



Suffolk County American Legion

Minutes and Reports

September 6, 2024

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Suffolk County American Legion Meeting minutes SEPTEMBER 6th 2024

Meeting opened 2000hrs

meeting Adjourned 21:33hrs

Officers in attendance.

Commander Kevin Eaton

Adjutant David M. Isaacs

Finance Officer Robert Robesch

Sgt. at Arms Marcel Jeffries

Service Officer Fred Loucka

Chaplain Kenneth Dolan

1st Division commander Joseph Regina

2nd Division commander William Coderre

3rd Division commander Richard Knutson

4th Division commander Robert Devito NOT PRESENT

5th Division commander Paul E. Gerecke

Commander Kevin Eaton Opened the meeting with proper protocol.

Chaplain Ken Dolan Offered prayer.

Roll call of posts was taken by Adjutant David M. Isaacs

Twenty post out of Forty-Three were present. We had a quorum.

Post Commander Hans Richter

The commander offered his report which is attached separately.

Finance officer Robert Robesch presented the finance report.

Chaplain, Ken Dolan not present, No Report

Historian, report Jerry Duran. No report

Sgt at arms, Marcell Jeffries. No Report

Adjutant report, David Isaacs. No Report

Service officer report, Fred Loucka. No report.

1st division, Report attached under separate cover

2nd division, Report attached under separate cover

3rd division, Report attached under separate cover

4th division, No report

5th division Report attached under separate cover

Tom Wager Budget and finance requested the upcoming budget be presented to the membership.

Commander Eaton resumed with committee appointments. Which are under separate covers. Please see attached.

After the reading, the membership approved the commanders committee appointments.

Commander Eaton presented the schedule for county meetings for 2024-2025. They are listed under separate covers. The district meeting dates will be announced. As of now, the first 10th District meeting will be held 29 October 2024 8pm Babylon post-94.

Events and schedules under separate cover.

Department commander's visitation Suffolk County will be on September 8th, 2024. Babylon post-94.

Old business. Nothing under old business

Unfinished Business. Nothing under unfinished business.

Sick Call.

Tom Bergen

Phil Gomez

New Business

Tom Wagner made a motion that post 1006 member Alber Martin be given the county stipend of \$350.00. As he attended all meetings and functions at convention.

10th District Adjutant reminded all about the Department commanders' visitation. And that all efforts should be made for a successful visitation.

Chaplain Ken Dolan led us in closing prayer.

Commander Eaton closed the meeting in proper protocol.

Meeting Adjourned @ 21:33 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

David M. Isaacs

Adjutant

Suffolk County American Legion

Suffolk County Commanders Report Sept 6, 2024

11: Aug 2, 2024- Presided over County Executive Meeting at Wilson-Ritch Post 432 Port Jeff Station.

12: Aug 4, 2024- Attended Voiture 713, 40&8 annual Picnic at Wilson-Ritch Post 432 Port Jeff Station.

13: Aug 5, 2024- Attended James Ely Miller Post 833 Monthly Meeting, Smithtown.

14: Aug 6, 2024- Met with members of the Department Commander's Visitation Committee, (Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L) at Rusy Bohm Post 411 in Islip.

15: Aug 7, 2024- Attended Annual Voiture 713, 40 & 8, barbecue for the Campers with Disabilities at Camp Pa Qua Tuck, Center Moriches, N.Y.

16: Aug 10, 2024- Attended District 2 & 10 Membership Workshop at Malverne Post 44 in Malverne, NY.

17: Aug 20, 2024- Attended the Funeral Service for 10th District Adjutant Martin J. Ingram at Calverton National Cemetery.

Suffolk County American Legion

Financial report

4-Oct-24

For the period ended September 30 , 2024

General Account:

opening Balance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposits:</u> <u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-Sep	Post 924	186.00
3-Sep	Post 1120	42.00
3-Sep	Sqdrn 833	71.50
10-Sep	Various	2,665.00
10-Sep	Various	2,340.00
10-Sep	DiGilio	175.00
10-Sep	W+M	125.00
10-Sep	C+Y	59.00
10-Sep	HSJ Post	126.00
10-Sep	Post 1848	198.00
10-Sep	Post 155	318.00
10-Sep	Post 1006	60.00
10-Sep	Post 652	138.00
10-Sep	Post 1244	480.00
10-Sep	Post 1738	222.00
10-Sep	Post 273	366.00
24-Sep	Post 94	450.00
24-Sep	Post 1738	60.00
30-Sep	Post 1152	414.00
9/30/24	Interest	3.44

Total deposits

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Disbursements</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
1889	3-Sep	350
1890	4-Sep	350
1891	4-Sep	350
1892	5-Sep	350
1882	6-Sep	50
1903	9-Sep	1460
1897	16-Sep	204
1905	16-Sep	448.85
1906	16-Sep	100
1900	17-Sep	350
1902	17-Sep	1600
1898	18-Sep	500
1904	18-Sep	50
1899	20-Sep	150

Total disbursements

Ending balance

Monies held:

SAL	760.10
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	-
3rd Div	1,990.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	<u>709.12</u>

Boy's State	23,932.15
Savings	7,524.01
CD	26,210.86
	<u>57,667.02</u>

Total All accounts	<u>100,300.98</u>
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Total available	<u><u>95,125.64</u></u>
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40,447.87

Description

Percapita
Percapita
Sons Percapita
Dept Cdr Visitation
Dept Cdr Visitation
Ret Conv Fee

Percapita
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Percapita
Per capita
Journal Ad
Percapita

8,498.94

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
T. Wagner	Conv fee
J. Digilio	Conv fee
G. Ordmandy	Conv fee
M. Pankowski	Conv fee
A. Gasca	Americanism
Post 94	Cdr visit Bar
R. Santo	Web master
K. Eaton	Cdr visit Bkfst
Awards Direct	Mbrshp Plaque
Al Martin	Conv fee
Amore	Cdr visit Food
Dept of ny	CDR Project
Dept of ny	CDR Project/ Sons
Post 944	MTG Food

6,312.85

42,633.96

5,175.34



**AMERICAN
LEGION**



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August 2024 Events and Activities

- Post 1634 working in conjunction with Town of Babylon to host the POW/MIA Vigil on 9/20/24
- Post, SAL and ALA members visited Sgt. John Sardiello's grave at Long Island National Cemetery on his birthday, followed by a member and family breakfast in celebration of him
- Post 1634 took over stewardship of the historic Larsen Lane cemetery, and Post chartered scouting units will provide service hours to keep it tended
- Post started sponsorship campaign to raise funding for community events
- Post began to organize the 2nd Annual Veterans Benefits Symposium to be held in November
- SAL and Post secretary continue to develop social media
- Post 1634 Family sent out automated event newsletter of all events and photos
- Post 1634 Family created a new Facebook page
- Post has received funding for DASNY Grant in amount of \$70,000 which paid for members kitchen renovation, new awnings and new ceiling tiles
- Ladies Gun Club, sponsored by Post, held their monthly meeting
- Member was named Scout Liaison and is organizing 3 units that the Post charts

- Two scouts reached the rank of Eagle, one court of honor held
- Durable Medical Goods Locker available to all, was restocked



Suffolk County American Legion

Second Division Report

September 6, 2024

Donald C. Munro Post 944

Meeting Opening – 19:00

Adjourned –

Commanders Report: Commander Coderre

- **June 8, 2024:** Attended the County Convention Meeting Wilson Ritch Post 432 Hallock Avenue, Port Jefferson, NY 11776 Witnessed the swearing in of our New County Commander, 2nd Divisions own, Kevin Eaton & I was sworn in as 2nd Division Commander
- **June 9, 2024:** Assisted County Commander Eaton with the Installation Ceremony for the Officers of Rusy-Bohm Post 41139 Islip, NY 11751
- **June 14, 2024:** Attended the 1st Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Smithtown Veterans Plaza 6:30pm hosted by James Ely Miller Post 833 and Scout Troop 214.
- **June 18, 2024:** Assisted County Commander Eaton with the Installation Ceremony for the Officers of Smith Wever Post-651 Sayville, NY 11782
- **June 20, 2024:** Assisted County Commander Eaton with the Installation Ceremony for the Officers of Wilson-Ritch Post 432 Pt. Jefferson Station, NY 11776
- **July 15-19, 2024:** Attended the Department Convention in Niagara Falls, NY. As a Delegate from Suffolk County, I had the privilege of fully participating in the process to pass resolutions and elect Department officers for the 2024-2025 year. Keith Koster was elected Department Commander, Gaither Espey was elected Detachment Commander, Kimberly A. Quick was elected Auxiliary President Suffolk's own Tom Wagner of Brentwood Post 1006, and 10th District Vice Commander was nominated and elected to Department Vice Commander of the 2nd & 10th Districts and Gene Ordmandy of Wilson-Ritch Post 432, and 10th District Chaplain was nominated and elected 10th District Commander. Congratulations to both and the 2nd Division wishes them a successful year.
- **August 2, 2024:** Attended the Suffolk County American Legion Executive/Roundtable meeting at Wilson Ritch Post 432
- **August 10, 2024:** Attended the Membership workshop at Malverne Post 44 250 Franklin Ave, Malverne, NY 11565 Discussed various issues about membership and goals for Department of NY.
- **August 11, 2024:** Attended Eagle Scout Candidate James Fasano's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at James Ely Miller Post 833
- **August 13, 2024:** Attended the Rededication Ceremony of the Vietnam Memorial at Blydenburgh County Park Smithtown, NY 11787 (Across from the Dennison Building)

- **August 21, 2024:** Attended the Squadron 833 SAL meeting – Membership/Department Commanders Visitation

Post Reports: No Reports Due to Summer Hiatus

New Business: Commander Coderre

- **October kicks of “Buddy Check” Month:** Resources can be found on the News You Can Use. Contact your fellow Veterans and check in on them.
- **October 26, 2023 – 9 a.m.:** Legislative Breakfast at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 39 Nassau Ave. Islip, NY 11751
\$18 Per Person \$162 Table of 10 (Prepaid)
- **October 29, 2024:** 10th District Meeting Suffolk 8 pm Babylon Post 94

Good of the Legion:

Be The One Buddy Check is not just a one-time event in October. Let’s keep the spirit alive and continue reaching out to our fellow Veteran Brothers and Sisters.

- Next 2nd Division Meeting: Friday, October 18, 2024 (TBD) 6:30pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

Respectfully Submitted
William Coderre

William Coderre

AMERICAN LEGION 3rd DIVISION – SUFFOLK COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

ROUND TABLE / ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

August / September 2024 Monthly Report

At our last 3rd Division meeting held on Friday August 16, 2024 at William Merritt Hallock Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma, there were 7 Posts present. They were: Arthur H. Clune Post 1533-Mastic Beach, Selden Post 1633, Wilson Ritch Post 432-Port Jefferson Station, John R Cacioppo Post 1848-Medford, Harbor Post 417-East Setauket, Brunn-Prchal Post 1888-Ridge and William Merritt Hallock Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma.

Minutes of the 3rd Division Meetings of June 21, 2024 were Read by Commander/Adjutant Richard Knutson. **Motion** to Accept Previous Months June 21, 2024 Minutes As Read- Arthur H Clune ; **Second**- Selden. Motion **Passed**.

Membership –

10th District Commander Gene Ordmandy gave Report.

Gene is no longer the Department Membership Chairman.

Fred Tartaglione is the 10th District and Suffolk County Membership Chairman. Fred is available for help for the Posts.

The Membership numbers for the Posts are the same as last Legion year.

Gene explained the Membership Workshop that was held in Malverne. Department Commander Keith Kostner was in attendance.

It was discussed that Membership Workshops be coordinated throughout Suffolk County, with each Division hosting a Workshop. These Workshops could be held in conjunction with MyLegion.org Seminars given by Bill Coderre.

At this time, the Posts of 3rd Division established a Schedule for the Monthly Meetings to be held during the 2024-2025 Legion Calendar Year.

Monthly Meetings are to be held on the **3rd Fridays of the Month**, unless otherwise posted.

Dinner is at **18:00** with the **Meeting** starting at **19:00**. Meeting Locations are duly noted.

= 2024 =

Friday September 20 – William Merritt Hallock Post 155. 115 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Friday October 11 – William Merritt Hallock Post 155. 115 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Friday November 15 – Brunn-Prchal Post 1888-Leisure Knoll. 108 Sheffield Drive, Ridge, NY

Friday December 20 – Harbor Post 417

= 2025 =

Friday January 10 – Wilson Ritch Post 432. 1450 Hallock Ave. Port Jefferson Station, NY

Friday February 21 – William Merritt Hallock Post 155. 115 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY
John R Cacioppo Post 1848

Friday March 21 – William Merritt Hallock Post 155. 115 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Friday April 19 – Wilson Ritch Post 432. 1450 Hallock Ave. Port Jefferson Station, NY

Friday May 16 – William Merritt Hallock Post 155. 115 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Friday June 21 – Harbor Post 417

Suffolk County Convention: Saturday June 6 – Location TBA

Friday August 15 – 3rd Division Round Table/Organizational Meeting –
William Merritt Hallock Post 155. 115 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Open Forum –

It was at this time that Elected/Appointed Positions were held for 3rd Division. The Positions are:

Commander: Richard Knutson
Adjutant: Fred Tartaglione
Finance Officer: Gene Ordmandy
Chaplain: Walt Maresco
Sgt-At-Arms: Stew Rubin

Department Commanders Visit – Sunday September 8, 2024. Babylon Post 94.
Sunday September 1 – Last Day for Ticket Sales

Dues – All Total calculated. **\$45.50**. The Breakdown is as follows:
National \$23.50 + Department \$16.00 + County \$6.00
If Posts are Not getting \$45.50 per Member. Posts are “On the Hook” for the difference.
This will take effect on July 1, 2024.

Sick Call –

Rev Fred Miller - Arthur H Clune Post 1533, Mastic Beach

Children & Youth: Once again the 3rd Division is generous with its Children & Youth Fund.

Our Next 3rd Division Meeting will be Friday ^{SEPT-20}~~October 11~~, 2024 at William Merritt Hallock Post 155 – Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St. Dinner at 6:00pm. Meeting Starts at 7:00pm.

As submitted by:

Richard Knutson, Commander/Adjutant
3rd Division

4th Division

NO REPORT



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

The 5th Division met at Hand-Aldrich Post #924 on 27 August. Posts #388, #924 and #1545 were in attendance. Post Commander George Hand welcomed the attendees and dinner was served at 1830. Meeting proper began at 1900 and the following reports were received:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - (via e-mail) Post has had a very quiet summer as hall, kitchen and field area have been rented out for the majority of the season. Normal ops to resume this month. Starting to work on 'to-do' list to prep for arrival of traveling Vietnam Wall next Memorial Day.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Post held installation of officers for the 2024-45 year on 24 June with PNCC Bob Robesch performing the honors. Jack Prizzi was sworn in as new commander and outgoing commander Bill Stafford was thanked for his three years of service. Post awarded \$20K in scholarships to local graduating seniors on 26 June. Post bade farewell to Korea War U.S. Navy veteran and long-time member Bill Petty on 7 August. New restaurant is doing well after some early fits and starts. Post working on some routine building maintenance issues. Will reach out to local school district to pursue student visitations for another year. Post welcomed 2 new members at August meeting.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 - (via separate meeting) Post sponsored annual July 4th parade in Southampton Village, turnout best in years. Otherwise a very quiet summer. Will begin planning for Veterans' Day later this month.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Post held installation of new officers on 13 June. PCC Mike Pankowski and 5th Div. VC Paul Gerecke officiating. George Hand was sworn in as the new Post Commander. Post members participated in the Southampton July 4th parade and Firemen's parade on 31 July. Post held a 'Bucket Brigade' on 20 July in downtown Hampton Bays which raised \$5400.00! Another was scheduled for 31 August. Post received a grant for \$2,400.00 which will be used to procure new furniture. Mobile Blood donation van was present at the post on 26 August. The post received donations of \$500 from its Sons squadron, \$1,500 from its Auxiliary unit and \$250 from an anonymous friend. All proceeds will go toward completion of the renovations to the post. These are going well and will hopefully to be done by Columbus Day. Post is conducting a 'Big Bucks' raffle, 200 tickets being sold at \$50 per ticket. Winner will receive \$3500. Post members will participate in the local 'Take a Vet Fishing' day 8 September.

5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - No report received.

6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - Post held its annual golf outing on 29 June at Cherry Creek Golf Course, post netted north of \$5K.. Post held installation of officers on 17 August in conjunction with its annual post picnic. County officers Tom Wagner, Mike Pankowski and Paul Gerecke officiating. Post will host the band Stone Blue Rising on 5 October. Tickets are \$25, refreshments will be served. On 6 October Warrior Ranch will hold their annual Foundation Benefit at the post from 2-5PM. On 20 August post commander and members attended funeral service for PQCC Marty Ingram at Calverton National Cemetery. On Sunday, 15 September the Long Island Corvette Owners Association, Centurion Cruiser, National Corvette Restorers Society and the Eastport American Legion will host a classic car show at the Northport V.A. Hospital. The fee to enter a car is \$25. Details available in News You Can Use. Southampton Town Councilman Mike Lasilli will visit the post during its September regular meeting to discuss the availability of grants for the post. Post is planning a 'bucket brigade' for Veterans' Day weekend on Main Street in Eastport.

7. Division Commander briefed on the following items:

1. Suffolk County Annual Convention at Port Jefferson held on 8 June.
2. Upcoming State Commander Visitation on 8 September at Babylon post.
3. Attended burial service for PQCC Marty Ingram at Calverton Cemetery on 20 August.
4. Upcoming Legislative Breakfast on 26 October at Rusy-Bohm post.
5. Schedule of Division meetings for 2024-25 year.
6. Change in procedure for County Per Capita payments starting in 2025.
7. Delinquent PUFL payments.
8. Delinquent required reports - PDR / CPR / COO.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday, 24 September at East Hampton Post #419.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE

Commander, 5th Division

County Committee Assignments

2024-2025

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Suffolk County

10th District Appointments 2024-2025

Agent Orange	Roby Johnson
Americanism	Rich Abrams
Baseball	Open N/A
Blood Drive	Robert Robesch
Bowling	
Boys State	Kevin Eaton
Budget	Robert W. Smith
Constitution & By Laws	Bill Coderre
Directory	
Distinguished Guests	Robert Bruggemann
Energy & Conservation	Tom Wagner
Golf	Hugh Doherty
Judge Advocate	Mike Pankowski
JrShooting	Robert Bruggemann
Law & Order	Roby Johnson
Legionnaire of the Year	Phil Barczak
Legion Riders	Dave Isaacs
Membership	Fred Tartaglione
MIA POW	Robert Bruggemann
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SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

BOYS STATE REPORT

September 2024

Legionnaires, as I give my final report to you, I want to tell you how grateful I am for the last 13 years. I want to tell you in this time we have sent over 800 boys to this program, and we have led the department for all these years.

This last year we sent 65 boys. Total attending was 585 for the department. We had a governor again from Northport Post 694, Nolan Reinhardt, who also attended Boys Nation.

Suffolk County has had 4 governors in the last 10 years and 7 boys attend Boys Nation. This shows the quality of the boys that you have been sending!

Our Commander, Kevin Eaton will now be handling this important program, for both the County and the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Beecher

September NYS Veterans Home Status Report

1. Current Status (open for business or not; % occupied)

We are open, accepting admissions for rehab, long term care, dementia care. We have 350 beds total. Opting to leave 30 beds closed. So, census, to 315/320. The wait list for a male veteran is about 1-3 months.

2. Special project completed or in progress

- A. Finishing the construction on unit 1B (target date is now 2nd week of September), The following week we plan to deep clean and retro fit unit 1a to serve as a temporary dementia unit while we renovate our existing dementia unit (1d).
- B. The kitchen has received a grant for a 4-million-dollar renovation! I don't know if plans have been drawn up and it hasn't been finalized, but the grant was approved. However, there are some issues—a new law was passed that commercial spaces like ours must purchase American made only products. While we support purchasing American made products there are several crucial items that are not made in the US. We did submit a waiver to be able to purchase those items outside of the US and so far, no luck. We are not ready to start the construction so it isn't a major issue yet—but it may be down the line.

C. Events

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- September Special events Not Sponsored
 - a. 9/8 Grandparents Day with Refreshments
 - b. 9/9 Lunch Club Taco Bell
 - c. 9/11 BBQ
 - d. 9/25 BBQ
 - e. 9/25 Birthday Bash
- September Events Sponsored
 - a. 9/11 Ducks game trip sponsor Masons
 - b. 9/15 Ducks Trip I don't remember the sponsor
 - c. 9/17 Bingo Sponsored Catholic War Veterans
 - d. 9/19 Dinner Sponsor American Legion
 - e. 9/24 Bingo Sponsor Suffolk Co. American Legion Aux.
 - f. 9/29 Dinner and a show sponsored by the Merkel Family

Note: NY State does not support all expenses that cover items/events that are needed to run a successful operation. Exclusions include entertainment events such as fishing trips, Bingo prizes, card games, in-house entertainment. The Home is dependent upon outside contributions. Any Posts that can step up and help the Home (which helps

fellow veterans) would be greatly appreciated. Some day one or more of your post members could be residents at the State home.

For future months we also have "Standing" programs that re-occur. None of our reoccurring programs have a consistent sponsor, so if there is a group that would like to reach between 50-100 residents on a regular basis we can use support for the following programs:

Tuesday and Thursday Poker Pinochle- \$150 per week would cover both games

Friday- Reflections (dementia unit) entertainment- \$150 weekly

Sundays and Wednesdays in house entertainment- \$400 weekly for both programs, or \$200 weekly to cover one of the days

4. Needs - Immediate vs. nice to have

Nose hair trimmers and wireless headsets for the TV are immediate

Scratch off tickets (for game prizes), gift cards to local restaurants, Walmart or Target gift cards to pick up individual needs, such as new shirts for residents and crafts for programs are nice to have.

5. Volunteer Opportunities

Many opportunities exist at Vets home. Contact them direct for information.

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September 6, 2024,

American Legion Riders Suffolk County Report

Suffolk county riders participated in the following through September 6, 2024

7/7 -- Wellness checks on Veterans at Long Island State Veterans home

7/13- Funeral for Korean war Veteran

7/14 -Escort for US Army Veteran

8/12 -Funeral Escort James Pavlic USMC

8/14 – Funeral Escort for Christopher Soltice U.S. Army

8/15 – Funeral Escort for James Patrick U.S. Army

8/20 -Funeral Escort Matthew Vance US ARMY

8/26 -Funeral Escort for Vietnam Veteran Navy Calverton

8/26 – Funeral for Dan Maccio U.S. Army

8/29 –Funeral Escort Alex Torro US AIR FORCE

David M. Isaacs
Suffolk County Chairman
American legion Riders

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M. Isaacs', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Comrades,

Membership goals have been set and integrated into our membership reports. Suffolk County is at 48.49% just shy of our September goal. We have 19 posts who are currently on goal or above and we have ~~2~~ 3 post that are 100% or better already. But there are still over half of our posts are lower than goal and are in need of a push. I am here to help any post that is in need or training on anything. CPR, PCO or Post Data Reports and Processing Membership. We need to keep up the momentum of 2024 into 2025.

Reported by Fred Tartaglione

Suffolk County Membership Chairman

I would also like to present the last 2 membership awards from 2024.

Greenlawn Post 1244 Division 1 - Who ended 2024 at 100%

Burton Potter Post 185 Division 4 – Who ended 2024 at 100%

POW-MIA Report

For July and August 2024

The remains of twenty-nine of our fallen comrades have been recovered, identified and returned to their loved ones.

WORLD WAR 2

Palau Islands

U.S. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Jay R. Manown Jr., 26,

Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Sgt. Sam A. Prince, 28,

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Jack H. Hohlfeld, 29,

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Alvin R. Scarborough, 22,

U.S. Army Air Forces Private 1st Class Harry M. Seiff, 23,

U.S. Army Private William E. Calkins, 20,

U.S. Army Air Forces Private Robert W. Cash, 20,

Papua New Guinea

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Alfred J. Hamwey, 24,

Burma

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Frank J. Tedone, 23,

Merrill's Marauders

Army Pvt. 1st Class Luther E. Bagley, 22,

Europe:

June 6th 1944 Omaha Beach,

Landing Craft Infantry 92 (LCI 92), carrying roughly 200 servicemembers, took a direct hit and was destroyed on its way to the beach. *So far, with U.S. Army Pvt William A Smith, age 21. A total of four remains have been recovered and identified.*

Alsace-Lorraine, France

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Alcario V. Flores, 37,

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Clossie D. Brown, 36,

Saint-Germain-d'Elle,

U.S. Army Corporal Robert A. Bartlett, 22,

Gotha, Germany

U.S. Army Air Force Tech. Sgt. Donald V. Banta, 21,

Biesdorf, Germany

U.S. Army Technician Fifth Grade (Tech5) Harold D. Pittis, 21,

U.S. Army Pvt. Kwack K. Woo, 31,

Kassel, Germany

U.S. Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Ralph H. Bode, 20,

Caltagirone, Italy

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Allan W. Knepper, 27,

Ploiesti, Romania during

Operation TIDAL WAVE

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Stanley J. Samoski, 22,

KOREAN War:

U.S. Army Corporal Jesse L. Mitchell, 22, POW
U.S. Army Sgt. John P. Ryhter, 22, POW
U.S. Army Corporal Frederick A. Higgins, 20, POW
U.S. Army Sgt. Kester B. Hardman, 22, POW
U.S. Army Corporal Edward J. Smith, 18,
U.S. Army Cpl. Robert P. Raess, 21,
U.S. Army Master Sgt. David P. Sluder, 33,
U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Arlie P. Barrett, 19,

Vietnam:

U.S. Army Air Force Sgt. David S. Price, 26,

Currently from WWII, there are 72,033 still unaccounted for. 7,460 still missing from the Korean. 1,575 American servicemen and civilians still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 6 missing from the Gulf War and 126 from the Cold War.

To all those who gave their lives and lay in unmarked repose; may your souls rest with God in eternal peace.

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION
S.A.L. ADVISORS REPORT
Sept 6, 2024

The Detachment of New York Sons of the American Legion and Department of New York Auxiliary 2024 Walk A Thon for 2024 raised a total of \$66,481 in New York State. This total exceeds last year by \$9,457 dollars. The amount raised by Suffolk County is \$ 12,612.79. Congratulations to Chairpersons Chris Cerullo of the Sons & Maria Santacroce of the Auxiliary for their hard work making this Campaign a success.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

KEVIN EATON
S.A.L. ADVISOR

At the September County 2023 meeting this was approved by the members but wasn't put in the minutes and that is why

I am submitting this motion.

DEPARTMENTAL

A member who wishes to attend the National Convention should attend 2 county meetings and attend the County

Convention. Notify the County Adjutant that they want their name submitted to attend the convention.

At the County Convention the County Adjutant will read the list of members to attend the National Convention for

membership approval to receive the County stipend. The list should be forwarded to the proper department office within 15 days of the close

of the County Convention.

If a member resides out of the area but has remained as a member to a post in Suffolk County American Legion,

they can have their name added to the list.

Note no name can be added after the convention without the approval of the Commander and 2/3 of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

P10thDC Robert (Curly) Smith

MOTION to Raise Dinner Stipend

5th Division Commander Paul Gerecke made a Motion

Motion: Raise County Dinner Stipend for Host Post

From: \$150

To: \$200

2nd: Third Division Commander Richard Knutson

Motion: Passed/Approved