**Nassau County September Meeting**

*(Only Post Representatives, Alternate Representatives, Post Commanders, and Past County Commanders may answer roll call and vote. Fifteen members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, Constitution and Bylaws’ Article VII, Section 2.)*

Meeting start 2000 hours

* PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
* County Chaplain Eric Spinner rendered the invocation

 **POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY**

* SERGEANT-AT-ARMS placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair
* Seargeant @ Arms Lead the Reciting THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
* **THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Adjutant read roll call of the elected staff, post representatives, and Past County Commanders

8 County Staff member

22 Posts

9 Past County Commanders (see attach 2 a-g)

* A motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of August 16, 2024 made by PCC Steve McManus. Second by Bob Hare. Motion carried
* Commander Englander commented- “Good showing tonight!!”
* If any post is planning an installation, please let us know with an email or snail mail with the date & time
* Details for the passing of Past 10th District Commander Frank Gomez was emailed
* **GUEST FOR THE EVENING**:

 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ESCORTED Gary K. Saiki Store Manager Mitchel Field Commissary to the Podium**.**

Gary brought his laptop to the meeting so that anyone who wants to be kept up with what is going on with the commissary will be notified. In the event that you are not on his list and wish to be: gary.saiki@deca.mil There is a break in the ceiling, that is why the commissary is closed until further notice. There is no date to reopen at this time. A contractor had looked at it and wrote up a proposal and now we are waiting for approval and a timeline.

Please support the food pantries for those that cannot make the trip to Fort Hamilton.

Each Wednesday, Gary is willing to go Fort Hamilton commissary to pick up groceries to bring back. Go through Ft Hamilton website- sales, go to their store. Orders need to be in by Sunday. Pick up at Mitchel Field parking lot between 2 and 6 on that Wednesday. If you are not available, contact Gary and he will set up another time for you.

Question: What are the qualifications to shop at the commissary?

Answer: VA Healthcard with service-connected disability or retired military ID card.

Fees: 1.9% fee if veteran with service-connected disability or use the starcard (no fee).

Thank you to Gary for supporting veterans.

Commander Englander reminded the committee chairpersons to keep reporting 3 – 5 minutes and to give their report to the county Adjutant

**COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS REPORTS**

**AMERICANISM**

**NATIONAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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**BOYS STATE**

Bill Laderer Co-Chair Sean Hood no report

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

PCC Frank Neil Thank you to Cathedral Post & Hugh C. Newman III for donations (see attach #4)

**COMFORT WARRIORS-** PCC Frank- Neal Letters are out for comfort Warriors. (see attached letter and summary of OCW attach 5a, 5b)

**Oratorical**

**Dennis Duffy, Co-Chair – Eric Spinner**- Eric will set up a list of schools involved. (See attach 6 for report)

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR-** PCC Pat Alesia**-** this will start in Jan/Feb timeframe

**National Emergency Fund (NEF)- PCC Pat Alesia-** Letters will be sent out next week, our goal is $5000

**VAVS Northport- PCC Pat Alesia-** Flyer (see attach # 7)

**Legislative Breakfast-** PCC Joe Scarola- Saturday Oct 26, please arrive by 9am, will start at 930 (see letter & program, attach #8a, 8b, 8c) PLEASE BRING 2 BOTTLES for raffle

**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP-** Eric Spinner- no report- letters will go out for donations

**DIRECTORY-** Eric Spinner - 50% up to date ☹

**WEBMASTER**- Eric Spinner - changes are made weekly, Co-Chair Oratorical

**FINANCE COMMITTEE-** PCC Bob Guarneri, Chair- motion made to accept the Financial Report, motion seconded, motion passed

**NASSAU FUND RAFFLE**

PCC Bob Guarneri- Please support this, it is up to $2000

**HOMELAND & NATIONAL SECURITY-** Bob Hare- TWO ATTEMPTED ASSASINATIONS AGAINST A FORMER PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENTISL CANDIDATE!!- Read more in Bob’s report!! (for FULL report see attach # 9a-f)

**POW MIA-** Bob Hare- Reported information from National Convention (see attach # 10a-d)

**AL Riders** -Kevin Tirman- read report of Rider Activity for the month of August. (see attach #11)

**LAW & ORDER-** Kevin Tirman- Letters are out, every post is encouraged to have a Law & Order night to support the first responders in their community. The first Law & Order Night for Nassau County is this week at Rockville Centre Post. Feel free to come by and get some ideas while supporting our local heroes! (see attach #12a-f)

**SCOUTING -** Rainer Burger- The Life Scout from New Hyde Park finished his project and there was a dedication ceremony this past Saturday honoring 57 military members who gave their life. The scouts read each of their names as they placed a flag down.

November 18 we are planning to bring the scouts and the legionnaires together (See attach # , )

November 10th we are having an Applebees fundraiser so that we can tie it into Veterans Day weekend (see attach # 13a,b)

**VETERANS ADVISORY-NASSAU-** Ed Aulman- VETERANS CRISIS LINE information!!

Nominations are due for WOMEN VETERAN TRAILBLAZERS!!

Volunteers needed to assist in POW/MIA RESEARCH!!! Commander Englander attended a public relations committee meeting with the Herald Community newspaper. Commander Englander, along with County Chaplain Eric Spinner were guests on VETERANS NEWS TV!!!! You can catch them on channel 115 and 20 on cablevision. The topic of conversation was oratorical and themselves!! Catch the FULL report- attach #14)

**VETERANS SERVICES**- Mary T. Norris- 2 members of Lynbrook post came to Northport for Day at the Races. 18 people in wheelchairs came out!!! Veterans want to come out of their room and see the races. Team 2 is coming out October 12th- Quentin Roosevelt, Williston, Eugene S. Smith, Glenwood Landing and Mineola Memorial. Please don’t come before 1 pm, the veterans will still be eating! (see attach #15)

OFFICERS REPORTS

 MEMBERSHIP OFFICE- Greg Faling- There were papers on the back table to use when making corrections and certification of service record. Also there is an award that you can give to members- The Bronze Award

 VICE COMMANDERS

 1ST DIVISION Vice Commander Al Ficalora (see attach #16a,b)

 2ND DIVISION Vice Commander Arthur Pirozzi (see attach #17a,b)

 3RD DIVISION Vice Commander Ralph Casey(see attach #18)

 No unfinished BUSINESS

 CORRESPONDENCE- three thank-you letters were read. For FULL details see attach #19a,b,c

 NEW BUSINESS

Sean Hood has a report regarding Department Convention & National Convention. (see attach #20a-e)

 GOOD OF THE LEGION

PCC Steve McManus- Roselyn Middle School is having a Salute to Veterans Day on November 7th, 10 am, Roselyn Middle School, 375 Locust Lane, Roselyn, all veterans are welcome!

Eric Spinner- Roselyn Rocks Concert- Oct 5

Mirium Hospidales- Lynbrook is hosting a raffle and tickets are available

 **COUNTY COMMANDERS REPORT** -Just a reminder our next meeting will be at Glenwood Landing Post

Jr PCC Sean Hood Presented a report from the Department Convention and the National Convention

VERY DETAILED UPDATED RESOLUTIONS from the convention: 1-12, 14-19, 24 are in a separate attachment

Also attached are Flyer: Night at the Races, Wantagh AL Post Attach #21

 Motion was made to adjourn.

 County Chaplain Eric Spinner ended with a Memorial Service

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS recovered the POW/MIA FLAG

**Meeting Adjourned**