



Suffolk County American Legion Meeting Minutes March 4th Post 94 Babylon 2021

Meeting was called to order by Commander Roby Johnson at 2000hrs

. Color guard from Post 1006 presented and posted colors

Membership rendered a hand salute to the colors

Chaplain Tom Bergin offered an opening prayer.

Commander Johnson observed our POW/MIA's. Membership recited the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Membership recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

Roll Call of Posts.

The following Posts were present: Babylon, Wayne Middleton, Hunter Squire Jackson, Rusy Bohm, Smith-Weaver, James Ely Miller, Donald C. Munro, Joseph Loeffler, Herold Terny, Patchogue, Wilson Ritch, Arthur Clune, John R. Cacioppo, Pearl Harbor memorial, Riverhead, and Raymond Cleaves and. 16 Posts Total, a quorum for conducting business.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander R. Johnson – present

Adjutant J. Beecher – excused

Finance Officer R. Robesch - present

Chaplain T. Bergin – present

Historian J. Doran - present

Sgt. at Arms W. Farley – present

Service Officer K Dolan – present

1st Division Commander R. Romano – present

2nd Division Commander K. Eaton- present

3rd Division Commander Rev F. Miller - present

4th Division Commander R. DeVito – present

5th Division Commander M. Knab – Excused

Minutes of February Meeting - Motion Made to Accept Minutes, seconded and Approved by Membership

Past County Commanders as well as Auxiliary officers in Attendance were recognized by Commander Johnson.



Babylon Post Commander absent to make opening remarks. Opening welcoming remarks given by Philip Gomez

Officer Reports:

Commander Johnson made a report of his activities for the month (enclosed).

Chaplain Tom Bergin stated that Four Chaplain Ceremony unfortunately this year could not be attended as usual summed up the ceremony as successful. And since it was unfair to leave out members of the legion. His quote was. (No man left behind).

1st Division Commander Romano stated next meeting will be at Hunter Squire Jackson Post-1218. April 6. 7pm.

2nd Division Commander Eaton stated next meeting will be at Donald C. Munro Post-944 March 18th. Dinner at 7:pm Meeting at 8:00pm

3rd Division Commander Rev F. Miller stated next meeting will be at Arthur Clune mastic beach post 1533 on March 18th at 7: pm.

4th Division Commander R. DeVito stated that he is driving around and contacting posts in the 4th Division. Still no executive committee. No meeting proposed.

5th Division Commander per Jim Beecher email from Marty Knab stated next meeting will be held on March 10th at Hampton Bays Post-924. Dinner at 6:pm, meeting at 7:pm

Finance Officer Robesch made the financial report. Reminder about PUFL dues Motion made, seconded, and approved by Membership to accept his report.

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Committee Reports

Historian Report Jerry Duran deferred to good of the legion.

Sgt at arms N/R

Service officer Ken Dolan mentioned titles of reports and reports attached.

Boys State report presented by acting Adjutant on behalf of Jim Beecher. *** Important to read report attached.

Budget and Finance - Tom Wagner Reported Budget is in for this year and next years budget will be given in August,



Bylaws and constitution Robert Shadler reported that Suffolk County bylaws have been approved and will be posted in News You Can Use,

County Color Guard Tom Wagner reported the colors will be brought in for PCC Jim Beecher's testimonial as well as the county convention. Awaiting further command.

County Convention Robert W. Smith proposed voting on submission for county convention to be held June 11-2022 Brentwood Post 1006. Motion made to vote on approval, Motion was seconded by membership and voted unanimously. County convention to be held at Brentwood Joseph Loeffler post 1006.

Law and order-County Commander Johnson reported there is one submission from post-651

Credentials- Robert Robesch reported credentials and delegate strength of each post will be mailed Within the next few weeks.

DMS cards Robert Lindsay -N/R

Legion Riders-David Isaacs read report. Report is attached.

Auxiliary report-Tom Bergen deferred to Carol Wolf Auxiliary president who introduced her staff as well as reporting Tara Montebello has been taking care of sending care packages to our troops. Past county president Joan Smith has led membership to over 85%. Pat Bergen has filled 23 slots for Empire girls state. Vice president Joanne Johnson has raised over \$500.00 for kids need more and nominated two boys for the nation good deed award. VP Dee Stegman has raised over \$1500 dollars for Americas Vet Dogs,

MIA/POW Bob Bruggerman reported Ten servicemen repatriated. Report attached.

Legionnaire of the Year- Philip Barczak reported lack of nominees.

Testimonial Dinner Jim Beecher

We are having a Bar-B-Que at Babylon Post #94 on Sunday April 3 from 3pm to 7pm to Honor our Jr. Past County Commander for the great job he did leading Suffolk County American Legion for the last two years!

The menu for this Bar-B-Que will include hamburgers, hot dogs, many salads, beer, wine, soda and cake all for only \$15 a Ticket! Please take the time to come to this event and Thank Past Commander Jim Beecher.

Contact PCC Mike Pankowski for tickets at 631-800-4061, mail all checks (made out to Suffolk County American Legion) to Mike at 172 Arrowhead Ave, Riverhead NY 11901.

Thank you and see you at the Bar-B-Que Testimonial!!



National commanders' dinner

A dinner honoring American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard will be held on Friday April 8 at Anton's in Queens starting at PM. Tickets for this evening and can be purchased for \$70.00 each.

Please make your checks out to Suffolk County American Legion and send them to either event cochairs Mike Pankowski (172 Arrowhead Ave Riverhead NY 11901) or Jim Beecher (549 Lombard Street, North Babylon NY 11703).

Please do not delay as this event is about a month away! Please join Suffolk County American Legion and all from Southern New York for this special event.

County Membership. Bill Wolf Reported Suffolk count at 85.3%

Nominations _Bill Farley Nomination for Bill Farley for Sgt at arms

SAL Christopher. Cerullo. Gave report, Sons are doing well.

Scouting-Gene Ormandy Reported two candidates for Eagle scout.

Old Business

N/R

New Business

N/R

Good of the Legion

Jerry Duran Reported on active deployment requirements given current conflicts. Report attached.

Robert w. Smith made a motion to release funds that were approved, \$500.00 for uber cards for Northport. \$250.00 for Long Island veterans' program. \$250.00 auxiliary program vet dogs and \$250.00 for Walkathon. All the above Approved

Chaplain Tom Bergen requests all posts start compiling names for post everlasting to take place at county convention.

Auxiliary presented Birthday cake to commemorate Legion 103rd birthday

Motion was made to adjourn, Seconded and unanimous consent was approved



Chaplain Tom Bergen offered closing prayer and moment of silence,

Next county meeting April 1 at the James Ely Miller post -833

Commander Roby Johnson closed meeting in good order at 2119hrs

Respectfully submitted

David M. Isaacs

2nd Division Adjutant