

Sign in

First DIV

JOHN HASSETT, PCC	44
Sean Hood, PCC	972
Pat Alsea, PCC	44
JOSEPH SCAROLA PCC	303
ROBERT DISHMAN CMR	1282
RON WEST CMR	44
GARY SAIKI COMMISSARY	1711
Kevin Tirman ALR	1132
Oscar HERNANDEZ CR	1273
Miriam CARPIO - Hospedales	Post 335
DAVID VANDERWERK - ADJ	1132
DON DELLARO 1st VC CMR	1246
CHRIS SPRINGER TREASURER	1246
Robert S. Hare Cmdr.	Post 246 (Baldwin)
Dawn Savol	44

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2nd Div

STEVE MCMAHUS

Nc Sgts Arms

FRANK NEAL PCC

- Post 390

M. CASILLO

1711

Bainer Bume

ALP 1089

Lenny Volpe

Post 1082

Peter Johansen

Post 1087

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Sign in

3rd Div

NAME	TITLE	Post
JAMES T. RANDLE	HISTORIAN	144
ERIC SPINNER	CHDR	144
Mary Norris		421
Tom Basacchi		421
BILL LADERER	1st VICE	336
Ed Fulman		175

Gregory Evans membership

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Nassau County American Legion Roll Call

July 2024 – June 2025

COUNTY STAFF	7/26	8/16	9/27	10/25	11/22	12/27	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/?
ELECTED												
Commander Kerry Englander	1	1	✓									
Vice Commander 1 st Div: Al Ficalora	1		✓									
Vice Commander 2 nd Div: Arthur Pirozzi		1	✓									
Vice Commander 3 rd Div: Ralph Casey	1		✓									
Adjutant: Dawn Samuel		1	✓									
Treasurer: Anthony Paternostro	1	1										
APPOINTED												
Sgt At Arms: Steve McManus	1	1	✓									
Judge Advocate: Harry Ransom	1											
Chaplain: Eric Spinner	1	1	✓									
Historian: James Randle	1	1	✓									
TOTAL	8	7	8									

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FIRST DIVISION	7/26	8/16	9/27	10/25	11/22	12/27	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/?
ANDREW FATSCHER												
BALDWIN	1		✓									
BELLMORE												
EAST ROCKAWAY												
EDWIN WELCH, JR.	1	1	✓									
ISLAND PARK												
J. FRANKLIN BELL												
LAWRENCE CEDARHURST												
LYNBROOK	1	2	✓									
MALVERNE	1	4	✓									
MASSAPEQUA												
MERRICK	1		✓									
OCEANSIDE MEMORIAL	1		✓									
ROCKVILLE CENTRE	1	1	✓									
VICTOR MURTHA	1	1	✓									

Nassau County American Legion Roll Call

July 2024 – June 2025

FIRST DIVISION	7/28	8/18	9/22	10/27	11/17	12/22	1/26	2/23	3/22	4/26	5/24	6/1
WANTAGH			✓									
TOTAL			9									

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July 2024 – June 2025

SECOND DIVISION	7/26	8/16	9/27	10/25	11/22	12/27	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/?
AVIATORS	1											
CATHEDRAL			✓									
EAST MEADOW MEMORIAL	1	1	✓									
ELMONT	1	2	✓									
FLORAL PARK												
FRANKLIN SQUARE												
GOMILLION-CAMPBELL												
HEMPSTEAD	1	1	✓									
HUGH C. NEWMAN III MEM		1	✓									
LEVITTOWN	1	1	✓									
NEW HYDE PARK-ERNIE PYLE	1	1	✓									
NORTH BELLMORE	1											
UNIONDALE												

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SECOND DIVISION	7/26	8/16	9/27	10/25	11/22	12/27	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/?
WILLIAM BRADFORD TURNER	1		.									
WILLIAM CLINTON STORY	1		.									
TOTAL	9	7	7									

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THIRD DIVISION	7/26	8/16	9/27	10/25	11/22	12/27	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/?
ADMIRAL CONOLLY												
ARCHIE McCord			✓									
CARLE PLACE												
CHARLES A. FOWLER, JR.		1										
CHARLES WAGNER	1	2	✓									
EUGENE S. SMITH	1		✓									
GLEN COVE												
GLENWOOD LANDING	1		✓									
HOWARD A. VAN WAGNER	1	1										
JAMES F. BRENGEL	1											
MANHASSET												
MINEOLA MEMORIAL												
NASSAU POLICE	1											
NEW CASSEL MEMORIAL												
PLAINVIEW												
PORT WASHINGTON												
QUENTIN ROOSEVELT												
ROBERT H. SPITTEL												
WILLISTON	1	4	✓									
YOUNG-SIMMONS			✓									
TOTAL	7	8	6									

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PAST COMMANDERS	7/26	8/16	9/27	10/25	11/22	12/27	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/?
ANTHONY PATERNOSTRO	1	1										
HARRY D. RANSOM, PDVC	1											
CHARLES G. MILLS	1											
REGINALD BUTT, JR., PDistC												
WILLIAM HARMS	1											
FRANK COLON, JR., PDIST CMDR	1											
ANGELO GRANDE			✓									
JOHN HASSETT	1	1	✓									
STEVE McManus	1	1	✓									
FRANK NEAL	1	1	✓									
JOE BRUNNER	1											
ROBERT GUARNERI	1	1	✓									
AL FICALORA	1		✓									
PAT ALESIA	1	1	✓									
JOSEPH SCAROLA	1	1	✓									
SEAN HOOD Jr. Past County Commander	1		✓									
TOTAL Attach 2g	14	7	9									

AMERICANISM
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PCC AL FICLORA

September 27, 2024

Good evening Legionnaires.

This month's Americanism deals with something we recite at every meeting, event and ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance.

The first Pledge of Allegiance was published in the Youth's Companion Magazine on September 8th, 1892. Six weeks later, school children began reciting it in honor of the 400th Anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in North America.

The original words are different and omits a few lines from what we are accustomed to.

"I Pledge Allegiance to my Flag and the Republic ~~for~~ which it stands, one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

Soon after, the American Legion's 1919 formation of the organization's Americanism Committees called for State Laws requiring schools to open each day with a moment of Flag Respect, and the Pledge was suggested as a great way to start.

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AMERICANISM
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In 1921 the American Legion Department of Massachusetts lobbied for a state law requiring that at the beginning of the school day students shall rise and stand at attention and repeat in unison the Pledge of Allegiance and salute the Flag.

In 1922 and 1923 American Legion National Flag Conferences lead to change the opening by adding "United States of America".

The second American Legion National Convention passed a resolution reiterating its opposition to any revisions and encourages recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by students and educators to be included in regular school activities. The words "under God" were added on Flag Day 1954 and the following year 1955 the American Legion passed a resolution opposing any further changes in wording to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nassau County Children & Youth Report
Sept 2024

Thank you to those that have donated to Children and Youth. This month there were two donations: Cathedral Post and Hugh C Newman III Post. Thank you for your generous donation. We are planning ahead for the Waterfront Warrior families Christmas party in Long Beach at the beginning of December. Please let us know if you are planning something, we'd love to support you!

For God & Country

Frank Neal, PCP
Children & Youth Chairpersons
Nassau County American Legion

Dawn Samuel

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Nassau County American Legion

The Department of New York



September 24, 2024

To: **All Post Commanders**
Subject: Operation Comfort Warriors

Operation Comfort Warriors is a program run by the American Legion and dedicated to meeting the needs of our wounded veterans, whether ill or injured while serving our country. This program supplies items or recreational experiences not supplied by the Government; or by our assistance for those veterans transitioning from military to civilian life. One hundred percent of donations received are used to help veterans in U.S. military hospitals and warrior transitions units. Funds from this program help assist in the rehabilitation, provide recreation or socialization experiences during recovery. Most military medical centers are not equipped to store large quantities of care packages. The Legion strongly prefers monetary donations so that it can expedite the purchase and delivery of items to troops. Examples of what this program provides include loose fitting sweatsuits for those suffering from burns, recreational outings to amusement parks, and sports equipment for adaptive therapy programs. Other items donated from this program include dartboards, ping pong tables, etc. All funds donated will be used for our veterans in Nassau County.

Since the war on terrorism began, countless American troops have been injured, sickened and hospitalized. Operation Comfort Warriors is successful because of the many individuals, Legion Posts, Auxiliary units and Sons that have donated to their program.

The Legion contacts officials at military hospitals, warrior transition units and surrounding communities, and obtains lists to determine which items are needed by wounded, injured or ill servicemembers. Once a need is identified, the items are ordered by the Legion and delivered in an expeditious manner. It's as simple as that. No red tape.

Last year, donations to Tunnel to Towers, Nassau County Service Agency Food Pantry, Northport VA Veterans Picnic are just a few places that we were able to assist. I hope your Post will see fit to support this program. Checks should be made payable to Nassau County American Legion, earmarked Operation Comfort Warriors, and mailed to me at 295 Crowell Street, Hempstead, NY 11550. I can be reached at (516) 375-2139.

A circular is attached for your information. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Comradeship,

Frank Neal, PCC

cc: County Commander Kerry Englander

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About OCW



As the war in Afghanistan winds down, U.S. military personnel are coming home where they join other recent veterans who served in Iraq. Many of these servicemembers have left the battlefield only to be faced with a new fight: a struggle to overcome the mental and physical wounds suffered during deployment. Those with traumatic brain injury (TBI) or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are returning home in unprecedented numbers. In fact, the Army has said that up to 20 percent of the men and women who served in Afghanistan or Iraq have suffered TBI.

Even as the wars conclude, those in the military still face inherent dangers while fighting the global war on terrorism, during training exercises and while performing other dangerous duties.

While the care at many military hospitals and warrior transition units is extraordinary, The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program was created to provide "nonessentials" - items that help wounded warriors' recovery but don't usually show up as a budget line on government spreadsheets.

PLEASE DONATE

[Donate](#)

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Nassau County American Legion
Department of New York

DATE: September 26, 2024

TO: Kerry Englander, Commander, Nassau County, NY American Legion

C: Adjutant & Additional Oratorical Committee Members (Eric Spinner, Joe Scarola & Arthur Pirozzi)

RE: Oratorical Contest Report for Nassau County Meeting September 27, 2024

E-mails announcing this year's contest went out to Nassau County's 60 public and private High Schools during September 6-8. In most cases, the e-mails went to an educator identified by previous 'phone calls to the school as moderator or coach of the debate team/club, Model Congress, Moot Court, or the like. If such was not identified, the e-mail went to the Principal.

Several educators replied with thanks and a promise to get the information out to students. So far, we know of four students (Chaminade, Hicksville, Glen Cove, Sacred Heart) who intend to compete. These were acknowledged.

Dates have been selected as follows. Committee members please mark your calendars. These seven dates will accommodate up to 24 contestants. If we get 13-18 contestants we will need only five dates. More than 24 we will need to add dates.

1. Tuesday, December 3 at 7PM
2. Thursday, December 5 at 7PM
3. Sunday December 8 at 1PM
4. Wednesday, December 11 at 7PM
5. Saturday, December 14 at 10AM
6. Sunday, December 15 at 1PM
7. Saturday, December 21 at 10 AM

The Williston Park Post, being fairly central in Nassau County and having 3 rooms is a great location so we have asked them which of these dates they can accommodate. We will ask other Posts to cover whatever dates Williston Park cannot accommodate.

For God & Country,

Dennis J. Duffy, Chair, Oratorical Contest, Nassau County
Member, Lynbrook Post #335
516-593-0198

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VA

U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

VA NORTHPORT MEDICAL CENTER

PACT ACT 2024 UPDATE

SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

Delivering Veterans the Care & Benefits They Deserve

Understanding PACT Act 2024 Eligibility

LEARN MORE
Visit va.gov/PACT
or call 811-241-4468
M-F 8am-5pm

August marks the second anniversary of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxicity (PACT) Act, commonly known as the PACT Act.

The PACT Act expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances. This law helps VA provide generations of veterans — and their survivors — with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

What Changed With This Expansion of Care?

Under the PACT Act, all toxic-exposed veterans were to become eligible for VA care on a phased-in schedule until 2023. The PACT Act was amended in March 2024 to include veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards in specific duty stations and countries, who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (TERA) and deployed in operations in support of the Global War on Terror. These veterans are now eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. They don't need to be sick or file a claim to become eligible.

What are the Minimum Active Duty Requirements for VA Care?

In general, veterans must have served 24 months of continuous active duty or the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty. Former members of the Reserves or National Guard are eligible for VA health care if they have qualifying service and meet one of the health care eligibility requirements in the PACT Act. Former members of the Reserves or National Guard who served for training purposes only may not be able to establish veteran status if they did not wear a qualifying disability during such training.

Apply Now to Determine Eligibility

To find out if you qualify, you can visit VA Northport in person and speak to an Eligibility Specialist. You may also apply online at va.gov/PACT or call the toll-free hotline at 800-894-6411. Representatives are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST.

If you are already enrolled in VA health care and believe you qualify for the 2024 expansion of the PACT Act, you can submit VA form 10A-1022B along with copies of supporting documentation. In some cases, veterans previously found ineligible for VA care may qualify now under the PACT Act.

Even if you don't think you need this care today, you might need it tomorrow, or the next day, or years from now. VA encourages all veterans to apply to determine their enrollment eligibility. Please visit va.gov/health-care/eligibility for more information.

PACT ACT HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY COHORTS

VIETNAM VETERANS

If you served in the following countries during these specific time periods, you can enroll in VA health care:

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
(for active 12 months after host phase)
Between Jan. 9, 1962
and May 7, 1973

LAOS
Between Dec. 1, 1965
and Sept. 30, 1969

THAILAND
(at any U.S. or Royal
Thai base)
Between Jan. 9, 1962
and June 30, 1976

CAMBODIA
(Certain provinces)
Between April 16, 1969
and April 30, 1969

GUAM OR AMERICAN SAMOA
(for host non-hostal visits)
Between Jan. 9, 1962
and July 31, 1960

JOHNSTON ATOLL
(for ship that called there)
Between Jan. 5, 1972
and Sept. 30, 1977

GULF WAR & POST-9/11 VETERANS

You can enroll in VA health care if any of the following are true:

You performed active duty while assigned to a duty station (including air space above):

On or after Aug. 2, 1990, in the following countries:
• BAHRAIN • KUWAIT • QATAR • SOMALIA
• IRAQ • OMAN • SAUDI ARABIA • UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

On or after Sept. 11, 2001, in the following countries (or any future country determined relevant by VA):

• AFGHANISTAN • EGYPT • LIBANON • YEMEN
• DJIBOUTI • JORDAN • SYRIA • UZBEKISTAN

You were deployed in support of the following contingency operations:

• Operation Enduring Freedom • Operation New Dawn
• Operation Freedom's Sentinel • Operation Inherent Resolve
• Operation Inland Freedom • Resolve Support Mission

You served on active duty in a theater of combat operations or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after Nov. 11, 1918, and were discharged or released from active service within the last 10 years.

VETERANS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO TOXINS & OTHER HAZARDS DURING SERVICE

Regardless of when or where you served, if you were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving our country, you should apply for VA health care. Even if you never deployed outside the U.S., you may be eligible. If you were exposed to toxins or hazards while on qualifying training or active duty in the United States, you should enroll. Exposure to toxins and other hazards includes air pollutants, chemicals, occupational hazards, radiation, warfare agents, and more. Visit va.gov/health-care/eligibility for more information to learn more.

You can enroll with the PACT Act Expansion (and other authorities):

- If you served in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, or Afghanistan, you can enroll.
- If you deployed to any combat zone after 9/11, you can enroll.
- If you deployed in support of the Global War on Terror, you can enroll.
- You don't need to be sick or file a claim to become eligible if you have to do so because of your service in one of these locations or operations — or participated in one of the activities that could have exposed you to hazards while training or serving on active duty.
- Even if you never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards here at home — by working with chemicals, pesticides, land, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, X-rays and more — you can enroll.
- And if you were previously deferred because of income, the PACT Act may create new avenues toward VA enrollment.

VA Northport Medical Center: Serving Generations of LI Veterans

The VA provides the best and most affordable health care on Long Island for veterans. This includes yearly physicals, health assessments, free screenings — including the toxic exposure screening — and specialized care for issues related to military service and more. Long Island's only veterans hospital, VA Northport Medical Center offers a full range of primary and specialty services, such as medical, surgical, dental, ophthalmology, audiology, psychiatric, rehabilitative, extended care and skilled nursing for two of the most veteran-dense counties in New York and an estimated 150,000 area veterans. Our clinicians know veterans — they often are veterans — and they know how to help.

VA Northport Healthcare System offers five community-based outpatient clinics across Long Island.



VA

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
VA Northport Healthcare System

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Nassau County American Legion

Department of NY



July 1, 2024

To: Post Commanders
Past County Commanders
County Commander & Staff
County Auxiliary President
County SAL Commander & Squadrons Commanders

Subj: **County Legislative Breakfast**

This Year's County Legislative Breakfast will be hosted by:

Massapequa Post 1066
66 Veterans Boulevard
Massapequa, NY 11758

Date: **Saturday, October 26, 2024,** Time: **9:30 AM**

Donation: **\$30.00**

This is a Working Breakfast and will start promptly at 9:30 AM. A full breakfast will be served as the Legislators give their presentations.

We need everyone's support to make this a successful event. The purpose of this breakfast is to hear what our Legislators are working on or have accomplished concerning Veteran's Affairs and where they stand on Veteran's issues.

Donations of wine & Liquor bottles for the raffle can be brought the morning of the Legislative Breakfast.

Thank You for your cooperation with this endeavor and let's keep Nassau County in the forefront of Veterans Affairs.

Make checks payable to "Nassau County Committee American Legion" and earmarked "**Legislative Breakfast**". Mail no later than Friday, **October 11, 2024**, to:

Joseph M. Scarola
64 Vermont Street
Long Beach, NY 11561
Cell (516) 647-7595

For God and Country
Joseph M. Scarola, PCC
County Legislative Chairman

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AGENDA

Respect to the Colors Invocation	County Commander Kerry Englander County Chaplain Eric Spinner
Pledge of Allegiance	County Commander Kerry Englander
POW/MIA Res 287	PCC Joseph Scarola
Open Remarks	PCC Joseph Scarola
Welcome	County Commander Kerry Englander
Introduction Of Distinguished Guests	PCC Joseph Scarola
Introduction of Honorable Legislators	PCC Joseph Scarola
Final Remarks	County Commander Kerry Englander
Benediction	County Chaplain Eric Spinner
Respect to the Colors	County Commander Kerry Englander

"GOD BLESS AMERICA.....SONG BY ALL"

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt "Thank You", to the Nassau County Legionnaires, the Nassau County Auxiliary committee, Sons of the Legion and to Commander John Nolan of Massapequa Post 1066 and his members for an outstanding job.

THANK YOU ALL

To Nassau County, "THANK YOU" for all your support of our Legislative Program in support of The Department of New York's Veterans Affairs.

To our Honorable Legislators "THANK YOU" for taking the time from your busy schedule to join us to share your views.

Respectfully Yours,

PCC Joseph Scarola

"VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA"

1919-2024

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OUR 103RD YEAR

**NASSAU COUNTY COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION – DEPARTMENT OF NY**



**24th ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 26, 2024**

HOSTED BY

**MASSAPEQUA POST 1066
66 VETERANS BOULEVARD
MASSAPEQUA, NEW YORK 11758**

**KERRY ENGLANDER, COUNTY COMMANDER
JOSEPH SCAROLA, CHAIRMAN
ROBERT GUARNERI, CO CHAIRMAN**

"LET US NEVER FORGET OUR POW'S/MIA'S"

NY STATE SENATE**DISTRICT****5TH SD STEVEN RHOADS** **R**4236 Merrick Rd, 1st Floo
Massapequa, NY 11758
516-882-0636**6TH SD KEVIN THOMAS** **D**990 Stewart Ave. Ste LL45A
Garden City, NY
516-739-1700**7TH SD JACK MARTINS** **R**173 Mineola Blvd, Ste
Mineola, NY 11501
516-922-1811**8TH SD ALEXIS WEIK** **R**1 Corporate Dr, Ste GL-005
Bohemia, NY 11716
631-665-2311**9TH SD PATRICIA CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK** **R**265 East Merrick Rd, Ste 101
Valley Stream, NY 11580
516-766-8383**NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE****BRUCE BLAKEMAN** **R**1550 Franklin Avenue
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SUPERVISOR****DONALD X. CLAVIN, Jr.** **R**1 Washington Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
516-489-6000**TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
SUPERVISOR****JOSEPH S. SALADINO** **R**54 Audrey Avenue
Oyster Bay, NY 11771
516-624-6350**NY STATE ASSEMBLY****DISTRICT****9TH AD Michael Durso** **R**512 Park Blvd
Massapequa Park, NY 11762
516-541-4598**13TH AD CHARLES D. LAVINE** **D**1 School St, Suite 303-B
Glen Cove, NY 11542
516-676-0050**14TH AD DAVID MCDONOUGH** **R**04 Bedford Ave
Bellmore, NY 11710
516-409-2070**15TH AD JAKE BLUMENCRAZ** **R**111 West Old Country Rd, Ste 202
Hicksville, NY 11801
516-937-3571**16TH AD Gina Sillitti** **D**44 South Bayles Ave, Ste 200
Port Washington, NY 11050
516-482-6966**17TH AD JOHN MIKULIN** **R**1975 Hempstead Tpke, Ste-202
East Meadow, NY 11554
516-228-4960**18th AD TAYLOR DARLING** **D**33 Front St, Ste-302
Hempstead, NY 11550
516-489-6610**19TH AD EDWARD RA** **R**825 East Gate Blvd, Ste 207
Garden City, NY 11530
516 535-4095**19TH AD EDWARD RA** **R**825 East Gate Blvd, Ste 207
Garden City, NY 11530
516 535-4095**NY STATE ASSEMBLY****DISTRICT****20TH AD Eric "Ari" Brown** **R**525 Chestnut St, Ste 103
Cedarhurst, NY 11516
516-431-0500 FAX 431-0412**21TH AD BRIAN CURRAN** **R**74 North Village Ave
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516-561-8216**22ND AD MICHAELLE SOLAGES** **D**33 North Central
Valley Stream, NY 11580
516-599-3768**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****DISTRICT****1st CD NICK LALOTA** **R**515 Hauppauge Rd, Ste 3B
Hauppauge, NY 11788
631-289-1097**2ND CD ANDREW GARBARINO** **R**31 Oak Street, Ste 20
Patchogue, NY 11772
631-541-4225**3rd CD THOMAS R. SUOZZI** **D**51 Glen St, 2nd Floor
Glen Cove, NY 11542
616-861-1070**4TH CD ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO** **R**29 7TH Street, Ste 102
Garden City, NY 11530
516-739-3008**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12246
518-455-4100****NEW YORK STATE SENATE
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12247
518-455-2800****NY SENATE & ASSEMBLY STATUS ON BILLS 1-800-342-9860****U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20515 WASHINGTON DC 20510****U.S. SENATE & HOUSE MAIN PHONE NUMBER 202-224-3121***attach 8c*

**HOMELAND SECURITY & NATIONAL DEFENSE REPORT FOR NASSAU COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – September 27, 2024 by Robert S. Hare
presented in Levittown, New York - - -**

HLS/BORDER - U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations officers at [Roma Port of Entry](#) last week; another at the Falcon Dam; on Tuesday, September 10, or at [Del Rio Port of Entry](#) & Calexico East Port of Entry resulted in 259.88 lbs of Cocaine and 225 lbs of Fentanyl being stopped (street values of \$2, 516,896.00 & \$983,855.00 respectively). Drugs continue to be a major Homeland Security issue.

HLS: Stadiums and venues provide a central and accessible location to help communities respond to extreme weather crises, providing safe storage and shelter in times of need. With these events becoming more frequent, severe & expensive, FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell & NFL Chief Security Officer Cathy Lanier today announced that FEMA & the NFL are launching a new strategy to build resilience in communities through a program that will designate NFL stadiums & fields as mission capable venues that can be used during response and recovery missions. Through *Mission Ready Venues*, a public-private partnership, NFL stadiums are recognized for their capabilities to better sustain public safety & be a source of support for the communities they serve. The designation identifies the ways the stadium or venue could be used for response & recovery activities during declared emergencies or disasters.

“During large-scale emergencies, like the COVID-19 pandemic, hurricanes, or tornados, we’ve seen how large music, sports and entertainment venues can serve as a safe space for communities,” said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. “This new strategy we’re launching with the NFL is a groundbreaking opportunity to help our partners use these venues for emergency response and recovery needs, while keeping communities safe and making them more resilient.

National Defense/Middle East - Ibrahim Aqil, the Hezbollah operations commander killed in an Israeli strike on Friday, had a [\\$7 million bounty](#) on his head for two 1983 Beirut truck bombings that killed more than 300 people at the American embassy and a U.S. Marines barracks.

Two security sources in Lebanon confirmed the veteran fighter was killed in an airstrike on Beirut’s southern suburbs during a meeting of the elite Radwan unit of the Iranian-backed Lebanese militant group.

Aqil, who has also used the aliases Tahsin and Abdelqader, was the second member of Hezbollah’s top military body, the Jihad Council, to be killed in two months after an Israeli strike in the same area targeted Fuad Shukr in July.

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HLS/Anti-Terrorism: The group of Tajik migrants with suspected ties to ISIS had been planning an attack on an LGBTQ establishment in Philadelphia and looked to target “infidels” before they were arrested in June & July, The (NY) Post has learned.

The eight terror suspects from Tajikistan crossed the southern border, some using the Harris-Biden administration’s CBP One phone app, and federal agents didn’t uncover any information suggesting terrorism ties, sources said.

They were nabbed as part of a multi-state sting that spanned New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles — with one of the suspects caught on wiretap talking about bombs, sources previously said.

In August, House Committee on Homeland Security Chairman Mark E. Green, MD (R-TN), and other Republican leadership sent a letter demanding answers from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray following reports of three Palestinian nationals and one Turkish national who were detained after illegally crossing the Southwest border and were found to have terrorist ties.

Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens testified to the Committee during a May 2023 transcribed interview that he was “absolutely” concerned that the high flow of illegal aliens through the Del Rio Sector was impeding agents’ ability to reduce the number of gotaways. The Committee is concerned this could allow suspected terrorists the opportunity to cross our borders undetected.

In July, The Department of Homeland Security has identified over 400 immigrants from Central Asia and elsewhere who crossed into the U.S. in the past three years as “subjects of concern” because they were brought by an ISIS-affiliated human smuggling network, three U.S. officials tell NBC News.

While over 150 of them have been arrested, the whereabouts of over 50 remain unknown, the officials said, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement is looking to arrest them on immigration charges when they are located.

HLS/DHS.GOV - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded 35 grants, totaling \$18 million, under the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) according to a press release on 18th September. The TVTP Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants to develop sustainable, multidisciplinary targeted violence and terrorism prevention capabilities in local communities, to pilot innovative prevention approaches, and to identify prevention best practices that can be replicated in communities across the country.

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"In our current dynamic threat environment, any town, anywhere can be a target," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "The Department of Homeland Security's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant awards announced today will help local communities pilot, strengthen, and share evidence-based prevention strategies, significantly expanding our nation's counterterrorism capacity and making all of us safer."

Leveraging a public health-informed approach, the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) brings together behavioral and mental health providers, educators, faith leaders, social service providers, nonprofits, law enforcement, and other state, local, and community partners to address systemic factors that can lead to violence while strengthening protective factors at the local level that support the safety, well-being, and resiliency of communities in the U.S.

HLS/Terror Concerns Continue ? - The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. by al Qaeda jihadists changed the future of security for not only Washington, but for nations on every inhabited continent worldwide — sparking the Global War on Terror that continues to this day. More than 20 years have passed since 19 hijackers boarded four commercial flights and crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., and an empty field in Pennsylvania after passengers on United Airlines flight 93 thwarted what is believed to have been an attempt to strike either the U.S. Capitol or the White House.

The plan, outlined by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, killed 2,977 victims 23 years ago in what remains the largest terrorist attack in history and set in motion a global fight against extremism.

But despite the end to the U.S. war in Afghanistan and declared defeat over Islamic terrorist organizations like al Qaeda and the Islamic State, experts warn the threat posed by extremist groups remains acute to this day.

"The threat has evolved," Bill Roggio, senior fellow with the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and editor of the Long War Journal, told Fox News Digital. "It's certainly much more difficult to launch a 9/11 style attack, but there's much more opportunity for jihadists from both al Qaeda and the Islamic State to launch individual attacks, such as we've witnessed over the last decade and a half particularly."

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The 2024 Global Terrorism Index released by the Institute for Economics & Peace in February analyzed the effects of terrorism over the previous year and found that deaths from terrorism increased by 22% from 2022 and "are now at their highest level since 2017."

National Defense: Washington, DC - Lawmakers demanded answers from the U.S. Navy on Friday over news reports that faulty welds may have been knowingly made to American submarines and aircraft carriers under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia.

The revelations were first reported by U.S. Naval Institute News (TODAY).

Few details about the matter were made public Friday, including the potential risks to sailors serving aboard the impacted ships, or whether those ships would become unavailable for operations due to the bad welds.

But in a joint statement, the Republican and Democrat heads of the House Armed Services Committee called reports of the faulty welds "deeply concerning."

The Navy said Friday that it was "aware of the issue and a thorough evaluation is underway to determine the scope."

"The safety of our Sailors and our ships is of paramount importance," the sea service said. "We are working closely with industry partners to address this situation and will provide additional information when available."

Owned by Huntington Ingalls Industries, or HII, the Newport News yard is one of two in the United States focused on the nuclear fleet.

The yard constructs parts of several submarine classes, as well as Ford-class aircraft carriers.

HII did not immediately respond to a request for comment from Military Times, but USNI News reported that the company had reported the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice.

National Defense (Misc.) - The U.S. Army is planning to ask for more flexible funding for unmanned aircraft systems, capabilities to counter them and electronic warfare tools in its next budget as it takes lessons learned from Ukraine's fight against Russia's invasion, according to Christine Wormuth, the service's secretary.

"I think some of the areas that [Gen. Randy George], the chief [of staff of the Army] and I feel very strongly that we need to invest more in, both from the perspective of the Army... but also the needs of the joint force, is in the areas of unmanned aerial systems, counter-unmanned aerial systems and electronic warfare," she said Wednesday at the Defense News Conference.

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For instance, a Ukraine battalion commander told Wormuth earlier this year during training in Germany, that Russian electronic warfare capabilities were increasing “in ways that were concerning,” Wormuth detailed.

“I think you’ll see that in the budget that goes up to Congress next spring,” Wormuth said. “That’s an area where I think we also need to have more agility in our funding mechanisms because of the technology in those capability areas is changing so rapidly that we can’t afford to get locked into something and then be only allowed to use that something for the next 10 years.”

What will the surge of US forces to the Middle East cost the military?

By [Noah Robertson](#) ... Sep 25, 2024, 08:02 AM

SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES — The day the Middle East almost erupted into a full regional war this summer, Lloyd Austin was touring an Asian shipyard.

Just before the defense secretary visited Subic Bay, Philippines, the former site of a massive U.S. Navy base, Israel killed the political leader of Hamas, who was visiting Iran.

Austin’s July visit was meant to show his focus on Asia, the region America says is its top priority. Instead, he ended the trip distracted by the Middle East, spending hours containing the crisis on a flight back to Washington.

“We’re going to do everything we can to make sure that we keep things from turning into a broader conflict,” Austin told reporters that day.

The U.S. military has spent much of the past year backing up that sentiment.

Since Oct. 7, when Hamas’ attack on Israel provoked all-out war in Gaza, the Pentagon has been on call. When the region has approached a wider war, the Defense Department surged forces there to calm it down. But after a year, some in Congress and the Pentagon are growing concerned about how to sustain that pace, and what it will cost the military in the long term.

Call it the U.S. Central Command squeeze. The Pentagon insists its surge has helped stop the Middle East from falling into chaos. But the longer the region borders on conflict, the more the U.S. tests its endurance for crises later on, most notably, a future conflict with China.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin at Philippine navy headquarters as part of his visit to Subic Bay, Philippines, July 2024. (DOD)

The pressure on the military increased even further this week. After their most intense attacks in almost 20 years, Israel and the Lebanese militia group Hezbollah are close to a larger war. On Monday, Austin yet again ordered more troops to the region, joining 40,000 other American personnel there, 6,000 more than normal. Another aircraft carrier may soon follow.

“We’re caught in this kind of never-ending quagmire of having to divert resources, and we’re burning [out] on the back end,” a senior congressional aide said.

POW / MIA REPORT ... SEPTEMBER 2024



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Sean McCrystal, pallbearer noncommissioned officer in charge with DPAA, receives a U.S. flag during a disinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 23, 2024.

DPAA disinterred eight caskets containing possible unaccounted-for missing personnel from the Korean War. The caskets were transferred to DPAA facilities for further scientific analysis and possible identification.

Below represents 36 Service Members identified during the month of September 2024 – 25 from WWII, 10 from Korea, and 1 from Vietnam.

Sept. 25, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Hasselkus, H.)

Sept. 25, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Kovaleski, E.)

Sept. 24, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Darrigan, E.)

Sept. 24, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Sheppick, D.)

Sept. 24, 2024

Marine Accounted for from Vietnam (Forrester, R.)

Sept. 24, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Lord, L.)

Sept. 24, 2024

Sailor Accounted for from WWII (Rix, G.)

Sept. 24, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Bryant, R.)

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Sept. 23, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Drewes, N.)

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Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Webb, M.)

Sept. 23, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Ortiz, E.)

Sept. 23, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Reiser, C.)

Sept. 19, 2024

Marine Accounted for from WWII (Edwinson, J.)

Sept. 19, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Wheeler, W.)

Sept. 19, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Cash, J.)

Sept. 19, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Hansen, D.)

Sept. 17, 2024

Pilot Accounted for from WWII (Leverett, W.)

Sept. 17, 2024

USS Canopus Sailor Accounted for from WWII (Campbell, J.)

Sept. 17, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Moss, T.)

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Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Hall, R.)

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USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted for from WWII (Furr, T.)

Sept. 16, 2024

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted for from WWII (Johnson, E.)

Sept. 16, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Driver, B.)

Sept. 13, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (DeCloss, R.)

Sept. 13, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Young, C.)

Sept. 13, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Merrill, W.)

Sept. 13, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Eby, W.)

Sept. 13, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Curran, B.)

Sept. 12, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Farnham, L.)

Sept. 12, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Ross, W.)

Sept. 10, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Beaty, C.)

Sept. 10, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Tarbert, J.)

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Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Ramos, I.)

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Sept. 10, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Vorel, C.)

Sept. 9, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (MacDonald, J.)

Sept. 5, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Skaar, R.)

Sept. 5, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Wright, R.)

Sept. 3, 2024

Airman Accounted for from WWII (Packard, H.)

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ALR 1033 August 2024

Date	Event	# of Riders	Miles	Hours
8/2	PGR Funeral Escort	2	90	9
8/3	Salute to Veterans	7	210	21
8/5	Veterans Treatment Court	2	30	7
8/7	Buddy Check WW2 Veteran	2	40	3
8/8	PGR Funeral Escort	1	45	3
8/10	USMC Street Dedication	3	75	6
8/11	Buddy Check Wheelchair Ramp	2	40	4
8/11	Buddy Check	1	4	1
8/13	PGR Funeral Escort	2	50	8
8/13	PGR Funeral Escort	2	100	5
8/13	Buddy Check 1033 Member	1	15	2
8/13	PGR Funeral Escort	2	50	5
8/13	PGR Funeral Escort	2	100	10
8/13	Buddy Check	1	20	2
8/17	Vet 2 Vet Support	2	50	5
8/17	Vet 2 Vet Support	1	25	1
8/17	Northport Veterans BBQ	1	38	3
8/22	Soaring Valor Sendoff	3	90	9
8/22	NOA Funeral Escort	1	110	4
8/23	Soaring Valor Homecoming	4	120	8
8/24	Suicide Run	2	240	10
8/24	Valley Stream Community Day	6	36	18
8/25	2 WW2 Birthday Parades	2	180	12
8/26	Vets out of the Rough Northport	7	148	14
8/27	Torque the Huey Helicopter Dog Escort	1	30	4
8/30	PTSD Awareness	2	200	12
Totals	26		2186	186
For God and Country				
Director	Secretary			
Dawn Samuel	Bill DePietro			

NC Director ALR
Kevin Tirman

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Law and Order and 1st Responder Cover Sheet

Post Name: _____

Post # _____

Law & Order Committee Chairperson: _____

Phone _____ email _____

Description of Program:

Years conducting Law & Order:

Any recognition of post program or recognition of Local post police, fire, EMT, 911
Dispatcher, individuals and departments:

Man hours expended in the program:

How was the program presented (notebook, write-ups or local news):

Please mail completed coversheet with worksheets for each individual honored to:

Kevin Tirman

78 E 1st St

Freeport, NY 11520

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Law & Order Worksheet Law Enforcement Officer

Law Enforcement Officer: must be U.S. citizens and living, active, full-time and paid, sworn law enforcement officers entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest. Must be assigned to or fully recognized by municipal, county, district or state police; highway patrol; sheriff's office or as a sworn federal law enforcement officer (FBI, Secret Service agent, U.S. Marshal, National Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, etc.) Military police officers or investigators are eligible if they are state law enforcement certified. Must also reside and be assigned or attached for duty in New York.

Name:

Police department:

Years of service:

Office or position held:

Schooling:

Military Service: (branch, when, where?)

Brief description of act of bravery/life-saving:

How was this recognized by the department? (write-ups, newspapers?)

(If you are honoring a whole department or unit, please include: Unit history, call volumes and number of members)

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Law & Order Worksheet Firefighter

Firefighter/firefighter officer- any living, active, full-time, paid or volunteer CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER who is a member of a municipal or county Fire Department includes EMTs in the department.

Name:

Fire Department:

Years of service:

Office or position held:

Schooling:

Military Service: (branch, when, where?)

Brief description of act of bravery/life-saving:

How was this recognized by the department? (write-ups, newspapers?)

(If you are honoring a whole department or unit, please include: Unit history, call volumes, number of members and other pertinent information)

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Law & Order Worksheet EMT

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - must be U.S. citizens and living, active, full-time and paid, Emergency Medical Technician. Must be assigned to or fully recognized by municipal, county, district or state police; must also reside and be assigned or attached for duty in New York.

Name:

Police/Fire Department:

Years of service:

Office or position held:

Schooling:

Military Service: (branch, when, where?)

Brief description of act of bravery/life-saving:

How was this recognized by the department? (write-ups, newspapers?)

(If you are honoring a whole department or unit, please include: Unit history, call volumes, number of members and other pertinent information)

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Law & Order Worksheet 911 Dispatcher

911 Dispatcher- must be U.S. citizens and living, active, full-time and paid, 911 Dispatcher. Must be assigned to or fully recognized by municipal, county, district or state police; must also reside and be assigned or attached for duty in New York.

Name:

Police/Fire Department:

Years of service:

Office or position held:

Schooling:

Military Service: (branch, when, where?)

Brief description of act of bravery/life-saving:

How was this recognized by the department? (write-ups, newspapers?)

(If you are honoring a whole department or unit, please include: Unit history, call volumes, number of members and other pertinent information)

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Law & Order Worksheet Correction Officer

Correction Officer- citizen of the US, living, active, full-time, paid correction officer entrusted with full authority of that position, reside or be assigned to city, county, district, state or federal corrections institution within the department of NY. (not required to be veterans or American Legion members)

Name:

Correction Department:

Years of service:

Office or position held:

Schooling:

Military Service: (branch, when, where?)

Brief description of act of bravery/life-saving:

How was this recognized by the facility? (write-ups, newspapers?)

(If you are honoring a whole department or unit, please include: Unit history, call volumes, number of members and other pertinent information)

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Ernie Pyle Post 1089 – Rainer Burger, Commander

Scout Report

Date: 27 Sept 2024

On September 14, 2024, the Ernie Pyle Post, Troop 298, and the Village of NHP conducted a Dedication Ceremony to unveil the Heroes Wall. The Heroes Wall was an Eagle Project by BSA Life Scout Michael Domingo. This was an Eagle Scout Project that paid tribute to the military members of New Hyde Park who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Michael's project involved constructing a Memorial Wall, at New Hyde Park's Memorial Park, to dedicate honorary plaques to 57 service members from New Hyde Park who lost their lives defending our freedom during WWI, WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War. It included service data collection of the 57 service members and the design of 57 plaques as well as a center plaque to honor those members. The ceremony included the reading of the names of each service member. While the service members name was read an American Flag was planted in honor of the service member leading up to the Heroes Wall. Micheal, Post 1089 and NHP Village would like to thank all of those who donated to the project and attended the ceremony.

Troop 298 had also requested the American Legion attend the Troop 298 Weekly Scout Meeting on Nov 18, 2024. Rainer Burger will coordinate with the County and Post. The Scout meeting will be held at Gloria Dei, New Hyde Park Road, NHP NY 11040. The meeting time is 7:30 pm.

Ernie Pyle Post 1089 and Troop 298 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on 10 Nov 2024 at Applebees Restaurant, 1985 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Tickets are \$10 for American Legion and Scout Members and immediate families and \$12 for non members. Troop 298 will be assisting in waitering. Will be looking for Troop 544 support as well. Pancake Breakfast will include raffles. Please see the attached flyer.

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Service Officer Report by Ed Aulman 516-426-9495 Sept. 27, 2024

If you are in crisis or concerned about a Veteran, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. You don't have to be enrolled in VA or health care to connect. Dial 988 then press 1, chat online or text 838255.

Nominations are due October 30, 2024 for the Bi-Annual WOMEN VETERAN TRAILBLAZERS. Women who make a significant impact on the lives of veterans, their families or caregivers are eligible. Visit www.va.gov/WOMENVET/outreach/trailblazers.asp.

Volunteers are wanted to assist in POW/MIA research and recovery missions. Terra Search has been completing POW/MIA research, recovery and repatriation missions since October 2020. If your area of interest is historical, military history, cultural, physical geography, archaeology, anthropology and more contact [https:// terrasearchmia.org](https://terrasearchmia.org)

Public Relations

Roksana Amid , Senior Reporter of Glen Cove Herald Community Newspaper was a guest of the Public Relations Committee on October 16, 2024. The County Commander Kerry Englander was among those present. She spoke for about one hour and answered questions

She said that most of the project of the American Legion are newsworthy they just have to be brought to the attention of the newspapers. A copy of a flyer e-mailed to the editor of a local paper is a great way to get their attention. Send Newsworthy items to;

Jeffrey.Williams@newsday.com News12li@news12.com
ramid@liherald.com

Commander Englander and Chaplain Spinner were guests on Veterans News this month and can be seen every Mon. and Friday this month on channel 115 and channel 20 on Cablevision. They talked about the American Legion Oratorical contest and about themselves.

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REHABILITATION PROGRAM - STATUS UPDATE

TO: Cmdr. Kerry Englander
FROM: Mary Norris-Chair
SUBJECT: **Veteran Services Report**
DATE: ~~March 22, 2023~~ *September 27, 2024*
CC: 1st Div. Cmdr. Al Ficalora, 2nd Div. Cmdr. Anthony Pirozzi, Jr,
3rd Div. Cmdr. Ralph Casey, Adjutant Dawn Samuel

Day at the Races Recap for September 21, 2024

Our first visit for Day at the Races to the Northport VA Medical Center, Community Living Center (Building 92), was a busy one.

What is meant by busy, just as we thought the number of Veterans coming out of their rooms was finished, we needed to add another table to the line up in front of the big-screen TV.

A total of 18 patients came out of their rooms to watch, yell at the TV screen, and enjoy the races.

THANK YOU to Lynbrook Post #335 members Jose Cortz and Dominic Amendola for traveling out to help run the races.

Team # 2 – Please arrive at Bldg. 92 No earlier than 1:00 pm on October 12th....
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QUENTIN ROOSEVELT #4 WILLISTON #144 EUGENE S. SMITH #175	GLENWOOD LANDING #336 MINEOLA MEMORIAL #349
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The updated schedule to all Post, for the months of September 2024 through May 2025, was mailed to out Post Commanders. Schedule printed on GREEN PAPER to call attention of importance.

Remember-The Veterans Service Committee is asking for donations to offset operating expenses. Post that come out to the Day at the Races, please bring a \$50 check donation (made out to the Nassau County American Legion).

If a Post is not able to attend, send a check for \$100, made out to **Nassau County American Legion** and on memo line mark **"Rehab/Day at the Races"**. Mail check to Mary Norris @ 81 Bobwhite Lane, Hicksville, NY 11810. Your Post will receive credit for the operating cost contribution.

Thank you for your support.

Mary and Tom

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Good evening Legionnaires.

I attended on July 23rd, at St. Christopher's RCC, the ceremony for Boy Scout Bryce Sarju, who after seven years of dedication and hard work achieved the ultimate in scout into become an Eagle Scout. His boy scout troop is sponsored by Baldwin Post 246. Also attending were politicians: Anthony D'Esposito and Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin.

➡ On August 3rd I attended the Salute to Veterans at Eisenhower Park.

On August 7th I attended First Division Post 246 Baldwin's installation of Officers.

On August 10th I attended a Membership Workshop held at Malvern Post 44.

On August 22nd, I attended the meeting for the Dept. Visitation Planning at Post 1711 Levittown.

On Wednesday, August 28th, I attended the rally for the repair and reopening of the Mitchel Field Commissary. This was attended by many dignitaries, politicians and news sites.

On September 4th, I attended Installation of Officers at Seaford Edwin Welch Post 1132.

On September 9th, I attended the visitation breakfast at the Carle Place Dinner, and that evening the Dept. Visitation

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AMERICAN LEGION,
COUNTY MEETING- September, 2024
1ST DIVISION

PCC AL FICALORA
September 27, 2024

Dinner at Massapequa Post 1066 for the newly Department Commander Koster.

On September 19th, I attended the Veterans Picnic at Eisenhower Park.

On September 20th I attended the POW MIA Vigil at Eisenhower Park.

September 22nd, I attended the installation of Officers at Malvern Post 44.

On September 22nd, I attended Oceanside Post 1246 meeting and Adversary Quorum.

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NASSAU COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION



September 27, 2024

2ND DIVISION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

- During August I joined the drive by of a 100 old veteran from North Bellmore.
- I attended the Queens County Department Visitation dinner as well as the Nassau County Department Visitation breakfast followed by a tour at the Cradle of Aviation and Eisenhower Park and dinner at the Massapequa Post.
- I also attended the Nassau County Veterans Advisory committees' meeting
- I am pleased to announce that the Hugh C Newman III Memorial Post has identified a State Trooper that we will be honoring at our Law and Order night at the November meeting that will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to attend


Arthur Pirozzi Jr

Vice Commander, 2nd Division

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SEPTEMBER 2024
REPORT THIRD DIVISION

Attended installation at Locust Valley Post on September 23.

Attended Post 336 monthly meeting on September 24.

Attended County meeting on September 27.

Called Roslyn High School, North Shore High School, Friends Academy to set dates our "Know Your Flag" program.

Posted financial report (county) at Post 336.

Contacted Reggie Butt, Oyster Bay Post, to offer any help needed to keep Post alive.

Ralph Casey
3rd Division-
Vice Commander

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Troop 298
New Hyde Park, NY

Michael Domingo, Asst. Senior Patrol
Leader
19 Elton Road North
Stewart Manor, NY 11530
michaeljd201@gmail.com

Eagle Scout Project

Hello,

I would like to thank you for supporting my Eagle Scout Project and helping the Village to honor true heroes.

We are able to honor 57 heroes that gave their lives for our country and its ideals thanks to your generous donation. The wall is a lasting monument to their sacrifice. We appreciate your generosity and thought towards this noble cause.

We currently plan to unveil the memorial at an event at New Hyde Park Memorial Park (on Lincoln Ave) on Saturday, September 14th at 10 AM. All are welcome. If this changes I will be sure to update you.

Regards,

Michael Domingo, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Life Scout
Troop 298

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The American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

1304 Park Boulevard, Troy, New York 12180



KEITH J. KOSTER
Department Commander

JAMES W. CASEY
Department Adjutant

17 September 2024

Nassau County American Legion
c/o Kerry Englander, County Commander
32 Oaktree Lane
Levittown, NY 11756

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 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

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

JWC:KRC

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5/13/2024

Nassau County American Legion
4011 Bernice Rd
Seaford, NY 11783

Dear Nassau County American Legion,

On behalf of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$1,000.00.

Our Foundation was started in memory of Firefighter Stephen Siller, who sacrificed his life on September 11, 2001 to save others by strapping 60 pounds of gear on his back and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

Since the founding of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, the Siller Family has been inspired by good people like you who have joined us to show our heroes and the loved ones they have left behind that we will NEVER FORGET.

Because of you, our Foundation is able to continue our mission to "do good". Since 9/11, we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness.

Please know that your donation was applied as you requested. In compliance with the IRS Substantiation and Disclosure provisions for 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organizations, we affirm that no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation.

On behalf of America's heroes, thank you so much for your support. Let Us Do Good!

Warmest regards,

The Siller Family & Tunnel to Towers Foundation

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our EIN number is 02-0554654. Please retain this letter for your tax records and consult with your tax adviser regarding the deductibility of your contribution.

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Nassau County American Legion

Department of NY



Friday, 26 July 2024

106th American Legion Department of New York, Department Convention

15 July to 19 July 2024 Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls
New York

We had a wonderful convention and it was a very good showing from Nassau County Legion Family. The weather was very good and the sights were wonderful. A lot of us visited both the Canadian side and the New York side of the falls. The Convention sessions were quick and to the point. Several of the Rome NY delegation had to leave early because tornados tore through the town and damaged the Legion Post.

Resolutions

MW2401 Bell Jar Games was voted on unanimously at the Dept Convention. This will aide Posts in fundraising.

1. 14 Delegates attended. Stipend paid out of \$160
2. The new Department Commander is Keith Koster from Adirondack Post 70 Saratoga Springs NY.

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3. The new Department President is Kimberly Quick Saratoga County
4. The new American Legion 10th District Commander is Gene Ormandy of Port Jefferson Station NY
5. The new 10th District President of Carol Hassett of Malverne Post 44
6. The new American Legion Aux 3rd Vice President Yvonne Brunner Lynbrook Post 335.

PCC Sean Q Hood
Convention Chairman.

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Nassau County American Legion

Department of NY



Friday, 27 September 2024

104th National American Legion Convention In New Orleans LA.

22 Aug to 29 Aug 2024 New Orleans Convention Center, NO LA.

We had a wonderful Convention and Stayed in the Center of the City not a far walk from the French Quarter and from the Convention Center. The New York delegation had a great turnout. At the Convention there was myself, Pat Alesia, John Hasset, Bob Hare and Joe Brunner representing Nassau County. The weather was hot but everything is air conditioned. The WW2 Museum was wonderful and was a closed event for the American Legion.

James LaCoursiere Conn

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Resolutions

Resolution No. 1: Bestow upon Daniel S. Wheeler the Title of "Past National Commander" with all Privileges and Rights Pertaining to Such Office

Resolution No. 10: Improve Security at Department of Veterans Affairs Health-Care Facilities

Resolution No. 11: Adjutants Advisory Board to the Americanism Commission American Legion Baseball Committee

Resolution No. 12: Authorize Issuance of a Temporary Charter to a Foreign Post

Resolution No. 14: Support of the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award

Resolution No. 15: Identifying Ideal Candidate for the National American Legion College

Resolution No. 16: Restricted Fund Allocation to the Reserve Fund

Resolution No. 17: Department Retention Award

Resolution No. 18: 2027 National Convention Contract

Resolution No. 19: 2024 Distinguished Service Medal

Resolution No. 2: Daniel S. Wheeler Conference Room

Resolution No. 3: Increasing Military Tuition Assistance

Resolution No. 4: Appropriation of Funding for Credentialing Assistance Programs

Resolution No. 5: Rescinding of Resolutions

Resolution No. 6: Amend the Rules of the National Executive Committee Pertaining to Legislative Resolutions

Resolution No. 7: Amend the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of the American Legion Pertaining to Reporting Legislative Action

Resolution No. 8: Definition of Gold Star Family

Resolution No. 9: Artificial Intelligence

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PCC Sean Q Hood

Convention Chairman.

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Wantagh American Legion

NIGHT AT RACES OCTOBER 26, 2024

Place: Wantagh American Legion
3484 Park Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793

Time: 7:00PM

Cost: \$20.00

Menu: 3Ft Hero/w salads per table after 2nd race
Coffee, Tea, Cookies or Cake after 10th race

Drinks: Cash Bar, Legion Prices

Seating: By direction of Chairman

Anyone with a group of 10 attendees may reserve a table, all others will be seated to fill a table of 10. (necessary for feeding)

Tickets: Available at meetings or by mail. If mailing, make checks payable to Wantagh American Legion and mail to:

WANTAGH AMERICAN LEGION

3484 PARK AVENUE, WANTAGH N.Y. 11793

Due to limited seating, please get your payments in early

After each race, winning jockey receives a bottle of wine

After each race, all with winning tickets go to the cashier for payment

All others sign back of your ticket and enter Lotto drawing

ALL payments must be made by Friday October 18, 2024.

This event is open to relatives, friends and neighbors.

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