

# **SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION**

**MAR 03<sup>RD</sup>, 2023**

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

FEB 04<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: I ATTENDED THE ZONE 2 ORATORICAL CONTEST IN MELVILLE AT ST. PIUS V SCHOOL.

FEB 09<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: I ATTENDED THE WAKE OF ROBERT ROMANO POST COMMANDER OF WAYNE MIDDLETON POST 1839 IN WEST BABYLON.

FEB 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: I ATTENDED THE WAKE OF BARBARA FRUMENTO WIFE OF, FOUR "S" POST COMMANDER FRANK FRUMENTO IN WEST SAYVILLE

FEB 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: 2<sup>ND</sup> DIV. HELD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AT RUSY-BOHM POST 411.

QUORUM: YES (7) POSTS IN ATTENDANCE.

MEMBERSHIP: INFORMED EACH POST OF ITS CURRENT TOTALS AS OF FEB 03<sup>RD</sup>, 2023.

INFORMED POST'S, THAT AT THE LAST COUNTY MEETING, 8 OF 11 POSTS REPRESENTING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION, WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED: THE FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY CEREMONY, LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR, AND BOYS STATE.

DONALD C. MUNRO POST 944 REPORTED THEY ARE PLANNING A GOLF OUTING TO SUPPORT THEIR POST'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

FEB 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: I ATTENDED THE SAL COUNTY MEETING AT WILSON-RITCH POST 432 IN PORT JEFFERSON STATION.

FEB 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: I ATTENDED THE FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY IN PATCHOUGE.

FEB 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023: I ATTENDED THE WAKE OF PAST COUNTY OFFICER, JOHN C. DEKAS IN HAMPTON BAYS.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DIV. WILL BE ON MAR 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT JAMES ELY MILLER POST 833 IN SMITHTOWN. DINNER IS AT 7PM, MEETING AT 8PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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CMDR 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION

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

**February / March 2023 Monthly Report**

At our last 3<sup>rd</sup> Division meeting held on Friday February 17, 2023 at the Wilson Ritch Post #432 – Port Jefferson Station, there were 4 Posts present. They were: Selden-Post 1633, William Merritt Hallock-Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma, Pearl Harbor-Post 1941-Port Jefferson Station and Wilson Ritch-Post 432-Port Jefferson Station.

Membership. Always a Lively Topic of Discussion. It was duly announced that Posts should be at 90% by March 9<sup>th</sup>. As of this time, February 2023, Members who have Not paid their dues are hereby classified as 'Expired'. Letter writing campaigns are being used by the Posts by utilizing Post 1 through MyLegion.org to gauge prospective members.

Children & Youth. As part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division campaign to bolster the Children & Youth Fund. Contributions are going well. The Children & Youth Fund is growing.

Sick Call. It was announced that John Dekas has passed away.

February Events –

4 Chaplains Ceremony being held on Sunday February 19, 2023 at Temple Beth-El in Patchogue at 2:00pm. All are encouraged to attend.

March Events –

Invitations & Participation notices should be going out for Annual St. Patrick's Day Parades in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Posts respective communities.

Our next meeting will be on Friday March 10, 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 3-March-2023.  
Suffolk County American Legion Vice Commander.  
Fourth Division's Commander's Report.

Suffolk County American Legion's Fourth Divisions Posts:

- (1) Alfred Grebe Legion Post No. 1045-Fisher's Island.  
This post has nothing to Report.
- (2) Mitchell Legion Post No. 281-Shelter Island.  
This post reports that this post will hold an election for their newly acquired executive board. The Commander of this Post 281 will notify the Fourth Division Commander as to a date when to conduct a swearing in ceremony to be held sometime in March, 2023 for the new executive board.
- (3) Burton Potter Legion Post No. 185-Greenport.  
This post reports that they acquired one new member. This post held a televised Daytona Racing Car event at this post that was open to members and their guests. Also, there was a swearing in ceremony performed at this post on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 for their new executive committee conducted by the Fourth Division Commander. This post received from the Southold High School's NJROTC Unit a letter of notice for the award ceremony for selected students to receive the NJROTC American Legion's NJROTC Medal/Awards. This ceremony is scheduled for 30-May-2023 at 7:00P.M. at the Southold High School Auditorium.
- (4) Riverhead Legion Post No. 273.  
This post reports that their band for music entertainment is now back in service. This band will perform on Thursday Nights at this post. This entertainment will assist this post with incoming revenue.
- (5) Griswold-Terry-Glover Legion Post No. 803-Southold.  
This post reports that they acquired two new members. This post also reports that applications for student scholarships have been sent out to the Greenport, Southold, and Mattituck High Schools for the students. This post also received a letter of notice of the upcoming American Legion NJROTC Medal/Awards Ceremony scheduled for 30-May-2023.
- (6) Raymond Cleaves Legion Post No. 861-Mattituck.  
This post reports that there will be a "No One Attends(NOAA) Veterans Ceremony" performed on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:45A.M. at the Calverton Cemetery. This notice was provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America(VVA), Chapter 11 in Farmingville, NY. The post commander of this post attended the Four Chaplains Remembrance Service held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Temple Bethel in Patchogue. Post 861 received from the Town of Southold's Clerk's Office a final approval permit to host the 2023's Memorial Day Parade to be held in Mattituck on the Main Road. This post as well received a letter of notice for the upcoming Legion NJROTC Medal/Awards Ceremony scheduled for 30-May-2023. There was a veteran's service performed for Deceased Vietnam Veteran John Wells at the Calverton Cemetery on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. This service was attended by the Mattituck Legion Post Commander, The Southold



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

### **REPORT FOR 3 MARCH 2023**

The 5th Division met on 28 February at the Chelberg & Battle post. Posts # 388, 419, 834 and 1545 were present. Welcome remarks were made by post commander Bill Stafford and dinner was served prior to the meeting. The following reports were received:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - Post planning for annual Memorial Day ceremony. Post Auxiliary unit working on plans for Breast Cancer Screening event, date TBD. Sons growing at faster rate than regular membership! East Hampton Village PBA will be holding event at post in near future. Post will sponsor one Boys' State candidate this year.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Renovations continue. New ballroom ceiling and lighting complete. New A/C system will be installed in mid-March. New larger grease trap outside kitchen complete. No opening date yet announced for new restaurant operators. Met with prospective Boys' State participant on 10 February. Large batch of 'thank-you' letters received from last fall's visiting senior class were exceptionally well-written and thoughtful. Will send several to local newspaper. Permit paperwork for Memorial Day parade submitted to village. Post welcomed one new member.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST #433 - No report received.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 (via email) - Post providing hall at no charge to Lions Club, who use proceeds to purchase service dogs for veterans. Post hosted attorney 'Motorcycle Mike' Levine on 15 February. He spoke about general insurance issues as well as Camp Lejeune cases, reminding attendees that window for filing claims is limited. About 20 in attendance including a member from Post #1 who is transferring in. 17 February Mardi Gras event featuring 'Real East End Brass' was well attended, earned \$600 for the post. Army vet in attendance asked to join post. On 20 February post led wake service for John Dekas. New outdoor electric sign finally approved, should be up and running by 1 March.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - Post quiet, still looking for a permanent home. Post planning Memorial Day observance, details TBD.
6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - Post lost an important rental customer due to improper behavior by renters. Food truck will be setting up at post and should alleviate some of the lost rent from the departed tenant. Other rentals remain strong. Post to hold golf outing at Cherry Creek Golf Links in Riverhead on Friday, 30 June. On Saturday, 8 July the post will hold a musical event featuring an Elvis impersonator - details will be forthcoming. Memorial Day observance plans in the works as well as visits to area veterans homes/hospitals.

7. PCC Mike Pankowski provided updates on National Commander's Dinner, Boys' State and upcoming meetings between Legion leadership and Congressional committees / members.
8. Division Commander briefed posts on increasing PACT Act scams and bill in Congress to eliminate restrictions on concurrent receipt of military disability retirement and VA benefits. Also briefed on Department Membership Chair Gene Ormandy's appeal to close the membership renewal gap and his wager with his counterpart in Connecticut
9. Next meeting of the 5th Division set for 6:30PM on Tuesday, 28 March at East Hampton Post #419.

Respectfully Submitted,

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