

# Nassau County American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK



## MINUTES

Friday, February 23, 2024

Commander Sean Hood opened the General Meeting at 8 PM.

Opening prayer was given by County Chaplain Eric Spinner, followed by:

- The POW/MIA ceremony,
- The Pledge of Allegiance,
- The Preamble of The Constitution of The American Legion.

Adjutant Kerry Englander conducted Roll Call. In attendance were 26 Legionnaires.

- 7 County Staff Members,
- 14 Posts,
- 8 Past County Commanders:

Anthony Paternostro, Harry D. Ransom, PDVC, Frank Colon, Jr, PDistC, John Hassett, Frank Neal, Robert Guarneri, Pat Alesia, Joseph Scarola.

- Adjutant Kerry Englander informed County Commander Sean Hood that there is a Quorum. **See Attach sign in sheet #1a, b, c, and Roll Call 2a, b, c, d, e, f, g.**
- Commander Sean Hood requested a motion to accept the Minutes of Jan. 26, 2024. Motion to accept the Minutes of Jan. 26, 2024, was made PCC Pat Alesia. Motion seconded by PCC Robert Guarneri. Motion carried by Voice Floor Vote.

## **Committee Reports:** -

1. Advisory - PCC Anthony Paternostro: There is a statement of the Per Capita change starting July 1, 2024 for the 2025 Legion Membership year. There will be a mandatory membership meeting within the coming months to explain the new procedures with MyLegion. **See Attached # 3**
2. Americanism – PCC Al Ficalora: No Report
3. American Legion Monument Fund – Past Dist. Cdr. Frank Colon Jr.: No Report
4. Boys State – Bill Laderer: No Report. Commander Sean emphasized that posts should be doing interviews. Bill Laderer and the commander can help out if requested. Parents need to be at interviews, at least one adult.
5. Children and Youth – 1<sup>st</sup> Div Vice Commander Dawn Samuel: No report.
6. Color Guard – Past County Commander Steve McManus No report.
7. Operation Comfort Warriors – PCC Frank Neal: Our County Goal for the Legion Year 2023–2024 is \$5,000. Contributions for the month of February 2024 were \$500. Total contributions to date are \$2,350.  
**See Attach # 4.**
8. Constitution and Bylaws – PCC John Hassett: No report.
9. National Legacy Scholarship Fund – PCC John Hassett: Total Contributions to date \$2,520. **See Attach #5.**
10. Protocol – PCC John Hassett. No report.
11. Convention Awards and Trophies – James Randel: No Report.
12. County Flyer – PCC Pat Alesia: No Report.
13. County Legionnaire 2024 – PCC Pat Alesia: Three resumes received, see details on report for suspense dates **See Attach #6**
14. Credentials and Charters – PCC John Hassett: no report
15. Department Commander Family Visitation – Past District Cdr Frank Colon and

PCC Anthony Paternostro: No Report.

16. Directory – Adjutant Kerry Englander: no new additions

17. Education & Scholarship – Chaplain E Spinner: Sending letters to schools by emails and regular mail

18. Employment Public Relations Veterans Advisory Nassau County – Ed Aulman: VA Benefits book- federal benefits for veterans, Center for Women veterans- latest research, No barriers USA- programs for veterans with disabilities both visible & invisible, 2024 Veteran's Day Poster Contest, VA planned to house 38,000 veterans in permanent housing in 2023 and exceeded this goal! Department of Veterans Affairs proposed new rules to expand Agent Orange conditions... See report for full details **See Attach # 7.**

19. Family/Troop Support – No Report

20. Finance Committee – PCC Bob Guarneri: Motion to accept the County Financial report of Jan. 31, 2024, was made by PCC Pat Alesia. Motion seconded by PCC Joseph Scarola. Motion carried by Voice Floor Vote. **See Attach Financial report # 8**

21. Nassau Fund Raffle – PCC R Guarneri: Up to \$2600 now.

22. Historian – James Randle: - Please see James Randle if you did not get your picture with the commander at the Military Ball/Post Commander's Night.

23. Homeland & National Security – Robert Hare: No Report

24. Insurance Committee – PCC Anthony Paternostro: No Report.

25. Law & Order – Tom Basacchi: Law & Order @ Malverne February 28, 2024, Elmont, March 26, 1900 hours

26. Legislative Breakfast – PCC Joseph Scarola: No Report.

27. Legion Riders – Kevin Tirman: Read by Dawn Samuel Total Events 22, Total Hours 266, Total Miles 1489 **See Attach #9a,b (2 Pages).**

28. LINCMO – PCC Pat Alesia: No Report

29. Membership – Greg Faling, PCC Joseph Scarola: Greg announced that there will be an installation of the Oceanside post this coming Sunday at 2pm, 1 Legion Place, Oceanside. The committee will now be working with other posts to try and get them up and running.
30. James N McLean Memorial Library – William Marinaccio: No Report
31. Military Ball/Post Commanders Night – Past Dist. Cdr Frank Colon Jr, Attached is a breakdown of the expenses from the Military Ball/Post Commander's Night **See attach #10 a,b (2 pages)**
32. National Commander's Dinner – PCC A Paternostro and County Cdr Sean Hood: April 12, 2024. The County has 40 Tickets and 33 already taken. Tickets are \$100 per person and the cutoff date will be March 22, 2024. Please see PCC Anthony Paternostro for tickets **See Attached# 11 a,b (2 pages)**
33. National Emergency Fund (NEF) – PCC Pat Alesia: There were 4 donations this month. Our county goal for the Legion Year 2023–2024 is \$6,000. Total donations thus far as of February 2024 NCAL meeting is \$3,640 This is 60.1% of our goal. Thank you to all that have donated. **See Attach #6 bottom of page**
34. Protocol – PCC John Hassett: No Report.
35. POW/MIA – PCC Frank Neal: No Report.
36. Resolutions – County Cdr Sean Hood: No Report
37. Rehabilitation — Mary Norris & Tom Basacchi: *Day at the Races* forward planning is included in the attachments. Veterans Service committee is asking for donations to offset the cost- \$50 check donation as posts arrive or \$100 check for posts that are unable to participate. **See attach #12**
38. Scouting – No Report.
39. Service Officers – Ed Aulman, Ralph Esposito- Northport opened the community Center, anyone can visit, masks are needed.
40. Sons of the Legion – PCC John Hassett: Six squadrons paid their dues. See report for details. **See Attach #13**
41. Special Welfare – PDVC Harry Ransom: No Report.

42. United Veterans Organization (UVO) – PCC Bob Guarneri- **See Attachment # 17a, b, c, d (4 pages)**

43. Long Island Veterans Home Advisory Board Stony Brook Hospital – Past 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. Cdr Frank Colon, Jr: No Report.

44. Veterans Advisory Committee (VAVS) – PCC Pat Alesia, PCC Al Ficalora, and PCC Joseph Scarola: No Report.

45. Webmaster – Chaplin Eric Spinner: Making Progress

- 1<sup>st</sup> DIVISION Report – VC Dawn Samuel. **See Attach #14**
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION Report – VC Arthur Pirozzi: Received a call from a post and due to an illness, the member was unable to carry on the duties performed for the post. There was a suggestion to identify responsible members to resume post activities if someone can no longer handle them, canvas Post 1 members as possible new members **See Attach #15 a, b.**
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION Report – VC Ralph Casey: No Report.
- ADJUTANT Report – Kerry Englander:
  - Please bring written reports to the meetings as well as emailing them to: [summitax@optonline.net](mailto:summitax@optonline.net)
- Oratorical – Kerry Englander  
District Zone Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Elmont Memorial Library, Hempstead Tpk There were three candidates competing to move on to the Department Contest in April in Albany.  
Sacred Heart Academy Katherine Mazaroski gave a good competition to the other two contestants, one from Suffolk and the other from Staten Island. She finished in second place, but will be back next year!

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- No Correspondence
- CHAPLAIN REPORT – Eric Spinner: The Four Chaplains had a good showing. Thank you to MaryAnn Alesia for all her help with the goodies.

## **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS –**

- None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

## **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

- SAVE Training, Massapequa Post
- James Randle, Williston Post- AED Defibrillator \$1500- posts should look into this, discount if more posts check it out
- Victor Murtha Post Rockville Centre Post is conducting a raffle to benefit Legacy Scholarship fund and Tunnel to Towers
- COMMANDER'S REPORT – Sean Hood **See attachment # 16a, b, c, d (4 pages)**

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

A motion to adjourn was made by PCC Anthony Paternostro. Motion seconded by PCC Pat Alesia. Motion carried by Voice Floor vote.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:58 PM.**

Closing prayer was given by County Chaplain Eric Spinner.

 **AMERICAN  
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For God and Country  
Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Samuel*

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Vice Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Division

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