



Suffolk County American Legion

Minutes and Reports

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Suffolk County Minutes

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Patchogue Post 269

Meeting Opening – 2000

Adjourned – 2155

Commander David Isaacs opened the meeting with proper protocol.

Chaplain Ken Dolan Offered the opening prayer.

Roll call of Posts was taken by Adjutant Bill Coderre. Sixteen (16) Posts out of Forty were present. We had a quorum.

Finance Officer Robert Robesch presented the finance report.

Roll call of posts:

POST NAME	POST #	DIVI	PRESENT	POST NAME	POST #	DIV	PRESENT
Babylon	Post 94	1	X	Leisure Glen	Post 352	3	
Huntington	Post 360	1		Harbor	Post 417	3	
Northport	Post 694	1		Wilson Ritch	Post 432	3	X
Amityville	Post 1015	1		Arthur H. Clune	Post 1533	3	
Fuestel-Kurdt	Post 1120	1		Selden	Post 1633	3	X
Hunter Squires Jackson	Post 1218	1		Irving Hart	Post 1766	3	
Greenlawn	Post 1244	1		John R. Cacioppo	Post 1848	3	X
Sgt. John Sardiello	Post 1634	1	X	Brunn Prchal	Post 1888	3	
Bay Shore	Post 365	2		Burton Potter	Post 185	4	
Rusy Bohm	Post 411	2	X	Riverhead	Post 273	4	X
Smith Wever	Post 651	2		Mitchell	Post 281	4	
James Ely Miller	Post 833	2	X	Griswold Terry Glover	Post 803	4	
Donald C. Munro	Post 944	2	X	Alfred R. Grebe	Post 1045	4	
Joseph Loeffler	Post 1006	2	X	Chelberg & Battle	Post 388	5	
Herold Tierney	Post 1039	2		East Hampton	Post 419	5	
Joseph Kovarik	Post 1146	2		Malcolm Ross White	Post 433	5	
Sherwood Bros	Post 1152	2		Arthur Ellis Hamm	Post 834	5	X
Four "S"	Post 1635	2	X	Hand Aldrich	Post 924	5	
West Islip	Post 1738	2	X	Eastport	Post 1545	5	X
Wm. Merritt Hallock	Post 155	3	X				
Patchogue	Post 269	3	X	TOTAL			16

Quorum: **Yes** / No (14)

Roll call of officers:

Title	Name	PRESENT	EX/ABS
Commander	David Isaacs	X	
Adjutant	Bill Coderre	X	
Finance Officer	Robert Robesch	X	
Sgt at Arms	Marcel Jeffries	X	
Service Officer	Jeff Molitor	X	
Chaplain	Kenneth Dolan	X	
Historian	Steve Antonacci	X	
1 st Vice Commander	Joseph Regina	X	
2 nd Vice Commander	Sharon Hoover		X
3 rd Vice Commander	Richard Knutson	X	
4 th Vice Commander			
5 th Vice Commander	Paul Gerecke		X

Commander Isaacs opened the meeting with proper protocol @ 2001

Roll Call of Posts: (See Above) ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum

Motion made to Suspend the Reading of the Minutes from previous meeting and accept as written: Finance Officer Robert Robesch

Motion **seconded**: Membership Chair Fred Tartaglione

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes accepted.

Honoring:

Title	Name
Jr. Past County Commander	Kevin Eaton
Past County Commander	Ken Dolan
Past County Commander	Steve Antonacci
Past County Commander	Roby Johnson
Past County Commander	Jim Beecher
Past County Commander	William Farley
Past County Commander	Robert Bruggemann
10 th District Sgt. at Arms	Mike Pankowski
10 th Dist. Vice Commander & PNCC	Robert Robesch
Past 10 th District Commander	Gene Ordmandy
Past 10 th District Commander	Robert W. "Curly" Smith
Past 10 th District Commander	Phil Barczak
Past Department Vice Commander	Tom Wagner
Past National Vice Commander	Robert Neville

DIVISION REPORTS: See Attached

1st Division – Joseph Regina	See Attached
2nd Division – Sharon Hoover	See Attached
3rd Division – Rich Knutson	See Attached
4th Division –	No Report
5th Division – Paul Gerecke	See Attached

COMMANDERS REPORT: Commander Isaacs

I want to thank all of you for the Buddy Checks and the offers of assistance in my family's time of need. It reminds me, once again, that this organization is truly a family.

22 December: Attended Legion/40&8 Services for Legionnaire Fred Miller. Fred was a valued member and will be truly missed.

I'd like to thank Bill Coderre, Gene Ordmandy and Kathy Nielsen for preparing this year's Directory.

FINANCE REPORT: Robert Robesch

See Attached

Motion made to accept the Finance Officers Report: 10th District Sgt. at Arms Mike Pankowski

Motion seconded: PCC Kevin Eaton

Motion to accept the Finance Officers Report accepted.

CHAPLAINS REPORT See Attached

Chaplain - Ken Dolan

ADJUTANTS REPORT No Report

Adjutant – Bill Coderre

SGT. at ARMS REPORT No Report

Sgt. at Arms - Marcel Jeffries .

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT See Attached

Service Officer – Jeff Molitor

COMMITTEE REPORTS **See Attached**

Americanism	Joseph Regina		MIA/POW	Bob Bruggemann	X
Boy's State	Kevin Eaton	X	Missing In America Project	Kevin Eaton	X
Budget and Finance	Tom Wagner		MyLegion Coordinator	Bill Coderre	
Constitution & By-Laws	Bill Coderre		National Cemetery	Jim Beecher	
County Color Guard	Rich Knutson	X	Long Island National		X
County Convention	Gene Ordmandy		National Cemetery Calverton	Dennis Morrill	X
Credentials	Robert Robesch		National Commanders Dinner	Michael Pankowski	X
Dept. Commander's Visit	Kevin Eaton		Nominations	Kevin Eaton	
Directory	Kathy Neilsen		Oratorical	Lenore Brathwaite	X
Distinguished Guests	Bill Coderre		Parliamentarian	Jim Beecher	
DMS Cards	Robert Lindsay		PCC Testimonial Dinner	Ken Dolan	X
Gold Star Parents	Phil Barczak		Post Charters	Gene Ordmandy	
Historian	Steve Antonacci	X	Protocol	Gene Ordmandy	
Hospital Welfare	Fred Loucka	X	PTS Training	OPEN	
Judge Advocate	Michael Pankowski	X	Public Relations	Rich Knutson	X
Law and Order	Roby Johnson	X	PUFL	Robert Robesch	
Legion Riders	Jeff Molitor	X	Resolutions	Bill Coderre	
Legionnaire of the Year	Philip Barczak		SAL Advisor	Kevin Eaton	
Legislative	Ken Dolan		Scouting	Jeff Molitor	X
Liaison to the Auxiliary	Roby Johnson		Suffolk County Veterans Advisory Board	John DiGilio	
LISVH at Stony Brook	Hank Lewis	X	VSO Northport	Jim Beecher	
Membership Chairman	Fred Tartaglione	X	Ways and Means	Fred Tartaglione	

Old Business: Commander Isaacs

- **As of July 1, 2024:** The Counties are now responsible for collecting their own per capita from their Posts See News You Can Use for Special Announcement from Department Adjutant Casey 2nd Division need to submit there Per Capita Payments

American Legion Dues Breakdown

2024		2025	
National	\$18.50	National:	\$23.50
Department:	\$16.00	Department:	\$16.00
County:	\$4.00	County:	\$6.00

As of 2025, Local Posts must directly send Per Capita to the County. \$6 x (# of paid members)

Bylaws should not have a specific amount for dues. Better to have a neutral phrase for example: *The annual dues for members of this Post shall be voted on once a year at the January regular meeting, including all assessments to the National, Department, and County organizations for the upcoming year.*

- Fred Tartaglione Membership Chair requested and was granted permission by County officials to contact the membership of Post 1039 an inquire if any of them would be willing to step up. Have you received a response? If not should we initiate the process to close the Post?
- Membership Chair Fred Tartaglione, County Adjutant Bill Coderre & P10th District Commander Gene Ordmandy were unable to reach any member of Post 1039. County Commander Isaacs entertained a motion to initiate the process to close Herold-Tierney Post 1039.
Motion: County Membership Chair Fred Trtaglione
Motion 2nd: P10th District Commander Gene Ordmandy
Motion to initiate process to close Herold-Tierney Post 1039 accepted/passed

New Business: Commander Isaacs

- **PTS Chair:** Due to the passing of PTS Chair Fred Miller, County Commander Isaacs appointed William Farley as the County PTS Chair

Sick Call:

- Past Queens County Commander Michael Honan has passed away. He will be missed, please keep Mike and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Fifth Division Commander Paul Gereke is recovering from the flu. Feel better and get well soon.
- PCC Bob Bruggemann is recovering from the flu. Feel better and get well soon.
- County Commander Dave Isaacs wife Justina has been battling some health issues. We want to wish her all the best and a speedy recovery. Please don't hesitate to call on your Legion Family for any assistance. We are happy to hear you are feeling better.

Good of the Legion:

- **Be The One Buddy Check** is not just a one-time event in October. Let's keep the spirit alive and continue reaching out to our fellow Veteran Brothers and Sisters.
- **VAVS:** Please donate to the VAVS: The monies go to all the programs in recreation and handouts for the residents of the nursing home and the rest of the facility.
- **Mid-Winter Conference: January 16-18, 2026** Hotel and Registration Info can be found on the NYCU There is a \$10 Registration fee and dinner tickets are \$65. Reserve your hotel room NOW!
Hospitality Room: We need - Beer, Wine, Soda & Mixers Chips & Other Assorted Snacks, Cups, Paper Plates, Napkins, Utensils. Thank You to all who donated.
- **Training Tuesdays:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at Wilson-Ritch Post 432 in Port Jefferson NY Training on multiple subject areas/topics will begin. This month's topic: TBD
All members are invited to join. 6:30pm Training begins.
- **10th District Oratorical Saturday, January 24, 2026:** The 10th District Oratorical Contest will be held January 24, 2026 at the Rusy-Bohm Post 411 Islip, NY at 10:00am SHARP!!!. All are encouraged to attend!!!
- **10th District Meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2026:** Malverne Post 44. 240 Franklin Ave. Malverne, NY 11565 7 pm Dinner, 8 pm Meeting.
- **Four Chaplains - Back to God Ceremony Sunday, February 1, 2026:** CenterPoint Church
25 W Main Street (Rte. 25A) Kings Park, NY 11754 Start Time: 2:00pm
- **Zone 2 Oratorical Contest - Saturday, February 7, 2026** Malverne Post 44, 250 Franklin Ave., Malverne, NY 11565 Start Time: 9:00 a.m.
- **Meet & Greet:** PCC Bill Farley suggested that the County try to organize a meet and greet with Fishers Island. This had been attempted many years ago but due to inclement weather, the showing was poor. Those that were able to attend had a nice time and it was nice to see fellow Legionnaires from the County.
- Past Department Vice Commander Tom Wagner addressed the membership. He stated that you are not allowed to use the Legion name outside of the Legion. The American Legion is trademarked. It was also discussed that you cannot open your Post to the public. This violates IRS rules and will jeopardize the tax exempt status of your Post.
- **A Committee of Past County Commanders** will begin to interview interested candidates for County level positions. If you are interested in becoming an Officer at the County level and would like to learn more, email Past Department Vice Commander Tom Wagner at tompost1006@yahoo.com
- **Media:** PCC Roby Johnson addressed the membership and stated that if the media contacts you for an interview, ask what the topic to be discussed will be. If it is political in nature, decline the interview. the American Legion is a nonpartisan veterans organization. We do not support or oppose any candidate or party but strongly supports issues affecting veterans and promotes the democratic process and civic participation. Obviously you can hold your own personal political views and engage in campaigns etc., but you must not use/wear Legion attire/emblems while doing so.
- **Eagle Scout of the Year:** Scouting Chair Jeff Molitor reminded everyone that February 1, 2026 is the deadline for application. Most Post have relationships with Scouts. Nominate one of the for this prestigious award.
- **Please view the Suffolk County News You Can Use: If not subscribed, you can access it on the Suffolk County American Legion website under NEWS. Click on "News You Can Use" This will bring you to archive of past newsletters. (Valuable Source of Info)**
- **Next Suffolk County Legion Meeting:** Friday, February 6, 2026 Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 198 First St., Brentwood, NY 11717 7:00pm Dinner 8pm Meeting

No further business – Chaplin lead us in closing prayer

Hand Salute

Meeting adjourned: 2150

Respectfully submitted

Bill Coderre

Adjutant

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Financial report

9-Jan-26

For the period ended December 31 , 2025

General Account:

opening Balance 43,932.89

<u>Deposits:</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/10/2025	post 432	192.00	Per Capita
12/10/2025	Post 1766	12.00	PUFL
12/10/2025	Ed Mentz	100.00	VAVS
12/10/2026	Post 1848	250.00	VAVS
12/10/2025	J. Digilio	70.00	Cdr visitation
12/10/2025	post 432	912.00	Per Capita
12/10/2025	W+M	180.00	
12/10/2025	C+Y	94.00	
12/23/2025	Post 1738	60.00	Dir Ad
12/23/2025	Post 1545	30.00	Dir Ad
12/23/2025	Friends of S. Stern	60.00	Dir Ad
12/23/2025	Post 651	30.00	Dir Ad
12/23/2025	Post 833	60.00	Dir Ad
12/23/2025	Post 1006	30.00	Dir Ad
12/31/25	Interest	3.77	
		Total deposits	<u>2,083.77</u>

<u>Disbursements</u>				
<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
2009	12/8/2025	16.45	P. Gerecke	Postage
2010	12/8/2025	174.55	J. Molitor	boy scout Medals
2012	12/8/2025	150.00	Peter Kennedy	2nd Place Oratorical
Svc Chg	12/8/2025	2.43		
2013	12/11/2025	100.00	Andrew Smith	3rd Place oratorical
2005	12/15/2025	574.77	Dist 10	Per Capita
2008	12/16/2025	200.00	Post 388	Mtg Food
2011	12/23/2025	200.00	Isabella Reiter	1st place Oratorical
Bounced ck	12/29/2025	60.00	Post 1738	Ret ck Dir ad
		Total disbursements	<u>1,478.20</u>	
		Ending balance	<u>44,538.46</u>	

Monies held:

SAL	312.60
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	850.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	<u>3,587.84</u>

Boy's State	23,964.32
CD	<u>35,204.51</u>
	<u>59,168.83</u>
Total All accounts	<u>103,707.29</u>
Total available	<u>100,119.45</u>

SUFFOLK COUNTY PER CAPITA STATUS
as of 01/07/2026

Suffolk Co

Suffolk Co																		2026		
Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	1/7/2026	Rate	Amt due	Amt paid	Latest Date	Prior year Adjustm	Balance DUE	2025 Actual	Proj early Per Capita @	2026 Goal	Per Capita @ 100%	Refu Paid	Renewal %	Per capita %
totalMbrshp														Mbrshp						
NY-0094	Babylon Inc	Babylon	3	23	147	0	173	6.00	1038.00	948.00	12/31/25	-	90.00	191	1,146.00	191	1,146		90.58%	91.33%
NY-0155	William Merritt Hallock	Lake Ronkonkoma	2	14	114	1	131	6.00	786.00	912.00	10/3/25	24.00	(102.00)	153	918.00	152	936		86.18%	116.03%
NY-0185	Burton Potter	Greenport	0	7	32	0	39	6.00	234.00			(12.00)	222.00	42	252.00	43	246		90.70%	0.00%
NY-0269	Patchogue	Patchogue	2	26	75	0	103	6.00	618.00	690.00	11/3/25	(72.00)	(144.00)	113	678.00	115	618		89.57%	111.65%
NY-0273	Riverhead	Riverhead	0	12	71	1	84	6.00	504.00	528.00	10/13/25	(54.00)	(78.00)	88	528.00	90		93.33%	104.76%	
NY-0281	Mitchell	Shelter Island	0	10	48	0	58	6.00	348.00			240.00	588.00	91	546.00	93	798		62.37%	0.00%
NY-0352	Leisure Glenn	Ridge	0	1	24	1	26	6.00	156.00	120.00	10/27/25	-	36.00	32	192.00	34	204		76.47%	76.92%
NY-0360	Huntington	Huntington	0	19	23	0	42	6.00	252.00			(54.00)	198.00	61	366.00	62	318		67.74%	0.00%
NY-0365	Bay Shore Inc	Bay Shore	0	2	17	0	19	6.00	114.00			-	114.00	19	114.00	19	114		100.00%	0.00%
NY-0388	Chelberg Battle Inc	Sag Harbor	1	9	96	0	106	6.00	636.00	696.00	11/13/25	-	(60.00)	118	708.00	119	714		89.08%	109.43%
NY-0411	Rusy-Bohm	Islip	1	8	43	0	52	6.00	312.00	456.00	11/6/25	(48.00)	(192.00)	76	456.00	78	420		66.67%	146.15%
NY-0417	Harbor	Setauket	0	20	10	3	33	6.00	198.00			(49.00)	149.00	56	336.00	57	293		57.89%	0.00%
NY-0419	East Hampton Town	East Hampton	10	13	108	0	131	6.00	786.00	52.00	11/3/25	18.00	752.00	155	930.00	155	948		84.52%	6.62%
NY-0432	Wilson Ritch	Port Jefferson Sta	4	35	175	1	215	6.00	1290.00	1,104.00	12/4/25	(144.00)	42.00	281	1,686.00	283	1,554		75.97%	85.58%
NY-0433	Malcolm R White Inc	Southampton	0	4	1	0	5	6.00	30.00	24.00	9/23/25	-	6.00	6	36.00	6	36		83.33%	80.00%
NY-0580	Nathaniel H Topping	Bridgehampton	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	-	0	-	0	-			
NY-0651	Smith-Wever	Sayville	0	15	49	0	64	6.00	384.00			(70.00)	314.00	81	486.00	81	416		79.01%	0.00%
NY-0694	Northport	Northport	1	5	154	0	160	6.00	960.00			34.00	994.00	158	948.00	160	994		100.00%	0.00%
NY-0803	Griswold-Terry-Glover	Southold	4	13	134	1	152	6.00	912.00			(24.00)	888.00	173	1,038.00	175	1,026		86.86%	0.00%
NY-0833	James Ely Miller	Smithtown	5	16	157	1	179	6.00	1074.00	1,206.00	8/12/25	(48.00)	(180.00)	200	1,200.00	198	1,140		90.40%	112.29%
NY-0834	Arthur Ellis Hamm	Westhampton	0	2	89	0	91	6.00	546.00	576.00	11/11/25	(16.00)	(46.00)	96	576.00	96	560		94.79%	105.49%
NY-0861	Raymond Cleaves	Mattituck	0	2	0	0	2	6.00	12.00			-	12.00	9	54.00	0	-			
NY-0924	Hand-Aldrich	Hampton Bays	8	6	81	0	95	6.00	570.00			414.00	984.00	100	600.00	101	1,020		94.06%	0.00%
NY-0944	Donald C Munro Inc	Kings Park	2	13	50	0	65	6.00	390.00	127.00	11/29/25	420.00	683.00	83	498.00	86	936		75.58%	32.56%
NY-1006	Joseph Loeffler	Brentwood	3	17	54	3	77	6.00	462.00	350.00	1/2/26	-	112.00	88	528.00	88	528		87.50%	75.76%
NY-1015	Amityville	Amityville	0	4	6	1	11	6.00	66.00			-	66.00	27	162.00	28	168		39.29%	0.00%
NY-1039	Herold-Tierney	Central Islip	2	2	2	0	6	6.00	36.00			(168.00)	(132.00)	10	60.00	11	(102)		54.55%	0.00%
NY-1045	Alfred R Grebe Inc	Fishers Island	0	5	3	0	8	6.00	48.00			90.00	138.00	15	90.00	15	180		53.33%	0.00%
NY-1120	Feustel-Kurd Inc	Lindenhurst	0	13	47	1	61	6.00	366.00	222.00	12/29/25	(84.00)	60.00	82	492.00	84	420		72.62%	60.66%
NY-1146	Joseph Kovarik	Bohemia	3	7	26	0	36	6.00	216.00			6.00	222.00	56	336.00	58	354		62.07%	0.00%
NY-1152	Sherwood Brothers	St James	16	7	89	1	113	6.00	678.00			(12.00)	666.00	94	564.00	96	564		117.71%	0.00%
NY-1218	Hunter-Squires-Jackson	Amityville	0	5	3	0	8	6.00	48.00	90.00	10/8/25	(16.00)	(58.00)	21	126.00	23	122		34.78%	187.50%
NY-1244	Greenlawn Inc	Greenlawn	2	8	103	0	113	6.00	678.00			-	678.00	137	822.00	140	840		80.71%	0.00%
NY-1533	Arthur H Clune	Mastic Beach	6	12	53	0	71	6.00	426.00			(151.00)	275.00	91	546.00	94	413		75.53%	0.00%
NY-1545	Eastport	Eastport	2	9	53	0	64	6.00	384.00	480.00	11/13/25	(48.00)	(144.00)	81	486.00	81	438		79.01%	125.00%
NY-1633	Selden	Selden	0	7	16	0	23	6.00	138.00	156.00	10/8/25	(6.50)	(24.50)	25	150.00	26	150		88.46%	113.04%
NY-1634	Sergeant John Sardielli	W Babylon-Deer Park	1	8	66	0	75	6.00	450.00			(16.00)	434.00	85	510.00	87	506		86.21%	0.00%

NY-1635	Four-S	East Islip	0	8	10	1	19	6.00	114.00			78.00	192.00	18	108.00	20	198	95.00%	0.00%
NY-1738	West Islip Inc	West Islip	1	10	68	5	84	6.00	504.00	466.00	11/14/25	(108.00)	(70.00)	85	510.00	89	426	94.38%	92.46%
NY-1766	Irving Hart	Setauket L I	0	3	7	0	10	6.00	60.00	12.00	11/28/2025	(66.00)	(18.00)	12	72.00	12	6	83.33%	20.00%
NY-1839	Wayne Middleton Inc	North Babylon	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			18.00	18.00	3	18.00	5	48		
NY-1848	John R Cacioppo	Medford	0	8	19	0	27	6.00	162.00	180.00	9/9/25	(18.00)	(36.00)	30	180.00	32	174	84.38%	111.11%
NY-1880	Leisure Village	Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	-			0	-		
NY-1888	Brunn-Prchal	Rocky Point	0	2	34	0	36	6.00	216.00	162.00	10/1/25	12.00	66.00	39	234.00	38	240	94.74%	75.00%
NY-1941	Pearl Harbor Memorial	Port Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	-	0	-	0	-		
NY-2016	Farmingdale State Coll	Farmingdale	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	-	0	-	0	-		
SUM:			79	410	2357	21	2867		17202.00	9,557.00		69.50	7,714.50	3,381	20,286.00	3,421	20,596	83.81%	55.56%

Posts eligible for 5% rebate As well as new mbr refund Paid percapita for 100% of prior year total.



Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634



Of the American Legion



Family Newsletter

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Compose

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Labels

Upcoming Events

ALA MEETING Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634

MONTHLY POST MEETING Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 8:00 PM
Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634

Sons Of The American Legion Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634

Legion Family Breakfast and membership awards Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634

Sign Up Status:
Michael Brothers - Undecided
milestone membership awards

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Post Service Report January 2026

From Andrew Brady <andrew.brady@bradyagency.com>

Date Mon 1/5/2026 2:32 PM

To Joseph Regina <gijoe608@hotmail.com>

Dear Joe:

Our post had a successful year.

1. We added about 6 new members
2. Hall rentals were good
3. We did our first Veterans Day parade
4. Had Christmas party with Post 1244, VFW 1496, Marine Corp Leg

2026

1. Renovating the hall the month of January
2. Moving monthly meetings from the second Thursday of the month to – not sure at the present time.
3. Going to start getting going for the Memorial Day parade in Huntington
4. Always looking for new members.

Sincerely,

Andrew X. Brady
SHELTER ISLAND AGENCY, INC.
25 North Ferry Road
Shelter Island, N.Y. 11964
631-749-1024



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

First Division

TO: Post Commanders, Sons Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents and members
From: Joseph A. Regina, Suffolk County Division 1st commander

Subject: Goals

As your division commander, my job is to help you make your post successful and to invite you or any member to come to the Division meeting that is held monthly I am available to help wherever I can.

I'm looking forward to an invitation to visit your Post where we can share ideas in supporting our Veterans and their families.

It is important that a representative of the legion family, whether it's from the Post, Auxiliary or Sons to support each other in the Legion Family. Your ideas or questions help of us help us grow not only in our post but all Veterans in Suffolk County.

- A. Obviously, a membership committee is needed to welcome and work with the new members to help them settle in. Don't just take their name and dues and log them in. If you do you will not really have a new member, and they will drop out on you. -
- B. The Public Relations committee is one of the most important committee that you can have. You need to be identified in your community as alive, well and active. Publicity can make you grow faster than any other technique. Remember the old phrase; "Everybody wants to join the band wagon."
- C. Service Representative: This is a person to gather information and answer questions on programs and services for the legion family.

Now for our goals at our meetings. One of the best methods that I know offer growth or accomplishing goals is the sharing of ideas and information within the organization. Thus, please allow me to share some of my ideas with you. You need to state what that is and how you hope to achieve it to support veterans and their family not only in your area but the surrounding area where there may not be a post. By doing that you may pick up members.

The plan outlines the guidance and direction to everyone involved in achieving the goal. One of the mistakes often made is that membership or money are not the goal but can be the byproducts of the goal. At every meeting we recite the preamble which ends with the statement; "To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." Our purpose is to Service to our veterans, their families and their communities. Thus, our goals need to be focused on those areas.

Some Ideas of Goals you might try

- 1. Our Suffolk County Peer to peer program for reaching out to Veterans with PTSD
- 2. Show our students the seventeen + Scholarships offered from the Legion Family.
- 3. Some of our local high school graduates are joining the military services, why not welcome them off. And show support.
- 4. You might even want to give the parent a blue star flag, not only the graduating students families but the families of all our local servicemen and women.
- 6. Welcome our returning veterans
- 7. Holiday gifts to the children of our local service members serving overseas
- * 8. An open house program telling the community what the American Legion is all about. *
- 9. Set up a Veterans Library with information not only for veterans, but family members to come down.

These are just a few of the goals or achievements you might be interested in. Please Bring or send me other ideas that we can share.

The dates set for the Division meeting are not set in stone..

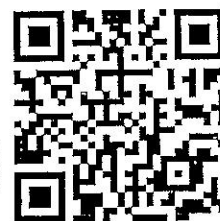
Joseph A. Regina

Joseph A. Regina
1st Division Vice Commander

Sgt. John Sardiello

Post 1634 Family

West Babylon, New York



Website QR link

**** If you would like to receive our automated monthly events newsletter and have access to our Post 1634 Family website, please email secretary.post1634@gmail.com, and we will add you to our list.**

Events Schedule 2026

Monthly Meetings

Post General Meeting - 1st Thursday of the Month, 8pm(exception - January 8th)

Officer & Trustees Meeting - 4th Thursday of the Month, 7pm(exception - November 28th & December 26th)

Auxiliary Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 pm(exception - January 7th, no meetings in July/Aug)

Sons Of The American Legion - 3rd Thursday of the Month, 6pm (subject to change motion & voting)

Military Order of the Purple Heart - 3rd Thursday of the Month, 7pm(upstairs)

January	17th - Membership Milestone Awards & Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm)
February	8th - Superbowl Watch Party, 5:30pm, \$10 for food(SAL) 21st - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 21st - Texas Hold'Em Tournament - 12:30pm, \$20 buy-in, \$10 food
March	8th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 2pm, \$15 per person(3rd Vice Comm) 21st - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 28th - Charcuterie Night Fundraiser, 6:30pm, \$35 per person(Trustees)
April	17th- Tupperware BINGO, 7pm, \$30(ALA) 18th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 26th - "Two Cents" Dinner & Play Fundraiser, 2pm, \$30 (Trustees)
May	5th - Taco Tuesday Dinner Fundraiser, 6-8pm, \$12 (3rd Vice Comm) 9th - Murder Mystery Dinner, 6:30pm, \$35 (ALA) 16th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 25th - Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony, Picnic 30th - Fishing Trip & BBQ, details to follow(SAL)
June	10th - Law & Order Night Awards, 7pm 13th - Golf Outing & BBQ(details to follow(SAL) 14th - Flag Day tribute to Sardiello, 9am @LI National, 10am bagels @Post 20th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm)

July	2nd - Officer Installation Ceremony & Dinner, 6:30pm 15th - Long Island Ducks Game(SAL), details tbd 18th- Baseball Watch Party, time rbd, \$10 food
August	
September	12th - Drag Queen BINGO, 12noon, \$30(ALA) 18th - POW/MIA Vigil- 5:30pm 19th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 27th - Football Watch Party, time tbd, \$10 (SAL)
October	4th - Oktoberfest Dinner - 3pm, \$20 (3rd Vice Comm) 10th - Baseball Watch Party, details tbd, \$10 14th- Empire Boys/Girls State Recognition Ceremony - 7pm (ALA/Am) 17th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 25th - Paint & Sip Brunch Fundraiser, 11am, \$30 (Trustees)
November	15th - Veterans Benefits Symposium/Monthly Breakfast - 9am-2pm 11th - Veterans Day Breakfast, Ceremony & Luncheon, 10am 14th - Texas Hold'Em Tournament, 6:30pm, entry fee tbd(SAL) 21st - Murder Mystery Dinner, 6:30pm, \$35 (ALA) 22nd - Thanksgiving Food Basket Assembly(SAL) 28th - Holiday Hall Decorating, 2pm (ALA)
December	5th - Post Christmas Party, 6:30pm (3rd Vice Comm) \$25, 6:30pm 12th - Army/Navy Game(SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 1pm, \$10 food 19th - Christmas Breakfast w/Santa @the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm)

****Dates subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances
Check our website calendar for updates & details.**

Event tickets are available through the ALA, SAL, 3rd Vice Committee, and many will be available online soon at our Zeffy site. Look for the QR code or weblink on our flyers.

delinquent reports

From Carlo Giordano <msgtlegion@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/8/2026 9:40 PM

To Joseph Regina <GJJoe608@hotmail.com>

Commander Regina I apologize for being delinquent with reporting so the following is an accounting of what Greenlawn Post 1244 has done since November 2025.

Nov. 24, We did a clean-up of Long Swamp Cemetery in Huntington this cemetery has 3 Revolutionary War Veterans buried there. we enlisted the help of the Huntington Manor Fire Dept Juniors and and the Civil air patrol Cadets.

Nov. 8th, We participated in a Veterans Parade in the town of Huntington.

Nov. 9th We co- hosted a car show with centurion car club at Walt Whitman High School to raise money and personal hygiene items for Operation Enduring Care.

Nov. 9th, We provided Color Guard detail for a 9/11 ceremony Town of Huntington.

Nov.11th, Our annual Veterans day ceremony at the Monument in Greenlawn. We had a very large crowd consisting of Veterans, Greenlawn Fire Dept., Greenlawn Civic Association, Politicians, and several Scouting troops.

Dec. 18th, Our Holiday party we had a chinese auction of donated baskets from the members we raised \$1010.00 for the Angels For Warriors organization. Post 1244 doubled that amount and presented them with a check for \$2020.00. in addition to that we also provided a large quantity of Toys for children.

January 14th our next scheduled membership meeting we will be Swearing in the officers for the Legion Riders. We also Recruited 3 new members in the past couple of months.

For God And Country

Carlo Giordano

Commander Greenlawn Post 1244



Suffolk County American Legion

Second Division Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2025

Joseph Loeffler Post 1006

Meeting Opening – 1900

Adjourned – 2000

Commanders Report: Commander Hoover

Dec 5, 2025: attended the County Meeting in Post 388

Dec 6, 2025: hosted and attended the Oratorical contest ; well attended, 4 students

Dec 9, 2025: attended wake service for Gold Star Mother Dawn Esposito; Grant funeral Home

Dec 12, 2025: regular Post meeting, welcomed 3 new members

Dec 13, 2025: Army/Navy game activity at the Post, well attended & Son's raffle was drawn; did well.

Dec 19, 2025: hosted and attended the 2nd div meeting

Coming up ;

Dec 20, 2025 Post Christmas party to be held in the Social Area & Auxiliary raffle to be drawn.

Post Reports:

Post 365 - Bay Shore:

Post 411 - Rusy Bohm: December 14, 2025 Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Islip School Leadership class in conjunction with the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy was held at Post 411

Post 651 - Sayville: See Attached

Post 833 - James Ely Miller: The Post 833 Christmas Party was held on December 4, 2025 at the Hall. It was attended by a mix of Legion and SAL members but mostly SAL. Sunday, December 7, 2025 Post 833 hosted a Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Andrew Davidson. Mr. Davidson replaced the fence on the back of Post 833 and installed medallions that represent each of the Service Branches that are illuminated at night. A work party was postponed to clean up the leaves and other fall debris. Supposed to be rescheduled for December 27th.

Post 944 - Kings Park: Put out the American Flags in Kings Park for Election and Veterans Day respectively. We held our 1st annual Patriots / Veterans Day dinner at Ciro's Italian restaurant in Kings Park on Monday 11/10. It was a sellout!!! Participated in Veterans day ceremonies/ parade and also a presentation at St. Johnland Nursing Home for Veteran residents on 11/11. 11/22 Turkey Distribution VA Hospital Northport NY 10am Annual Post meeting and dinner gathering 12/3. Held our annual Army / Navy football game community tailgate and Toys for Tots fundraiser on 12/13. Successful community event. Our Post is hosting the "No One Left Behind" Christmas get together on Christmas Day from 0900-1700hrs. This is for Active Duty personnel, Veterans and First Responders. Also rentals have been steady.

Post 1006 - Joseph Loeffler: December 6, 2025: Oratorical Contest held at Joseph Loeffler Post 1006
Time: 1-3pm

Post 1039 - Herold-Tierney:

Post 1146 - Joseph Kovarik:

Post 1152 - Sherwood Brothers:

Post 1635 - Four "S": Attended the County meeting at Chelburg & Battle Post 388 Sag Harbor, NY. The Annual Christmas Party was held on Thursday, December 18th; it was very well attended. The fence issue with the neighbor is ongoing.

Post 1738 - West Islip:

New Business: Commander Hoover

Good of the Legion:

- **December 22, 2025:** Fred Miller Funeral Service: Roma Funeral Home 539 William Floyd Parkway Shirley, NY 11967 Legion Service: Monday December 22nd 7:30 PM Attire: Legion Uniform
- **December 25, 2025:** John Shea and Kings Park Post 944 will host a No One Left Behind for Christmas Meal for all Veterans and First Responders from **9am - 5pm on Christmas Day** - Questions Call: (516) 523-1423
- **January 9, 2025:** County Meeting Patchogue Post 269 215 S Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772
Dinner: 7:00pm Meeting: 8:00pm
- **January 16-18, 2026:** 107th Mid-Winter Conference in Albany, NY Make sure to sign up and book your hotel room ASAP – The County's Hospitality Room needs Donations: Beer, Wine, Soda & Mixers Chips & Other Assorted Snacks Cups, Paper Plates, Napkins, Utensils Please bring to the County meeting January 9th.
- **January 24, 2026:** 10th District Oratorical Contest Rusy-Bohm Post 411, 39 Nassau Ave., Islip, NY.
Start Time: 10am Sharp (Means arrive before 10am)
- **January 27, 2026:** 10th District Meeting Malverne Post 44. 240 Franklin Ave. Malverne, NY 11565
7 pm Dinner, 8 pm Meeting.
- **February 1, 2026:** Four Chaplains Back to God Ceremony CenterPoint Church 25 W Main Street (Rte. 25A) Kings Park, NY 11754 Start Time: 2:00pm
- **Nominations:** Jr. Past County Commander Kevin Eaton addressed the Division. He has only received two (2) nominations for 2026-2027. Post 833 nominated Bill Coderre for County Commander and Post 155 nominated Fred Tartaglione for County Finance Officer. If any other Post would like to nominate a candidate for any County Officer position, please get the nomination to him so he can read it into the record at the next County meeting.
- **Boys State:** Jr. Past County Commander Kevin Eaton stated that the buses for Boys State have gone up. Normally its \$600 per but now it will be \$608. The County has some money in the Boys State fund so it will eat the extra \$8. However, if Morrisville State College ups their cost, then the amount per candidate will have to go up. More will be known after Mid-Winter January 16-18, 2026. Boys State is June 27-July 2, 2026

Be The One Buddy Check is not just a one-time event in October. Let's keep the spirit alive and continue reaching out to our fellow Veteran Brothers and Sisters especially during the Holiday Season.

- **Next 2nd Division Meeting:** Due to Mid-Winter, it will be Friday, February 20, 2026 @ West Islip Post 1738
6:30pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

No further business – Chaplin lead us in closing prayer

Hand Salute

Meeting adjourned: 2000

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Hoover

2nd Division Commander

Sharon Hoover

AMERICAN LEGION SUFFOLK COUNTY – 3rd DIVISION

MEETING – Monday December 15, 2025

Location: Harbor Post 417, Stony Brook, NY

Called to Order: 19:00

Posts Present: (6) William Merritt Hallock Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma, Patchogue Post 269-Patchogue, Harbor Post 417-Stony Brook, Wilson Ritch Post 432-Port Jefferson Station, Selden Post 1633, and John R Cacioppo Post 1848-Medford.

Roll Call: Quorum Present

A motion was made by Harbor Post 417 to not read the previous meeting minutes. Motion seconded by John R. Cacioppo Post 1848. Motion was unanimously accepted by the membership.

Membership – Motion was made by Patchogue Post 269 to skip the membership Report. Motion was seconded by Wilson Ritch Post 432 and unanimously passed.

Finance Report – As reported by Gene Ordmandy:

Checking Balance as of November 30, 2025	\$ 5,919.32
Total Deposits of \$	158.00
Interest of \$	0.05
Withdrawals of \$	0.00
Grand Total of \$	6077.37
Breakdown as follows:	
General Fund	\$ 2,136.91
Veterans Assistance Program	\$ 2,011.16
Children & Youth	\$ 1,689.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
Post Dues	\$ 240.00
Interest	\$ 0.30
Others	\$ 0.00
Grand Total	\$ 6,077.37

Motion to accept Finance report: William Merritt Hallock Post 155. Motion **Second:** Selden Post 1633 **Passed**

Gene Ordmandy also reported that Wilson Ritch had paid their 3rd Division dues and there is only 1 post who has yet to pay.

Unfinished/Old Business: Nothing to Report

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Legion – 3rd Division Commander reported that Suffolk County American Legions Oratorical Contest was held on December 6, 2025 at the Joeseph Loeffler Post. It was a very enjoyable time and if you wish to know who won please look at legiontown.org where the event was posted. Also brought up by the commander was the Mid-Winter Conference taking place from January 16-19, 2026 at the Desmond in Albany NY. All information and forms to register are on the Dept website. Finance officer reported that 3rd Division is working on a Military Ball to be schedule on May 16, 2026 the room hold 120 people. Sound Beach Fire

Department quoted approximately 575.00 for the hall but we can still look for a different venue if needed, I am putting the paperwork in for the date and we see what happens. We also need to work on food, entertainment & decorations. We will revisit this in January.

Finance officer Gene Ordmandy brought up that he received a bill from 3rd Division Adjutant Fred Tartaglione who purchased from Flag & Emblem an adjustable indoor flag pole for the 3rd Division Flag. Total cost being \$52.94. A motion was made by Patchogue Post 269 to reimburse the cost of the flagpole, 2nded by Wilson Ritch Post 432. Motion unanimously passed.

Patchogue Post 269 asked if we as a division could purchase Oratorical Medals for the contestants of the Oratorical Contest. Commander Rich Knudson asked that we table this until we find out from Lenore Brathwaite what the contestants actually received. After some discussion Patchogue Post 269 amended their motion to read that we pass the motion to purchase the medals pending a discussion with Lenore. Motion was seconded by Harbor Post 417. Motion passed.

Patchogue Post Commander Jeff Molitor announce that the 10th District Oratorical Contest will be held on January 24, 2026 at 10:00am at the Rusy-Bohm Post and we are going to need bodies to help out. Please let me know if you will be able to help.

Sick Call – Fred Miller

Next Month's Meeting - will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at the Arthur H Clune Post 1533 in Mastic Beach.

Being of no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Adjourned: 19:40

As submitted by:
Fred Tartaglione,
Adjutant 3rd Division



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 4th DIVISION

REPORT FOR 9 JANUARY 2026

NO REPORT



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 9 JANUARY 2026

The 5th Division did not meet during the month of December in light of competing holiday schedules. Commander reached out to all posts in the new year. The following reports (however brief) were recieved via email:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - On 9 January, Auxiliary unit sponsoring "Get Down Tonite" Dance. Tickets are \$25/person, \$35/couple at the door. Drinks and appetizers will be available. On 24 January, Auxiliary unit sponsoring Bingo - \$10 for initial card buy-in with additional card options available. Drinks and snacks available for purchase. Proceeds from both events to go toward building improvement fund. Social Quarters remains open for playoff football Sundays for the rest of January. Regular Social Quarters hours daily from 3PM - ???
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Hosted County meeting on 5 December, St. Andrew's R.C. Church annual dinner on 6 December and annual Christmas party with its Auxiliary unit on 8 December. All events went well. CDR & members attended memorial service for departed member Jon Baer on 28 December. Holiday 'Buddy Check' effort largely complete, will update again on 13 January. Scholarship committee will begin this year's work in January..
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 - No report received.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Post distributed Turkeys and Hams to local vets in addition to regular monthly food distribution with good success. Thanksgiving appreciation dinner at post was a big success. Hall rentals continue to go well and clothing drop box site at post also proving successful.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - Several post members participated in Wreaths Across America at Calverton Cemetery. Post will make a Boys' State presentation at Westhampton Beach H.S. in February. Highway cleanup activities will resume in March. Have just about sold out entire stock of 250th Anniversary caps generating approximately. \$150 in profit for post Americanism activities. Listing in local courts for public service opportunities paying off as one individual completed such obligation by assisting with the distribution of 140 pounds of bird seed to patient room feeders at Westhampton Care Center.
6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - Post was open for Army-Navy game on 13 December, but only lightly attended. Post held excellent annual Christmas party on 20 December with 35 persons attending. Conducted Post Everlasting ceremony on 6 January. 'Elvis' will be in the building on 28 March starting at 2:30PM.

7. On 5 December Divison Commander filled in for County Commander at monthly meeting. On 11 December delivered \$1000 in assorted gift cards donated by various posts to the 106th Rescue Wing Military and Family Readiness Office, which was overjoyed to receive them. They planned to distribute some of the cards immediately and hold a portion back in case of a second shutdown at the end of January. Met with Deputy Wing Commander who also expressed deep gratitude. On 23 December, traveled to Calverton Cemetery for burial service for Fred Miller.

8. The next 5th Division meeting will be on Tuesday, 27 January at East Hampton Post #419.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE

Commander, 5th Division

Chaplains Report

Ken Dolan

Reminder that the Four Chaplains - Back to God Ceremony will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026.
CenterPoint Church 25 W Main Street (Rte. 25A) Kings Park, NY 11754 Start Time: 2:00pm

Please attend as All Are Welcome!!!



From: Jeffery T Molitor-Suffolk County Chairman for Service Officer
To: Commander-Suffolk County American Legion, Dept of New York

Via: Adjutant Suffolk County American Legion, Dept of New York

Subject: Report- January 2026

Service OFFICER:

New York State-Specific Changes

- **Gold Star Annuity Expansion:** The Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 includes funding to support legislation that expands eligibility for the Gold Star Annuity. This benefit will now be available to immediate family members of any service member who dies while on active duty, moving beyond the previous combat-only requirement.
- **Funding for Veteran Initiatives:** The budget allocates funds for specific programs:
 - **\$1 million** to expand veteran suicide prevention initiatives, including enhanced risk assessment training, outreach tools, and improved access to mental health services.
 - **\$350,000** for the Military Family Relief Fund to support various relief efforts.
- **NYC Property Tax Exemption:** A new law, effective in late 2025/early 2026, provides a 15% property tax reduction for NYC veterans who served during the Cold War (Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991, with an honorable discharge). The exemption is larger for disabled veterans and applications must be filed by March 16, 2026, for benefits to begin on July 1, 2026.



- **Housing Assistance:** Over \$68 million in state grants are available to assist low-to-moderate-income families, seniors, and veterans with accessibility upgrades and emergency home repairs. Information on how to apply is available through municipalities and non-profit organizations.
- **Veterans Tuition Award:** Eligibility for the NYS Veterans Tuition Award was recently expanded to include veterans who performed vital service in non-combat areas, opening doors to a wider array of higher education opportunities.
- **"Purple Heart State" Designation:** New York has officially become a "Purple Heart State," which creates opportunities for recognition and potential future legislation like free tuition for Purple Heart recipients.

Federal (Nationwide) Changes Impacting NY Veterans

- **2.8% COLA Increase:** A 2.8% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) has been applied to various federal VA benefits for 2026, including VA disability pay, Special Monthly Compensation (SMC), Veterans Pension, and Survivors Pension (DIC). The first increased payments were issued on December 31, 2025.
- **MGIB-SR Tuition Fairness Act:** Beginning August 1, 2026, Reservists using the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve will qualify for in-state tuition at public colleges regardless of residency, or the school risks losing VA approval to accept military education benefits.
- **Pact Act Claims:** Veterans are advised to file claims for conditions related to burn pits and other toxic exposures soon, as the VA system is undergoing changes that may impact the claims process in 2026.



- **VA Home Loan Assistance:** The VA now has the authority to offer a "partial claim" program to cover a percentage of a delinquent mortgage for veterans who fell behind on payments between March 2020 and May 2025, to help prevent foreclosures

Boys State Report

Jan 9, 2026

Boys State 2026 applications are available on line at Boys State of New York Website. Post Commanders should have their Boys State Committee Chair familiarize themselves with the application process and the forms needed for each applicant. Mainly parental and school sign off forms, Personal commitment form and health form. Commitment must be notarized. Health exams after July1, 2025 are the only exams accepted. Application deadline is April 12, 2025 for this year's program.

For God and Country

Jr PCC Kevin Eaton

Suffolk County

American Legion

10th District Boys State Director

**AMERICAN LEGION – SUFFOLK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

COLOR GUARD

December 2025 Monthly Report

December 7 –

Various Color Guards in the communities they represent participated in Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremonies. Elected Officials were among the participants in the Ceremonies and Remembrances.

Report Submitted by:

Richard Knutson
Color Guard Liaison

Historians Report

Steve Antonacci

1950s

May 4, 1950

The Legion votes to contribute funds to the field of mental health, thereby playing a key role in launching the National Association for Mental Health.

July 9, 1954

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is formed. Since then, \$10 million has been awarded to youth organizations and projects designed to help America's children.

1960s

Sept. 1, 1966

The Legion voices great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. Today, the Legion urges a full accounting of prisoners of war and troops missing in action. The Legion has formed a special group from among the nation's major veterans organizations to continue pressing for further resolution of this issue.

Aug. 24, 1969

The Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund as a result of the effects of Hurricane Camille.

1970s

May 1, 1972

The Legion implements a Halloween safety program for children; it remains the only national program of its kind.

April 1, 1975

The American Legion-sponsored Freedom Bell goes on board the Freedom Train during its tour of the country, in celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial. Six years later, the Freedom Bell is dedicated at its permanent home in Columbus Plaza, opposite Union Station in Washington.

Hospital Welfare Report

Fred Loucka

Construction at the Northport VA is going very slowly. The parking lot, the emergency room and additions in the back are still being worked on.

Judge Advocate Report

Judge Advocate - For this month, I remind all post the need to follow your Constitution and Bylaws! When I get contacted by a post to make a ruling on a subject, the first thing I ask is, "what do your Bylaws say"? This is usually met by silence. Please take the time out to read your Bylaws. When was the last time they were updated? Please put the wheels in motion to update your Bylaws as needed!

Also, please remember to send in your per capital tax to County Finance Officer Bob Robesch. Please do not wait till the last minute. If you have any questions on this matter, please talk to Bob Robesch.

PCC Michael Pankowski
10th District Sgt-at-Arms Mike Pankowski
American Legion
Department of New York

Law and Order Report

Roby Johnson

Deadline to nominate someone for Law and Order is April 1, 2026. There is no form; all you need to submit is:

1. Nominees name
2. What they did to be nominated
3. Why you believe they should be considered for the award

As of January 9, 2026, only one person has been nominated.

Submit nominations to:

PCC Roby Johnson
79 Wilson Blvd
Islip, NY 11751
Phone: (631) 338-6353
Email: robyj15@gmail.com

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK – CRITERIA

Law & Order and First Responders Awards by The American Legion – Department of New York may be awarded each year for the following categories:

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
FIREFIGHTER
POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMPANY
CORRECTIONS OFFICER
EMERGENCY SQUAD
911 DISPATCHER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)



From: Jeffery T Molitor-Suffolk County Chairman for Legion Riders
To: Commander-Suffolk County American Legion, Dept of New York

Via: Adjutant Suffolk County American Legion, Dept of New York

Subject: Report- January 2026

Legion Riders:

Wreath pick up requested by ABATE for January 10th 2026 at Calverton National Cemetery Section 29 at 0900

- **Sayville American Legion Riders:** No report.
- **American Legion Riders Chapter #94 (Babylon):** No report
- **American Legion Riders Post 1006 (Brentwood):** No report
- **American Legion Riders Post 1244 (Greenlawn):**

Missions:

11/8 Huntington Veterans Day Parade
11/9 Huntington Veterans Memorial
11/9 Post 1244 operation enduring care car show at Whitman high school
11/11 Greenlawn Veterans Day Ceremony
11/18 Huntington town hall award ceremony for women in veteran services
11/23 ALR turkeys delivered
11/28 Huntington holiday light parade
12 /7 Pearl Harbor ceremony at air and power museum
12/7 Pearl Harbor ceremony at Long Island National Cemetery
12/8 Trees for Troops Dees nursery to DHL at JFK
12/13 wreaths across America at Long Island National Cemetery

- **American Legion Riders Post 269 (Patchogue):** No report

Honoring the Fallen: Riders are active in escorting military units and honoring fallen service members.

Legionnaire of the Year Report

Phil Barczak

The deadline for submission of candidates is March 1, 2026. Please see below for guidelines and application.



The American Legion
Suffolk County
Department of New York

Phillip J. Barczak, P10thDC

Legionnaire of the Year Chairman

1 Cliftwood Place * Kings Park, New York 11754 * (631) 724-8577 (phone/fax) * (516) 662-1672 (cell)

Legionnaire of the Year Guidelines

1. The Post submits the resume of their candidate from its Post to the County Legionnaire of the Year Chair. The Resume must be typed.
2. To insure impartiality in judging, the name, gender, Post Number, and Community of the candidate should be omitted from the resume. No Post stationary, or Post name should be used or mentioned in the resume. Any activity or elected office above Post Commander should NOT appear on the resume as well.
3. Enclosed is a resume cover sheet which will identify the candidate and relevant information that has been omitted from the resume. The cover sheet must be attached to the resume submitted for judging.
4. All candidate's resumes will be judged on attendance at Post activities, Post and County affairs and functions, hours spent working in and for the Post, Dedication, leadership, and service to the American Legion and the Community. A concise but complete resume should be prepared as the Judges make their choice strictly on the contents of the candidate's resume.
- 5. Candidates holding elected offices on the District or Department **LEVEL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE WHILE STILL IN OFFICE.****
6. All resumes must be mailed/submitted to me no later than **March 1, 2026.**

Should you have any questions, please call me at (631) 724-8577.

Philip J. Barczak, P10thDC
Chairman

Mailing Address:
1 Cliftwood Place
Kings Park, NY 11754-4010

The American Legion
Suffolk County
Department of New York

**CANDIDATE FOR LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR
COVER FORM**

Post Legionnaire of the Year Chairs must complete this form and mail or physically hand it to County Legionnaire of the Year Chair Philip J. Barczak along with your candidate's resume.

Deadline is March 1st.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

POST NUMBER: _____

POST NAME: _____

POST ADDRESS: _____

COMMENTS:

ATTESTED TO:

POST COMMANDER: _____

POST ADJUTANT: _____

DATE: _____

January 2026 NYS Veterans Home Status Report

1. Current Status (open for business or not; % occupied)

For 2025, the Volunteer department closed out with 200 active volunteers and over 28,000 hours contributed. The Volunteer department is the equivalent of 13.5 full time employees!

Our admissions department kept the home full with a 90.5% occupancy rating—keep in mind we have elected to not fill 30 beds—this number is usually closer to 98-99.8%.

The Adult Day Health Care program had 9,071 visits this year and holds strong with 71 community members enrolled in day care.

2025 was the first full year of no longer utilizing agency staff since covid in 2020—this was a huge milestone for NYS Vets Home and they are proud to have employees that work solely for our residents.

We were successful again in obtaining the nurse retention grant program—over \$500,000 to continue sending nurses to school to pursue their dreams while working at LISVH!

Our telehealth clinic is in the final stages of a complete renovation and will include “offices” and appointment rooms to ensure privacy for our residents while the meet with their providers over skype or zoom. It should be completed over the next 1-2 months.

2. Special project completed or in progress

No additional updates.

A. Events

- January Special events Not Sponsored
 - Wednesdays (weekly) entertainment/birthday celebration- \$200 per week
 - Sundays (weekly) entertainment - \$200 per week
 - Zumba 2x per month- \$150 per session
 - Boxing Class 2x per month- \$150 per session

- Poker/Pinochle Tuesdays and Thursdays- \$80-\$150
 - Fridays reflections entertainment- \$150
 - 1/5 Breakfast Club \$300
 - 1/7 Community trip (lunch and casino) \$500 for lunch
 - 1/10 Bingo \$120
 - 1/13 Pokeno \$100
 - 1/13 Lunch Club \$500
 - 1/14 Aquarium trip \$600
 - 1/18 Band Performance- \$1,000
 - 1/19 entertainment \$300
 - 1/27 food tour \$500
 - 1/28 Community trip (lunch and casino) \$500 for lunch
 - 12/31 NYE Bash- \$500
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- January Events Sponsored
 - an 2 History of Long Island- Volunteer Presenter
 - Jan 3- Gratis musical performer
 - Jan 5 Pet therapy
 - Jan 6 Pet therapy
 - 1/12 Anonymous family sponsoring entertainment and dessert
 - 1/14 Pet Therapy
 - 1/15 Chair yoga- gratis
 - 1/19 Pet Therapy
 - 1/24 VVA sponsored social/music
 - 1/30 Drum Circle
 - 12/18 vets variety show (gratis)
 - 12/18 Longwood school performance
 - 12/22 West Hampton Choir
 - 12/23 Bingo sponsored by Suffolk County Am Legion Aux
 - 12/25 pet therapy
 - 12/26 Drum circle- SBU music therapy
 - 12/27 youth development performance

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.

For future months they 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.

Contact:

Samantha Calandrino, CTRS, LMSW

Coordinator of Community Outreach & Volunteer Services

Long Island State Veterans Home

100 Patriots Road • Stony Brook, NY 11790

Voice: (631) 444-8590 | Fax: (631) 706-4662

Samantha.Calandrino@lisvh.org

Suffolk County Membership Report

January 9, 2026

Comrades,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy New Year. I am please to report the we have met our January goal of 80% and are well on our way to the new goal of 85%. We are currently at 83.54% and we only need 51 members processed to make our county goal. We can do this and with all your help. Many posts are in single digits when it comes to making our next goal but there are still many posts that are well into double digits and seem not to be pulling their weight. As always, I am here as a tool to help any membership chair or their post. I will make time for anyone. All you have to do is ask!! I hope we can pull together to keep making our goals and let us not forget part of our goal is getting new members. So make yourself and your post known in your area and lets build up our rosters!!

Respectfully,

Fred Tartaglione

Suffolk County Membership Chairman

(631)495-6779

Department of New York 2026 Membership as of 1/7/26

Including all HQ Transfers

Legend:	
Met Goal Of:	100%
Met Goal Of:	85%
Needs Help	>85%
No Change	###

Suffolk Co

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal	# needed for Goal	# needed for Goal
NY-0094	Babylon Inc	Babylon	3	23	147	0	173	191	90.58		18
NY-0155	William Merritt Hallock	Lake Ronkonko	2	14	114	1	131	152	86.18		21
NY-0185	Burton Potter	Greenport	0	7	32	0	39	43	90.70		4
NY-0269	Patchogue	Patchogue	2	26	75	0	103	115	89.57		12
NY-0273	Riverhead	Riverhead	0	12	71	1	84	90	93.33		6
NY-0281	Mitchell	Shelter Island	0	10	48	0	58	93	62.37	22	35
NY-0352	Leisure Glenn	Ridge	0	1	24	1	26	34	76.47	3	8
NY-0360	Huntington	Huntington	0	19	23	0	42	62	67.74	11	20
NY-0365	Bay Shore Inc	Bay Shore	0	2	17	0	19	19	####		
NY-0388	Chelberg Battle Inc	Sag Harbor	1	9	96	0	106	119	89.08		13
NY-0411	Rusy-Bohm	Islip	1	8	43	0	52	78	66.67	15	26
NY-0417	Harbor	Setauket	0	20	10	3	33	57	57.89	16	24
NY-0419	East Hampton Town	East Hampton	10	13	108	0	131	155	84.52	1	24
NY-0432	Wilson Ritch	Port Jefferson S	4	35	175	1	215	283	75.97	26	68

NY-0433	Malcolm R White Inc	Southampton	0	4	1	0	5	6	83.33	1	1
NY-0580	Nathaniel H Topping	Bridgehampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0		
NY-0651	Smith-Wever	Sayville	0	15	49	0	64	81	79.01	5	17
NY-0694	Northport	Northport	1	5	154	0	160	160	####		
NY-0803	Griswold-Terry-Glover	Southold	4	13	134	1	152	175	86.86		23
NY-0833	James Ely Miller	Smithtown	5	16	157	1	179	198	90.40		19
NY-0834	Arthur Ellis Hamm	Westhampton	0	2	89	0	91	96	94.79		5
NY-0861	Raymond Cleaves	Mattituck	0	2	0	0	2	11	18.18	8	9
NY-0924	Hand-Aldrich	Hampton Bays	8	6	81	0	95	101	94.06		6
NY-0944	Donald C Munro Inc	Kings Park	2	13	50	0	65	86	75.58	9	21
NY-1006	Joseph Loeffler	Brentwood	3	17	54	3	77	88	87.50		11
NY-1015	Amityville	Amityville	0	4	6	1	11	28	39.29	13	17
NY-1039	Herold-Tierney	Central Islip	2	2	2	0	6	11	54.55	4	5
NY-1045	Alfred R Grebe Inc	Fishers Island	0	5	3	0	8	15	53.33	5	7
NY-1120	Feustel-Kurdt Inc	Lindenhurst	0	13	47	1	61	84	72.62	11	23
NY-1146	Joseph Kovarik	Bohemia	3	7	26	0	36	58	62.07	14	22
NY-1152	Sherwood Brothers	St James	16	7	89	1	113	96	####		
NY-1218	Hunter-Squires-Jackson Inc	Amityville	0	5	3	0	8	23	34.78	12	15
NY-1244	Greenlawn Inc	Greenlawn	2	8	103	0	113	140	80.71	6	27
NY-1533	Arthur H Clune	Mastic Beach	6	12	53	0	71	94	75.53	9	23
NY-1545	Eastport	Eastport	2	9	53	0	64	81	79.01	5	17
NY-1633	Selden	Selden	0	7	16	0	23	26	88.46		3
NY-1634	Sergeant John Sardiello Inc	W Babylon-Dee	1	8	66	0	75	87	86.21		12
NY-1635	Four-S	East Islip	0	8	10	1	19	20	95.00		1
NY-1738	West Islip Inc	West Islip	1	10	68	5	84	89	94.38		5

NY-1766	Irving Hart	Setauket L I	0	3	7	0	10	12	83.33	1	2
NY-1839	Wayne Middleton Inc	North Babylon	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.00	5	5
NY-1848	John R Cacioppo	Medford	0	8	19	0	27	32	84.38	1	5
NY-1880	Leisure Village	Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0		
NY-1888	Brunn-Prchal	Rocky Point	0	2	34	0	36	38	94.74		
NY-1941	Pearl Harbor Memorial	Port Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0		
NY-2016	Farmingdale State College	Farmingdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0		
		SUM:	79	410	2357	21	2867	3432	83.54	51	565

District Summary Including all HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renew	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	NY Dist 0001 LGN	85	337	1076	6	1504	2001	75.16
2	NY Dist 0002 LGN	36	406	1294	15	1751	1982	88.35
3	NY Dist 0003 LGN	96	619	2915	21	3651	4493	81.26
4	NY Dist 0004 LGN	158	977	4376	21	5532	7218	76.64
5	NY Dist 0005 LGN	238	1110	6490	24	7862	9860	79.74
6	NY Dist 0006 LGN	94	700	3525	19	4338	5796	74.84
7	NY Dist 0007 LGN	193	1042	5935	49	7219	8731	82.68
8	NY Dist 0008 LGN	240	1199	7661	24	9124	#####	79.71
9	NY Dist 0009 LGN	102	735	3327	21	4185	5343	78.33
10	NY Dist 0010 LGN	126	1156	4831	38	6151	7650	80.41
11	NY Dist 0099 LGN	1	1135	5165	0	6302	7529	83.70
	Sum:	1369	9416	46595	238	57619	#####	79.915

Department of New York Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers		% of Goal
Sum:	1369	9416	46595	238	57619	79.972

Legend:	
Met Goal Of:	100%
Met Goal Of:	80%
Needs Help	>80%
No Change	###

POW-MIA Report

For December 2025

The remains of six of our fallen comrades have been recovered, identified and returned to their loved ones.

WORLD WAR 2

Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Cpl. Delmont Johnston, 21,

Takao, Formosa

U.S. Army Capt. Willibald C. Bianchi, 29, POW

Tokyo Military Prison

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Irvin C. Ellingson, 25, POW

Europe:

Lebeuville, France

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Merrill E. Brewer, 26,

Wildenguth, France

U.S. Army Pfc. Richard P. Summers, 19,

KOREAN War:

U.S. Army Cpl. George C. Hagie, 18 POW

Currently from WWII, there are 71,799 still unaccounted for. 7,386 still missing from the Korean. 1,566 American servicemen and civilians still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 5 missing from the Gulf War and 126 from the Cold War.

**May God bless, heal, and protect all who survived our Nations Conflicts.
And to all those who gave their lives and lay in unmarked repose;
may their souls rest with Him in eternal peace.**

Missing in America Project Report

Jan 9, 2026

The M.I.A.P has announced that the following State will be having Services for the following unclaimed Cremains of Veterans and Spouses.

Jan 21: Arizona State, 20 Veterans 2 Spouses to be interred at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

There is nothing, to report for New York State at this time.

Kevin Eaton

MIAP Chair

National Cemetery Long Island National

PCC Jim Beecher

The first meeting of the year was held Sunday, January 4, 2026. LI National is up and running. There was some vandalism at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Queens (spray painting) but that has been corrected.

The new cemetery at St.Albans is functioning but only taking in cremains at this time.

National Cemetery Calverton

10th District Sgt-at-Arms Mike Pankowski

The pickup of wreaths from Wreaths Across America will take place on Saturday Jan. 10 at 9AM at Calverton National Cemetery. Wreaths will be picked up at the following sections; Sections 23, 26 and 29. Large dumpsters will be in place near the Assembly Area to dispose of the wreaths.

National Commanders Dinner Report

A dinner to honor American Legion National Commander Dan Wiley will take place on Friday April 17 at Antuns in Queens. The price for this event will be close to last year with the final price being available after the mid-winter conference. I ask all posts to start working on getting me a head count for this event. Suffolk County American Legion has had the second highest head count to this event the last several years. It would be nice if this year we could top Queens County for the top spot!

PCC Michael Pankowski
10th District Sgt-at-Arms Mike Pankowski
American Legion
Department of New York

SCAL ORATORICAL CONTEST – January 2026 Committee Report

Suffolk County Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

Location: Joseph Loeffler Post #1006, Brentwood Time: 1-330pm

- Special thanks to Commander Sharon Hoover and members of her Post for their hospitality and donations. It truly was a sincere effort especially for last minute cancellations in making this program a success.

- Thursday Night Commander Sharon and I did a quick walk thru to review room set up and holding room. I can't praise enough about her help, and recommendations to include small details to help ensure a smooth program.
- Saturday Morning – H.S.J. Auxiliary – Treasurer Lisa Johnson set up of food. Post #1006 donated soft drinks and coffee/tea if anyone wanted.
- Judges was asked to arrive at 1:00 pm for their briefing. They were late.
- 1:30pm student sound check.
- Student briefing at 1:45 pm.
- Contest began at 2:15 pm.

Special thanks to PCC Bill Farley that helped with filling in last minute as the Sgt. Of Arms. keeping order, clearing the room so that I could duplicate efforts.

Hospitality: Sue Regina and Post 1634 Auxiliary – helped with the refreshments set up and helped clean up.

Timekeepers: Kevin Eaton (SCAL Adjutant) and Steve Antonucci

*we replaced the stop watches with new ones this year donated, however they had a slight beeping sound.

Tabulators: PNCC Robert Robesch, and Brian Fowler, SONS Commander, and PCC Bob Bruggermann

Holding Room Monitor: Dianne and Cisco Post 1006 – last minute fill ins thank you.

Escort: 3rd Division Vice Commander Richard Knuston, 10th District Public Relations, PCC Bill Farley, and Kathy Nielsen also helped when needed.

Sgt. At Arms: PCC Bill Farley

County Chaplain: - PCC Kenneth Dolan

Assigned Topic Moderator: ***Commanders Room (5 Minutes Count) – Kathy Nielsen**

Finance Officer: Rob Robesch

Judges:

- ***Ms. Yvette Mathis – Educator – Wyandanch School District***
- ***Fred Tartaglione, Jr. SCAL Membership Chairman, 10th District Membership Chairperson***
- ***Bill Coderre, County Adjutant Vice Commander***

1st Place: Isabella Reitzel	Awarded \$250
2nd Place: Peter Kennedy	Awarded \$150
3rd Place: Andrew Smith	Awarded \$100
4th Place: Francesco Posillico	Awarded \$50

SCAL ORATORICAL CONTEST – January 2026 Committee Report

Special recognition to Greenlawn Post #1244 - Sorry to report we only have a total of Four contestants, and (3) were all from – **Greenlawn Post**.

- In addition to the monetary awards each contestant was awarded a participation certificate.
- Chairperson thanked Judges and gave them special thanks for participation w/ small gift.

10th District Oratorical Chair – Jeff Molitor shared his congratulations to the winners and explained the next phase for the top (2) contestants to move on to the district level.

If it was not for the efforts of the **Greenlawn Post** – this program would not be successful. We must do better as a county and each POST should be involved with their schools to help reach out early to make this program a success.

My sincere apologies once again for no voice and escaping the main contestant room in time so that my coughing would not disturb the students.

Friendly Reminders:

1. Start Early - I am happy to assist, go with you to the schools, but start early.....like Tomorrow!!!
2. Judges/Volunteers – I need more involvement
3. Students may have questions PLEASE direct them to me to assist them if your post is unable to help.

Financial Breakdown: Receipts submitted.

beverages	Donation	\$0
Sandwiches/cookies	Donation	\$0
Certificates	Donation	\$0
Timers	Donation	\$0
SCAL Checks (first, second, and third prize)	Awards	\$550
	Total	\$550.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Lenore Brathwaite
SCAL Oratorical Chairperson

PCC Testimonial Report

Ken Dolan

Jr. Past County Commander Kevin Eaton's Testimonial Dinner will be held:

Date: April 4, 2026

Time: 3pm

Location: Joseph Loeffler Post 1006

198 First St.

Brentwood, NY 11717

Cost: \$35pp

**AMERICAN LEGION – SUFFOLK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

December 2025 Monthly Report

December 6 –

Suffolk County held its Annual High School Oratorical Contest at Joseph Loeffler Post 1006, Brentwood, NY. Each of the competitors was magnificent in their interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. The Contest showed the audience how versed and knowledgeable these High School students were on the U.S. Constitution.

December 7 –

Multiple Posts had Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremonies to Honor those who lost their lives in the horrific attack. Elected Officials were among the participants in the Ceremonies and Remembrances.

December 2025 –

Children and Veterans Christmas/Holiday Parties were held and sponsored by various Posts to celebrate and recognize the season. This is the time to show those people that they are not forgotten during the Holiday season.

Pictures and Text Published in “News You Can Use”, various local media outlets and on Legiontown.org

Report Submitted by:

Richard Knutson
Public Relations Officer



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New York City

April 10-11 2026





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William Clancy*

*Sons of The American Legion
National Commander
2025 - 2026*



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CLICK HERE:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/51146843>

Click "Make Reservation"

Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

811 7th Avenue (at West 53rd Street)

New York, NY 10019

See next page for booking by phone info

\$229/night (single queen or 2 double beds)

Rates are valid April 8 - 12, 2025

More Info Coming Soon!


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*Homecoming for
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2025 - 2026*



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**Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel
811 7th Avenue (at West 53rd Street)
New York, NY 10019**

To book by phone :

Call Marriott toll-free reservations: **1-888-236-2427**

Follow the prompts to connect with a live reservations agent.

Ask to make a group reservation at Sheraton New York Times Square

Provide arrival/departure date (within your April 9-12 room block dates)

Provide group code: **SON**

More Info Coming Soon!



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845-828-3743



From: Jeffery T Molitor-Suffolk County Chairman for Scouting

To: Commander-Suffolk County American Legion, Dept of New York

Via: Adjutant Suffolk County American Legion, Dept of New York

Subject: Report- January 2026

Scouting Program:

Eagle Scout of the Year is due to the District by February 1 2026. It is due to the Department by March 1st 2026. Only one per District will be submitted. Last year, Suffolk County submitted a Scout but other Counties sent them directly to the Department. Those scouts were disqualified because they did not go through the district.

Eagle Scout of the year is a scholarship worth \$10,000 with 3 runner ups valued at \$2500 each. All program submissions are found on the Dept website under scouting.

[Eagle Scout Nomination Form](#) (PDF)

[Outstanding Boy-Scout-Troop-Nomination-Form](#) (PDF)

[Outstanding Cub-Scout-Pack-Nomination-Form](#) (PDF)

[Outstanding Explorer-Post-Nomination-Form](#) (PDF)

[Scouter of Year-Nomination Form](#) (PDF)

[Venturing-Crew-Nomination-Form](#) (PDF)