



Suffolk County American Legion Minutes and Reports September 5, 2025

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Suffolk County American Legion

Suffolk County Minutes

September 5, 2025

Donald C. Munro Post 944

Meeting Opening – 1955

Adjourned – 2135

Change of Command Ceremony Held

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. Twenty Posts out of Forty were present. We had a quorum.

The commander offered his report which is attached separately.

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	X
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	X	Irving Hart	Post 1766	3	
Greenlawn	Post 1244	1	X	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		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	Chelburg & Battle	Post 388	5	X
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	X	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			20

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 @ 2005

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:
PCC Ken Dolan

Motion seconded: PCC Robert Bruggemann

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 –	See Attached
5th Division – Paul Gerecke	See Attached

COMMANDERS REPORT: Commander Isaacs

See Attached

FINANCE REPORT: Robert Robesch

See Attached

Motion made to accept the Finance Officers Report: Robert Lindsey

Motion seconded: Fred Tartaglione

Motion to accept the Finance Officers Report accepted.

CHAPLAINS REPORT

No Report

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	X	MyLegion Coordinator	Bill Coderre	X
Constitution & By-Laws	Bill Coderre		National Cemetery	Jim Beecher	X
County Color Guard	Rich Knutson	X	Long Island National		
County Convention	Gene Ordmandy	X	National Cemetery Calverton	Dennis Morrill	X
Credentials	Robert Robesch		National Commanders Dinner	Michael Pankowski	X
Dept. Commander's Visit	Kevin Eaton	X	Nominations	Kevin Eaton	
Directory	Kathy Neilsen		Oratorical	Lenore Brathwaite	X
Distinguished Guests	Bill Coderre		Parliamentarian	Jim Beecher	
DMS Cards	Robert Lindsay	X	PCC Testimonial Dinner	Ken Dolan	
Gold Star Parents	Phil Barczak		Post Charters	Gene Ordmandy	
Historian	Steve Antonacci	X	Protocol	Gene Ordmandy	
Hospital Welfare	Fred Loucka	X	PTS Training	Fred Miller	
Judge Advocate	Michael Pankowski	X	Public Relations	Rich Knutson	
Law and Order	Roby Johnson		PUFL	Robert Robesch	
Legion Riders	Jeff Molitor	X	Resolutions	Bill Coderre	
Legionnaire of the Year	Philip Barczak		SAL Advisor	Kevin Eaton	X
Legislative	Ken Dolan	X	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	X
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.*

- **PTS Training:** PCC Bill Farley discussed Rev Fred Miller and helping him with PTS Training. After a brief discussion, it was decided to table the item. Motion: PCC Bill Farley 2nd: Robert Lindsey
- **Awards:** Jr. Past County Commander presented awards and certificates awarded by Department to various Suffolk County Posts not present at the Department Convention in July.

Membership: Reaching 100%

James Ely Miller Post 833: Received a \$25 Gift certificate to Flag & Emblem

Alfred R. Grebe Post 1045: Received a \$25 Gift certificate to Flag & Emblem

Sherwood Brothers Post 1152: Received a \$25 Gift certificate to Flag & Emblem

Brunn Prchal Post 1888: Received a \$25 Gift certificate to Flag & Emblem

Americanism Citation: Category 2 Most Outstanding Report Submitted

Northport Post 694: Received a Citation

Americanism Citation: Category 1 Most Outstanding Report Submitted

Sergeant John Sardiolo Post 1634: Received a Citation

Fang A. Wong National Commander Membership Award: Category 1 & 2 First to Achieve 100%

Brunn Prchal Post 1888: Received a Plaque

New Business: Commander Isaacs

- **VA and Unions:** All Unions, except Police and Fire Services, at the Veterans Administration are being dismantled. Membership is worried that this could affect services at the Northport VA. The question, should the Legion get involved? Past Department Vice Commander Tom Wagner spoke. He stated that the Secretary of the VA addressed this at the National Convention. He stated any and all cuts are necessary and done only because of bureaucratic waste. That Veterans services will not be affected by these changes. It was decided to have a wait and see attitude as we do not have enough information to make an informed decision.
- **County Directory:** Please support the directory by purchasing an Ad. Full Page \$60 Half Page \$30. Send Ads to Directory Chair Kathy Neilsen. They can be emailed knielsen.ala@gmail.com (Formats: JPEG, JPG, PNG, PDF, DOC) or via US Postal Service. Make checks payable to SCAL and write Directory in the MEMO section. Flyer on the NYCU
- **Boys State Counselors:** Jr. Past County Commander Kevin Eaton and 10th District Sergeant at Arms Mike Pankowski discussed the need for more counselors. The ones they have are beginning to age out and we need some younger blood. Please consider assisting during Boy's State. If they don't have counselors, Boys State will cease to exist in NY.
- **Legislative Breakfast:** County Chaplain and Legislative Chair Ken Dolan informed the membership that the Legislative Breakfast will be held at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 on October 25, 2025 9am. The cost is \$18 per person.

Sick Call:

- Bob Kampel (Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 Chaplain & Past Post Commander) was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. He is home and doing well. It will be a slow recovery
- Fred Miller Please keep Fred in your Thoughts and Prayers as he has been ill.
- Dennis Morrill (Eastport Post 1545) Friends asked that we all keep him in our thoughts and prayers.
- Carol Martino who attended any and all events at Calverton National Cemetery (Rain or Shine) has passed away from cancer. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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 especially during this Holiday Season.
- **Training Tuesdays:** Past 10th District Commander Gene Ordmandy went on to discuss that starting Tuesday, September 25, 2025 at Wilson-Ritch Post 432 in Port Jefferson NY Training on multiple subject areas/topics will begin. All members are invited to join. 6:30pm Registration.
- **County and 10th District Committee Assignments:** Motion made to ratify the assignments as written and posted in the Minutes Posted on the County Website and the News You Can Use. Motion: Past Department Vice Commander Tom Wagner Motion 2nd by: Fred Loucka Motion Passed
- **NDAA:** The Director for the Center of Military History has decided to close all but two Military Museums located on bases throughout the nation. (41 museums) Claims it will cut costs however, they are all but privately funded. They have only two General Schedule salaries, the rest is all paid by private funding. 5th Division Commander Paul Gereke asks all members to contact their representatives to have this stopped. He also requests that SCAL draft a Resolution to send up to Department. We have 14 Days. Before the NDAA authorization.
- **Next Suffolk County Legion Meeting:** Friday, October 3, 2025 Riverhead Post 273 89 Hubbard Ave.
Riverhead, NY 11717 7:00pm Dinner 8pm Meeting

No further business – Chaplin lead us in closing prayer

Hand Salute

Meeting adjourned: 2135

Respectfully submitted

Bill Coderre

Adjutant

Suffolk County American Legion

Commanders Report

9-5-2025

August 8, 2025: Attended the Executive meeting at Post 432

August 17, 2025: Attended the 40&8 Picnic

August 28, 2025: Post 651 lost their Chaplain of twenty-two (22) years, Ray Tomich. He was the longest serving officer of the Post. Attended his wake service.

I Ask all the members present to take a moment of silence for Rich Roberts. During the National Convention, he was injured in a fall and succumbed to those injuries. This a loss to not only for his family but the Legion as well. He will be missed. Please, let us take a moment of silence for him.

Moment of Silence taken:

Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted:

Commander

David M. Isaacs

Suffolk County American Legion

Financial report

5-Sep-25

For the period ended August 31 , 2025

General Account:

opening Balance 43,058.19

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposits:</u> <u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
8/7/25	Post 352	78.00	Per Capita
8/12/25	J. Beecher	70.00	Dept Cdr vi
8/12/25	Post 94	300.00	Dept Cdr vi
8/12/25	Post 155	70.00	Dept Cdr vi
8/12/25	Post 94	18.00	Per capita
8/12/25	Post 833	1,206.00	Per Capita
8/12/25	Post 185	264.00	Per capita
8/12/25	C+Y	45.00	
8/12/25	W+M	106.00	
8/19/25	Post 419	912.00	Per Capita
8/19/25	Post 360	420.00	Per Capita
8/19/25	Post 1120	162.00	Per Capita
8/31/25	Interest	3.51	
	Total deposits	<u>3,654.51</u>	

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
1970	8/1/25	900.00	R.Robesch	Stipend
1976	8/1/25	1,300.00	D. Isaaca	Stipend
1971	8/4/25	55.00	Awards Direct	Mbrshp Pla
1973	8/11/25	781.67	K. Eaton	Stipend
1978	8/11/25	200.00	K. Eaton	SAL chmn
1979	8/11/25	350.00	Marcel Jeffries	Stipend
1975	8/15/25	350.00	Post 432	Color guar
1980	8/18/25	350.00	R. Santo	Stipend
1974	8/27/25	350.00	K. Dolan	Stipend
1981	8/29/25	350.00	R. Neville	Nat'l conv
1982	8/29/25	350.00	T. Wagner	Nat'l conv

Total disbursements 5,336.67Ending balance 41,376.03

Monies held:

SAL	312.60
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	500.00

	1st Div	709.12	
	Total		3,237.84
Boy's State		25,955.02	
Savings		7,532.22	
CD		26,221.36	
		<u>59,708.60</u>	
Total All accounts		<u>101,084.63</u>	
Total available		<u>97,846.79</u>	

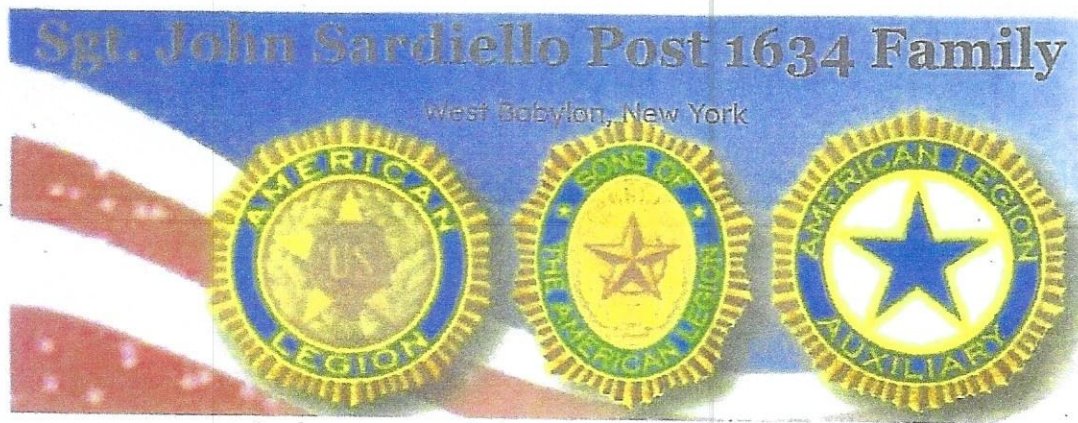
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Events Schedule 2025

September	19th - POW/MIA Vigil- 5:30pm 20th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) ____ - Empire Boys/Girls State Recognition Ceremony - 7pm (ALA/Am) 28th - Sons of Italy Feast - Fundraiser booth- all day
October	5th - Rain date SOI Feast -all day 18th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 19th - Oktoberfest Dinner - 2pm
November	1st or 8th - Post Football Sunday - 12 noon (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 11th - Veterans Day Ceremony, Open House - 3 meals - 10am 15th - Veterans Benefits Symposium - 10 am 15th - Monthly breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 22nd - Thanksgiving Food Basket Assembly(SAL) 22nd/23rd - Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery(SAL) 30th - ALA to decorate Hall for holidays
December	6th - Post Christmas Party, 6:30pm (3rd Vice Comm) 10th - Holiday Luncheon @ the Bristol(ALA) 13th - Army/Navy Game(SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 20th - Christmas Breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm)

November 8, 2025, we are doing a Veteran Day Parade down main street in Huntington at 10:00AM with Greenlawn Post 1244 and Northport 694. Party after at our post.



POW/MIA Vigil



Remember.Honor.Support

Friday, September 19, 2025

Ceremony begins at 7:30pm

Veteran's Picnic begins at 5:30pm

Babylon Town Hall

200 East Sunrise Highway

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Hosted by

**Sgt. John Sardiello American Legion Post 1634 in
conjunction with the Town of Babylon**

Contact: (631) 669-3931 or

BillieJo Vozza, Vigil Coordinator - secretary.post1634@gmail.com

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

Veteran's Benefits Symposium

**Saturday, November 15th
10am - 3 pm**

**Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634
Of the American Legion
10 Bruce Street
West Babylon, NY**



Anticipated Services

Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency
Town of Babylon Veterans Services
Medicare Services
American Legion
Sons of the American Legion
Financial Planning

Long Island Care
Legal Advice
Counseling Services
US Dept of Veterans Affairs
American Legion Auxiliary
Personal services

Roundtable discussion with local officials
Food Pantry sponsored by local scouting units
Many other services, giveaways and more!

Breakfast & Lunch Served

Open to all veterans and/or their families seeking information and services

Need InformationContact (631) 669-3931

secretary.post1634@gmail.com



*This event made possible through the support of the Suffolk County
Marathon Grant Program, Post 1634 & ALA Unit 1634*

Joseph Loeffler Post 1006
198 1st Street
Brentwood NY 11717

Greetings,

5 September 2025

August 8th - Attended the Executive County Meeting, & completed distribution of the 2nd Division Membership cards.

August 8th – Post 1006 regular meeting canceled due to lack of availability by members.

August 14th – Attended the VJ Day 80th Anniversary Wreath display at Long Island National Cemetery .

August 19th – Post 1006 beautification project.. HomeDepot donation of plants, rocks, mulch was received and with the HomeDepot volunteers the work was completed .

Upcoming- Post 1006 secured a table for the Dept Commander's Visit for Sept 7th.

September 12th – Post regular meeting is scheduled.

September 17th – The Brentwood Chamber of Commerce will be highlighting the Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 for our support for Veterans and other community contributions during their annual Gala event.

September 19th - 2nd Div meeting to be held at Post 833. 1830 hrs meal, 1900 hrs meeting.

September 20th – Post 1006 ALR- Suicide Prevention/Awareness Ride, from Harley Davidson, Bohemia to North Port V.A. and back.
Fundraising event flyer available on News You Can Use.

I wish to acknowledge all of the extra effort & work performed for our Post Beautification Project throughout the Summer, special thanks to John & Jill Baldwin, Tom & Sue Wagner, Bob Kampel, Jim Brown, Ernie Sawtelle, Brian Fowler, Tricia Jordon and everyone else who pitched in.

Respectfully submitted by 2nd Div Commander S. Hoover

3rd Division Report

9-5-2025

3rd Division voted to suspend their meetings for the summer

They held a 300 Club Raffle with 5 winners

The Division wished everyone a happy summer

3rd Division will next meet: September 19, 2025

William Merritt Hallock Post 155

115 Church Street Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm

Submitted:

3rd Division Commander

Richard Knutson



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 4TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

5th Division Commander, standing in for currently vacant 4th Division counterpart, contacted all posts in the division and delivered membership cards. The following reports have been received:

1. RIVERHEAD POST #273 - (via telephone) Post will hold 30th annual Pig Roast on Saturday, 13 September, to including live band. Post exploring participation in Wreaths Across America for the upcoming holiday season.
2. GRISWOLD-TERRY-GLOVER POST #803 - Bi-weekly Bingo sessions continuing well. Post supported car show on 24 August. Post will host Chicken BBQ on 20 September.
3. BURTON POTTER POST #185 - Post will participate in annual Maritime Festival on 20-21 September in Greenport Harbor, in conjunction with local Scout troop.
4. MITCHELL POST #281 - Visited post on 30 August. Met with senior post cadre and stressed importance of required report submission and attendance at County events. Post held annual BBQ event on 30 August. Event well-attended with roughly a dozen BBQ organizations competing. Event estimated to raise between \$10-15K.
5. ALFRED R. GREBE POST #1045 - No report received. Membership cards forwarded via Priority Mail.
6. Will explore holding Division meeting in latter part of September.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE
Commander, 5th Division



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

The 5th Division met at Hand-Aldrich Post #924 on 26 August. Posts #388, #924 and #1545 were in attendance. Commander George Hand welcomed the attendees and dinner was served at 1830. Meeting proper began at 1910 and the following reports were received:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - (via email) Post mostly over the summer quiet as the main spaces have been rented. Sons Squadron will hold a pig roast on 20 September. The post has chartered a bus to participate in the Tunnel to Towers 5K in New York City on 27 September. Bus already full at 50 participants.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Post working on repairs to fascia on rear of building and improvements to landscaping. On 30 June Cdr and Scholarship Committee presented \$13K in scholarships to local graduates, event covered by local paper. On 17 August post reps attended presentation on Meigs Raid of 1777 by local historian. Using Ground Penetrating Radar, he and his team were able to more clearly define footprint of earthwork fort in what is now Old Burying Ground adjacent to Presbyterian church and located six previously unknown graves. Post curator held follow-on discussions with historian to clarify particulars and address inconsistencies in the historical record.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 (via separate meeting) July 4th parade went well, already planning for extra-large parade for 250th anniversary of the nation's independence next year.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Wednesday Burger Nights continue going well. Participated in Southampton July 4th parade. Continuing upgrades to post - new walkway being installed. Monthly food distributions continuing well, including distribution to local veterans. Looking for additional opportunities for community groups to utilize post on off days.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - (via email) Visited local health care facility to repair/refurbish/resupply bird feeders outside patient/resident windows. Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup held on 18 August. Working with Town Engineer on placement of flag disposal boxes. Possible fundraising event on 13 September under discussion.
6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - 20 June golf outing netted approximately \$5150.00. Dean Gladys from County Legislator Starks' office visited post on 1 July. Gave informative brief on veterans' rights and services available through the County. Rentals continue to go well. Post looking into

installation of security camera system due to ongoing vandalism around post exterior. Local Girl Scouts looking to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser next February.

7. Division Commander briefed on the following items:

1. 2025-26 DIVISION MEETING SCHEDULE
- 3 .NEXT COUNTY MEETING - 5 Sept at Donald C. Munro Post (Kings Park)
4. DEPARTMENT CDR'S VISITATION - 7 Sept at Babylon - 8/30 tix deadline
5. VA WOMENS' VETERANS SALUTE - 30 August deadline for photos
6. NEXT HONOR FLIGHT - Saturday, 4 October
7. MEMBERSHIP GOALS PUBLISHED
8. MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP - Saturday, 4 October at Malvern Post #44
9. ORATORICAL COMPETITION - 6 December at Brentwood Post #1006
10. ANNUAL REPORTS/PER CAPITA/DEL PUFL PAYMENTS
11. ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY MEETINGS AND EVENTS
12. POSSIBLE ARMY MUSEUM CLOSURES

10. Meeting concluded at 2003. Next meeting Tuesday, 23 September at East Hampton Post #419.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE
Commander, 5th Division



From: Jeffery T. Molitor -Suffolk County American Legion Chairman
To: David Issacs -Commander Suffolk County American Legion

Via: Bill Cordere- Adjutant Suffolk County American Legion

Subject: Service Officer, Rider and Scouting Report

1. Scouting: No report

2. Rider report: Rider directors from the County were notified of the Department Commanders visit/escort. The following information was passed:

Tour of Hauppauge Veterans Memorial Park Plaza 1100-1200 hrs.

Tour LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum 1230-1430 hrs.
50 West Ave
West Sayville, NY 11796

Dinner Reception – 1500 - 2000 hrs.
Babylon Post 94
22 Grove Place
Babylon, NY 11702

Next month there will be an update from each rider group concerning their activity for that prior month.

3. Service officer report:

The Veterans Tuition Awards Program to cover full tuition for veterans with at least four years of active duty, not just combat veterans. The state now owns [Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery](#), now the [New York State Veterans Cemetery – Finger Lakes](#). Other key updates include [funding for nonprofit veterans' organizations](#), the [Restoration of Honor Act](#) to help veterans with certain discharges access benefits, and partnerships like the [Carnegie Hall Lullaby Project](#) for service members and their families.



Educational Benefits

- **Veterans Tuition Awards Expansion:** Governor Kathy Hochul announced a significant expansion of the Veterans Tuition Awards Program, now making full-tuition awards available to all veterans who served four or more years on active-duty, a change from the previous requirement of combat service.

State Facilities

- **State Veterans Cemetery:** The state now owns Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery and has designated it as the New York State Veterans Cemetery – Finger Lakes.

Benefits and Support Programs

Restoration of Honor Act:

This 2019 act allows the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) to restore access to state veterans benefits for veterans with an "Other-Than-Honorable" (OTH) or "General Under Honorable Conditions" discharge, for certain reasons.

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program:

This program provides grants to eligible nonprofit veterans' organizations for capital improvements to facilities that serve veterans across the state.

Carnegie Hall Lullaby Project:

A partnership with Carnegie Hall offers service members and veterans the opportunity to create and record a lullaby for their child with professional musicians and recording artists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Molitor
GySgt/USMC(ret)
Scouting, Service and Rider Chairman



Boys State Report

Sept 5, 2025

This year's New York Boys State Program, had a total of 584 on line registrations, 5 cancelations, 6 no-shows and 6 that didn't finish the week due to illness or quitting, for a grand total of 567 Delegates completing the Program. Suffolk County American Legion Posts this year sponsored 66 Delegates to Morrisville for this year's Boys State Program. Every one of our Boys State Delegates completed the week. I want to commend all the Post's that interviewed and sponsored each delegate in this year's program. The experience each Boy had at Boys State will never be forgotten by them. I would recommend that you invite the Boys back to your Post so they can share their experience with your members. Needless to say this program couldn't run without the support of our Boys State Counselors and other support staff.

I want to recognize those individuals who contributed to our program this year. 1st, our Counselors, Mike Pankowski, William McKenna, myself, and our 1st time Counselor Jeff Molitor. Thank you for the week of your time to make this program run smoothly. 2nd I want to thank those individuals, Jim Beecher, Charlie Armstrong, Bill Coderre and Robert Robesch who were there to make sure the Boys got on the busses early in the morning for departure to Morrisville as well as greeting the

busses a week later on their return late at night as well as early am the next day.

The Program this year was short on counselors due to illnesses and other personal reasons, we are in need of more counselors and would like you to let your Post's and Squadrons know about this Program and see if any members would be interested in being a counselor and spending the week with us at Boys State. Thank you all for the hard work to help make this one of the best programs of the American Legion.

For God and Country

Jr PCC Kevin Eaton

Suffolk County

American Legion

Boys State Director

PROPOSED							
SUFFOLK COUNTY BUDGET							
2025/2026	SPENT	PROPOSED	Spent	Final	Spent	PROPOSED	
				Budget			
PROPOSED EXPENCES	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024	2024/2025	2024/2025	2025/2026	
ADMINISTRATION	178.00	250.00	275.47	250.00	177.50	250.00	
AMERICANISM	310.00	350.00	564.86	500.00	250.00	350.00	
BOND	359.00	380.00	359.00	360.00	359.00	360.00	
COUNTY CHAPLAIN	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	
COLAR GUARD	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	
COUNTY ADJUTANT	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
COUNTY COMMANDER	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	
COUNTY CONVENTION HOST POST	1,508.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
COUNTY COMMANDER ELECT DEPT. CONVENTION	-	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	
COUNTY HISTORIAN	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	
COUNTY MEMBERSHIP	400.00	1,000.00	900.00	1,000.00	990.00	1,000.00	
COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	
COMMANDER PROJECT	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Leading candidate contribution	-	-	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
DEPT. CMDR. VISITATION MOTEL / BREAKFAST	135.00	300.00	790.00	800.00	448.85	600.00	
DEPT. DELEGATES (\$200)	2,400.00	3,000.00	2,840.00	3,000.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	
CONVENTION DELEGATES DINNER / HOSP. ROOM	752.00	800.00	844.36	800.00	800.00	800.00	
DEPT. MID WINTER	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	1,200.00	
DONATIONS	500.00	600.00	-	600.00		600.00	
FOUR CHAPLAINS	300.00	150.00	250.00	200.00	250.00	250.00	
LAW & ORDER	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
LEGIONAIRE OF THE YEAR	70.00	100.00	-	100.00	74.95	100.00	
MEETING REFRESHMENTS (11X\$200)	1,600.00	1,750.00	1,600.00	2,200.00	2,025.00	2,000.00	
NATIONAL CEMETERIES (DUES)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	
NATIONAL COMMANDER DINNER 2+2+1	485.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	
NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES (\$350 MAX)	2,450.00	3,500.00	1,650.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
ORATORICAL	703.00	800.00	275.00	750.00	549.68	750.00	
PAST COMMANDER PIN	606.00	600.00	628.00	650.00	675.00	750.00	
PUBLIC RELATION	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	
SAL CHAIRMAN	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
SGT-AT=ARMS	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	
TAX PREP.	-	300.00	600.00	300.00	-	300.00	
TENTH DISTRICT DUES	641.00	612.00	615.00	597.00	597.55	578.00	
TENTH DISTRICT REFRESHMENT MEETING	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	

WEB MASTER	300.00	300.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	
WEB SERVER MAINTENANCE FEES	540.00	200.00	406.00	400.00	251.70	400.00	
TOTALS	20,777.00	24,082.00	21,387.69	25,647.00	22,989.23	25,678.00	
PROPOSED INCOME / RECEIPTS	INCOME	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	Final	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	
				Budget			
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024	2024/2025	2024/2025	2025/2026	
MEMBERSHIP TOTAL FROM PRECEEDING YEAR	3,618.00	3,618.00	3,516.00	3,516.00	3,381.00	3,400.00	
MEMBERSHIP / PUFL @6.00/mbr24/25	4,274.00	14,472.00	11,860.00	21,096.00	17,691.00	20,400.00	
COUNTY MEETING BOTTLE RAFFLE	1,425.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,135.00	1,200.00	
COUNTY COMMANDER TESTIMONIAL Net profit	2,220.00	2,200.00	113.00	100.00	257.59	300.00	
C+Y Collection	698.00	400.00	475.00	500.00	789.00	800.00	
DICECTORY	240.00	200.00	388.00	400.00	(75.00)	100.00	
DEPT. COMMANDER VISITATION Banquet Net income	2,665.00	300.00	1,351.00	1,200.00	976.02	1,200.00	
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST Net income	1,655.00	200.00	756.00	750.00	1,093.00	750.00	
BANK INTEREST	39.59	35.00	43.00	45.00	37.81	40.00	
TOTAL	13,216.59	18,807.00	19,902.00	25,491.00	21,904.42	24,790.00	
Net Income /(loss)	(7,560.41)	(5,275.00)	(1,485.69)	(156.00)	(1,084.81)	(888.00)	

**Department Commander Visitation
County Report Sept 5, 2025**

This Sunday Sept 7, 2025, Suffolk County American Legion will be hosting the Visitation by Dept. Commander John Miga, Auxiliary President Maureen Morgan, and Son's Detachment Commander Joseph Guidice Jr.

This event will take place at Babylon Post 94 and will begin at 3pm with formal proceedings starting at 4pm.

As of today, we have approximately 186 attending with roughly 174 of that being paid. A more detailed accounting will be provided at our next meeting. Unless you have already talked to me, tickets for this event are closed as the final numbers have already been submitted to our caterer.

Jr PCC Kevin Eaton

Chairperson- Department Commander Visitation

Judge Advocate Report

Judge Advocate I was asked by County Commander Isaacs to contact posts who did not pay their 2024-2025 per capital tax to the county. This was 6 posts owing \$1836.00. Four of these posts submitted their monies to the county for a total of \$1710.00. Only Southampton (which I anticipate getting their money) and Fishers Island remain unpaid. I will continue efforts to contact Fishers Island.

National Commanders Dinner Report

Antum's on Friday April 17, 2026. More information when it becomes available

Michael Pankowski

Judge Advocate - Suffolk County American Legion



Legislative Breakfast

20
25

October 25, 2025

Rusy Bohm Post 411
39 Nassau Avenue, Islip, NY 11751

Time: 9 a.m.

Cost: \$18 Per Person
\$162 Table of Ten (Prepaid)

Checks payable to: SCAL

Mail to:
Kenneth G. Dolan
Legislative Chairman
20 Stuyvesant Lane
Smithtown, NY 11787-2416

Don't miss this chance to meet with our representatives and learn what they are doing for YOU and the Veteran's Community.

Note: Please write ***Legislative Breakfast*** in Memo section of check & include the names of attendees to Legislative Chairman Ken Dolan

September 2025 NYS Veterans Home Status Report

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

The census is fluctuating between 314-318 (so they are pretty full without the final unit being open). We do want to open the final unit this winter...with that being said we are making a BIG push to speak with American legions, VFWs and Libraries to let Veterans know about their benefits and entitlements (why they should choose the LISVH over another skilled nursing). If you have any groups that would like us to present about the State Vets Home Program, it is usually about 45-60 minutes but can be customized to fit the organizations requirements and needs

2. Special project completed or in progress

The courtyard project made it's match goal of \$250,000!!!! But, they do estimate the project costing MILLIONS so the fundraising continues! If any of the posts are doing any fundraisers or golf outings please remind them to think of their brothers and sisters at the LISVH.

We will be fundraising for our Annual Golf Outing, Tee signs start at \$350, there are many different levels of sponsorship so if any of the Legions want to get involved in the Golf Classic please let me know!!
Courtyard Renovation Project:

A. Events

- September Special events Not Sponsored
 - 9/1- Entertainment with the Como Brothers \$200
 - 9/2- Lunch Club \$500
 - 9/3 Reflections BBQ \$500
 - 9/4 Adult Education- guest speaker \$250
 - 9/8 Breakfast Club \$250
 - 9/15 1960's Party \$700
 - 9/18 Zumba \$200
 - 9/19 Chair Boxing \$250
 - 9/25 Comedy Show and Dinner \$750
 - 9/30 Chef's Club \$500
- September Events Sponsored
 - 9/3 Entertainment with Bob Levine (gratis)

- 9/8 Garden Club and Pet Therapy (gratis)
- 9/9 Bingo sponsored by Catholic War Vets
- 9/10 Smithtown American Legion sponsored Ducks Trip!!
- 9/11 Medieval Times Party sponsored by a grateful family
- 9/13 VVA sponsored entertainment
- 9/14 Dinner and a Movie sponsored by a grateful family
- 9/15 Pet Therapy (gratis)
- 9/17 Pet Therapy (gratis)
- 9/19 Pet Therapy (gratis)
- 9/23 Suffolk Country American Legion Bingo
- 9/24 Captree Fishing Trip Anonymous sponsor
- 9/25 Bingo VFW Post 400
- 9/26 Drum Circle

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 9/5/2025

Comrades,

I have attached the latest membership reports including goals and percentages. We are now in September and our first goal is 50% membership. Many of you have met this goal and beyond. But there are almost an equal amount who have not. Please contact your members and remind them that their dues are due as of July 1, 2025 and they need to act sooner than later. Some of you are close and only need a few members to make your goal. Let's keep going with this good start and make all our lives easier. Make sure you have already processed your Honorary Life members. They are each post's responsibility and should be paid July 1 each fiscal year. As always I am available to any post who needs help or training on MyLegion or anything American Legion. So please call me and ask for help if you need it, I can't help you if you don't ask for it.

Respectfully,

Fred Tartaglione

Suffolk County Membership Chairman

(631)495-6779

Department of New York 2026 Membership as of 9/2/25

Including all HQ Transfers

Legend:	
Met Goal Of:	100%
Met Goal Of:	50%
Needs Help	>50%

Suffolk Co

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
NY-0094	Babylon Inc	Babylon	2	22	87	0	111	191	58.12%
NY-0155	William Merritt Hallock	Lake Ronkonk	1	14	87	0	102	152	67.11%
NY-0185	Burton Potter	Greenport	0	7	18	0	25	43	58.14%
NY-0269	Patchogue	Patchogue	0	26	42	0	68	115	59.13%
NY-0273	Riverhead	Riverhead	0	12	55	0	67	90	74.44%
NY-0281	Mitchell	Shelter Island	0	10	12	0	22	93	23.66%
NY-0352	Leisure Glenn	Ridge	0	1	18	0	19	34	55.88%
NY-0360	Huntington	Huntington	0	19	18	0	37	62	59.68%
NY-0365	Bay Shore Inc	Bay Shore	0	2	13	0	15	19	78.95%
NY-0388	Chelberg Battle Inc	Sag Harbor	0	9	58	0	67	119	56.30%
NY-0411	Rusy-Bohm	Islip	0	8	35	0	43	78	55.13%
NY-0417	Harbor	Setauket	0	20	7	0	27	57	47.37%
NY-0419	East Hampton Town	East Hampton	6	13	60	0	79	155	50.97%
NY-0432	Wilson Ritch	Port Jefferson S	3	34	117	0	154	283	54.42%
NY-0433	Malcolm R White Inc	Southampton	0	4	0	0	4	6	66.67%
NY-0580	Nathaniel H Topping	Bridgehampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
NY-0651	Smith-Wever	Sayville	0	15	25	0	40	81	49.38%
NY-0694	Northport	Northport	0	5	14	0	19	160	11.88%
NY-0803	Griswold-Terry-Glover	Southold	0	13	85	0	98	175	56.00%
NY-0833	James Ely Miller	Smithtown	1	16	95	0	112	198	56.57%
NY-0834	Arthur Ellis Hamm	Westhampton	0	2	2	0	4	96	4.17%
NY-0861	Raymond Cleaves	Mattituck	0	2	0	0	2	11	18.18%
NY-0924	Hand-Aldrich	Hampton Bays	3	6	57	0	66	101	65.35%
NY-0944	Donald C Munro Inc	Kings Park	1	13	36	0	50	86	58.14%
NY-1006	Joseph Loeffler	Brentwood	0	17	36	1	54	88	61.36%
NY-1015	Amityville	Amityville	0	4	4	1	9	28	32.14%
NY-1039	Herold-Tierney	Central Islip	2	2	1	0	5	11	45.45%
NY-1045	Alfred R Grebe Inc	Fishers Island	0	5	0	0	5	15	33.33%
NY-1120	Feustel-Kurdt Inc	Lindenhurst	0	13	3	0	16	84	19.05%
NY-1146	Joseph Kovarik	Bohemia	0	7	8	0	15	58	25.86%
NY-1152	Sherwood Brothers	St James	7	6	68	0	81	96	84.38%

NY-1218	Hunter-Squires-Jackson Inc	Amityville	0	5	2	0	7	23	30.43%
NY-1244	Greenlawn Inc	Greenlawn	2	8	63	0	73	140	52.14%
NY-1533	Arthur H Clune	Mastic Beach	1	12	28	0	41	94	43.62%
NY-1545	Eastport	Eastport	2	9	42	0	53	81	65.43%
NY-1633	Selden	Selden	0	7	10	0	17	26	65.38%
NY-1634	Sergeant John Sardiello Inc	W Babylon-Deer	0	8	49	0	57	87	65.52%
NY-1635	Four-S	East Islip	0	8	8	0	16	20	80.00%
NY-1738	West Islip Inc	West Islip	0	10	48	0	58	89	65.17%
NY-1766	Irving Hart	Setauket L I	0	3	0	0	3	12	25.00%
NY-1839	Wayne Middleton Inc	North Babylon	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.00%
NY-1848	John R Cacioppo	Medford	0	8	4	0	12	32	37.50%
NY-1880	Leisure Village	Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
NY-1888	Brunn-Prchal	Rocky Point	0	2	33	0	35	38	92.11%
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:	31	407	1348	2	1788	3432	52.10%

District Summary Including all HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	NY Dist 0001 LGN	13	335	381	5	734	2008	36.554%
2	NY Dist 0002 LGN	13	406	587	6	1012	1982	51.060%
3	NY Dist 0003 LGN	32	614	1626	9	2281	4493	50.768%
4	NY Dist 0004 LGN	41	974	2241	11	3267	7227	45.205%
5	NY Dist 0005 LGN	83	1106	3439	9	4637	9860	47.028%
6	NY Dist 0006 LGN	32	697	1677	7	2413	5796	41.632%
7	NY Dist 0007 LGN	57	1035	3198	14	4304	8731	49.296%
8	NY Dist 0008 LGN	58	1193	3607	6	4864	11446	42.495%
9	NY Dist 0009 LGN	36	730	1702	8	2476	5343	46.341%
10	NY Dist 0010 LGN	45	1150	2710	7	3912	7650	51.137%
11	NY Dist 0099 LGN	1	1133	3435	0	4569	7522	60.742%
	Sum:	411	9373	24605	82	34471	72058	47.838%

Department of New York Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers		Total	Goal	Total
Sum:	411	9373	24605	82		34471	72100	47.81%

POW-MIA Report

For the months of July and August 2025

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

WORLD WAR 2 :

**** Hickam Airfield, Oahu, Hawaii.**

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. John H. Mann, 22,

Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Pvt. Leonard R. J. Jackson, 22,

U.S. Army Sgt. Simon Garelick, 22,

U.S. Army Pfc. Lawrence R. Beard, 27,

Burma

U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Henry J. Carlin, 27,

Europe :

June 6th Normandy, Omaha Beach

U.S. Army Pfc. Nicholas Hartman, 20

U.S. Navy Reserve Seaman 2nd Class Jerome M. Mullaney, 18, **

*** Note, The Remains of Seaman Mullaney were recovered in 1957, during the salvaging of a US Destroyer, lost off the coast of France in late June of 1944.*

Miesterhorst, Germany

U.S. Army Air Forces Capt. Arthur M. Lingo, 24,

KOREAN War :

U.S. Army 1st Lt. William H. Hott, 29,

U.S. Army Cpl. Oscar L. Sprague, 22,

Vietnam :

U.S. Army Master Sgt. Donald P. Gervais, 24,

Currently from WWII, there are 71,854 still unaccounted for. 7,399 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

Sept 5, 2025

The M.I.A.P along with the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona will lay to rest 16 unclaimed veterans on Sept 17, 2025.

The Kentucky/Indiana Missing in America Veterans Recovery Program will lay to rest the cremains of 9 veterans on Sept 24, 2025 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

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

Kevin Eaton

MIAP Chair



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The Missing in America Project along with the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona will lay to rest 16 unclaimed veterans on September 17, 2025.

THIS WILL BE A DIRECT INTERMENT AND IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO EXTREME HEAT.

National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

2929 E Pinnacle Rd.

Phoenix AZ 85024

Staging: Eastlake Funeral Home

1715 E. Jefferson St

Phoenix AZ 85034

Time: **0800Hrs**

Cremains Transfer: **0830 Hrs**

KSU: **0915 Hrs (PGR will be escorting)**

Direct Interment at roughly 1000hrs at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

POC: Mark Wells, 602-363-9027 or arizona@miap.us

Mark Wells

AZ. State Coordinator



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The Kentucky/Indiana Missing In America Project (MIAP) with the assistance of Ziemer Funeral Home in Evansville, IN will lay to rest the unclaimed cremains of 9 veterans on September 24, 2025 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

The service will be held at the Committal Shelter. Upon arrival at the cemetery please proceed to the shelter.

***Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 11:00 AM CDT ***

All are invited to attend the ceremony to honor our American Heros

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West
5817 Fort Campbell Blvd
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS GROUPS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

POC: Fred Behnke, KY/IN Volunteer 270-831-0979

Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization

Veterans Day Ceremony Being Held On

Nov 9 2025 2:00 P.M

Long Island National Cemetery

2040 Wellwood Ave Farmingdale N.Y 1173

All are welcome

Color Guard to be there by 1:30 P.M



*The American Legion is the nation's largest Veterans wartime organization. Central to its mission is to mentor youth, sponsor wholesome programs, advocate patriotism, and promote national security. **The American Legion Oratorical Contest** is an academic speaking challenge.*

***The American Legion Oratorical Contest** exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years*

Scholarship prizes are awarded at the County, District, Zone, Department, and National levels. Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

Additional Information:

- High school students who are US citizens or lawful permanent residents under age 20 are eligible.
- You must also be:
 - Presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school
 - Enrolled in high school or junior high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.
 - Either be legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the department that they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition through only one department.

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- Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government.
 - Prepared oration speeches are eight to ten minutes long
 - Assigned topic speeches are three- to five-minutes speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.
 - Both Oratorical speeches are all presented from memory only. No Prompting, No notes, No podium, and No microphone.

Competition Date:

Saturday December 6, 2025

Place: Joseph Loeffler Post 1006

(Brentwood Post)

Time: 1:00 pm -3:30 pm

198 First Street, Brentwood, NY 11717

For more information, please call

Suffolk County Oratorical Chairperson: Lenore Brathwaite (631) 805-7199

Why You Should Be Interested:

- ✓ Do you know someone at your high school who is an excellent speaker?
- ✓ Could this individual use a college scholarship?

Your local American Legion post has information on how to qualify for \$203,500 in scholarships.

Local Post Contact:

Many Americans are poorly informed about basic constitutional provisions, according to a new national survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center. The annual Annenberg Constitution Day Civics Survey finds that: More than half of Americans (53 percent) incorrectly think it is accurate to say that immigrants who are here illegally do not have any rights under the U.S. Constitution; More than a third of those surveyed (37 percent) can't name any of the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment; Only a quarter of Americans (26 percent) can name all three branches of government. "Protecting the rights guaranteed by the Constitution presupposes that we know what they are. The fact that many don't is worrisome," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC) of the University of Pennsylvania. "These results emphasize the need for high-quality civics education in the schools and for press reporting that underscores the existence of constitutional protections."

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

(Pictured: 2024 Oratorical Contest Winners w/ Judges, NY Department Commander, District Commander, and Suffolk County Commander with other legionnaires



Competition Date:

Saturday December 6, 2025

**Place: Joseph Loeffler Post 1006
(Brentwood Post)**

**Time: 1:00 pm -3:30 pm
198 First Street, Brentwood, NY 11717**

**For more information, please call
Suffolk County Oratorical Chairperson:
Lenore Brathwaite (631) 805-7199**

High school students of (community) have been invited by (name of post)

**Post _____ of The Suffolk County American Legion to compete in the
2025 annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. The
invitation to enter the competition was extended today by Post Commander (or
Post Oratorical Chairman) (full name).**

**The contest for (community) students has been arranged with the full cooperation of
local school officials and (full name and title) of the (school name) faculty who
will assist with the contest arrangements.**

**The subject in the prepared oration portion of the contest must be about some
phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties
and obligations of a citizen to the U. S. government. The prepared oration must
be the original effort of each contestant and must be 8-10 minutes in length.**

The American Legion will pay the expenses of state winners at the national contest.

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

S.A.L. ADVISORS REPORT

Sept 5, 2025

The Detachment of New York Sons of the American Legion and the Department of New York Auxiliary Walk A Thon for 2025 raised a total of \$63,481. The amount raised by Suffolk County was \$11,080. Congratulations to Chairpersons Chris Cerullo of the Sons & Maria Santacroce of the Auxiliary for their hard work making this Campaign a success.

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Suffolk County

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1. Agent Orange	Roby Johnson
2. Americanism	Rich Abrams
3. Back to God	Open N/A (Nassau)
4. Baseball	Open N/A
5. Blood Drive	Robert Robesch
6. Bowling	Open N/A
7. Boys State	Kevin Eaton
8. Budget	Tom Wagner
9. Children & Youth	Open N/A (Nassau)
10. Constitution & By Laws	Bill Coderre
11. Convention	Open N/A (Queens)
12. Credentials & Charters	Open N/A (Nassau)
13. Directory	Kathy Nielsen (Dist Appt)
14. Distinguished Guests	Gene Ordmandy
15. Energy & Conservation	Tom Wagner
16. Foreign Relations	Open N/A (Queens)
17. Golf	Hugh Doherty
18. Historian	Open N/A (Dist Appt)
19. Homeland Security	Open N/A (Nassau)
20. Internal Affairs	Open N/A (Dist Appt)
21. Judge Advocate	Open N/A (Dist Appt)
22. Jr. Shooting	Robert Bruggemann
23. Law & Order	Roby Johnson
24. Legionnaire of the Year	Phil Barczak
25. Legion Riders	Jeffery Molitor
26. Legislative	Open N/A (Queens)
27. Membership	Fred Tartaglione
28. MIA POW	Robert Bruggemann
29. National Cemetery	Mike Pankowski
30. National Security	Tom Wagner
31. Oratorical	Jeffery Molitor
32. Post Charters	Open N/A (Queens)
33. Protocol	Gene Ordmandy
34. PTSD – “Be The One”	Fred Miller (May need Backup)
35. Public Relations	Richard Knutson
36. Rehabilitation	Open N/A (Nassau)
37. SAL	Kevin Eaton
38. Scouting	Jeff Molitor
39. Service Officer	Open N/A (Dist Appt)
40. Trophy & Awards	Open N/A (Nassau)
41. VAVS	Open N/A (Nassau)
42. VAVS –A.L.I.V.E. Active Ladies Inspiring Value Endurance	Lenore Braithewaite
43. WINAL Membership	Open N/A (Nassau)
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