

## **AMERICAN LEGION – First Division**

Date: November 10, 2022

Location: Sgt. John Sardiello Post #1634, West Babylon

Time: 19:08 Hours

Members in attendance: See Attendance Sheet

Special Guest: PC Bob Shadler – Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson.

Quorum: Met (5) Posts in attendance.

Meeting 10/20/2022 Minutes read: Minutes approved.

Zoom Meeting Open

Meeting Agenda was distributed to all attendees:

### **Committee reports: None**

1. Town of Babylon Veterans Advisory Council – this was a successful event. 147 Essays was received. (6) winners were picked and (1) honorable mention. Students did an outstanding job and participation was at an all-time high. Many guests in attendance including Teachers, Principal, and Parents to support the students.
2. By -Laws: Questions and Answers:  
\*\*Great information was shared and open dialog of information of protecting the post. Understanding the purpose of the bylaws and the consequences of not following proper business practices

was discussed. Suggested to read them and review for consistency and make sure they are up to date.

- a. Shared the Purpose of updating the bylaws – so members do not have the problem of challenging posts.
- b. All the bylaws must be updated to non-gender specific role
- c. Preamble
- d. Date of eligibility to join the American Legion
- e. Own the building and Incorporated: Your By-Laws should also include the incorporation (Director or Trustees), meetings, insurance, finance officer – bonded, Post Insurance
- f. Pat Flattery – go to the department of NY webpage and call him to get a copy of your Post Bylaws.
- g. Three Posts have been approved with their By-Laws.
- h. Must inform all the members that the by-laws were changed and hold a meeting to vote on the changes.

3. Oratorical Contest: Reminder of date Dec 3 @ Post #1120  
Lindenhurst

4. Post Reports:

- a. HSJ #1218 –
  - i. Meetings have been rescheduled due to VFW post is under renovations.
  - ii. Membership has dropped significantly
  - iii. Commander is speaking at (2) town events for Veterans Day. Amityville Village – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Village Triangle; and the Indian Graveyard Ceremony Dedication – honoring the (3) members of Indian descent buried on site. Those (3)

# **SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEC 02<sup>ND</sup>, 2022**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

**NOV 06<sup>TH</sup>, 2022:** I ATTENDED THE LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL ORGANIZATION VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY.

NOV 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022: I ATTENDED AN EVENT HOSTED BY SIGNATURE PREMIER PROPERTIES IN SMITHTOWN WHO WERE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE.

NOV 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022: I ATTENDED A RED, WHITE, & BLUE PASTA NIGHT, HOSTED BY THE DR. VINCENZO SELLARO LODGE#2319 . THE DINNER WAS TO HONOR VETERANS OF SMITHTOWN AND WAS ATTENDED BY VVA CHAPTER 11, VFW POST 10870, AND JAMES ELY MILLER POST 833. THIS EVENT WAS ALSO TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE.

NOV 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022: I ATTENDED A VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT SMITHTOWN VETERANS PLAZA.

THERE WAS NO IN PERSON MEETING OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION IN NOVEMBER BUT AS I REPORTED LAST MONTH THAT POSTS COULD CONTACT ME IF ANY SITUATIONS AROSE. THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT FROM THE DIVISION.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DIV. WILL BE ON DEC 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 AT SMITH-WEVER POST 651 IN SAYVILLE. DINNER IS AT 7PM, MEETING AT 8PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

KEVIN EATON

CMDR 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION



**AMERICAN LEGION 3rd DIVISION – SUFFOLK COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
BROOKHAVEN TOWN, LI, NY**

**November / December 2022 Monthly Report**

At our last 3<sup>rd</sup> Division meeting held on Friday November 18, 2022 at the William Merritt Hallock Post #155- Lake Ronkonkoma, there were 4 Posts present. They were: John R Cacioppo-Post 1848-Medford, Selden-Post 1633, Wilson Ritch-Post 432-Port Jefferson Station and William Merritt Hallock-Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma.

Americanism was the Major topic of discussion for tonight's meeting. Each Post reported on what was going on in their local areas.

John R Cacioppo-Post 1848-Medford reported that there is a Very Good JROTC Program at Patchogue-Medford.

Selden-Post 1633 reported that Newfield High School is holding the local American Legion Oratorical at their school.

Wilson Ritch-Post 432-Port Jefferson Station reported that they have expanded their reach by contacting the following local schools. They are: Comsewogue, Ward Melville, Mt. Sinai & Miller Place.

It was Discussed and Agreed upon that the most challenging aspect of any good American Legion program is getting the Principals and Guidance Counselors "On Board".

Membership followed. William Merritt Hallock-Post 155 is getting Members from Post 1. They are sending out letters within a 5-Mile radius.

Being Dedicated and Aggressive to "Continue Doing to What We Are Doing". Also, Establishing a Coordination between Department and National.

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Moving forward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Created and Established a Meeting Schedule for the 2022-2023 Legion Year.

With the Month of December approaching, the individual Posts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division are Having, Hosting and/or Participating in Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremonies during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December.

Christmas and Holidays Festivities will also be held at the individual Posts in December as well.

It is due to the Holidays, that it was decided by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Posts that we Not have a meeting in December 2022. Therefore, our next meeting will be Friday January 13, 2023 at William Merritt Hallock Post #155 – Lake Ronkonkoma – 115 Church St. Meeting starts at 7:00pm with Dinner at 6:00pm.

Report Submitted by:

Ulf Moeller, Commander  
Richard Knutson, Adjutant  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 because of his military obligations. This post is in the process of obtaining a new post commander.





## **SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION**

### **REPORT FOR 2 DECEMBER 2022**

5th Division meeting was held on Tuesday, 29 November at Post #924 in Hampton Bays. Posts #388, #924, #834 and #1545 were in attendance. Attendees were welcomed by post commander, John Lenihan and dinner was served. This was one of the best attended meetings for some time. The following reports were received:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - (via email) Veterans Day Parade/reception on 11 November went well. Membership renewals coming in, albeit slowly. Post reps to meet with PCC Mike Pankowski on 30 November to discuss 2 Boys' State candidates. Post Christmas party scheduled for 18 December. Post will be sponsoring a Christmas morning lunch (pickup only) for seniors and is currently collecting hams and turkeys as well as soliciting volunteers to cook on Christmas Eve. Food service will start at 0630 on Christmas Day.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - School visit series on 2 & 9 November went very well, as did visit by Noyac Civic Council on 16 November. Sag Harbor Elementary School held breakfast and salute to veterans on Thursday, 10 November. Attendance down a bit from past years due in part to late notification of event. Dockside restaurant closed for good on Sunday, 13 November. New tenant will open in the spring. Veterans Day parade & dinner well attended, featured remarks by Joe Cresenz, younger brother of Michael Cresenz, posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, who brought his brother's medal with him. Post Christmas party scheduled for Monday, 5 December.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST #433 - Not much going on at the post as Commander Bob Grisnik has been seriously ill. He is doing better now and back to work on limited hours.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Still working on approval for new sign outside post. Main hall and bar area to be renovated over the winter. Veterans Day turnout was excellent. Post will participate in Pearl Harbor Day remembrance in conjunction with USCG Station Shinnecock. Working on events at post to attract/recruit new membership.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - Participated in Center Moriches Veterans Day parade on 6 November. Post still without a 'home' - will shift meeting location to Westhampton Knights of Columbus / Immaculate Conception Church in Westhampton Beach in the new year.

6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - Post sponsored Center Moriches parade at on 6 November, very well attended. Post held Veterans Day observance on 11 November, CDR & Adjutant attended Post #388 Veterans Day Dinner that evening. Post continues to have a healthy schedule of rentals for events. Christmas party scheduled for 12-3PM on 17 December.

7. Division Commander distributed new SCAL family directories and gave brief on results of November county meeting and 29 October Legislative Breakfast. PCC Mike Pankowski briefed on Boys' State, Legion College, Oratorical Contest and Legionnaire of the Year nominations. Made another push for reservations for National Commander's dinner next April. Division Commander thanked assembled reps for good turnout and for support as he gets used to the position, and encouraged members to attend county meeting on 2 December. Post #1545 commander echoed this and encouraged members from individual posts to look beyond just what is going on at their own posts and attend county meetings.

8. No meeting scheduled for December, next meeting of the 5th Division set for Tuesday, 24 January at Eastport post.

Respectfully Submitted,

*P. E. Gerecke*

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Commander, 5th Division