Suffolk County American Legion's Business Meeting held on 2-December-2022 Suffolk County American Legion Vice Commander Fourth Division Commander's Report

Suffolk County American Legion's Fourth Divisions Posts:

- (1) Alfred Grebe Legion Post No. 1045-Fisher's Island.

  This post reports they held a Veteran's Day Observance Ceremony. The post also served a Soup and Dinner at their post for members, other veterans and their guests.
- (2) Mitchell Legion Post No. 281-Shelter Island. This post reports that they conducted a Veterans Day Observance Ceremony, along with Shelter Island School Children who participated in a Flag Ceremony for Veterans Day. Also this post is donating funds towards the formation of a Shelter Island High School Wrestling Team.
- (3) Burton Potter Legion Post No. 185-Greenport.

  This post also held and conducted a Veterans Day Observance Ceremony along with a Flag
  Dedication Service to honor our Veterans. With these two events held at this post, there was also
  a membership drive conducted. There was supposed to be a swearing in ceremony for newly
  appointed post members to occupy positions on their executive board scheduled for
  1-December-2022 performed by the Fourth Division Commander. Their current post commander
  is now temporarily deployed on active duty. This swearing in of their officer's ceremony will take
  place at their post at the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023's Business Meeting.
- (4) Riverhead Legion Post No. 273. This post reports that they had a Veterans Day Observance Ceremony conducted at their post. Also the Riverhead VFW Post provided a luncheon for veterans of these two service organizations. Members of the Riverhead Legion Post went to the Pulaski Elementary School in Riverhead to discuss the importance of observing Veterans Day. Post members also talked about their personnel experiences to the students while they served our nation.
- (5) Griswold-Terry-Glover Legion Post No. 803-Southold.

  This post also held a Veterans Day Observance Ceremony at their post. Also attending this service were the North Fork Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Cub Scouts. The Southold Town Rotary Club prepared and served a luncheon after the service at this post. It is also reported with deep sadness that former WWII Veteran, Irving Pitman, age 105, has passed on. There will be a legion service performed for this honorable veteran sometime in January, 2023. I will post further information when it is indicated by Legionnaire Pitman's Family. The Southold Post Legion Commander will be resigning his position as commander effective January 1st, 2023 because of his military obligations. This post is in the process of obtaining a new post commander.
- (6) Raymond Cleaves Legion Post No. 861-Mattituck.

  The commander of this post attended a flag service on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cutchogue
  Presbyterian Church to honor our veterans for Veterans Day. This post conducted a Veterans
  Day Observance Ceremony outside by the post's Veteran's Monuments. The post commander
  also attended a Veterans Day Observance Ceremony that was held at the Calverton Cemetery.
  Post 861 donated \$100 towards to the Suffolk County American Legion to help support the
  Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services. The Mattituck Legion Post purchased and donated a \$50 gift

certificate and an American Flag from Orlosky's Hardware Store in Mattituck to help support a "Comedy Night Fundraiser" event held at the Polish Hall in Riverhead to support the local service organizations such as the; fire departments, first responders, EMT's, etc.

This is the Fourth Division's Commander's Report for December, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob DeVito Suffolk County American Legion Vice Commander



December 2, 2022,

# American Legion Riders Suffolk County Report

# Suffolk county riders participated in the following through November

- 11/3- donated to post 1006 Aux for their current fundraiser.
- 11/6 Escorted Truckers for Turkeys
- 11/6- Attended Suffolk Harley Veterans appreciation fundraiser
- 11/11-Participated Veterans Day ceremony sparrow park Sayville
- 11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony in Greenlawn
- 11/11 Visit to Veterans in Carillon Assisted Living
- 11/11 Visit to Veterans in Maryville Assisted Living
- 11/11 Riders made it in to N.Y.C. Veterans Day Parade
- 11/13- November 13, 1006, attended & donated \$100 & personal items to operation enduring care Drive with supplies benefit car show
- 11/13 Our Riders are stepping up and helping with operation Enduring Care. This fundraiser was at Walt Whitman H.S. Lots of food / clothing / and personal items were collected for our Veterans in need.
- 11/14 Funeral for Leonard Lorosso WWII Army Veteran
- 11/15 30- Thanksgiving meals were delivered to Beacon house
- 11/20 ALR's of Post 1244 famous Turkey Ride. Where we deliver full thanksgiving meals to Veterans in need. This year we delivered approx. 15 Thanksgiving meals
- 11/22 Attended House dedication for N.Y.P.D. Officer Dalsh Veve who was seriously injured while working.

11/26 – Huntington Town Holiday Parade. In tradition Post 1244 Riders did their bikes up in many lights /ribbons and bows and led the Holiday Parade down Main St. A fun night for all.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Isaacs
Suffolk County Chairman
American Jegion Riders

#### **POW-MIA Report**

For November of 2022

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

#### **WORLD WAR 2**

### Pacific Theater:

#### Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Pvt. James R. Tash, 20, POW

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. David E. Holeman, 39, POW

U.S. Army Air Forces Pvt. Joseph E. Lescaut, 21,

#### **European Theater:**

#### France

U.S. Army Pfc. Francis P. Martin, 25,

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. James Rotunno, 27,

#### Hürtgen Forest

U.S. Army Cpl. Joseph H. Gunnoe, 21,

#### Leipzig, Germany

U.S. Army Air Forces 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Wayne L. Dyer, 22,

#### Stalag Luft 6, in Heydekrug, Germany.

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Walter Nies, 23, POW

#### Ploiesti, Romania

U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. John M. Carroll, 32,

#### **KOREAN War:**

U.S. Army Sgt. Alfred H. Sidney, 23, POW

U.S. Army Cpl. Tommie T. Hanks, 27,

U.S. Army Pfc. Robert A. Wright, 18,

U.S. Army Sgt. Allen H. Tuttle, 23, POW

Currently from WWII, there are 72,261 still unaccounted for. 7,520 still missing from the Korean. 1,581 American servicemen and civilians still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 5 missing from the Gulf War and 126 from the Cold War.

To all those who gave their lives and lay in unmarked repose; may your souls rest with God in eternal peace.

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National Commanders Dinner - Ticket Sales Suffolk County

I am happy to report that my early request to Suffolk County for posts and individuals to commit to attending the National Commanders Dinner has been successful. We have over 90 tickets commit. I am anticipating come January this number will be over 100 tickets and I am hopeful we will top that number.

If you haven't already committed to purchasing a ticket to the National Commanders Dinner, I ask you to contact me as soon as possible. As soon as I know the price, I will get that word out to everybody.

I thank Suffolk County American Legion and the Suffolk County American Legion Family for their support to this great event.

Michael R Pankowski

Chairperson - Ticket Sales Suffolk County American Legion

National Commanders Dinner



We have (5) students confirmed. I did follow up with our County Finance Officer and he will be present with the checks.

All necessary materials, score cards, timers, etc. will all be set up at the post with the help of our Division Chairperson Mike Pankowski to assist me.

If anyone would like to still volunteer their help. Please come out!!! I still need some assistance. Escorts will be needed.

There were two other comrades that shared they would be available to help. I want to thank all in advance for taking my calls, answering my questions. I appreciate it. I esp. want to thank Bob Smith for such an organized transfer of materials. It really made this appointment go very smoothly.

Lastly, Refreshments will be served: Waters, Coffee and Tea. Donuts/Cookies and some Hot Cocoa for the students. So don't worry about breakfast. Jump out of bed and join US!

Please come out and show your support for our student contestants. They are the very best of our young people!

Respectfully Submitted, Lenore Brathwaite Chairperson



# SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION PTS COMMITTEE

## December 1, 2022 Report

- 1. I hope to start a new class on peer to peer in the last 2 Saturdays' in January, or the first two in February. To do so I need about 20 to 25 students in the program. I now have about 6. Please take a copy of the register form and fill it out and send it to me.
- 2. The New York State Department of the American Legion has launched a fund to help peer programs. I therefore request that we in Suffolk County apply for the funds we need to keep our training program.
- 3. Our program is not only on our webpage, but is now on the web; About the Program Peer to Peer Program Veterans peer to peer program.

The suicides are a result of Moral Injury and that can be best treated by the clergy. Please have the clergy in your House of Worship call me so I can tell them how to help our fellow veterans. Call me at 631-395-4646 or email me at Drfred72@Gmail.com