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Commanders Report

THANKS to the hard work and long hours put in by Ken Cadieux and His Son Chris our County now has its own Web Site set up. <http://www.nassaulegion.org> Would like to thank them both on behalf of the County for a Great Web site and a Job well done.

The County had to put the Directory on hold for another month, do to the lack of response with the data need from about half of the Posts with in the County. If your Post has not yet sent the Name, address and phone numbers of the Post, your Post Commander, Adjutant and County Rep to Ken Cadieux please do so ASAP.

I was invited by Suffolk County Cmdr. Paul De Vul to attend their Gold Star Parents and 911 services.

The services and the number of Gold Star families of all ages that participated was a very moving experience for both my wife and I.

I like to thank all the Post that invited My Staff members, Myself and our wives to participate in their installations also for their great hospitality.

FIRST DIVISION REPORT JOHN RADIN, COMMANDER

Now we are settling into the full swing of Legion business - I have been cordially invited to a few Post installations and marvel at the enthusiasm that abound the ceremony.

I have also been able to visit a couple of our posts and it seems to be a standard problem that being all members have run the run and need desperately to find some new energy in the form of new members.. YES that is the whole point - "Membership". We must use our last bit of energy to regenerate the legion with new blood.

For the posts that I have not contacted as yet please call me to arrange a date that I can come and visit your membership and pass along some tried and proven methods of recruiting.

At the same time, if there are any questions or problems your legionnaires might have please prepare them and I will either answer for you and your members.

Till we meet, please stress "Membership", its out only salvation.

SECOND DIVISION REPORT FRANK COLON JR, COMMANDER 766-6563

My first month as division commander has been a busy one getting ready for the 2nd Division Meeting on September 27 at the North Bellmore Post (located on Newbridge Road, south of exit 25S off the Southern Sate Parkway). I would like to meet with all of the Post Commanders and schedule visits to their posts so we can discuss the division task of making our membership mission. If a post cannot make the division meeting, please call me at 766-6563 or 435-7066.

THIRD DIVISION REPORT HOWARD LIEBMAN, COMMANDER 433-7487

We will have our first Third Division meeting on Monday, September 25, 2006, 8 PM at Plainview Post #1812. This will be a general meeting. Please attend and bring any ideas for the improvement of our Legion operations, especially on recruiting.

Speaking of recruiting, the Third Division Membership meeting will be held on January 22, 2007.

Meanwhile, the number one job for all of us is getting new members and bringing back home those who dropped out.

ELECTRONIC BUGLE FOR LINC MO

THE NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION WILL BE DONATING A NEW ELECTRONIC BUGLE TO THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY AT FARMINGDALE FOR USE BY ANY VETERANS ORGANIZATION HOLDING CEREMONIES AT THE CEMETERY, THE FUNDS WERE RAISED BY THE SALE OF CAR MAGNETS AND PINS.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Please bring your donations to the County meetings. Donations needed are toiletry items, snack foods, hard candy, white socks and writing items (such as, envelopes, pens and paper). Cash donations will be accepted as we have to pay the postage for shipping and we can also buy phone cards. I would like to send out packages prior to Thanksgiving so that they have them for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Get the youth groups (scouts, school kids, etc..) to start making cards and we will forward them to the units. There is a Homemakers Group in Bellerose that is gathering items to donate to us for shipment, they participate last year. Any local group that would like to aid the Legion is always welcomed.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND
Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman

The NEF have stepped up during Katrina and Rita to provide immediate assistance for food, shelter, and clothing by taking grants direct (1-800-433-3318 or by e-mail). The call center is operating seven days a week to help veterans in need. They have received over 1,000 calls and 800 e-mail's for assistance in a three-week period. The fund now has around \$700,000-remaining. It will last until late October without major replacement. We of the Nassau County are asking for your help to keep the funds growing, let's give the largest donation you can so we can show that Nassau County is the Empire County. Thank you to Bellmore Post 948 for their contribution to this fund. Make your checks payable to Nassau County American Legion and earmark it NEF and send it to this Chairman at 3521 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793-3336.

Military Ball

Anthony L. Paternostro, PCC Military Ball Chairman

The Military Ball this year will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007, at the Stuart Thomas Manor, 2143 Boundary Avenue, Farmingdale, New York. The cost of the function will be \$50.00 per person. The time has changed this year. Cocktails will be at 6:00 PM, with dinner and pageant from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Please keep this date open, and plan ahead to attend. Remember, this is a County function that is part of the County Budget. Without the support to make this a success, the programs of our County will fall short.

Letters and additional information will be coming out at the October County meeting. If possible, please have a representative at the meeting to receive the information and help cut the cost of mailing it out.

REHABILITATION REPORT
FRANK COLON JR, CHAIRMAN

Our first 'Day At the Races' of the season was held on September 9, 2006, with Charles Wagner Post 421 and Quentin Roosevelt Post 4 in attendance. Unfortunately our visit was cut a bit short as the VCR chewed up our tape during the fifth race! Aside from that, everything went well and we had a nice visit with our veterans.

Next up for October 7, 2006 is Team #2: Port Washington #509, Glen Cove #76, Floral Park #334, Carle Place #1718, Wantagh #1273, Archie McCord #86 and East Rockaway #958. Please remember to inform either myself (766-6563) or Co-Chairman Stuart McKinney (735-4041) ahead of time if your post cannot make your scheduled date. Please make your assigned donations payable to Nassau County American Legion with Rehab Program 2006/2007 in the memo.

BOYS STATE PROGRAM,
REGINALD BUTT JR. PCC

There is no information immediately available about Boys' State Program. This year the dates are 24 Jun through 30 Jun 2007. I will be contacting bus companies to set the contract for next year.

SOLDIERS FOR SOLDIERS CELL PROGRAM
REGINALD BUTT, JR. PCC

Please bring the cell phones and the ink cartridges to the County meeting to give them to me. Please bring only the cell phone with its battery, no other adapter (i.e., earplug, charger, ETC.). Put the ink jet cartridges in plastic sealable bags.

I will be shipping over 200 cell phones and 25 ink jet cartridges in the next two weeks. Remember the National Headquarters gets \$3 per phone and \$1 per ink jet cartridge, the county gets credit for what we ship. The money is divided between 3 funds, NEF, Legacy Memorial Scholarship and the Children's Miracle Network.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Anthony Milito, Jr. - Chairman

I have a copy of the Public Relations Handbook, which can be found on the web at www.legion.org which will help in many areas such as ads, community events, making a speech etc.

Washington, September 20, 2006 The American Legion testified before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to lay out funding recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs in FY 2008. See entire testimony on the web site.

WINAL REHAB REPORT

Arlene Howard, PCC

Our new National Commander Paul A. Morin testified this week before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to lay out funding recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs in FY 2008. He stated that "The American Legion will not only be advocating for appropriate funding but to also make that funding mandatory so veterans will no longer have to wonder from year to year if VA will be there for them or not".

He also wants the lawmakers to be sure they know all the issues facing our veterans today. VA must be able to provide for their needs in a timely and professional way while maintaining the current standards of excellence they have achieved, and for which The American Legion applauds them.

The VAMC at Northport has a very well run Women's Wellness Center under the leadership of Cheryl Hansen, MSN, RN Cheryl is a U.S.A.F. Vietnam Era Veteran). and Jo Savan, the Women Veteran Program Assistant. The center offers many health care services for women veterans. The direct phone number for the Women's Wellness Center is 1-631-544-5314.

October 27, 2006, the VA will be holding its 4th Annual "Celebrating Women." This event will be held in Building 5 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. Its theme this year is "Back to Eden - Journey of Wellness". A buffet is available for \$10.00. Door prizes along with goody bags will be given out. Letters will be going out to all those now registered at the VA. If you haven't yet registered at the VA it is never too late to do so . The Guest Speaker for this event will be Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy.

Any questions please call me at 516-938-1373.

Education & Scholarship Report

Harry D. Ransom, PCC

The Education & Scholarship Committee has completed phase #1 . Letters have been mailed to the post requesting at least a \$25.00.

All checks should be made to the Nassau County American and forwarded to Harry D. Ransom, PCC 229 Brown Avenue Hempstead, NY 11550.

Thank you for your support.

Education & Scholarship Committee

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Arlene Howard, PCC

The Legacy Scholarship Fund was established by The American Legion to help send to college the children of our active duty military who have been killed in action since 9/11.

A new Legion year has begun and once again we are asking you to "dig" into your pockets and come up with a generous donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. All we are asking for is a \$1.00 per member. Post Commanders please include in your communications to your members a request for this donation. Just think if each member sent in a \$1.00 we would have over \$8000.00 to send on to National for this worthy cause.

Thank you again for helping the children of our fallen heroes see their dreams of going to college fulfilled.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

William Davison, PCC Chairman

We of the James N. MacLean Memorial Library Committee at Hofstra University wish to thank you for your continued support of the program.

Since the inception of the Memorial Library Collection over \$190,000.00 has been donated in memory or in honor of someone. With these funds many wonderful books, maps, microfilm, and the history of New York State and Long Island were purchased.

On October 12th, in honor of New York State will be featured in Archives Week. The James N. MacLean Library will host a open house and reception. The program will highlight some of the outstanding items from the Library Collection.

The open house will be from two to four PM with a talk by our own curator Gerri Solomon. Her comments will focus on the theme of New York Archives week. and bridges from the past to the present. Space is limited to twenty people, please advise by October 1, 2006 by calling: 463-6410, ask for Debby or Vickie or contact this chairman at 764-0645 for directions. Please RSVP.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 8 Sun Nassau County Legislative Breakfast, Williston Post 144
10 Tues 10th District Meeting Williston Post 144 730 Willis Avenue, 8 PM
21 Sat 10th District Jr. PDistC Dinner at Brentwood Post 8 PM
24 Tues County Advisory Meeting - Edwin Welch JR. Post - Seaford 8PM
27 Fri Nassau County Meeting - Cathedral Post - West Hempstead 8PM.
- Nov 4 Sat Department Commanders Visit & Dinner Elmont Post
5 Sun UVO Vets Day Services at Eisenhower Park 10:30 am.
5 Sun L.I. National Cemetery at Farmingdale Vets Day Services 1:00 pm.
7 Tues Election Day - Fly Your Flag ! Get out and vote.
11 Sat Traditional Veterans Day ! Fly Your Flag !
21 Tues County Advisory Meeting - Edwin Welch Jr Post in Seaford 8 PM.
23 Thur Happy Thanksgiving to all !
24 Fri County Meeting at Cathedral Post - West Hempstead 8 PM.

MIA/POW Report - Bob Fountain, PCC

This past June a mission by JPAC (formerly CILHI) was conducted to attempt to find remains of 44 unaccounted for Korean War MIA in South Korea.

More work is to be done in South Korea this month. Plans are in the works for 2007 to send 3 different missions for more similar recovery attempts.

North Bellmore Supports Our Troops

Herb Friedman of North Bellmore Post 1749 collected five cases of mixed skin products, sun screens and lotions for Reginald Butt of the Nassau County American Legion Family Support Committee.

VETS DONATIONS

KEN CADIEUX

SPECIAL THANKS TO TWO OF OUR BEST SUPPORTERS AND SUPPLIERS OF ITEMS FOR THE VETS THE ROCKVILLE CENTRE POST WHO DELIVERED GOODIES COLLECTED BY LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TO THE TELEPHONE PIONEERS WHO DONATED A LARGE SUPPLY OF ITEMS.

CHILDREN and YOUTH REPORT

Willibe Wilson, Chairman

Last year we undertook a new project we hosted an Easter Party for the resident of SCO Family of Services, formally St. Christopher Otilie of Sea Cliff, New York.

The party was a huge success a lot of work but well worth the effort, and worth doing again this legion year. The tentative date is Saturday, April 7, 2007. More information is forthcoming.

As always we are open for suggestion and any ideal that would enhance this program.

Before you know it will be time to full out the Consolidated Post Report Form. And NOW is the time to record your Children & Youth activities

NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP BALL:

On Saturday evening December 2nd, the Voiture #803 will hold their 40th Annual 40/8 Nurse's Training Ball, honoring our Student Nurses in training by presenting them with their Scholarship Awards. For many years there has been a dire need for Registered Nurses in this country, a problem that soon will become a major one. What with the increasing amount of senior citizen, meaning you and I. Just think assisting a student nurse today might be enough to someday help you and remembering that it was you that helped that student nurse to become a Registered Nurse.

We, of the Voiture #803 40/8 are proud of our support to our Student nurses throughout the years. Since 1967, the Voiture has attained the sum of \$111,600 that has helped 221 student to become Registered Nurses. WE are thankful for the financial help the Nassau County legionnaires have given toward this needy program, and I am here ask for your support once again. Together we can help eradicate this most important problem.

Our funds are attained by the sale of Nurses Training Journal ads at \$75. for a full page; \$40.00 for 1/2 page and \$25.00 for 1/4 page. We have room for \$1.00 Support Boosters, Raffle tickets 6 for \$5.00 and for the winner a great Basket of Cheer, to keep in good cheer for a long time. We have Nurses Training Ball tickets for 20.00 per person. Dancing and a great supper of Roast Beef and the trimmings. Finally you have the unique opportunity of being present to see where your donations go and most of all to speak with the Nurses and find the dedication of their desire to help others, and to thank you for the opportunity to follow their role in life So climb aboard! We guarantee you a great night full of laughs and camaraderie and medicine that will make you proud and grateful to be part of helping others that can help you. SAVE THE DATE: 12/02/06... PLACE: ANDREW FATCHER POST #854.

Any questions please call Herb Blauert (516)223-2058) or Otto Greapel (516)764-3612. Thanks, see you there
Herb Blauert, Chmn
NT Scholarship Prog.

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT (CONT)

Blue Water Veterans Win at Court.

The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims has ruled that Vietnam veterans who served on ships in the waters close to the shores of Vietnam have the same presumption of exposure to Agent Orange as veterans who actually stepped foot on the soil of Vietnam. Veterans who have been denied service connection for an Agent Orange presumptive condition because they could not prove they "set foot" in Vietnam should see a veterans counselor.

My Heroes

Three thousand disabled veterans from Nassau County need a ride to the VA Medical Center or Plainview Clinic every year. Sixty volunteers provide this service. My thanks to: Charlie Boyd a marching musician and active member of the Williston Park VFW, Robert Queen a twice retired career Air Force veteran from Farmingdale, Peter Eiseman who has been driving for us for 15 years, and Professor Al Pagano from the Police Post American Legion. Thanks also to Hilda Jordan from Levittown member of the American Legion Auxiliary who is a warehouse volunteer who spends many hours helping us organize our Stand Down donations.

Membership Report

Ned Johnson

First of all the department has published the membership report as of September 13th. The good news is that as a county we are slightly ahead of the suggested national targeted dates. However we need to fast track our membership renewals in light of the new per capita dues increase at national.

The national dues will be increased by \$4.50 for a total yearly assessment of \$13.50. Any member who pays his or her dues prior to December 31 will not have to pay the increase this year. Additionally, any post who has to raise their dues to accommodate this increase must change their Post Data Form and forward it to Department.

Department Commander James Casey has authorized a membership award to any Legionnaire, Auxiliary or SAL member who signs up 5 new Legion members. I have forms for this award and it is also available on the new county web site at nassaulegion.org.

National Commander Paul Morin has also authorized the award of a Revere Bowl to regions, districts and posts who attain the highest percentage increase above 100% by December)Is'.

We can help your post to attain your membership goals. Please contact your division commander or myself and invite us, we will be glad to share our experience and aid you in rounding up your membership.

NASSAU COUNTY SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

Edward G. Aulman,

US Army Drill Teams at Eisenhower Park

Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi has announced a first for Eisenhower Park. The Q-8 Invitational Drill Competition will be held Saturday October 14th 2006 from 8AM until 2PM at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, New York. The Drill Meet will feature the best Junior and Senior ROTC, Pershing Rifles, Civil Air Patrol and Naval Sea Cadet drill teams from around the nation competing in Exhibition (trick) Drill, Color Guard, Regulation Drill, Saber Drill, and Marksmanship. Admission is free, donations are appreciated. Bring a lawn chair! Proceeds will go to the Q-8 Alumni Association Scholarship fund. The opening ceremony at 8AM will feature the 77th US Army Reserve Regional Readiness Command Band, aircraft overflights, and a pass in review by all competing teams. The closing ceremony at 1:30 PM will feature a wreath laying ceremony, 21 gun salute, Taps, overflight and retreat ceremony. The Veterans Corps of Artillery will provide the salute battery. All Veterans are welcome to join in the closing ceremonies at 1:30 PM and to line up in formation. They are welcome to wear veteran's organizational uniforms and insignia and may line up by units or in mass. For more information see their website at www.prq8alumni.com or call Jim Ridley at (631) 730-3910 or email him at jridley3@optonline.net.

Unemployed Veterans

The slogan "Hire a Vet" is not just a worthy idea. The latest statistics available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that veterans are more employable than non veterans. 4.4% of Americans were unemployed in August 2005. Only 3.7% of our 23.4 million veterans were unemployed. Hispanic veterans have an unemployment rate half of non-veteran Hispanics and black veterans have an unemployment rate 50% lower than non veteran blacks. One disturbing fact however is that current young veterans 18-24 years old have a 18.7% unemployment rate twice the rate of non veterans the same age. If you know an unemployed veteran tell him/her to contact Andy Rodriquez at the New York State Department of Labor Office in Hicksville at 516-934-8508 or Peter Pafinos at the Hempstead DOL Office 516-485-5000. VA Regional Office is Hiring After years of hiring freezes at the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in New York City the VA is now hiring new people to replace many seasoned veterans who have retired. Interested applicants should go to www.usajobs.com for information and applications.

Learn While You Earn

The Nassau Suffolk Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (J.A.T.C.) is accepting applications for their 5 year Apprenticeship Program. If your MOS was electrical this may be a great place to take advantage of the skills you learned in the military. You may also discover that the VA will send you a check while in the program. Contact J.A.T.C. at 631-434-3939 for details.

More Veterans Get Tax Exemption

On August 9, 2006 Governor Pataki signed a bill that pushed the date of the beginning of the Vietnam War back to February 28, 1961 a date the Federal government recognizes as the beginning of the war for veterans who served in Vietnam. Many veterans previously denied a veteran's tax exemption will be eligible for the Alternative Veterans Tax exemption because of the expanded war time era that ends on May 7, 1975. For an application call the Veterans Service Agency. (Thanks to Bob Mitchell and Chris Sterling)

\$900 per Hour is too much for Veterans Counseling

Several private companies are soliciting Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes throughout the State and for a fee up to \$900 to apply for pension benefits for veterans and surviving spouses. War time era veterans and widows are eligible for pension benefits if their income and assets fall below levels set by Congress. Many living in Assisted Living Facilities may be entitled to substantial payments from the VA depending on their physical and financial health. A smaller benefit of \$90 per month is available to wartime veterans and widows on Medicaid and living in nursing homes. The application process is free and County Veteran Service Officers and the VA can assist at no charge to the veteran or widow. Call the Veterans Service Agency for information and applications.

Thanks to Bob Mitchell and Joe Collorafi.) Veterans Small Business Help The next Veterans Small Business Resources Workshop will be Thursday, November 16, 2006 0900-1200 at the SBDC Training Center on the Campus of Farmingdale State University. Call John Narciso at 631-370-8891 for details.

REHAB - RECYCLING - SUPPLIES FOR THE TROOPS

POST	Prs	Stamps	Tabs LBS	OZ	H. Aids	Cards	Fronts	Phones	Ink cart	Misc
BALDWIN	33	350	6	12				27	2	278 DVD MOVIES
CARLE PLACE	152	100	4			14	100			
CATHEDRAL	12	300				33	137			16 MENS SWEATERS
CHAS WAGNER	44	450					25			
EAST MEADOW		200		13			72	3	3	1 CASE 40LBS CAFÉ
ELMONT	9	900					100			
EUGENE S. SMITH	3	25	4	8		5				
LYNBROOK	5									
MALVERNE	2	450	7	15		21		7		1-THERAPY SYST
MASSAPEQUA							100			
MERRICK		425	25			90				36 BARS OF SOAP
MINEOLA MEM	85	312	1		3	8	4560			2 MUSIC TAPES
PLAINVIEW	15	75	2	10						MENS WATCHES
PT WASHINGTON	206	1667	6	4			3786			
ROBT SPITTEL		307,000	12			27	250	3		
ROCKVILLE CTR	125		10				200			
VICTOR MURTHA	5									
WANTAGH	299	800	44		6		2500			1 ELECTRIC RAZOR
WILLISTON POST	7							5	36	3 ELECTRIC RAZORS
ARLENE HOWARD										9 DVD's
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TO: ALL PCC'S, POST COMMANDERS, LEGIONNAIRES AUXILIARY MEMBERS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS VISIT

WHERE: ELMONT POST #1033

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2006

Please be advised that on Saturday, November 4, 2006 Department Commander James Casey from Queens County will be making his Official visitation to Nassau County.

The Commanders' Visitation Committee has a full days activities planned for Commander Casey starting with Breakfast for those wishing to attend will be (Dutch Treat). A visit to Sagamore Hill home of President Teddy Roosevelt followed with a luncheon TIBIA.

The highlight of the days events will be a Dinner/Dance honoring Commander Casey at the Elmont Post #1033, located at 60 Hill Ave., Elmont from the hours of 1900 hours til 2400 hours. The price of the tickets will include an open bar for 5 hours (name brand liquors served), a full sit down dinner prepared & served Skalberg Caterers, with music for your dancing or listening pleasure. Price of the tickets will be a nominal \$37.50 per person for all of the above.

Tickets may be ordered by sending your check made payable to N.C. American Legion "Earmarked" Dep't. Cmdrs. visit to either PDVC Pete Holowecki, 70 Liberty Ave., Mineola, N.Y. 11501-3422 or PCC Reginald Butt Jr. 93 Simcoe St., Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11772 at your earliest convenience to show Commander Casey that we in Nassau County do support him and The American Legion programs.

Respectfully yours, Pete & Reggie

VISIT THE NEW NASSAU COUNTY WEB SITE

Nassau County has a new web site where you can get all the latest news and forms or connections to the proper agencies for veterans benefits. Check it out at:

<http://www.nassaulegion.org>