

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

March 2023 minutes

Brentwood, New York

Meeting opened by Commander Antonacci, at 2000 hours with proper respect and ceremony. Roll call showed 21 posts present and all officers present. Joseph Loeffler Commander, Sharon Hoover, welcomed all. Frank Colon, 10th District Commander, was in attendance. Also Madame 1st Vice President of the Auxiliary, (Joanne Johnson) and Past National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, (Chris Cerillo) were present.

Regular Business was suspended Issacs/ Duran so guests could speak. Business was resumed Ormandy/Wagner. All of the commanders reports are included. Minutes as emailed Wagner/Shadler, carried. Finance report Smith/Shadler, Accepted. Report included. Chaplain Bergen asked that it be in minutes the need to recognize all, not just saying "Gentlemen". Membership was spoken about with county being at 85%.

The following reports are included: Americanism, Boys State, County Convention, Legionnaire of the year (2 entries), Legislative, Legion Riders, MIA/POW, National Commanders Dinner, Past Commanders Dinner, PTS (date of 4/22, location is TBA). Sons of American Legion.

New Business, Smith/Shadler accept convention bid.

Good of the Order, discussion on News You Can Use. Vietnam 50th Recognition.

Meeting closed at 2130 with respect and ceremony.

Jim Beecher, SCAL Adjutant

March 3 2023

Suffolk County American Legion
Financial report

3-Mar-23

For the period ended february 28 , 2023

General Account:

opening Balance 41,513.02

Deposits:

<u>Date</u>	<u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
6-Feb		1,610.00	Natl Cdr
6-Feb	W+M	150.00	
6-Feb	C+Y	43.00	
14-Feb		770.00	Natl Cdr
27-Feb		5,045.00	Natl Cdr
28-Feb		3.44	interest
	Total deposits	7,621.44	

Disbursements

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1775	1-Feb	500.00	DNY Cdr project
1776	7-Feb	150.00	post 1006 mtg food
1782	9-Feb	750.00	S. Antonacci MidWinter
1781	13-Feb	200.00	LINCMO Patches
1783	14-Feb	9,100.00	Richmond Cty CDR Dinner
1784	14-Feb	140.00	Richmond Cty CDR Dinner
1774	22-Feb	200.00	Comm to elect T. Collmer
1780	22-Feb	50.00	4 Chaplains

Total disbursements 11,090.00

Ending balance 38,225.46

Monies held:

SAL	1,908.50
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	1,700.00
3rd Div	5,030.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	11,063.74

Boy's State	4,928.68
Savings	7,521.62
CD	26,201.70
	38,652.00

Total All accounts 76,877.46

Total available 65,813.72

From please21@aol.com
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Date Today at 10:02 AM

On Saturday February 18

I attended the American Legion Nassau County
Military Ball

On Sunday February 19

I attended the Four Chaplains Ceremony in
Patchouge

On ^{mon}~~Sunday~~ February 20 I Attended the Funeral
Service for
Member John Dekas

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

AMERICAN LEGION – First Division

I want to take a moment to recap the last few meetings to highlight the failed attempts of the 1st division: We have been on a Rocky Start.

- **December Meeting: Cancelled** on 12/08/2022 due to numerous members/post commanders including myself sick or hospitalized.
- **January Scheduled Meeting Date:** 01/26/2023 @ 7pm – No Attendees.

****I received only one phone call to share their inability to attend.

- **February Scheduled Meeting Date:** Canceled due to Post Everlasting Ceremony for past 1st Division Vice Commander Robert A. Romano.

Email sent out to all Post Commanders – and posted in News you can use re: time and location of Post everlasting services.

On Feb. 17th – I sent out an email to all Post Commanders explaining the very poor to zero percent attendance at our division meetings.

I also attached in the same email a report to be filled out to help document monthly events.

I will continue to reach out to each Post Commander to get reports and updates on Post activities. Currently (2) Posts have been in communication with me.

I will also try to visit Posts at their next POST Monthly meeting.

The Next 1st Division March meeting will be held on:

Friday March 10, 2023 HSJ #1218 – Hosting.

Location: VFW Post – 300 Broadway, Amityville NY 11701

Time: Dinner served at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7pm.

It is an embarrassment what the meetings in our 1st division have come to and is a clear indication that most are taking positions with little to NO intentions of doing the job they were elected for. At the very least a simple courtesy is to call or email with regrets. I just find that month to month we allow excuses and there is no excuse to not send an alternate to a meeting every now and then. It's a shame that a little consideration is not given, or the respect that others are planning a meeting, supplying food, and giving up their time. No consideration whatsoever.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenore Brathwaite

1st Division Vice Chairperson

Monthly Report - February 2023

Post Name# _____

DEADLINE: February 28, 2023

Scope: *The Purpose of this report is to assist your 1st Division Vice Commander. This report would help your 1st Division Commander in highlighting YOUR Post achievements, events, and highlights at the County Meetings.*

Reasoning: *Posts in our division are working very hard, however this year we have had poor attendance at meetings. Since meetings or communication has been very poor, our county reports also reflect the challenges, and I am unable to properly report out the accomplishments or problems.*

To assist; We heard suggestions to have Zoom meetings, but unfortunately this did not change the outcome in attendance at monthly meetings.

It's unfortunate but (3) Posts in our Division have not been to any county and/or division meetings or sent a member as a proxy in lieu of their absence.

Implementations:

1. *At the time I pen this letter, I have not been informed of any problems/situations in the 1st division. To ensure open communication with the Post Commanders I will continue to do the following:*
 - a. *Calls are made monthly to all Post Commanders.*
 - b. *Group text is sent 2 weeks prior to meetings and a reminder email is also sent.*
2. *I will be reaching out to each commander via phone to hopefully join the attendance at their next monthly (MARCH) Post Meeting.*
3. *I thought I could also come up with an alternate way to help foster our communication since we are all very busy POST Commanders.*
 - a. *Monthly Report (Attached) can be documented and emailed to me by due date.*
 - b. *Sent out each month*
4. *Monthly Minutes of division meetings will be emailed to each Post Commander*
5. *County Reports – can be found on News You Can Use and are emailed to each Post Commander.*

Your Post attendance in the meetings helps us all to identify any challenges, problems, or items to address. It's important to share your post experiences so we all grow together as well as support one another.

****I would love to attend your next monthly post meeting. Please share with me the date and time and would be happy to attend in the month of March 2023.*