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COMMANDERS REPORT

Our County Staff was very busy this month, we had the honor of installing 11 of Nassau County's American Legion Posts. Thank you for the courtesies that you extended to my fellow officers, our wives and myself. Their division commanders or myself installed the following Posts: Rockville Centre # 303, North Bellmore # 1749, Malverne # 44, Mineola Memorial #349, James F. Brengel # 456, William Clinton Story # 342, Manhasset # 304, Floral Park # 334, Plainview # 1812, Charles Wagner # 421 and Glenwood Landing # 336.

My project for this year is a continuation of the funding of the Vet Dogs Program. Once more, the county will match funds raised by the posts, up to a cap of three thousand dollars. This means we could be donating six thousand dollars to a program that directly affects wounded warriors. These animals are trained to open doors and drawers, turn lights on and off, warn of potential dangers such as smoke or alarms, and fetch and pick up items and many other chores. They also add to the quality of life through companionship, to an individual who has given so much for our nation and us. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

This year we are also raising funds to elect Fang Wong PNVC, to be our National Commander next year. This is an honor to the Department of New York; Fang Wong is from the Lt. Kimlau Post in NYC. There will be more information on this in the coming months.

1ST DIVISION COMMANDER

Gus Lanzo 678-3392

It was great to be back at the County Meeting.

I have the new County Directories for the First Division. Call me and arrange to pick them up.

I also have the materials for the schools for the Oratorical Contest. They may be picked up at the same time as the Directories.

I will be in contact with all the Posts to see if I can be of any help. If I can let me know.

2ND DIVISION COMMANDER

Lincoln Parsons, Commander-378-7607

This Legion Year is almost one third over and we have a long way to go to make our 100% goal in membership. Let's try to get an early jump on those late payers this year. Start reminding them now!

I have the Divisions supply of new directories and the Oratorical Information. Call me.

THIRD DIVISION COMMANDER

James Barton - 484-4471

Call me to make arrangements for your Post to get their New County Directories and the information packets on the Oratorical Program for the schools.

Veterans Day weekend.

Sunday, November 8, 2009- AT 10AM Assy:1030 AM start Veterans Day Service and Four Chaplains Monument Dedication, Veterans Plaza Eisenhower Park, Field #6, East Meadow. United Veterans (UVO) of Nassau County invites all Active Duty Military, Veterans, Organizations and their families and friends, Boy and Girl. Scouts, Fire Departments, Civic and Community Organizations to parade and participate in our Service and Dedication. Parade and Color Guards step off from field #6 at 10:30 AM sharp. USAT Dorchester survivor Ernest Heaton. is our Guest speaker.

Information: 516-433-4227.

Sunday, November 8, 2009-
1:30 PM Assembly 2:00 PM start
Veterans Day Service at:

Long Island National Cemetery.
2040 Wellwood Avenue, Farmingdale.

LINC Memorial Organization will conduct their annual, Veterans Day Service. All are invited to participate. Information: 516-433-4227

Joe Slattery, Jr. VP , UVO and Treasurer, LINC MO
516-433-4227

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

In September, I shipped out 18 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. In October I will be packaging up boxes to support the troops, so get me some new names, At present I have only two names..

I want to thank all the posts that sent donation to The navy Third Class Petty Officer on active duty stationed on the Carl Vinson CVN70 who needed help. His wife and two daughters aged 4 and 2 living in Newfane, NY loss everything they owned in a fire that destroyed 12 apartments. The response was very good and we helped one of our own.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

There was no phoned shipped in September. I left the phones that were brought to the meeting last month at the Plainview Post. There wasn't enough to ship, I need 50 phones to make a shipment. I picked up 22 phones from the Town of Hempstead and 15 phones from Ken Cadieux this week, so with those plus the ones from last month and tonight I will have enough to ship out. I received a check for \$76.75 which I sent to the Treasurer with a notation that \$38.38 goes to the Legacy scholarship Fund and \$38.37 goes to the NEF. 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.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

PETER HOLOWECKI AND REGINALD BUTT

The Protocol Committee met via E-Mail and phone set the invited guest list for the Legislative Breakfast and the Department Commanders Visitation Dinner. The Legislative Breakfast has 8 invited guest plus possible 20 Legislators. The Department Commanders Visitation Dinner will have 17 invited guests.

The Protocol Committee will meet immediately following this meeting to consider the invited guest list for the Military Ball/Post Commanders Night.

"HOMELAND SECURITY"

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC CHAIRMAN

Each Post in the County should have a chairman for Homeland Security and Civil Preparedness and that name should also be forwarded to County Chairman and Department Headquarters.

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. A good example of this is the fires in California, the flooding in Georgia and Alabama. The cornerstone of preparedness and prevention is AWARENESS for all hazards. The State of California was well prepared and they are doing a tremendous job. It requires everyone's help. Citizens manning boats and canoe to rescue stranded victims, these efforts had to be coordinated. The skills, training and education that veterans have make your observations and involvement even more critical. We are now in the hurricane season and it has been very quiet, but remember, Long Island is overdue for a big one.

Terrorism has many formal definitions. In most it involves illegal activity, including use of force or violence directed against the civilian population. It is intended to coerce or intimidate a government or civilian populations or noncombatants in furtherance of terrorist political/social objectives. Terrorism can be domestic, international, state-sponsored or loosely affiliated. The three men just arrested had plans but were under surveillance and they were reported by someone. The bottom line is "ALWAYS BE ALERT AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING".

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

There is no activity for Boys State but each post should start planning their program now. Contact the schools, talk with the Guidance Counselors and get the boys ready to interview. Let them know about the program.

REHABILITATION SCHEDULE 2009-2010

TEAM #2: OCTOBER 10, 2009

PORT WASHINGTON #509
FLORAL PARK #334
WANTAGH #1273
ARCHIE MCCORD #86
EDWIN WELSH JR. #1132

TEAM # 3: NOVEMBER 14, 2009

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

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

TO: All Post Commanders
Past County Commanders
County Commander & Staff
SAL & County Auxiliary

SUBJ: Department Commanders Visitation Dinner

Please be advised that this years Department Commanders Visitation Dinner will be held at:
Glenwood Landing Post #336
190 Glen Head Road,
Glen Head, NY 11545

Date: 7 November 2009 = Time: 7 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.
Cost per ticket: \$45.00

The seating is limited to 132 persons so the tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets may be purchased or reserved by calling or writing Reginald Butt, Jr. PCC, 93 Simcoe Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771-2207, Telephone (516) 922-7135.

Let's show the Department Commander that Nassau County is still "The Empire County of the Empire State" with a good attendance.

For God and Country
Peter Holowecki PDVC - Reginald Butt, Jr. PCC
Dinner Co-Chairmen

TEAM # 4: DECEMBER 12, 2009

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

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

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

"LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST"

PETER HOLOWECKI AND REGINALD BUTT-CO-CHAIR

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for 11 October 2009 at 9 A.M. and it will be held at Tun Tavern, Marine Barracks, 605 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY. This is an Active Military Facility and a PHOTO ID IS MANDATORY. Breakfast will consist of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits with gravy plus coffee and fountain drinks. You must go thru the chow line just as we did many years ago. We will open the chow line at 9:00 A.M., then open the meeting and introduce the legislators that show up.

Tickets are \$15 and the cut off date for sales is October 3, 2009. I have to give a head count by 5 October. The hall holds 180 so get you tickets ASAP. I do have tickets with me tonight and I will accept cash or check. See me after the meeting.

Scouting Report

There will be a number of scouting awards this spring. These will include Eagle Scout of the Year, the Eileen Ferguson Award that goes to a scout in a special scouting program or in exploring or venturing, an adult leader 4 award, and a unit of the year award.

All members of the Nassau County American Legion who are registered scout leaders in the county will have a chance to participate in judging the candidates for the awards.

Charles Mills, Chmn

ORATORICAL PROGRAM

This year's Oratorical program has gotten underway. I attended a meeting, headed by the Zone Chairman, Phil Barczak, on Sunday, Sept 19, 2009, hosted by the Elmont Post. At the meeting I received the information for this year's program. Accordingly I gave to each of the Division Commanders, the names of the Posts and the information packets, they will need to give to the High Schools in their respective areas. It is vital that these packets be given to the schools, as quickly as possible, to ensure that any student that is interested in participating in the program, will be able to do so.

William G. Harms, PCC Oratorical Chairman

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

by Robert A. Robesch PCC

Many thanks to the posts which have already sent in their donations. Now that the Summer is over and we are all getting back to our normal routines at the Post as well as at home, we should start thinking about our brother and sister veterans.

The National Emergency Fund is the principle way in which Legionnaires help other Legionnaires. As most of you know, the fund disburses monies to needy posts and individuals who suffer losses from natural disasters and other misfortunes.

We have been very lucky here on Long island, for the last few years, we have not been effected by hurricanes or severe ice storms but other areas of the country have. Just this past week, Georgia was hit by severe flooding. Help from the NEF will certainly come in handy for any Post involved. Who knows, we could be next.

Please try to put something in your Post Budgets for this worthy cause.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Invitations are going out and the tradition of the America Legion luncheon will held on Thursday, November 12th at the Hofstra Student Center.

Only this year Legion and Auxiliary units who have participated to the James Mac Lean memorial library are welcome. Certificates of Merit will also be given out.

Lets hope that this luncheon will be a huge success. ASAP when the invites are sent out, the second week in October, as of now the library has \$1,100.00. Remember your donations pay tribute to the living or deceased comrades, their names are placed in a book along with the post or unit of the American Legion, always remember our library is a treasure chest, please lets use it.

Bill Davison, Memorial chairman

****NOTICE****

The new address for the Island Park Post # 308 was not received in time for the New Directory it is:
P.O. Box 308,
Island Park, N.Y. 11558-1503

Medal of Honor Recipients

POST EXCELLENCE AWARD

Purpose: This proposal would institute an award for those posts that show excellence in four of the main areas of concern to The American Legion. To qualify for the award, the post would be required to achieve a standard of participation in each of the four areas, those being; membership, youth activities, community service and support to currently serving troops or veterans.

The purposes underlying this award are membership growth, exposure of The American Legion values to the youth of the community and increasing visibility of The American Legion Family through service projects. It is anticipated that a post achieving this qualification will have involved a number of the post members in planning an achieving these goals. A number of posts will most likely already be active in these areas and qualify without extra effort. A significant number of others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas in order to qualify.

Criteria: The standard to be achieved in each of the areas is:

- § Membership – Membership must be at least one member greater than the previous year. Post officer attends district meetings.
- § Youth Activities – Must sponsor and actively participate in at least one of the primary youth programs; Boys State, Baseball, Oratorical, Boy Scouts or Junior Shooting Sports
- § Community Service – Must accomplish a community service project that involves members of The Legion Family actively working in the community outside the post home. A large range of potential projects exists with some candidates being a project centered on one of the Children & Youth emphasis areas to fulfilling a strictly local need. A monetary donation may be part of the project but may not constitute the entire project.
- § Service to troops/veterans – Must accomplish a project supporting troops or veterans in the community that involves activity by Legion Family members outside the post home. Ranges of projects from the Family Support Network or Heroes to Hometowns to simply helping a local veteran with needed updates to the home are candidates for this category. A monetary donation may be part of the project but may not constitute the entire project.

CIVIL WAR / NYC - Of the 392 Medals of Honor accredited to the State of New York for Civil War Heroism, 197 were awarded to soldiers from New York City.

CIVIL WAR / NY STATE - 185 Soldiers from other cities in NY received Medals of Honor during the Civil War.

INDIAN CAMPAIGNS - 76 soldiers received Medals of Honor for actions during the Indian Campaigns of the West.

EARLY WARS - From Korea (1871) to the Caribbean through 11 different actions for which Medals of Honor were awarded, NY veterans received 7 of them.

PEACE TIME AWARDS - From 1865 to 1940, 189 Medals were awarded for heroic, non-combat action. NY heroes received a full 1/3 of them.

ADDITIONAL RECEIPIENTS - There are 82 additional recipients of the Medal listed here by conflict:

WW-I	16	Korea	3		
WW-II	32	Vietnam	30	Iraq	1

To view their Bio's you can go on the Web and Type in "New York Medal of Honor Recipients" in the search bar.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<u>Service Officer</u>	Edward Aulman	572-8452
<u>Legionnaire Editor</u>	Kenneth Cadieux	536-3796
<u>Web Master</u>	Kenneth Cadieux	536-3796

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

<u>BOYS STATE</u>	Reginald Butt, Jr., PCC	922-7135
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH</u>	Willibe Wilson, PCC	676-1263
<u>FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP</u>	Reginald Butt, Jr., PCC	922-7135
<u>VETS MEMORIAL FUND</u>	Herbert J. Blauert, PCC	223-2058
<u>NATIONAL CEMETERY</u>	Kenneth Cadieux, PCC	536-3796
<u>SONS OF THE LEGION</u>	Arthur Swanson, PDistC	599-0389
<u>UVO REPS</u>	Michael T. Miller PDVC Robert Reahl	223-8877 681-5545
<u>VETS ADVISORY (Nassau)</u>	William Ost, PCC (Member) Robert Reahl, PCC (Alt)	775-9106 681-5545
<u>VETS ADVISORY (O/ Bay)</u>	Robert Reahl, PCC Reginald Butt, Jr. PCC	681-5545 922-7135
<u>VETS ADVISORY (T.O.H.)</u>	John Cook, PDistC	868-9872

ALBANY MEMBERSHIP

1-800-332-

Military Ball/Post Commanders Night Report

Sorry I could not be with you tonight, but I am attending the Department Oratorical Chairmen's meeting in Indianapolis.

The Third Annual Military Ball/Post Commanders Night will take place on February 20, 2010, at the Stuart Thomas Manor, Farmingdale. The function will run from 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM, with the Post Commanders coming at 4:30 PM for pictures. Cost of the function is \$53.00 per person. That is a \$4.00 savings over last year. Letters with all the information on the function, and with the pageant information form on the back, will be handed out at the October County meeting. Those not in attendance will have them mailed to them.

Remember; keep February 20 2010 open for this great function.

Anthony L. Paternostro, PCC
Military Ball/Post Commanders Night Chairman

COUNTY DIRECTORY REPORT

Ken Cadieux, PCC - Chairman

The New County Directories were given to the Division Commanders for distribution to all Posts in their Division. Each Post will receive three copies - one each for the Commander, adjutant and the County Rep.

We raised \$2,220.00 on the Journal Ads to help defray the cost of producing the Directory. Only 38 Posts participated in the directory advertizing. Ten Posts did not respond the request for information and their Post information is in the New Directory but there are NO Officers listed.

WEB SITE REPORT

Ken Cadieux, Web Master

Our web site nassaulegion.org is alive and doing well. We have had over 187,000 hits on the site since it opened. We have grown to a size that could not be maintained by our old Web Host and we had to change to a bigger service that could handle our size.

We will now up date and improve the site with lots or more information and forms to make it easier for the Posts to utilize.

The date calendar will list all the dates of County meetings and the times and dates of the various programs that we participate in. Check us out! Just type nassaulegion.org on your web browser and you will see our main page. Click on any item and you will get the information associated with that program.

Let me know how you like it and make any recommendations the you wish to see on the web. We will be adding a new disccounts to vets section. Watch for it.

John P. Tipping, PNVC, R. I. P.

On august 26 this year, a resolution drafted by Past National Vice Commander John P. Tipping was adopted by the National Convention of The American Legion. Five days later, on August 31 he died, apparently unaware of his last triumph in The American Legion.

John was a veteran of the Korean War and immediately after he came home he joined his father's American Legion post in the Bronx. Later he transferred into the Elmont Post and became Nassau County Commander and Department of New York Commander. He became one of the most influential past department commanders in New York and was elected to the National Executive Committee and as a National Vice-Commander. At the time of his death he was serving as a member of the National Legislative Commission and as a Vice-Chairman of the National Legislative Council.

He followed his father into the New York Police Department where he served as a foot patrolman, a radio patrol car officer, a police officer on boats in the Marine Division, and a hostage negotiator.

He was always generous with his knowledge. I remember driving him to an American Legion event while he taught me how to drive like a New York City police officer.

His cousin and namesake, John P. Tipping III was killed working as a fireman in the World Trade Center. He is survived by a wife and five daughters.

Charles G. Mills

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Robert Pachas, Chaplain

Our Membership Officer Joseph Reale in in the Hospital having the battery changed in his pacemaker and Peter Holowecki is at home, he's doing better. Keep them in your prayers.

NOW COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS
VETERANS STANDDOWN

THE STANDDOWN WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT THE FREEPORT ARMORY FROM 9AM TO 3 PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP OUT.

WE ARE COLLECTING WINTER CLOTHES AND ARE IN DIRE NEED OF WARM JACKETS FOR THE VETS.

THERE WILL BE REPS FROM MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL EXPLAIN ALL THE OPTIONS OPEN TO THE VETS AND AFTER THEY HAVE SEEN ALL THE GROUPS SET UP TO HELP THEM FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE VETS AFTER WHICH THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO INTO THE CLOTHES AREA AND SELECT WHATEVER THEY NEED.

AS USUAL SHOWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS OTHER SERVICES AND WE WILL SUPPLY CLEANUP KITS TO ALL. THE KITS WILL INCLUDE A TOWEL, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTH PASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO, A COMB AND A CLEAN PAIR OF SOX.

I met "T.H.E. Job Challenge" Pin

During the 2009-2010 membership year, National Commander Clarence Hill will award his National Commander pin to any Legion family member who signs up at least five new members into The American Legion.

A "New Member" is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2010 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2009 membership year.

National Commander Hill's goal is to recognize those in the Legion family who actively recruit new members into the world's largest veterans' service organization for the 2010 membership year. To maintain the integrity of the National Commander's Pin incentive program, only one will be awarded per individual.

The certification form for this program may be submitted at any time after August 27, 2009. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the Legionnaire. National Commander Clarence Hill's I met "T.H.E. Job Challenge" pin incentive will end on June 30, 2010 - or when supplies are exhausted.

Thank you,

Clarence Hill
National Commander 2009-2010
The American Legion

Message from Pete Holowecki, PDVC

Hi All

Thank you for your E-Mails, Mass cards, phone calls, get well cards and prayers. It was just overwhelming and I am most grateful for that. It certainly gave me a better outlook on life. I can't THANK ALL OF YOU ENOUGH. If I failed to answer the many phone calls it was not intentional again there were many. I am still in the process of reading all the cards I received and treasure each and every one of them. Have some good news today I went to the oncologist to have my White Cells (1.9) and Templates checked which were well below normal last Thursday. Today they were up to (9.0) and 182. So instead of having to wait three weeks for my next set of 3 shots Chemo she moved me up to next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. But I still have a long way to go. The Lungs feel better too. Keep me in your prayers.

Thank You and God Bless All of You, Pete



THE COMMANDER NED JOHNSON (R) AND HIS STAFF (L TO R) LINCOLN PARSONS 2ND DIV. COMMANDER JOE REALE, MEMBERSHIP CHMNM., AND BOB PACHAS CHAPLIN



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 4 Homecoming dinner for Past 10th Dist Cmdr Phil Barczak and Past Suffolk Cmdr Bob Smith. 3pm
at Babylon Post # 94, 22 Grove Place Babylon NY, 111702.
- Oct 9 10th District Meeting at Floral Park Post # 334 at 8pm
- Oct 11 LINC MO Installation at AMvets Post Massapequa 1-5 PM.
- 11 Legislative Breakfast at Tun Tavern - Garden City Marine Base - Stewart Ave. 9am
- 12 Columbus Day - Fly Your Flag !
- 30 County Meetings at Plainview Post
7:00 P.M. Staff Meeting, 7:15 PM Advisory Meeting County Meeting at 8 PM
- Nov 3 Election Day - Get out and vote !
- 8 Veterans Day Services at Eisenhower Park 10 AM line up 10:30 Start
- 8 LINC MO 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 Advisory 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 Advisory Meeting at Plainview Post
7 pm Staff Meeting, 7:15 pm, Advisory Meeting, 8 pm County General Meeting.
- 25 Merry Christmas to all !