



Suffolk County American Legion Minutes and Reports October 4, 2024

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SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

Oct 4th, 2024 minutes

Riverhead Post 273

Meeting opened by Commander Kevin Eaton, at 2000 hours with proper respect and ceremony. Roll Call showed 19 Posts present. Roll Call of Officers showed Five (5) present, two (2) excused. Four (4) Division Commanders present one (1) absent.

• ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Title	Name	PRESENT	EX/ABS
Commander	Kevin Eaton	X	
Chaplain	Kenneth Dolan	X	
Finance Officer	Robert Robesch	X	
Sgt. at Arms	Marcel Jeffries	X	
Adjutant	David Isaacs		Excused
Historian	Jeremiah Doran		Excused
Service Officer	Fred Loucka	X	
1 st Vice Commander	Joseph Regina	X	
2 nd Vice Commander	Bill Coderre	X	
3 rd Vice Commander	Richard Knutson	X	
4 th Vice Commander	Robert Devito		Absent
5 th Vice Commander	Paul Gerecke	X	

Motion to Suspend the Reading of the Minutes by County Chaplain Ken Dolan, 2nd/Bruggeman Finance Report accepted M/ Smith, 2nd/ Lindsay

Commander Eaton acknowledged Robert Robesch of Riverhead Post 273 for organizing the County meeting in Riverhead. We were then welcomed to Riverhead Post 273 by the County Finance Officer Robert Robesch.

Commander's Report: Included.

Division Commanders Reports: Included.

Adjutants Report: No Report (Side Bar)

Chaplains Report: Included

Service Officers Report: No Report

The Following Committee Reports that are Included:

Boys State, County Color Guard, Department Commanders Visitation, Directory, Law and Order, Legislative, LI State Veterans Home, Membership, POW-MIA, Missing In America Project, National Cemetery LI National, National Cemetery Calverton, Oratorical, PCC Testimonial Dinner, Post Charters, SAL Advisor, Scouting

Ways and Means won by Post 1006 Commander Sharon Hoover

Old/Unfinished Business: Fred Tartaglione if anyone is need of the email discussed at the 3rd Division meeting, contact him.

New Business: Commander Eaton appointed 3rd Division Vice Commander Richard Knutson to the Public Relations Committee replacing Bob Masterson for 2024-2025. Entertained a Motion to accept this appointment. Appointment Accepted
M/ Dolan, 2nd/ Robesch

Chaplain Ken Dolan stated that the program issued at the Legislative Breakfast on October 26, 2024 9am will have the contact information for all the Politicians (Don't throw it away)

Sgt. At Arms Marcel Jeffries asked for a motion to purchase a POW-MIA Chair flag and gavel for the Suffolk County Kit. This would alleviate scrambling to find one at each Post. Motion muted as members offered to donate a POW-MIA Chair flag and gavel for the Suffolk County Kit.

(Robert W. Smith to donate a POW-MIA Chair Flag) (Paul Gerecke to donate a gavel)

Joseph Regina stated we need to help Veterans more and get them interested. Suggested bringing in a Speaker on topics that Legionnaires want to hear about. Maybe do a Zoom meeting.

Robert W. Smith suggested attending Town Fairs, Poppy Drives etc. to get new members.

Dennis Morrill suggested helping to take members to Doctors visits, visit rehab centers, nursing homes etc. and visit Veterans who are in these facilities. Visit LI Cares, as they have a tremendous amount of things that help Veterans.

Suggested Advertising for the Legion \$500 on two Billboards out in the Hamptons on Tribal Lands. (Off Season)

Good of the Legion:

Commander Kevin Eaton read a letter from Department Adjutant James W Casey Thanking all of Suffolk County for the Great Hospitality we offered the Department Commander and his travelling party.

Gene Ordmandy:

Read a letter from Department discussing the Retirement of the Department Master-At-Arms Richard (Richie) Calbo. Margaret Folk will be named Department Master-At-Arms for the remainder of the year.

Roby Johnson

Tom Bergin is in the nursing home to receive Rehab, physical and Occupational Therapy. He will be there for at least 3 weeks but is good spirits. Tom apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. If you would like to visit, he is in room 2F8

Lenore Braithwaite:

Hunter Squires Jackson historically has been an all-African American Post. She is happy to say that for the first time in the Posts history, they have their first non-African member. She is hoping the trend continues.

Jeff Molitor:

The Suffolk County Marathon is occurring in October. County Grants are available to help fund programs that help Veterans. (Not Capital Improvements) If you have a program that helps Veterans and put money out, you may be able to recoup some with a County Grant.

Bill Coderre:

Honor Flight LI will be returning October 5, 2024 at 10pm. MacArthur Airport Ronkonkoma New York. If you want to honor a Veteran and say thank you, stop by that night. They are also accepting donations for Hurricane Helene Relief.

The next County Meeting is on November 1, 2024 at West Islip Post 1738. The next 10th District Meeting is on October 29, 2024 at Babylon Post 94 Meeting closed at 2159 hrs with proper ceremony and respect.

Bill Coderre, 2nd Division Commander (Temp Adjutant for October 4, 2024)

Suffolk County Commanders Report Oct 4, 2024

- 18: Sept 6, 2024- Presided over Suffolk at County Meeting Donald C. Munro Post 944 in Kings Park, NY.
- 19: Sept 7, 2024- Attended Queens County Department Commanders Visitation at Knights of Columbus Rockaway Beach, NY.
- 20: Sept 8, 2024- Attended the Suffolk County Department Commanders Visitation at Babylon Post 94, with tours of Hauppauge Armed Forces Plaza and Lt. Michael P. Murphy Seal Museum in West Sayville, NY.
- 21: Sept 9, 2024- Attended the Nassau County Department Commanders Visitation at Massapequa Post 1066 In Massapequa, NY, with tours of The Cradle of Aviation Museum and Eisenhower Park Veterans Memorials in East Meadow, NY.
- 22: Sept 11, 2024- Attended 9-11 Wreath Laying Ceremony at Smithtown High School East, at Saint James, NY.
- 23: Sept 11, 2024- Attended 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Armed Forces Plaza, Hauppauge, NY.
- 24: Sept 11, 2024- Attended Town of Smithtown Remembrance Ceremony 9/11 Memorial Park, Smithtown, NY 11787.
- 25: Sept 14, 2024- Attended Funeral Service for Korean War Army Veteran, Israel Bonet, at Pinelawn Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
- 26: Sept 18, 2024- Attended the Funeral Service for Leonard C.

Ward, 45 Year Member of the American Legion, Babylon Post 94 and Life Member of Voiture 713 40&8, at Boyd Spencer Funeral Home, Babylon, NY

27: Sept 20, 2024- Attended POW/MIA Vigil, Hosted by Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634 at Babylon Town Hall, Lindenhurst, NY.

28: Sept 22, 2024- Attended SAR Flag Remembrance Ceremony. The Suicide, Awareness, and Remembrance Flag Family Hosted by Legislator Chad H. Lennon, Major USMC, at the Heritage Center-NSYC, Mount Sinai, NY.

29: Sept 29, 2024- Attended the S.A.L. County Meeting at Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 in Brentwood, NY.

30: Oct 1, 2024- Attended Dedication of The Paws of War Veteran Resource Center in Nesconsett, NY. This facility will be dedicated to serving Veterans and their companion animals in times of crisis.

31: Oct 2, 2024- Attended Funeral Services for Past Department Vice Commander Philip J. Gomez at Boyd Spencer Funeral Home/North Babylon Cemetery in Babylon, NY

Suffolk County American Legion

Financial report

4-Oct-24

For the period ended September 30 , 2024

General Account:

opening Balance 40,447.87

<u>Deposits:</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
3-Sep	Post 924	186.00	Percapita
3-Sep	Post 1120	42.00	Percapita
3-Sep	Sqdrn 833	71.50	Sons Percapita
10-Sep	Various	2,665.00	Dept Cdr Visitation
10-Sep	Various	2,340.00	Dept Cdr Visitation
10-Sep	DiGilio	175.00	Ret Conv Fee
10-Sep	W+M	125.00	
10-Sep	C+Y	59.00	
10-Sep	HSJ Post	126.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 1848	198.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 155	318.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 1006	60.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 652	138.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 1244	480.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 1738	222.00	Percapita
10-Sep	Post 273	366.00	Percapita
24-Sep	Post 94	450.00	Per capita
24-Sep	Post 1738	60.00	Journal Ad
30-Sep	Post 1152	414.00	Percapita
9/30/24	Interest	3.44	
Total deposits			8,498.94

<u>Disbursements</u>			
<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Payee</u> <u>Description</u>
1889	3-Sep	350	T. Wagner Conv fee
1890	4-Sep	350	J. Digilio Conv fee
1891	4-Sep	350	G. Ordmandy Conv fee
1892	5-Sep	350	M. Pankowski Conv fee
1882	6-Sep	50	A. Gasca Americanism
1903	9-Sep	1460	Post 94 Cdr visit Bar
1897	16-Sep	204	R. Santo Web master
1905	16-Sep	448.85	K. Eaton Cdr visit Bkfst
1906	16-Sep	100	Awards Direct Mbrshp Plaque
1900	17-Sep	350	Al Martin Conv fee
1902	17-Sep	1600	Amore Cdr visit Food
1898	18-Sep	500	Dept of ny CDR Project

1904	18-Sep	50	Dept of ny	CDR Project/ Sons
1899	20-Sep	150	Post 944	MTG Food
Total disbursements			<u>6,312.85</u>	

Ending balance	42,633.96
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Monies held:

SAL	760.10	
PTS	1,716.12	
VAVS	-	
3rd Div	1,990.00	
1st Div	709.12	
Total	<u>5,175.34</u>	

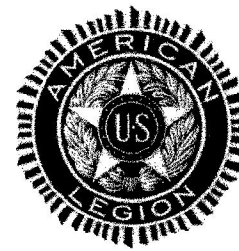
Boy's State	23,932.15
Savings	7,524.01
CD	26,210.86
	<u>57,667.02</u>

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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AMERICAN LEGION



Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634

10 Bruce Street

West Babylon, New York 11704

(631) 669-3931

September 2024 Events and Activities

- Post 1634 worked in conjunction with the Town of Babylon to host the POW/MIA Vigil on 9/20/24. This year, the 10 confirmed MIA's from the Town of Babylon were remembered. . . their stories told, , , candles lit in their honor. Joining us were Scouts, local community service groups, school honor societies and patriot clubs, veterans from close and far, elected officials and dignitaries. News 12 recorded the entire ceremony. Prior to the remembrance, a free veterans picnic was hosted.
- Post, SAL and ALA members manned a booth at Massapequa's Knights of Columbus Italian Feast - promoting patriotism and selling patriotic items.
- Post 1634 continued stewardship of the historic Larsen Lane cemetery, continuing to provide service to the once abandoned cemetery, housing veterans as far back as the Civil War.
- SAL and Post secretary continue to develop social media, sent out automated event newsletter of all events and photos, and the new Facebook page is gaining "likes"
- Ladies Gun Club, sponsored by Post, held their monthly meeting
- Post has added 3 new Eagle Scouts
- Durable Medical Goods Locker available to all, was restocked
- Post hosted a monthly breakfast for all members and their families



Hunter Squires Jackson Post #1218

October 2024 Report

Highlights for September:

- No September meeting: In lieu of monthly meeting all elected officers met with Commander to review calendar and upcoming community events.
 - Commander revised commitments/duties. Due to officer's out sick, and family priorities – duties for the post had to be redirected.
 - Post Keys – reclaimed and redistributed.
 - Discussions on if we should participate October 29th – Amityville Community: Vets/Vote Campaign. Encourages to bring a Veteran to the Poles for Early Voting.

- Plans for annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive – (6) post members/veterans' families were identified to distribute Turkeys to. Date: November 23rd 9-1pm.
- Planning started for Veterans Day. 2nd Vice taking the lead to ensure this year we get more participation during Parade/village events. BBQ plans, and the Amityville Chambers of Commerce is hosting a luncheon for members at the post.
- Annual Toy Drive: Boxes should be delivered soon to be distributed for Toy Donations

- Membership: (2) new members pending joining the post. We are very excited to have these new members. Transfers from Amityville Post.
- Pending Building Permit Pending. Awaiting Village court date to review with Board to gain permissions.
 - Every Saturday / Sunday – meetings to discuss clean up of Post. Reviewed progress and identified where donation monies should be distributed.
 - Lawyer secured to review documents for village reapplication. Renewal needed to extend contract to maintain outdoor storage of parking.
- September 23 Joined with the Amityville VFW – annual Golf Outing. (4) golfers joined. It was a great time for all. #40 total in attendance.
- September 20th
 - Commander Met with PCC Bill Farley / Babylon. and Post Commander Victor Diaz/Lindenhurst – discussions on 1st Division Meetings and how to maintain memberships.
 - Attended TOB MIA/POW remembrance service. Commander and Adjutant were in attendance. Leftenant family – member of post was recognized during the program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commander Lenore Brathwaite



Suffolk County American Legion

Second Division Report

October 4, 2024

Riverhead Post 273

Meeting Opening – 20:00

Adjourned –

Commanders Report: Commander Coderre

- The 2nd Division meeting was held at Sherwood Brothers Post 1152 on Friday, September 20, 2024
- **September 6, 2024:** Attended the Suffolk County American Legion meeting at Donald C. Munro Post 944 Kings Park, NY
- **September 8, 2024:** Attended the Department Commanders Visitation 3-8pm. Babylon Post 94 Very Nice time and good food.
- **September 11, 2024:** Attended a Ceremony at Smithtown HS East 9am near Tree of Life
- **September 11, 2024:** Attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Smithtown at the 9/11 Memorial Park
- **September 14, 2024:** Attended the Memorial for Post 833 Adjutant Ron Fischer's father Israel Bonet at the Pinelawn Mausoleums Veteran Korean War Era 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One)
- **September 18, 2024:** Attended the wake of Leonard "Lenny" Ward of Babylon Post 94 and a Life member of the 40&8. It was held at Claude R. Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home 448 West Main Street Babylon, NY 11702 Participated in the Legion Funeral Ceremony and conducted the 40&8 Funeral Ceremony.
- **September 20, 2024:** The 2nd Division meeting was held at Sherwood Brothers Post 1152 in St. James NY.

Post Reports:

Joseph Loeffler Post 1006:

August 2024: Held the Post Annual Picnic and Fundraised for Be the One and Temporary Financial Assistance Programs for Department Commander Koster. Raised \$700 and presented check to the Department Commander at his visitation at Babylon Post 94 September 8, 2024.

September 21, 2024: Post 1006 was the starting point for the **1st Annual VA Northport Suicide Prevention Motorcycle Run**. Riders from all over the area came to support Veterans with a ride from Brentwood to the Northport VA. Well attended and a great day.

James Ely Miller Post 833:

September 2024: Post 833 received final approval for the Veterans Non-Profit Capital Grant (VNCP) It was awarded for their Parking Lot. Scheduling ensued and work is in progress.

September 8, 2024: Members attended the Department Commanders Visitation 3-8pm. Babylon Post 94 Table of 10. Very Nice time and good food.

September 11, 2024: Attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Smithtown HS East 9am near Tree of Life

September 11, 2024: Attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Smithtown at the 9/11 Memorial Park

September 14, 2024: Attended the Memorial for Post 833 Adjutant Ron Fischer's father Israel Bonet at the Pinelawn Mausoleums Veteran Korean War Era 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One)

October 19, 2024: Comedy Night and Fundraiser at James Ely Miller Post 833 \$40 Show Begins: 7pm

Donald C Munro Post 944:

Downtown Renovation Initiative (DRI) State of New York and Smithtown in full swing in Kings Park. Lost some property but gaining a few parking spaces. Requesting \$356,000 for building revitalization. Feel they will get at least \$100,000 because they actually gave up property.

Asked the DRI to bury the wires because Poles are in the middle of the sidewalk so no one can walk down the sidewalk.

Rusy-Bohm Post 411:

Once again will be holding Breakfast on the Last Sunday of the Month \$10 eggs bacon etc. Open to the public

October 26, 2024: Hosting the Legislative Breakfast at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 39 Nassau Ave. Islip, NY 11751 \$18 Per Person \$162 Table of 10 (Prepaid)

Four S Post 1635:

The Chamber of Commerce of Islip came and cut down trees on their Post property and put up a new fence for the Post. Post cleaned up and now have to cut the lawn 😊

Sherwood Brothers 1152:

Is holding meetings every Friday 9-11:30am and invite all to attend. They place sign out front in the morning to advertise.

They have been actively checking on the welfare of their older members,

SAL Squadron 1152 is in the process of once again becoming active. They have contacted Charlie LaHaise, the Department SAL Liaison, and are in the process of completing and submitting their SAL Officers Certification Form OCF and Squadron Data Report SDR.

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, 2024 – 9 a.m.:** Legislative Breakfast at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 39 Nassau Ave. Islip, NY 11751 \$18 Per Person \$162 Table of 10 (Prepaid) Send checks to Ken Dolan see NYCU

- **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 (Rusy-Bohm Post 411) 6:30pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

Respectfully Submitted

William Coderre

2nd Division Commander

William Coderre

AMERICAN LEGION SUFFOLK COUNTY – 3rd DIVISION

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Friday September 20, 2024

Location: William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Called to Order: 19:00

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Posts Present: (4) Selden Post 1633, Wilson Ritch Post 432-Port Jefferson Station, John R Cacioppo Post 1848-Medford, and William Merritt Hallock Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma.

Minutes of the 3rd Division Meetings of August 16, 2024 were Read by Adjutant Fred Tartaglione
Motion to Accept Previous Months August 16, 2024 Minutes As Read- Arthur H Clune
Second- Selden. **Motion Passed.**

Membership – Fred Tartaglione is the 10th District and Suffolk County Membership Chairman. We have met our first goal for County at 51.49%. Our Next goal for October is 55% so please get those members processed and we can continue to meet the goals. Fred is available for help for the Posts.

Finance Report – Motion was made by William Merritt Hallock that due to the illness of Gene Ordmandy, we will postpone the reading of the finance report to next meeting. **Second** – Wilson Ritch. **Motion – Passed**

Unfinished/Old Business – Nothing to Report

New Business – Fred Tartaglione reported the following to the membership. There was a Email sent from Department that they wish to speed up the process of monies due to the post by direct depositing them directly into the individual posts account. They have sent a form that you need to fill out and send to department. Commander Richard Knutson reported that there is a ceremony scheduled for this Sunday by SAR, this is the VFW program same as BeTheOne. This is being held at the 4th Legislative district at the Heritage Center in Mt Sinai. Muster at 11:30, seating is at 11:45 and ceremony starts at 12 noon.

Sick Call – Eugene Ordmandy. We also lost Joe Messina from Medford Post and PPC Philip Levy from William Merritt Hallock Post.

Good Of The Legion – Nothing to Report

Children & Youth: \$20.00

Motion to Adjourn- William Merritt Hallock; **Second** - John R Cacioppo

Adjourned: 21:00

As submitted by:

Fred Tartaglione, Adjutant 3rd Division

4th Division

NO REPORT



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 4 OCTOBER 2024

The 5th Division met at East Hampton Post #419 on 24 September. Posts #388, #419, #834 and #1545 were in attendance. Post Commander Jeff Kiger 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 - On 10 September post hosted E. H. Town Seniors Party to mark the 50th anniversary of the Town Senior Nutrition Program. Same day held installation of officers for the 2024-25 year. Post continues to host approximately 15 recurring monthly events, including Lions Club, Scouts, PBA, etc. Post is working on facelift for various spaces in their hall. Fund-raising dinner for post planned for mid-October, blood drive for 18 November. Post looking for volunteers to help with set-up, breakdown for traveling Vietnam Wall next May. Also need volunteers for security and information booth.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Post had best attendance at regular meeting (9/23) since Covid began. Membership renewals going well. Tenant restaurant seriously damaged sprinkler system by driving tie-down stakes for large umbrellas through the lines. Also found that complaints of water leaking into restaurant office space and lobby was in fact caused by kitchen staff power-washing floors and forcing water through wall/floor seams. Planning underway for annual Veterans Day parade and dinner. Awaiting confirmation of Elementary School salute to veterans tentatively set for 8 November. Post welcomed one new member at meeting.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 - (via separate meeting) Post working with Southampton Village officials to raise funds for the restoration of the war memorial at Agawam Park. Post Commander Bob Grisnik states this will be his last year as head of Southampton Combined Veterans Organization, but will retain position as post commander.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - No report received.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - (via email) Held successful poppy drive on 11 August, getting good coverage in local media. Additional drives scheduled for 28-29 September and 12-13 October. Will also participate in WHB fall festival on 14 October. Joined local VFW and VFW Riders for 106th Rescue Wing 'family day' at Westhampton ANGB, signed up 7 new members, 5 for future Auxiliary unit and 4 for new Sons chapter. Held monthly highway cleanup day on 23 September. First Sons meeting will be held on 25 October at 5PM at Baby Moon restaurant in Westhampton Beach. Trying to set up a meeting with Southampton Town to discuss next steps in finding temporary/permanent home.

6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - Post will host the band Stone Blue Rising on 5 October. Tickets are \$25, refreshments will be served. On 6 October Warrior Ranch holding its annual Foundation Benefit from 2-5PM in Calverton. 15 September the Long Island Corvette Owners Association, Centurion Cruiser, National Corvette Restorers Society and the Eastport American Legion hosted a classic car show at the Northport V.A. Hospital - over \$4,800 raised for the VA hospital. Southampton Town Councilman Mike Lasilli visited post during its September regular meeting to discuss possible grants for the post, advertisements on the Sunrise Hwy electronic billboards and work with rep from Town of Brookhaven. On 18 September post held a flag-folding class at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles School in Center Moriches. Post will participate in Veterans Day ceremonies at Raynor Country Day School on 7 November and Tuttle School 8 November. Post nominated member Al Repp to be Grand Marshal for Center Moriches Veterans Day parade on 10 November. Received letter of thanks from Eastport Manor Teachers Association following book sale at the post which raised \$5,200. Commander briefed on Long Island Cares free food and clothing distribution to veterans every Tuesday at 286 West Montauk Hwy., Hampton Bays.

7. Division Commander briefed on the following items:

1. Requested prayers of support for Phil Gomez.
2. Briefed on State Commander's Visitation on 8 September at Babylon post.
3. Southampton Patriot Club Veterans Salute dinner on 30 October at SHS.
4. Upcoming Legislative Breakfast on 26 October at Rusy-Bohm post.
5. 6 October 'Vet Fest' in Islandia.
6. 25 October Vet Resource and Stand-Down event in SCCC Riverhead.
7. List of locations for early voting and ballot initiatives for November.
8. Band 'Resilient' to play at Sag Harbor Music Festival on 28 September, all members of the band are disabled veterans.

8. Subsequent to this meeting, 5th Division Vice Commander and reps from Westhampton and Eastport posts attended wake service for Phil Gomez on 2 October..

The next meeting will be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday, 29 October at Eastport Post #1545.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE

Commander, 5th Division

Adjutants Report

No Report

However, Past 10th District Commander Robert W. Smith asked if Commander Eaton would read a piece of correspondence the Commander received from County Adjutant Issacs. The letter was dated 4 Sept 2024, The letter stated that on September 8, 2024, Robert W. Smith, via email to Commander Eaton, resigned his position of Distinguished Guests Chairperson. The resignation was due to not being called upon to do his assignment and that this was not the first incident. Commander Eaton responded to allegation directly. He explained that if Past 10th District Commander Robert W. Smith was overlooked at the Department Commanders Visitation, he apologizes for that. The Department Commanders Visitation is a very busy day starting from 7am and ending around 10pm with multiple stops and events. Commander Eaton went on to say he did not receive an email. That he checked his deleted, Spam/Junk folders and there is no email. That he was not informed of how Past 10th District Commander Robert W. Smith felt. Commander Eaton then went on to explain how he did not appreciate being named in a formal letter/report when he was never informed that a situation existed. Commander Eaton concluded with that any correspondence or emails being sent that mention another person should include that person in the To: or at least CC: them.

Past 10th District Commander Robert W. Smith responded by conceding the date was incorrect but that he did send an email and can produce the original. It turns out that Past 10th District Commander Robert W. Smith used an inaccurate email for Commander Eaton.

P10DC Robert W Smith

32 Cherubiina Lane
North Babylon, NY 11703

4th September 2024

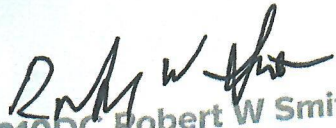
Suffolk County American Legion

County Adjutant
David Issacs
1 Chateau Dr
Manorville, NY 11949

Commander Eaton and members of Suffolk County American Legion

I notified the Commander by email on Sunday Sept. 8. That I have resigned my position of Distinguished Guest Chairperson. Since I wasn't called upon to do my assignment. This isn't the first time that I wasn't called upon to do what I was assigned to do.

Sincerely,


P10DC Robert W Smith

SCAL Chaplain's Report

September 2024

6 Sep. 2024 performed duties as SCAL Chaplain at the regular monthly County meeting.

Attended and delivered the invocation at the Department Commander's dinner on 8 Sep. 2024;

18 Sep. 2024 attended the wake for Leonard Ward of Babylon Post 94 and Voiture 713, 40&8.

On going: Have been in communication with funeral director, Edward Mc Elhone of Clayton's Funeral Home of Kings Park, NY in connection with the return and funeral arrangements for KIA, Korea for SFC Israel Ramos.

Boys State

As of 10-4-2024:

Buses: A deposit has been put down on two (2) buses.

Delegate Cost: Presently \$600 and hoping it will stay that. We will know more on exact cost in November.

Counselors/Reps: If anyone knows of members who would like to volunteer for any of these positions, let the Boy's State Committee know ASAP.

County Color Guard

The County Color Guard tended the Colors at the Department Commanders Visitation at Babylon Post 94.

Should the County Commander request their assistance, The Color Guard is at the ready.

Department Commanders Visitation Report

County Commander Eaton read a letter from James W. Casey Department Adjutant thanking Suffolk County for their generous donation.

Gene Ordmandy stated:

18 tables in total 180+ attendees, 13 of those 18 tables were Posts that purchased tables of 10.

Department Vice Commander Tom Wagner stated:

Department Commander Koster was very impressed and that we (Suffolk County) did a great job. He understands that we have a very small window to organize the event and that we did a great job and the number of attendees showed that.

Robert W. Smith stated:

The Department Commanders Visitation does not change and to put it in your calendars today. It will always be the first Sunday after Labor Day. So there is no excuse that we do not know about it and we should plan ahead so we don't have to scramble.

Directory

The Directory is being held up due to 10 Posts not sending in their OCF's. 7 Sons of the American Legion Squadrons have also not submitted their OCF's.

The County Commander has authorized Directory Chairperson Joe Regina to use last year's information in the places he has not received updates. Chairperson Regina then stated that the Directory is a valuable resource/tool for the County membership and that it should not be taken lightly.

Law and Order

Chairperson Roby Johnson stated that he has not received a single candidate/application for the Law and Order Award.

His number is 631-338-6353 Contact him with a candidate so we can award/honor someone who is doing a good job.

Legislative Report

Chairperson Ken Dolan stated all politicians have been notified. The Legislative Breakfast will be October 26, 2024 at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 9am.

He has not heard back from them but hopes that they will respond to him soon. He also asked that we call their offices and just inquire if they are coming and prod them.

He is willing to take money at this meeting or you can mail it to him. Information is on the News You Can Use.

October 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 316/320. The wait list for a male veteran is about 1-3 months, it can be sooner if all the paperwork, medical and financial clearance are in order, this is up to the applicant, and understandably it can take time to get affairs in order. it can be sooner if all the paperwork, medical and financial clearance are in order, this is up to the applicant, and understandably it can take time to get affairs in order.

2. Special project completed or in progress

- A. Last week we opened unit 1B and moved the 1A residents to the newly renovated 1B. Over the next 2 weeks we plan to clean, make minor repairs and secure unit 1A so we can move our secure dementia unit (unit 1d) residents to 1A while we completely renovate unit 1d. 1d is the last unit to require renovating so this is very exciting for us as a facility.
- 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

- October Special events Not Sponsored
 - A. all Wednesday 2:30 entertainment - \$150-200 each
 - B. all Sunday 2:00 pm Entertainment - \$150-200 each
 - C. 10/17 5:30 pm You Don't Have to be Dinner - \$500
 - D. 10/23 2:30 Birthday Party - \$500
- October Events Sponsored
 - a. 10/8 Bingo Catholic War Veterans
 - b. 10/8 Bingo Catholic War Veterans

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.

Contact:

Samantha Calandrino, CTRS, LMSW

Coordinator of Community Outreach & Volunteer Services

Long Island State Veterans Home

100 Patriots Road • Stony Brook, NY 11790

Voice: (631) 444-8590 | Fax: (631) 706-4662

Samantha.Calandrino@lisvh.org

Membership Report

Membership Chairperson Fred Tartaglione stated. That Suffolk County did in fact reach our goal of 51% back in September. We have also met our current goal of 55%.

Six Post need help with a few others that appear stagnant with regards to membership. Half of Suffolk County Post have exceeded the 55% goal. Four (4) Posts are at 100%.

We are doing well but need to move forward. He stressed using MYLEGION and that he will help you personally.

He will be there to train you help you and his phone is on 24/7.

POW-MIA Report

For the month of September 2024

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

WORLD WAR 2 _____ :

The following were lost December 7th 1941 on the USS Oklahoma:

Navy Chief Carpenter's Mate (CCM) Tedd M. Furr, 39,

Navy Fireman 1st Class Edward D. Johnson, 24,

Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Air Forces Sergeant Henry H. Packard, 34,

U.S. Army Private 1st Class Joseph C. MacDonald, 20,

U.S. Army Tech. Sgt. Charles E. Young Jr., 32,

U.S. Army Corporal Raymond N. DeCloss, 24,

Saipan

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Charles R. Reiser, 20,

Europe _____ :

Omaha Beach June 1944

U.S. Army Private Rodger D. Andrews, 19,

Wildenguth, France

U.S. Army Pvt. Robert L. Škaar, 18,

Buchhof, Germany

U.S. Army Sgt. Jack Zarifian, 19,

Bassenheim Germany

U.S. Army Air Force Staff Sgt. John A. Tarbert, 24,

Salzwedel Germany

U.S. Army Air Force Sgt. Henry H. Allen Jr., 20,

U.S. Army Air Force 2nd Lt. John H. Harris, 23,

KOREAN War _____ :

U.S. Army Private 1st Class Robert J. Wright Jr., 20, POW

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Raymond E. Hall, 40, POW

Army Private 1st Class Charles A. Vorel Jr., 19,

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Israel Ramos, 18.

U.S. Army Sgt. Charles E. Beaty, 26.

U.S. Army Cpl. Eriverto Ortiz, 27,

Vietnam _____ :

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Ronald W. Forrester, 25,

Currently from WWII, there are 72,003 still unaccounted for. 7,453 still missing from the Korean. 1,574 American servicemen and civilians still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 5 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.

Missing in America Project Report

Oct 4, 2024

There was nothing to report for the month of September, So far in October in Arizona there will be Memorial Services in Arizona for 49 Veterans and 1 Spouse. There will be Memorial Services in Florida for 17 Veterans. Nothing to report for New York State.

Kevin Eaton

MIAP Chair

LI National Cemetery Pinelawn Report

Chairperson Robert W. Smith stated:

Veterans Day Service: November 10, 2024

Line up: 1:30pm

Service Begins: 2pm

Wreaths Across America: December 14, 2024

Details to follow at the November 1st County meeting at West Islip.

National Cemetery Calverton Report

Chairperson Dennis Morrill stated:

Interment of Sergeant First Class Israel Ramos

Missing Korean War Soldier, Sergeant First Class Israel Ramos, has been recovered and will be laid to rest in Calverton National Cemetery

Date: October 11, 2024.

Time: 1pm

Location: Section: Section 18

Eastport Fire Department, Manorville Fire Department, Suffolk County PD, Eastport American Legion, 5th Division Commander along with Sag Harbor American Legion and many others will be in attendance.

Interment of Sergeant Raymond E Hall

Missing Korean War Soldier, Sergeant Raymond E. Hall, has been recovered and will be laid to rest in Calverton National Cemetery

Date: October 24, 2024.

Time: 11am

Location: Section: TBD

All of this was made possible by the DNA program.

The American Legion will still be in control of the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony. The Calverton Cemetery leadership had attempted to give it to the Scouts. Post 432 will now be in charge of the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony. As long as there is an American Legion Post and a contact person, the Legion will be the lead on this ceremony.

March 29, 2025: Will be the last Vietnam Recognition Ceremony. They are asking as many Veterans and others to come and participate. All will be welcome to speak and say a few words. It is a very moving ceremony and we hope as many people will attend as possible.

Roby Johnson spoke and explained Islip does a similar ceremony at 2pm. It also is open to all and like Calverton it welcomes back all Vietnam Veterans.

Oratorical Report

Chairperson Lenore Brathwaite stated:

The Oratorical Contest is wonderful event where we see the youth of America discussing America. What is sad is that it's not well attended by Legion members. These kids put a lot of time and effort in and then stand before only five people. Please come out and support this wonderful program.

Information and Application can be found on the News You Can Use

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students: grades 9-12.

The program is an academic speaking challenge that teaches leadership, the history of our nation's laws, and the ability to think and speak clearly.

Scholarship prizes are awarded at the County, District, Zone, Department, and National levels.

Competition Dates:

Saturday, December 7, 2024 Time: 9:30 am – 12 noon

Place: John Sardiello American Legion Post #1634
10 Bruce Street, West Babylon, New York 1634

For more information, please call:

Oratorical Chairperson Lenore Brathwaite (631) 805-7199

PCC Testimonial Dinner Report

Chairperson Steve Antonacci stated:

Past County Commander Ken Dolans Testimonial Dinner

Date: February 22, 2025

Time: 3-7pm

Location: Rusy-Bohm Post 411

39 Nassau Ave.

Islip, NY 11751

Cost: \$35

Further details to be posted in the News You Can Use.

Post Charters Report

Chairperson Gene Ordmandy stated:

Herold Tierney Post 1039 is going to remain active. The Past Commander and remaining officers have moved out of the state. However, they have agreed to return and hand over all of the Posts documentation.

10 new members have agreed to sign on and keep Herold Tierney Post 1039 alive. The only down is the previous Commander and Officers sold the building. The monies are in a bank account and will be made available to the new membership and their duly elected command structure.

A date is in the process of being organized for this meeting. The County will assist in the first year and help the Post move forward.

Raymond Cleves Post 861 is in the process of turning in their Charter. They did not go through the County. They decided to close directly through the Department. The Department of New York will closely monitor this closure.

If a Post does decide to close/turn in their Charter and they are incorporated, that does not mean the monies from the Post belong to the Post. If American Legion is anywhere in the incorporation paperwork, you have utilized the American Legion name to benefit the incorporation which requires you (the Post) to turn over any monies/finances to the Department of New York.

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

S.A.L. ADVISORS REPORT

Oct 4, 2024

The Detachment of New York Sons of the American Legion has verified that only 6 Squadrons from Suffolk County has submitted their Officer Certification Report. Post Commanders if your Post has a Squadron, the Squadron Commander should be filling out these Forms, just like the Legion has to. You can have the Squadron Commander/Adjutant contact Brian Fowler Suffolk County S.A.L. Commander or Chris Cerullo S.A.L. Adjutant with the Information.

Brian Fowler

Email: sspecial45661@outlook.com

Chris Cerullo

Email: crцерullo@aol.com

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

KEVIN EATON

S.A.L. ADVISOR

Scouting Report

Chairperson Jeff Molitor stated:

Scout of the Year: Applications for Scout of the Year will be accepted starting November 1, 2024.

Eligibility: High School Students who have already made Eagle Scouts. Those in the process are not eligible.

Committee Assignment 2024-2025

I have appointed 3rd Division Vice Commander Richard Knutson to the Public Relations Committee Assignment replacing Bob Masterson for 2024-2025.

Kevin Eaton
Commander
Suffolk County
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17 September 2024

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Dear Legionnaires,

On behalf of Department Commander Keith J. Koster, and The American Legion Department of New York, please accept our thanks and appreciation for your generous donations of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

The Department of New York is proud to have Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members who exhibit the benevolence and good will to those individuals suffering from circumstances beyond their control. Your support in time of need and your devotion to mutual helpfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Yours for The American Legion,

*James W. Casey
Department Adjutant*

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