Committee Member Tony Paternostro. This change is necessary since sound "checks and balances" require that monthly statements should not be sent to any person who has the authority to sign checks.

(Subsequent to the meeting, during a conversation with Ridgewood Savings Bank it was learned that they will not mail the Statement to anyone who is not authorized to sign checks. Since we believe this is a violation of our Internal Controls and other Banks have indicated a willingness to mail it to a place we designate, the Committee is exploring its alternatives. The membership will be advised when a decision is reached with our recommendation.)

The Committee reviewed a detail list of outstanding checks (i.e. Checks which have not cleared the Bank account) and it was agreed that the Treasurer would make an effort to contact the payee prior to voiding the check and returning the funds to our checking account balance.

A discussion was held by the Committee in our continuing effort to obtain adequate and effective liability coverage. We discussed our response to information requested by the Underwriter which he needs to evaluate pur exposure to potential liability claims. In addition, the Committee discussed other forms of insurance coverage which should be considered to protect the County and its membership from exposure to various other liabilities (i.e.

Directors and Staff Errors and Omissions Coverage, Accidents involving members on Official County business, etc.) As this effort continues the Committee will present the specifics to the membership prior to committing to coverage. It is currently anticipated that this project will be completed and in place by the first quarter of 2010.

Frank Rudgeair, Chairman
Cell Phone # 516-652-4539

Department Vice Commanders

District Commanders

County Commanders

The 2009-2010 National Commander's Dinner Committee will meet on Saturday, November 21 2009 at 10AM. The meeting will be held at the North Hills Country Club in Manhasset, Nassau County. The agenda will consist of a report of last year's expenses, our current financial situation, our agreement with Antun's, and the distribution of tickets. A question and answer session will follow until noon.

County Commanders are requested to bring the names, addresses & e-mail designations of their three County Dinner Chairman with a firm ticket request to the meeting. Since 97% of you have E-Mail we are going to try and keep the snail-mailings to a minimum, so please pass this and any info you receive to your members.

Legionally yours,
James W. Casey, Dinner Chairman

ADDRESS:200 Long Island Expressway, Manhasset, NY 11030

DIRECTIONS: From East:

Long Island Expressway West to Exit 35 (Shelter Rock Rd.). Stay on the Westbound Service Rd., proceed to Club on right.

DIRECTIONS: From West:

Long Island Expressway East to Exit 35 (Shelter Rock Rd.). At 1st traffic light, turn left crossing X-way. Turn left again onto the Westbound Service Rd., proceed to Club on right.

To: The American Legion Family of New York State and Friends

Subject: **The Election of Fang A. Wong as National Commander**

Greetings,

In less than two short years, the Department of New York will have the honor of nominating an outstanding Legionnaire to the high office of National Commander of The American Legion. Fang A. Wong is a man of high integrity and character, who has devoted his entire adult life to serving his country, both in the military and as a civilian.

When Fang takes the oath of office as our National Commander at the Minneapolis convention on September 1, 2011 it will mark the first time in thirty-one years that a New Yorker has had this honor. It will also mark the culmination of a two year campaign to raise the funds necessary to achieve a first class campaign and election. \$350,000.00 will be needed to achieve our goal. While this sounds like a large task, states as small as Idaho and Iowa have met the challenge with flying colors. We can do the same if the entire New York American Legion Family works together. How can you be a part of this history making effort? Allow me to make a few suggestions;

- Ø Organize The American Legion Family in your post, county and district into working groups. Select a leader for that group and notify me who that person is and then go to work on a project that will raise money for the campaign.
- Ø Talk to business leaders in your community and get them involved.
- Ø Organize one or more fund raisers in your area. Keep in mind that most of the funds needed for this campaign will be needed in the first year.
- Ø Consider a personal donation as well as a donation from your post, unit, or squadron.
- Ø Join the campaign committee by filling out and returning the "Committee Worker Profile" form located on our web page.
- Ø Keep updated on what is going on with the campaign by frequently viewing the Department American Legion web page at www.ny.legion.org and clicking on the Fang A. Wong for National Commander link. Similar pages are on the Auxiliary and SAL web pages.

Time will be set aside for donations on Sunday morning January 24, 2010 at the Mid Winter Conference in the Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY or you can send donations to the address listed above. There will be a brief committee meeting for all interested people on Saturday afternoon January 23, at 4:30 PM in High Street Room #30 at the Desmond Hotel. Please come prepared with any fund raising ideas and plans you may have.

Thank you for considering our request to get involved. Your support is needed and appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at 518-463-2215 ext. 19 or robert@nylegion.org should you have any questions.

Yours for a successful campaign,

Robert L. Morrill PDC

Campaign Chairman

REHABILITATION SCHEDULE 2009-2010

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 14, 2009 - 1:30 P.M.

HOWARD VAN WAGNER #962

ROBERT H. SPITTEL #1285

EAST ROCKAWAY #958

HEMPSTEAD #390

EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL #1082

TEAM # 4: DECEMBER 19, 2009

NASSAU POLICE #1050

ELMONT #1033

MALVERNE #44

MERRICK #1282

GLEN COVE #76

NOTE: AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO TEAM #4. YOUR VISIT TO NORTHPORT HAS BEEN CHANGES TO DECEMBER 19. PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW DATE. THE CHANGE WAS MADE BECAUSE THE VA IS HAVING AN ARMY/NAVY GAME ON THE 12TH.

TEAM #5: JANUARY 9, 2010

NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL #1861

WILLIAM J. LONGUET #101

BALDWIN #246

WILLIAM CLINTON STORY #342

LAWRENCE / CEDARHURST #339

PLAINVIEW #812

TEAM #6: FEBRUARY 13, 2010

YOUNG SIMMONS #1765

NORTH BELLMORE #1749

CATHEDRAL #1087

ROCKVILLE CENTRE #303

MANHASSET #304

AVIATORS #743

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

NEW DIRECTORY INFORMATION ON POSTS

ISLAND PARK POST #1029

P.O. Box 308, Island Park, N.Y. 11558- 0308

Meets 2nd / 4th Thursdays 8:00 PM

COMMANDER

John Roache, Jr.

431-1896

488 Long Beach Road, Island Park, N.Y. 11558

ADJUTANT

Joseph Aniano

764-2658

2577 Harvey Avenue, Oceanside, N.Y. 11572

CARLE PLACE POST #1718 (Correction)

Meets only 2nd Friday of Month (Change page 54)

Post Phone Number is: 334-6603 (change pages 37 & 66)

ADJUTANT :

Michael Giambone (Change Page 66)

TEAM # 8: APRIL 10, 2010,

MINEOLA MEMORIAL #349

LEVITTOWN #1711

FRANKLIN SQUARE #1014

BELLMORE #94

VICTOR MURTHA #972

EUGENE S. SMITH #175

TEAM # 9: MAY 8, 2010

UNIONDALE #1487

ROBERT VAN COTT #1139

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL #1051

OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL #1246

WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER #265

JOE MURPHY #1957

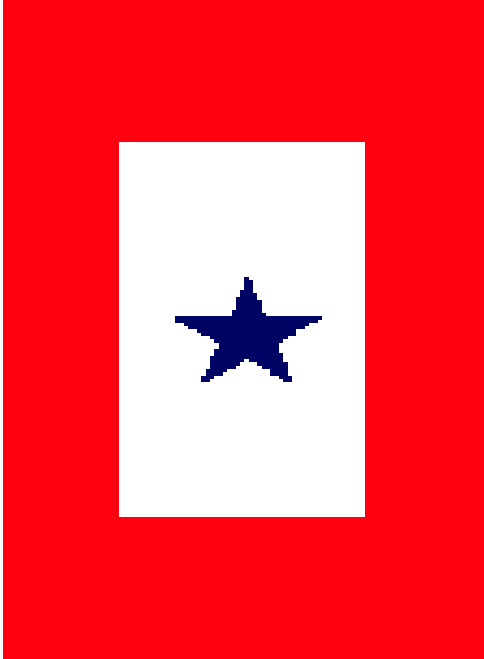
Remember your donation of \$50.00 if attending or \$100.00 if not attending. If your Post can't make the date assigned please call me at 766-6563 and let me know.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FAMILY OF PNVC JOHN P. TIPPING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$300.00 TO THE COUNTY VETERANS REHAB FUND IN JOHN'S MEMORY.

NASSAU COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE
121 POWELL AVENUE
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570

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MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. 11758
PERMIT # 8

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National American Legion Press Association
New York State Legion Press Association



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Nov | 3 | Election Day - Get out and vote ! |
| | 8 | Veterans Day Services at Eisenhower Park 10 AM line up 10:30 Start |
| | 8 | LINCMO Veterans Day Services 1:30 PM line up -2 PM start |
| | 11 | Veterans Day - Take Part in Services at your Post ! Fly Your Flag ! |
| | 23 | Veterans standdown at Freeport Armory 9 AM to 3 PM |
| | 26 | Happy Thanksgiving to all ! |
| | 27 | County Meetings at Plainview Post
7 pm Staff Meeting, 7:15 pm, Advisory Meeting, 8 pm County General Meeting. |
| Dec | 7 | Remember Pearl Harbor ! Fly Your Flag ! |
| | 12 | Happy Hanukkah ! |
| | 12 | Wreaths across America placement of wreaths at L.I. National Cemetery 9 AM - 12 PM |
| | 16 | Battle of the Bulge ! Fly Your Flag ! |
| | 18 | County Meetings at Plainview Post
7 pm Staff Meeting, 7:15 pm, Advisory Meeting, 8 pm County General Meeting. |
| | 25 | Merry Christmas to all ! |
| Jan | 2010 | |
| | 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR ! |
| | 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. |