**Nassau County October 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

19 Posts

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

* A motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of September 27, 2024 made by PCC Bob Guarneri. Second by PCC Pat Alesia. Motion carried
* Commander Englander reminded all about the proper protocol when speaking at a meeting

**COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS REPORTS**

**ADVISORY-** Report given by Commander Kerry Englander- Department Visitation on September 9, 2024- there were 104 paid, 10 AL distinguished guests, 7 ALA, 5 SAL (see attach # 3a-b)

**AMERICANISM**- PCC Al Ficalora- Quote from POW Fred LaBoon who later became National Commander of the American Legion sharing his passion about the importance of the work done by the American Legion. See attach # 4a-c

**BOYS STATE**

Bill Laderer- no report

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

PCC Frank Neil (see attach #5)

**COMFORT WARRIORS-** PCC Frank- Neal (see attached summary of OCW #6)

**Oratorical**

**Eric Spinner**- dates are out for contests. (See attach #7 for report)

**NATIONAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

PCC John Hassett- Letters are in the mail, please support

**SONS OF THE AMRERICAN LEGION**- 2 posts are paid- Malverne & East Rockaway- $1 per member to county

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR-** PCC Pat Alesia**-** this will start in January

**National Emergency Fund (NEF)- PCC Pat Alesia-** Letters mailed week of 7 October

**VAVS Northport- PCC Pat Alesia-** Please remember there will be 2 ceremonies for Veterans Day- UVO at Eisenhower Park starting at 10 am and LINC ceremony that starts at 2pm both on 10 December

**Legislative Breakfast-** PCC Joe Scarola- Saturday Oct 26, please arrive by 9am, will start at 9:30 (see letter attach #8) PLEASE BRING 2 BOTTLES for raffle

**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP-** Eric Spinner- letters will go out mid-December(see attach #9)

**DIRECTORY-** Eric Spinner – (see attach #9)

**WEBMASTER**- Eric Spinner – (see attach #9)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE-** PCC Bob Guarneri, Chair- motion by Eric Spinner made to accept the Financial Report, motion seconded by John Hassett, motion passed

**NASSAU FUND RAFFLE**

PCC Bob Guarneri- Please support this, it is up to $2700

**AL Riders** -Kevin Tirman- read report of Rider Activity for the month of September for Elmont and Massapequa. He also read the report from Feb-Sept for Massapequa Riders. (see attach #10a-d)

**LAW & ORDER-** Kevin Tirman- The first Law & Order Night for Nassau County was at the Rockville Centre Post. There are 2 ceremonies scheduled for November, 3 ceremonies scheduled for February and 1 ceremony scheduled for March. Feel free to attend any of these scheduled events and please invite the committee to your Law & Order Night so that we can send a post to Department!

**SCOUTING -** Rainer Burger- There is Boy Scout who would like to plan his Eagle Scout project to support veterans. If you have any ideas for him, please let Rainer know (see attach #11)

November 18 we are planning to bring the scouts and the legionnaires together (see attach #11)

November 10th we are having an Applebees fundraiser so that we can tie it into Veterans Day weekend (see flyers)

**VETERANS ADVISORY-NASSAU-** Ed Aulman- See UVONC Minutes- attach #12a-d)

OFFICERS REPORTS

 MEMBERSHIP OFFICE- Greg Faling- Membership Report (see attach # 13a-c)

 VICE COMMANDERS

 1ST DIVISION Vice Commander Al Ficalora

 2ND DIVISION Vice Commander Arthur Pirozzi (see attach #14)

 3RD DIVISION Vice Commander Ralph Casey(see attach #15a-b)

 No unfinished BUSINESS

 CORRESPONDENCE- see flyers

 NEW BUSINESS

Greg Faling- There will be a pilot program for mylegion.com

 GOOD OF THE LEGION

Eric Spinner- Restated ceremonies on November 10, Commented on Roselyn Rocks, see next year’s flyer, county directory- get information to Eric

Chad- retired ID cards are being phased out, all old cards need to get updated

PCC Bob Guarneri added that ID cards can be done at the Merchant Marine Academy

John McGuire- American Red Cross Brochure is attached to flyers & reminder about Pancake Breakfast on November 10- 8am-10am, New Hyde Park

Manhassett Post- Lecture on “Peace of Mind” pertaining to medical issues & forms, November 6, 7pm

 **COUNTY COMMANDERS REPORT** -Just a reminder our next meeting will be at Levittown Post (see attach #16 a-b)

 Motion was made to adjourn.

 County Chaplain Eric Spinner ended with a Memorial Service

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS recovered the POW/MIA FLAG

**Meeting Adjourned**