



Suffolk County American Legion Executive/Roundtable Minutes and Reports August 6, 2024

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Suffolk County American Legion Meeting minutes August 2 2024

Meeting opened 2000hrs

meeting Adjourned 2054hrs

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 "Absent"
Acting Chaplain	
Second division Commander	William Coderre

1st Division commander	Joseph Regina
2nd Division commander	William Coderre
3rd Division commander	Richard Knutson
4th Division commander	Robert Devito
5th Division commander	Paul E. Gerecke "Absent"

Commander Kevin Eaton Opened the meeting with proper protocol.

Acting Chaplain William Coderre Offered prayer.

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

Fourteen post out of Forty-Three were present. No quorum was present.

The commander offered his report which is attached separately.

Finance officer Robert Robesch presented the finance report.

Recommendation was made was made since no motion could be brought due to lack of a quorum present, to accept the report as read by Robert W. Smith

Seconded by Adjutant Isaacs. The vote was unanimous to accept the report as read.

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.

At This time Commander Eaton requested suspension of the meeting For reading special reports and award presentations.

Motion/Recommendation was made by Tom Wagner seconded by Adjutant David M. Isaacs.

The report was read by Commander Eaton from Joseph Loeffler Post 1006. The Letter was a nomination made to Department adjutant.

James Casey, Nominating Tom Wagner for the position of Department commander. Tom Wagner's service and accomplishment were outlined in the letter. County Commander Kevin Eaton reiterated the remarks on behalf of Suffolk County American Legion. And endorsed the Nomination. Tom Wagner asked for the endorsement of Suffolk County and was approved unanimously by the members present.

At the 17:16 minute mark Commander Eaton called upon Fred Tartaglione to present awards that were given at the convention in Niagara based on CPR reports. Commander Eaton emphasized the importance of those reports.

The awards were as follows.

Most outstanding Children and youth citation presented to Chelburg and battle post 0388.

Accepted by on behalf of post-0388 by Mike Pankowski.

Americanism citation presented to Aurthur Ellis Hamm post 0834.

Accepted by on behalf of post-0834 by Mike Pankowski.

Children and youth citation presented to Aurthur Ellis Hamm post 0834. Accepted by on behalf of post-0834 by Mike Pankowski.

Children and youth meritorious citation presented to SGT; John Sardiello post-1634.

100 percent membership award presented to Raymond Cleaves post 0861.

100 percent membership award presented to Fours S post 1635.

100 percent membership award presented to Alfre R. Grebe post-1045. Accepted by 4th division commander Robert DiVito.

100 percent membership award presented to Irving Hart post-1766. Accepted by 3rd division commander Richard Knutson.

100 percent membership award presented to Brunn Prychal post-1888. Accepted by 3rd division commander Richard Knutson.

Regular business resumed at the 28-minute mark.

1st division, No report

2nd division, No report

3rd division no report

4th division, No report

5th division no report.

Tom Wager Budget and finance requested the upcoming budget be presented to the membership at the September meeting and be posted in News You Can Use. All responded in the affirmative. That the budget be voted on at the September meeting.

Commander Eaton resumed with committee appointments. Which are under separate cover. 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.

Commander Eaton will be holding a committee meeting Tuesday August 6, 6:00-6:30pm at Rusy Bohm post 411 to finalize details for commander's visitation.

Old business. Nothing under old business

Unfinished Business. Nothing under unfinished business.

Sick Call.

Tom Bergen

Phil Gomez

Bob Bruggemann

Good of the legion

Robert Robesch brought up the passing of Marty Ingram who passed away in June. There will be a service at Calverton National August 20th at 12:45 to honor him. Meet at admin for staging.

Robert W Smith advised that no request for expenses shall be made from the floor going forward. They must be in writing. And must be approved by a minimum of two members of the finance committee.

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

Acting Chaplain Second division Commander William Coderre led us in closing prayer.

Commander Eaton closed the meeting in proper protocol.

Meeting Adjourned @ 20:55 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

David M. Isaacs

Adjutant

Suffolk County American Legion

Suffolk County Commanders Report

2024-2025

- 1: Jun 8 2024-** Elected County Commander at Suffolk County Convention at Wilson Ritch Post 432, Port Jeff Station.
- 2: Jun 9, 2024-** Installation, Rusy Bohm Post 411, Islip
- 3: Jun 10, 2024-** Installation, James Ely Miller Post 833, Smithtown
- 4: Jun 14, 2024-** Attended funeral services for 10th District Adjutant Martin J. Ingram, in Rockaway, Queens.
- 5: Jun 18, 2024-** Installation Smith-Wever Post 651 Sayville.
- 6: Jun 20, 2024-** Installation Wilson-Ritch Post 432 Port Jefferson.
- 7: Jun 21, 2024-** Attended 2nd Division Meeting James Ely Miller Post 833 Smithtown.
- 8: Jun 27- July 3, 2024-** Attended Boys State as City Counselor, Morrisville, NY.
- 9: July 13, 2024-** Attended Installation for Suffolk County Auxiliary, Babylon Post 94.
- 10: July 16-July 19, 2024-** Attended the 106th Department of New York American Legion Convention, in Niagara, NY.

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Financial report

2-Aug-24

For the period ended July 31 , 2024

General Account:

opening Balance 50,994.02

Deposits:

<u>Date</u>	<u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
5-Jul	DNY	7,952.50	Per capita
25-Jul	Various	700.00	Return unused conv fees
25-Jul	Doran	20.00	Conv fee
25-Jul	Roberts	20.00	Conv fee
31-Jul	Interest	3.51	
Total deposits		8,696.01	

Disbursements

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1868	1-Jul	350.00	D.Isasacs-Color guard
1877	1-Jul	350.00	H. Doherty Chaplain
1886	1-Jul	1,500.00	Post 432 Conv cost
1872	3-Jul	340.00	Dept NY Delegate fees
1881	3-Jul	50.00	Barcia Americanism
1884	3-Jul	12,612.79	DNY Sons Walk a thon
1885	3-Jul	140.00	DNY Sons luncheon
1887	9-Jul	2,975.00	Cash Conv fees 17@175
1883	22-Jul	50.00	JeanBart Americanism
1880	24-Jul	50.00	Nirjhor Americanism
Total disbursements		18,417.79	

Ending balance 41,272.24

Monies held:

SAL	1,038.60
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	2,700.00
3rd Div	1,990.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	<u><u>8,153.84</u></u>

Boy's State	25,927.88
Savings	7,523.63
CD	26,210.86
	<u><u>59,662.37</u></u>

Total All accounts 100,934.61

Total available 92,780.77

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 305/320.

2. Special project completed or in progress

- A. Finishing the construction on unit 1B (end of August), working on special design for the reflections unit to create a better space for those who have cognitive impairment.
- 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.

2. Initiatives supported by American Legion Posts

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.

Contact :

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July this is what/who we have sponsoring:

7/17 fishing trip- Masons

7/17 entertainment- Am Vets

7/23 bingo- Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary

7/29 Elvis Impersonator- Knights of Columbus

For July we still could use sponsors for:

7/30 Texas Hold Em Competition- \$100

7/31 Mets Trip- tickets, parking and lunch- \$1,500

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.



Suffolk County American Legion

Subject 2024-2025 Legion Family Directory

We are Starting to publish this year's Legion Family Directory which will list American Legion Post in Suffolk County as well as American Legion Auxiliary President and staff and Sons of the American Legion.

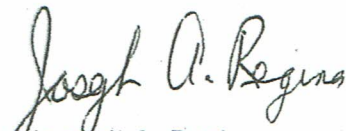
Long Island has the largest Veterans population in New York State. We thank you for your support. We are offering a place for you or post to put an ad in the directory to show your support.

A Full Page is 5 ½ x 8 ½ for \$60 and a half Page is only \$30.

Please make check out to Suffolk County American Legion and in Memo area put "Directory" and mail to Joseph Regina at 608 Arlington Road, West Babylon N. Y. 11704

To contact me at (631) 422-5211 or GIJoe608 @Hotmail.com with any questions.

Thank You for your Support and your attention on this matter.


Joseph A. Regina

Directory Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointments and Committees 2024-2025

Americanism: 1st Div C Joe Regina

Boys State: CC Kevin Eaton

Budget and Finance:

A. DVC Tom Wagner

B. 10th D Fin Off Robert Robesch

C. P10thDC Robert W. Smith

Constitution and By-Laws: 2nd DC Bill Coderre

County Color Guard: Wilson-Ritch Post 432/ 3rd Div C Richard Knutson

County Convention:P10thDC Robert W. Smith

Credentials: 10th D Fin Off Robert Robesch

Department Commander Visit: ~~JR.PCC Ken Dolan~~

Directory:1st Div C Joe Regina

Distinguished Guests: P10thDC Robert W. Smith

DMS Cards: Robert Lindsay

Gold Star Parents: P10thDC Phil Barzcak

Historian: Jerry Doran

Hospital Welfare: Fred Loucka

Judge Advocate: 10th D ADJ Mike Pankowski

Law and Order: PCC Roby Johnson

Legionnaire of the Year: P10thDC Phil Barzcak

Legion Riders: ADJ Dave Isaacs

Legislative :Jr PCC Ken Dolan

Liaison to the Auxiliary: PCC Tom Bergin

LISVH Stonybrook: Hank Lewis

Membership: Fred Tartaglione

MIA/POW: PCC Bob Bruggeman

MIAP: CC Kevin Eaton

My Legion: 2nd DC Bill Coderre

LI National Pinelawn: P10thDC Robert W. Smith

Calverton National: PC Dennis Morrill

National Commanders Dinner: 10th D ADJ Mike Pankowski
Nominations: JR. PCC Ken Dolan
Oratorical: PC Lenore Brathwaite
Parliamentarian: PCC Jim Beecher
PCC Testimonial Dinner: PCC Steve Antonacci
Post Charters: 10th DC Gene Ordmandy
Protocol: P10thDC Phil Barzcak
PTS Training: Fred Miller
Public Relations: Bob Masterson
PUFL: 10th D Fin Off Robert Robesch
Resolutions: 2nd DC Bill Coderre
Scouting: Jeff Molitor
SAL Advisor: CC Kevin Eaton
Suffolk County Veterans Advisory Board: John DiGilio
VSO Northport: PCC Jim Beecher
Ways and Means: P10thDC Robert W. Smith
Web Director: Bob Santo

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
Membership	Fred Tartaglione
MIA POW	Robert Bruggemann
National Cemetery	Mike Pankowski
National Security	Tom Wagner
Oratorical	Mike Pankowski
Protocol	Bill Farley
PTSD	Fred Miller
SAL	Kevin Eaton
Scouting	Jeff Molitor
Service Officer	Brian Randolph

**Suffolk County American Legion
Meeting Schedule 2024-2025**

Aug 2, 2024:	Wilson-Ritch Post 432	3rd Div
	Executive Meeting	
Sept 6, 2024:	Donald C. Munro Post 944	2 nd Div
Oct 4, 2024:	Riverhead Post 273	4 th Div
Nov 1, 2024:	James Ely Miller Post 833	2 nd Div
Dec 6, 2024:	Chelburg & Battle Post 388	5 th Div
Jan 3, 2025:	Patchogue Post 269	3 rd Div
Feb 7, 2025:	Joseph Loeffler Post 1006	2 nd Div
Mar 7, 2025:	Babylon Post 94	1 st Div
Apr 4, 2025:	Eastport Post 1545	5 th Div
May 2, 2025:	Rusy-Bohm Post 411	2 nd Div
Jun 7, 2025:	TBA County Convention	

Schedule

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 2024-2025 CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted all County Meetings begin with dinner at 7pm.

Meeting commences at 8pm. Sharp.

County Meetings:

August 2, 2024- Wilson-Ritch Post 432

1450 Hallock Ave., Port Jefferson, NY 11776

Executive Meeting

Budget and Committee Positions to be decided

September 6, 2024-Donald C. Munro Post 944

20 Thompson Ave., Kings Park, NY 11754

October 4, 2024- Riverhead Post 273

89 Hubbard Ave., Riverhead, NY 11717

Nov 1, 2024- James Ely Miller Post 833.

51 Juniper Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787

December 6, 2024- Chelburg & Battle Post 388

26 Bay St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963

January 3, 2025- Patchogue Post 269
Baker St. PO Box 457, Patchogue, NY 11772

February 7, 2025-Joseph Loeffler Post 1006
198 First St., Brentwood, NY 11717

March 7, 2025-Babylon Post 94
22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY 11702
* American Legion Birthday- Regular Meeting including
Auxiliary, Sons, and American Legion Riders.

April 4, 2025-Eastport Post 1545
460 Montauk Highway PO Box 456,
Eastport, NY 11941

May 2, 2025-Rusy Bohm Post 411
39 Nassau Ave, Islip, NY 11751

June 7, 2025 County Convention- Time and Place to be determined.

Other Events

10th District Meetings

Nassau: January

Suffolk: Oct, 29th, 2024- 8 pm Babylon Post 94

Queens: March

10th District Commander's Visitations

Nassau:

Suffolk: Mar 7, 2025- Babylon Post 94

Queens: January 22, 2025- Continental Post 1424

Department Commander Visitations

Nassau: September 9, 2024

Suffolk: September 8, 2024 - Babylon Post 94

Queens: September 7, 2024- Daniel M. O'Connell Post 272, Rockaway Beach, NY

Dist. 2 & 10 Membership Workshop. August 10, 2024. Malverne Post 44

Suffolk County High School Oratorical Contest

10th District High School Oratorical Contest

Zone 2 High School Oratorical Contest

Department of NY Oratorical Banquet/Contest Mar 7- 8, 2025

Legislative Breakfast

Suffolk: Oct 26, 2024- Rusy Bohm Post 411

Nassau: Octobr 26, 2024 9:30 am

Massapequa Post 1066, 66 Veterans Blvd., Massapequa, NY

Queens:

Mid-Winter Conference: Jan 17- Jan 19, 2025

Back To God Ceremony-Four Chaplains

Legion Family College: June 6-8, 2025

National Commander's Visit: Friday April 11, 2025

Antun's, 218-85 97th Ave., Queens Village, NY 11429

Suffolk County Convention- TBD

Boys State: Tentative: June 27- July 3, 2025

Department of New York Convention: July 15 – July 19, 2025
Syracuse, NY

American Legion National Convention: Aug 19- 28, 2025
Tampa Bay, Florida

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