



Suffolk County American Legion Minutes and Reports October 3, 2025

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Suffolk County American Legion

Suffolk County Minutes

October 3, 2025

Riverhead Post 273

Meeting Opening – 2000

Adjourned – 2132

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. **Sixteen** 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	
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		Irving Hart	Post 1766	3	
Greenlawn	Post 1244	1		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	X	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	
Four "S"	Post 1635	2	X	Hand Aldrich	Post 924	5	
West Islip	Post 1738	2		Eastport	Post 1545	5	X
Wm. Merritt Hallock	Post 155	3	X				
Patchogue	Post 269	3	X	TOTAL			16*

* Past County Commander William Farley identified as being a representative of Fuestel-Kurdt Post 1120. He stated he Transferred into Post 1120 at 1830 on 10/3/2025. As this could not be verified, it will be recorded that Babylon Post 94 was represented at this County Meeting October 3, 2025 as PCC Farley is a member of that Post.

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 @ 2000

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 Steve Antonacci

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 –	
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: 5th Division Commander Paul Gereke

Motion seconded: Fred Tartaglione

Motion to accept the Finance Officers Report accepted.

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Chaplain - Ken Dolan

No Report

ADJUTANTS REPORT

Adjutant – Bill Coderre

No Report (Please email reports to the adjutant prior to the meeting)

SGT. at ARMS REPORT

Sgt. at Arms - Marcel Jeffries

Participated in the 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Ride with American Legion Riders Chapter 1006. For the 2nd year, ALR Chapter 1006, local businesses and the community came together to raise awareness of the Veteran & Active Military suicide epidemic that grips our nation.

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

Service Officer – Jeff Molitor

See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

See Attached

Americanism	Joseph Regina		MIA/POW	Bob Bruggemann	X
Boy's State	Kevin Eaton		Missing In America Project	Kevin Eaton	X
Budget and Finance	Tom Wagner		MyLegion Coordinator	Bill Coderre	
Constitution & By-Laws	Bill Coderre	X	National Cemetery	Jim Beecher	
County Color Guard	Rich Knutson	X	Long Island National		X
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	
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		Protocol	Gene Ordmandy	
Hospital Welfare	Fred Loucka		PTS Training	Fred Miller	
Judge Advocate	Michael Pankowski	X	Public Relations	Rich Knutson	X
Law and Order	Roby Johnson	X	PUFL	Robert Robesch	
Legion Riders	Jeff Molitor	X	Resolutions	Bill Coderre	X
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		VSO Northport	Jim Beecher	
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

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New Business: Commander Isaacs

- No New Business

Sick Call:

- Fred Miller (Arthur H. Clune Post 1533) Please keep Fred in your Thoughts and Prayers as he is in Stony Brook. There was an issue with his heart medication and they are sorting he issue out.
- Dennis Morrill (Eastport Post 1545) His surgery was successful. The shrapnel has been removed and Dennis is recovering. Looking to return to all in a month or two. All are very happy he's doing well.
- Ken McSweeney (Sherwood Bros 1152) Injured himself at home but did not think it was too bad. Turned out it was worse than thought and had to be placed in hospital. He has recovered but lesson for all. Even if you think it's a minor injury, get it checked out.
- Walter Maresco (John R. Cacioppo 1848) Will be having an Esophageal dilation. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers and we wish him a speedy recovery.

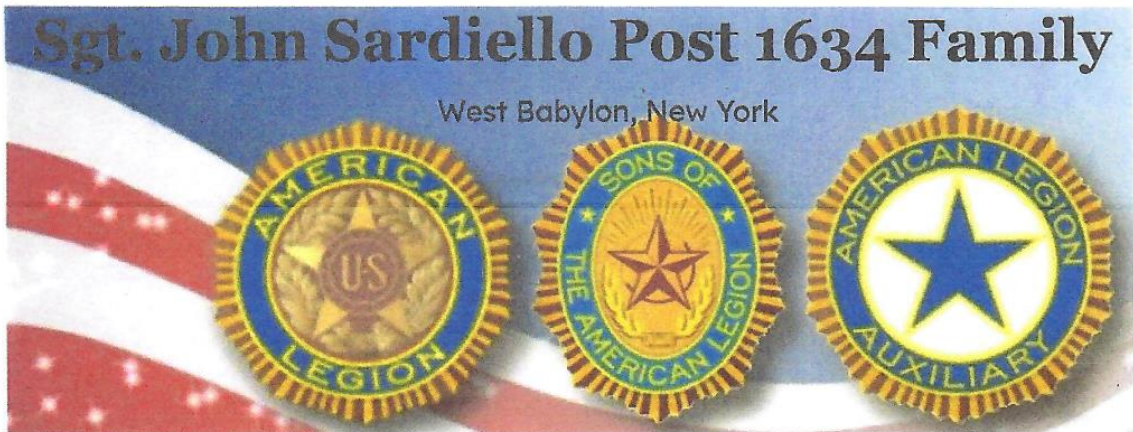
Good of the Legion:

- 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. Commander Isaacs expressed a heartfelt story about a fellow members reaching out to him in a time of need. He went on to say that this person was the only one, even after many years of service to the Post in various capacities, that took the time to reach out. Let us NOT leave our fellow brothers and sisters out in the cold.
- **Membership Training:** Saturday, October 4, 2025 Location: 44 240 Franklin Avenue, Malverne, NY 11565 Registration: 9:00am Breakfast and Lunch will be served. All Are WELCOME!!!
- **Honor Flight L.I.:** Saturday, October 4, 2025. Scheduled to arrive 9:35PM Please be at MacArthur Airport Islip, NY by 9PM.
- **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 8am Breakfast and check-in, 9am Opening Ceremony and politicians address the Veterans. The cost is \$18 per person. \$170 per table of 10. The deadline: October 22, 2025
- **10th District Meeting:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Babylon Post 94 22 Grove Place Babylon, NY 11702 7 pm dinner, 8 pm meeting
- **Training Tuesdays:** There was a date change: Will now be held: **Tuesday, October 21, 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 Training begins.

- **Oratorical:** Oratorical Chair Lenore Braithwaite informed the membership that the Oratorical Contest will be held December 6, 2025 at the Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 from 1pm – 3:30pm. Volunteers are needed!!!
- **American Legion Law & Order and First Responders Program:** Cynthia Nelson, Department Law & Order Chairperson sent out forms for the program. Deadline: Post Nominations March 1st 2026, County Deadline April 1st, 2026
 Nomination Categories to be considered for Department Awards Include:
 - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR
 - POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR
 - FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
 - EMT OF THE YEAR
 - CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR
 - 911 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR
 - EMERGENCY SQUAD OF THE YEAR
- **Celebration of 250th Anniversary of the Army, Marines, & Navy:** Kings Park Post 944 Hosting a Patriots Dinner at Ciro's Restaurant \$100 plate November 10, 2025
- **Army Navy Game December 13, 2025** Kings Park Post 944 Hosting an Event to watch the game.
- **Sherwood Brothers Post 1152:** Holding a Raffle Drawn October 10, 2025 Tickets still available.
- **Veterans Day Ceremony:** Wilson Ritch holding a Ceremony of Veterans Day at 11am. All are invited.
- **The Forty & Eight:** Jeff Molitor discussed the 40&8 and their programs (Nurses Training & Child Welfare) As it is an invite only organization (Honor Society of Veterans) If interested in joining speak to one of the many Forty & Eighters in the room about sponsorship.
- **Post Car Clubs:** Department is possibly willing to sponsor Post Car Clubs. Setting up sample Constitutions and ByLaws More information to follow.
- **Next Suffolk County Legion Meeting:** Friday, November 7, 2025 James Ely Miller Post 833 - 51 Juniper Ave Smithtown, NY 11787 7:00pm Dinner 8pm Meeting

No further business – Chaplin lead us in closing prayer
 Hand Salute
 Meeting adjourned: 2132

Respectfully submitted
 Bill Coderre
 Adjutant
 Suffolk County American Legion



Events Schedule 2025

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 Bristal(ALA) 13th - Army/Navy Game(SAL/3rd Vice Comm) 20th - Christmas Breakfast at the Post - 10am (SAL/3rd Vice Comm)

Post 360 - Monthly Report

From Andrew Brady <andrew.brady@bradyagency.com>

Date Thu 10/2/2025 9:15 AM

To Joseph Regina <gjoe608@hotmail.com>

1. Working on membership drive
2. 1st Veteran Day Parade on 11-8-25 in Huntington – down Mains Street 10:00AM – have US Coast Guard Auxiliary Band – Back to the post after parade. All are welcome.
3. Move Oct meeting to Oct 16th – October Fest – preparation for the parade
4. Received grant reimbursement for the parking lot
5. Working with the town on veteran's plaza work – having a fund raiser day for the post with the town
6. Christmas party 12-18-25 with Amer Leg Post 1244

Andrew X. Brady
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25 North Ferry Road
Shelter Island, N.Y. 11964

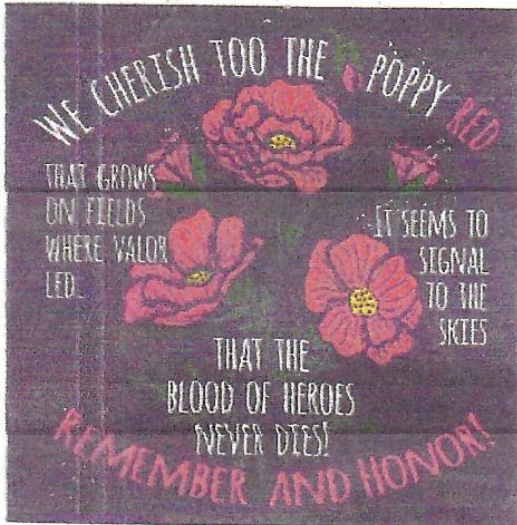
Sgt. John Sardiello ALA Unit 1634

West Babylon - Deer Park

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Name: _____

Telephone # _____

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Thank you for remembering!

Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634
of the American Legion
West Babylon - Deer Park
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West Babylon, New York 11704
(631) 669-3931

Contacts

commander.post1634@gmail.com

secretarypost1634@gmail.com

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American Legion POST 1634 West Babylon NY

Hunter Squires Jackson Post #1218

September /October 2025 Report

Highlights

- Post Officers – still down (3) Officers Health Issues. 1st Vice Resigned. Letters sent out to all members to encourage participation. New Auxiliary President – Stephanie Martin (past commander's Daughter)
 - Sick and shut in letters went out
 - Bereavement/Condolences Cards
 - (1) Post Everlasting Service – Re. Burgess
- Continue to receive donations towards the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive – (6) post members/veterans' families were identified to distribute Turkeys to. Date: week of Nov. 17th.
- Hometown Hero Banners – Continue to highlight community Veterans. (3) new Veterans will be added this year.
- Planning started for local Village events:
 - Veterans Day. No Fish Fry this year.
 - Veterans Awareness Week
- Post Building: Court date canceled. Met with Mayor and he helped us resolve so our construction can now begin.
 - Lawyer secured to review documents for village reapplication. Renewal needed to extend contract to maintain outdoor storage of parking.

Membership participated in:

- September 11th, 5PM @ 9/11 Memorial Service: Held at Memorial Park in Amityville –
- POW/MIA Vigil Friday September 19th, 730 PM Town of Babylon Hall – Participated.
- Saturday October 10, 2025 – Eagle Scout Ceremony – 2pm
- First Division Meeting: No Meeting dates

Respectfully Submitted,
Commander Lenore Brathwaite



Suffolk County American Legion

Second Division Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2025

James Ely Miller Post 833

Meeting Opening – 1915

Adjourned – 2025

Roll call of posts:

POSTS		PRESENT	EXCUSED	Commander
Herold-Tierney	Post 1039			Commander: Michael Adamo
Smith-Wever	Post 651			Commander: Joseph Burns
Joseph Kovarik	Post 1146			Commander: Frank Lombardi
Rusy-Bohm	Post 411	X		Commander: George Hauck
Four "S"	Post 1635	X		Commander: Scott Orski
Sherwood Brothers	Post 1152	X		Commander: Edward Springer
Donald C. Munro	Post 944	X		Commander: Hans Richter
West Islip	Post 1738	X		Commander: Greg Buck
James Ely Miller	Post 833	X		Commander: Richie Pandolf
Joseph Loeffler	Post 1006	X		Commander: Sharon Hoover
Bay Shore	Post 365			Commander: Chet Striplin

Quorum: **Yes** / No

Business to be conducted:

Roll call of officers:

Title	Name	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Commander	Sharon Hoover	X	
Vice Commander	Phil Barczak		X
Adjutant	Bill Coderre		X
Sgt at Arms	Kevin Crumlish	X	
Finance Officer	Roby Johnson	X	
Chaplain	Roby Johnson	X	
Service Officer	Rich Abrams	X	

2nd Division Commander Hoover opened the meeting with proper protocol @ 1900

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: Marty Thompson

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes accepted.

Honoring:

County Commander	Dave Isaacs
Jr. County Commander	Kevin Eaton X
Past County Commander	Ken Dolan X
Past County Commander	Roby Johnson X
Past 10th District Commander	Phil Barczak

Commanders Report: Commander Hoover

Attended SCAL Mtg on Sept 4

Attended the Dept Commander's Visitation

Attended Brentwood Gala Honoring Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 for Community Service

Next 2nd Division Meeting will be held at Sherwood Brothers Post 1152 October 17, 2025

Membership: Commander Hoover

As of 9/16/2025

Bay Shore	Post 365	78.95
Rusy-Bohm	Post 411	55.13
Smith-Wever	Post 651	50.62
James Ely Miller	Post 833	58.08
Donald C. Munro	Post 944	58.14
Joseph Loeffler	Post 1006	61.36
Herold-Tierney	Post 1039	45.45
Joseph Kovarik	Post 1146	25.86
Sherwood Brothers	Post 1152	93.75
Four "S"	Post 1635	85.00
West Islip	Post 1738	68.54
Suffolk County		55.13

Committee Reports:

Finance: Roby Johnson

2nd Division Dues 2025-2026 (Dues must be paid by December 1st)

Paid: Herold-Tierney Post 1039: ` \$30

Rusy-Bohm Post 411: \$30

James Ely Miller Post 833: \$30

West Islip Post 1738 \$30 Paid on 9/19/2025

2nd Division Dues 2024-2025 NOT PAID

Joseph Kovarik Post 1146

No Bank Account as of yet, will discuss with County Finance Officer Robesch on whether we should have County Keep our funds

Children & Youth: \$22 collected on 9/19/2025

Opening Balance: \$182

New Total = \$234

❖ Motion made to accept the Finance Officers Report: PCC Ken Dolan

Motion seconded: Fred Loucka

Motion to accept the Finance Officers Report accepted.

Service Officer:

Rich Abrams: 9-11 ceremonies held in various locations all over Suffolk County.

Legislative:

Past County Commander Ken Dolan: Legislative Breakfast Oct 25, 2025: Flyer attached

Cold War Service Medal (Commemorative) introduced in NY Senate Bill: 2025-S7850

VSO:

Past County Commander Ken Dolan:

Sick Call: None

Old Business: Commander Hoover

- Old Business covered in Commanders Report
- 2nd Division Dues: \$30 - 2026 Are due by some Posts – Roby Johnson has been placed on the 2nd Division Account Post's Joseph Kovarik 1146 still needs to pay Division Dues.
- **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

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Post Reports:

Post 365 - Bay Shore:

Post 411- Rusy Bohm: Post Picnic Sat Sept 20, Irish Day Parade on Sept 28, have to replace a wall at the post, due to rot. Auxiliary received a 10,000 donation and will pay for female bathroom renovation.

Post 651- Sayville:

Post 833 - James Ely Miller New Fence to be Sealed/Stained

Post 944 - Kings Park: Repairing a fence

Post 1006 - Joseph Loeffler: Home Depot assisted with the Post Beautification Project, in lieu of Post's 100th Birthday. Post members assisted in the planting of plants as well as new mulch being added. Gutters replaced.

Post 1039 - Herold-Tierney:

Post 1146 - Joseph Kovarik:

Post 1152 - Sherwood Brothers: 9-11 Ceremony at St James Fire Dept, Presentation by Fred Stanger on Elder Law, Opening up Post on Friday mornings to Veterans for coffee and cake in the mornings has helped in recruiting new members.

Post 1635 - Four "S": Sewer system installed. Clean up for Post. Not much Hall Rentals.

Post 1738 - West Islip: 15,000 grant for Sewer System, Reaching out to Post1 for recruiting and mailed out notices to 100 Post 1 members and they were able to get 3 new members

New Business: Commander Hoover

- **September 20, 2025:** 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Ride Post 1006 - Joseph Loeffler Registration 9am

- **September 21, 2025:** SAR Flag Raising & Remembrance Ceremony H. Lee Dennison Building Hauppauge 10:30am

- **September 23, 2025:** Training Tuesday: First Training Tuesday Location: Wilson-Ritch Post 432 1450 Hallock Ave. Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 Time: Registration 6:30pm Session Begins: 7:00pm (Various Topics to be Discussed)

* **Training Tuesday Postponed to Oct 21**

- **October 25, 2025:** Legislative Breakfast: Rusy-Bohm Post 411 0900am. \$18pp (\$162 Table of 10)

Earlier start time for breakfast 8am

Checks payable to: SCAL Mail to: Kenneth G. Dolan Legislative Chairman 20 Stuyvesant Lane Smithtown, NY 11787

- Roby Johnson is now the Liaison between the Legion and the Auxiliary so have your Auxiliary Madame President contact him if they need anything or have info to disseminate

- Roby Johnson new email: robyj15@gmail.com

Good of the Legion:

CEC Health Care:

Long Island Listening Forum at

Long Island State Veterans Home on Fri Sept 26, 10am-11:30

VFW Post 2718 68 Lincoln Rd, Franklin Square Oct 9, 1pm-2:30pm

Plus 2 virtual mtgs for Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom Oct 16 6:30 pm - 8pm

National Guard/Reserves Nov 6, 6:30pm - 8pm

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 the Holiday Season.

- **Legion Family Directory:** Show Your Support!!! Take Out an Ad!!! Deadline: September 31st

A Full Page 5 ½" x 8 ½" is \$60 a Half Page is \$30. Submit Ad via: Return Mail or e-mail knielsen.ala@gmail.com

Acceptable Formats: JPEG, JPG, PNG, PDF, DOC

Check payable to: Suffolk County American Legion (Please write "Directory" in MEMO Section)

Mail to: Kathy Nielsen 34 Jute Rd Rocky Point, NY 11778

- Next 2nd Division Meeting: : Friday, October 17, 2025 Sherwood Bros Post 1152 6:30pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

- **Future 2nd Div Mtgs:** *November 21st Post 944 Kings Park* **December???**

No further business – Chaplin lead us in closing prayer

Hand Salute

Meeting adjourned: 2025

Respectfully Submitted

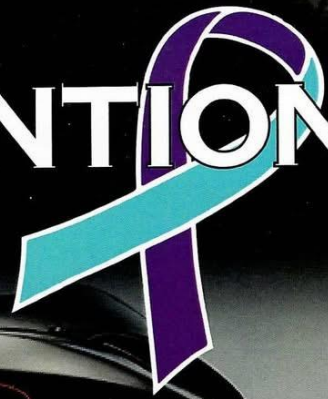
William Coderre

2nd Division Adjutant

William Coderre

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2ND ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION RIDE



ALR 1006
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
BRENTWOOD



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Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag Family

Hosted by

Legislator Chad H. Lennon

**Armed Forces Plaza
H. Lee Dennison Building**

100 Veterans Memorial Highway

Hauppauge, NY 11788

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Seated by 10:45 AM - Ceremony at 11:00 AM

**Keynote Speaker -
Lieutenant Colonel Chad
Lennon, USMC
Legislator, VFW Post
6249 Member, American
Legion Post 1888
Member**



**Speaker -
Assemblyman
Steve Stern
Assembly District 10,
Chairman of the
Veterans' Affairs
Committee**

**Ceremonial Unit -
VFW Post 6249**

**Honor Guard -
Patchogue UVO**

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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



Subject: 2025-2026 Legion Family Directory
Suffolk County American Legion

We are starting to publish the 2025-2026 Legion Family Directory which will list all American Legion Posts in Suffolk County as well as the American Legion Auxiliary President and staff and the Sons of the American Legion.

Long Island has the largest Veterans population in New York State. We thank you for your past support.

We are offering a place for you to put an ad in the directory to show your support as well to give your support.

A Full Page 5 ½" x 8 ½" is \$60 a Half Page is \$30.

Submit Ad via: Return Mail or e-mail knielsen.ala@gmail.com
Acceptable Formats: JPEG, JPG, PNG, PDF, DOC

Deadline: September 31, 2025

Make check payable to: Suffolk County American Legion (Please write "Directory" in MEMO Section)

Mail to: Kathy Nielsen
34 Jute Rd
Rocky Point, NY 11778

Questions: Contact me at (516) 983-6507

Thank you for your support.

Kathy Nielsen
Directory Chairman



Long Island Veterans Listening Forums

Long Island is home to over 85,000 veterans, as well as service members currently serving in the National Guard and Reserves. CEC Health Care (www.charlesevanscenter.org) has received a generous grant from the Tribute and Honor Foundation (www.tributeandhonorfoundation.org) to conduct a series of Long Island Veteran "Listening Forums". These listening forums are intended to provide a platform for veterans to speak about the veterans issues, to identify successful practices, to highlight any gaps in care, and to develop potential solutions. Feedback obtained during the forums will help inform the wider veterans community, elected officials and other stakeholders about the current state of veterans' issues on Long Island.

Each forum will focus on a specific cohort. Some of the forums will be conducted in-person and others will be conducted on-line.

AMERICAN LEGION SUFFOLK COUNTY – 3rd DIVISION

Roundtable MEETING – Friday September 19, 2025

Location: William Merritt Hallock Post 155 Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Called to Order: 19:00

Posts Present: (6) William Merritt Hallock Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma, Patchogue Post 269-Patchogue, Harbor Post 417-Stony Brook, Wilson Ritch Post 432-Port Jefferson Station, Arthur H Clune Post 1533-Mastic Beach, Selden Post 1633, and John R Cacioppo Post 1848-Medford.

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Membership – As a county we have met our current goal of 55%. I have sent out the latest membership report to you and it is on NEWS YOU CAN USE. As you will notice I have added a column to the report showing how many each post needs to sign up to make our current goal. There are posts out there that need just a few and others need help. Ask me if you need help I am available to all.

Finance Report – As reported by Gene Ordmandy:

Checking Balance as of August 31, 2025	\$ 6126.12
Total Deposits of \$	0.00
Interest of \$	0.10
Withdrawals of \$	0.00
Grand Total of \$	6,126.22
Breakdown as follows:	
General Fund	\$ 2,136.91
Veterans Assistance Program	\$ 2,011.16
Children & Youth	\$ 1,888.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
Post Dues	\$ 90.00
Interest	\$ 0.15
Others	\$ 0.00
Grand Total	\$ 6126.22

Motion to accept Finance report: John R Cacioppo Post 1848-Medford **Second:** William Merrit Hallock Post 155. Motion – **Passed**

Motion was made by Division Adjutant to suspend regular meeting for our roundtable discussion. Seconded by Arthur H. Clune Post 1533.

Motion-**Passed**

Roundtable Discussion:

Gene Ordmandy informed the group that due to the loss of Richard Rogers we need to postpone our Training Tuesday event at Wilson Ritch Post 432 to October 21st, 2025 at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Division Adjutant started to discuss when and where 3rd Division will meet over the next 12 months. All Division meetings are on the 3rd Friday of any given month. We started to fill the schedule until there was a suggestion made from the floor asking the question as to why we meet only on Fridays and can we meet a different day of the week. After some discussion the Division Adjutant made a list of all posts present and when

they meet. After evaluating this a suggestion was made to unsuspend the meeting in order to hold a proper vote on our meeting day.

Motion was made by the Division Adjutant to go back to regular order. Motion was seconded by Wilson Ritch Post 432. Motion **Passed**.

At this time a **motion was brought to the floor** by William Merritt Hallock Post 155 that we move our scheduled meeting day from the 3rd Friday of any given month to the 3rd Monday of any given month and if the Monday falls on a holiday we will move the meeting to the Wednesday of the same week.. Motion seconded by John R Cacioppo Post 1848. Motion **Passed**

Unfinished/Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business - We now will fill our schedule using the new model:

2025

Monday October 20 -	William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St.
Monday November 17 -	William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St.
Monday December 15 -	William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St.

2026

Wednesday January 21 -	Arthur H Clune Post 1533, Mastic Beach. 110 Mastic Beach Rd.
Wednesday February 18 -	Wilson Ritch Post 432, Port Jefferson Station. 1450 Hallock Ave.
Monday March 16 -	William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St.
Monday April 20 -	William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St.
Monday May 18 -	William Merritt Hallock Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma. 115 Church St.
Monday June 15 -	Arthur H Clune Post 1533, Mastic Beach. 110 Mastic Beach Rd
Monday September 21 -	(Roundtable)Wilson Ritch Post 432, Port Jefferson Station. 1450 Hallock Ave.

Good of the Legion – Commander Knudsen announced that the next county meeting will be Friday October 3, 2025 at the Riverhead Post at 8:00pm. Dinner at 7:00pm.

Sick Call – Fred Miller

Children & Youth: \$36.00

Next Month's Meeting - will be held at the William Merritt Hallock Ritch 155 in Lake Ronkonkoma on October 20, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned: 21:30

As submitted by:
Fred Tartaglione,
Adjutant 3rd Division



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 4TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 3 OCTOBER 2025

5th Division Commander, standing in for currently vacant 4th Division counterpart, reached out to all posts in the division. The following reports have been received:

1. RIVERHEAD POST #273 - Post held 30th annual Pig Roast on Saturday, 13 September with a live band. Event was successful, but turnout less than hoped for. Rentals at post going well, including line dancing classes both day and night.
2. GRISWOLD-TERRY-GLOVER POST #803 - Post participated in the Southold Firefighters Memorial and Remembrance ceremony on September 11th. On 12 September post held potluck dinner for members and guests with excellent turnout and very successful Chicken BBQ on 20 September. Post now has officially recognized Legion Riders group. Bingo sessions continuing well. Post Auxiliary will host their annual Craft Fair on Sunday, 2 November from 10AM-3PM at the post. Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the post starting at 11AM. After which the Auxiliary Unit, in conjunction with Long Island Cares, Veterans Project, will sponsor a 'Special Holiday Thank You for Our Veterans'. Qualified local vets and service members will receive a complimentary uncooked turkey, ham or chicken along with a box of holiday fixings.
3. BURTON POTTER POST #185 - No report received.
4. MITCHELL POST #281 - Attended post meeting on 15 September. Annual BBQ competition event on 30 August raised approximately \$20K. Post working on plans for major renovation and upgrade of kitchen spaces. Post bade farewell to long time member and USMC veteran Clifford W. 'Skip' Tuttle on 20 September.
5. ALFRED R. GREBE POST #1045 - No report received.
6. Planning to attend Southold Post meeting later this month, Burton Potter in November and Riverhead in December.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE

Commander, 5th Division



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 3 OCTOBER 2025

The 5th Division met at East Hampton Post #411 on 23 September. Posts #388, #411, #834, #924 and #1545 were in attendance. Commander Jeff Kiger welcomed the attendees and dinner was served at 1830. Meeting proper began at 1908. Prior to regular business, PCC Mike Pankowski swore Cdr Kiger in for another term as post commander. The following reports were received:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - Sons Squadron pig roast on 20 September went well. The post filled a chartered 50 passenger bus to participate in the Tunnel to Towers 5K in New York on 27 September. Post is working on developing a website. Post will host Veteran Outreach Day on 4 October. Starting preps for Veterans' Day observances.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Repairs to fascia on rear of building and improvements to landscaping largely complete. Tenant restaurant will close for the season for December through February. 4 post members attended Department Commander's visitation. Starting plans for Veterans Day observance and dinner. Post Commander and Adjutant signed and forwarded draft resolution to Dep't. seeking support in stopping Army museum closures. On 9 September post bade farewell to Carol Martino, a long-serving stalwart of the Auxiliary Unit. Carol was one of two Auxiliary members from the post who never missed an MIAP burial service.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 - No report received.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Held ceremony on morning of September 11th and took part in local First Responder ceremony that evening. Supported local San Gennaro festival on 13-14 September by manning one of the entrance booths. Post members attended recent 'Look Away' ceremony at CG Station Shinnecock (CPO Initiation). Rentals and use of post by other local groups going well. Post welcomed 2 new members this month. On 7 November post will honor member Don Veeck at Hampton Bays elementary school. Wednesday Burger Nights continue going well but may scale back frequency during the 'off season'.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - 5 September took part in the Summer Charity Bash at Quogue Public Beach. Post member organized this event which over 50 local members attended. On 16 September 5 Post members walked Montauk Highway to pick up a trash for the post's prescribed route, organized by Suffolk County Dept of Highways. On 21 September post hosted breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall to raise funds for the post. Donations were requested and Post offered multiple baskets and gift donations from local merchants and individual donors. Post donated funds to local VFW event and Honor Veterans Dinner at Westhampton Performing Arts Center.

6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - 5 members attended Department Cdr's visitation on 7 September. On 21 September members supported Corvette Car show at Northport VA Hospital, event raised \$3000 for the hospital. To combat ongoing vandalism in post parking lot, will be installing a full commercial security system with license plate reader. Post will be purchasing new display case to house historical memorabilia. Post selling memorial bricks to be installed near Montauk Highway to honor veterans and family members. Looking into booking the 'Stone Blues Rising' band for another fundraiser in October or November. Starting preps for Veterans Day events.

7. Division Commander briefed on the following items:

- 1 .NEXT COUNTY MEETING - 3 Oct at Riverhead Post #273
2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT CDR'S VISITATION - 7 Sept at Babylon
3. MEMBERSHIP GOALS PUBLISHED
4. MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP - Saturday, 4 October at Malvern Post #44
5. LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - Saturday, 25 October 9AM at Rusy-Bohm Post #411 in Islip. Tickets are \$18, Table of 10 for \$162
6. VETS APPRECIATION DINNER - Wednesday, 29 Oct at SHHS, 1630-1830
7. ORATORICAL COMPETITION - 6 December at Brentwood Post #1006
8. REMINDER ON ANNUAL REPORTS/PER CAPITA/PUFL PAYMENTS
9. ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY MEETINGS AND EVENTS
10. ARMY MUSEUM CLOSURES

10. Meeting concluded at 2003. Next meeting Tuesday, 28 October at Eastport Post #1545.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE
Commander, 5th Division



Commanders report October 3rd, 2025

September 5th Attended County meeting

September 6th Attended Queens County visitation for Department
Commander John Miga and traveling party.

September 7th attended Suffolk County Visitation for Department
Commander John Miga and traveling party. Thank you to Kevin Eaton and all
who participated in making it a success

September 8th attended Nassau County Visitation dinner for Department
Commander John Miga and traveling party.

September 10th Attended Wake service for Joseph Lynch Vietnam veteran
post 651-member Port Jefferson

September 11th Attended funeral service for Joseph Lynch Vietnam veteran at
Calverton National.

September 11th Attended 9-11 service Calverton.

September 11th Attended 9-11 remembrance ceremony Post 269 Patchogue.

September 19th Attended POW/MIA ceremony village of Babylon

September 25th Attended funeral service for Thomas Casia Army Veteran Long
Island National
For God and Country
David M. Isaacs
Commander

Suffolk County American Legion

Financial report

3-Oct-25

For the period ended September 30, 2025

General Account:

opening Balance 41,374.41

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposits:</u> <u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
9/9/25	14 posts	2,435.00	Cdr Visitation
9/9/25	9Posts	2,035.00	Cdr Visitation
9/9/25	W+M	191.00	
9/9/25	C+Y	80.00	
9/9/25	Post 417	259.00	Per Capita 2025
9/9/25	Post 1006	96.00	Per Capita 2025
9/9/25	Post 1015	162.00	Per Capita 2025
9/9/25	Post 1848	180.00	Per capita 2026
9/9/25	Post 352	24.00	Per capita 2026
9/23/25	Post 1120	48.00	Per Capita 2026
9/23/25	Post 433	36.00	Per capita 2025
9/23/25	Post 433	24.00	Per capita 2026
9/30/25	Interest	3.28	
Total deposits		<u>5,573.28</u>	

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
1984	9/2/25	350.00	R. Johnson	Nat'l Conv
1986	9/2/25	350.00	E. Ordmandy	Nat'l Conv
1988	9/3/25	350.00	A. Martin	Nat'l Conv
1983	9/8/25	350.00	K Eaton	Nat'l Conv
1985	9/8/25	350.00	M. Pankowski	Nat'l Conv
1990	9/8/25	350.00	R. Robesch	Nat'l Conv
1998	9/8/25	1,750.00	Post 94	Cdr Visitation
1992	9/9/25	40.45	P. Gerecke	Card Distribution
1997	9/9/25	1,900.00	Amore Caterer	Cdr Visitation
	9/9/25	2.70		serv chg
2000	9/10/25	334.00	Erin Horn	Cdr Visitation
1994	9/11/25	200.00	Post 944	Mtg food
1996	9/15/25	204.00	R. Santo	Web Site fee
1993	9/16/25	300.00	Murphy Museum	Donation
1995	9/17/25	359.00	Brady Agency	Bond
1977	9/23/25	100.00	F. Luchka	Serv officer

Total disbursements 7,290.15Ending balance 39,657.54**Monies held:**

SAL	312.60
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	500.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	<u>3,237.84</u>

Boy's State	25,958.18
Savings	7,538.41
CD	26,221.36
	<u>59,717.95</u>

Total All accounts 99,375.49Total available 96,137.65

October 3rd 2025

TO: DAVID ISSACS, COMMANDER, SUFFOLK
COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

FROM: JEFFERY T MOLITOR, SERVICE, RIDERS,
AND SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

VIA: BILL CORDERE, SUFFOLK COUNTY
AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Service Officer Report: The VAMC Reorganization continues; the present hiring freeze is set to end on October 15. It may be extended. Employee ceiling caps are expected. There have been no COVID cases at VAMC for the last few weeks. Currently waiting on the new influenza vaccine, hopefully within the next few days. The COVID-19 vaccine for all over age 65 is recommended, as well as those with any immune issues. New COVID vaccine expected shortly.

DAV is still looking for drivers.

Suffolk Oil for Veterans apply at the Dennison Building

Riders Report: Greenlawn Post 12144

Date of Ride	How many riders	Miles
7/10	3	44
7/16	4	96
7/28	5	230
8/2	8	368
8/9	4	272
8/10	7	427
8/13	3	192
8/23	7	217
8/28	8	222
8/29	4	192
9/6	4	82
9/7	8	212
9/9	2	32

9/11	2	1822
9/14	8	816
9/20	2	92
9/21	2	157
9/22	5	212
9/23	3	93
9/23	2	72

Rider hours	Total Miles	Donations	Totals
195 Times \$34.79=\$6784.05	5724 time .14=\$801.36	\$472	\$8057.41

Brentwood had there ride on 9/20
SAR on 9/23 @ Demison

Scouting Report: Available for Eagle Court of Honor. The next one scheduled is in Kings Park on
October 19th at 1400

SINCERELY,



JEFFERY T MOLITOR
GYSGT/ USMC(RET)



VETERANS FIELD GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to provide quality, consistent care and services to Veterans, families, Caregivers, and Survivors. VA's mission allows no exception to this standard even when operations are limited by the absence of appropriations (commonly known as a "Government shutdown").



SERVICES TO VETERANS NOT IMPACTED:



VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open as usual and providing all services.



VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.



Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries. Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.



The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.



Call Centers: VA's primary call center (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) will remain open 24/7.



Suicide prevention programs, homelessness services, and caregiver support will continue.



HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!

The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.

1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411)



SERVICES TO VETERANS IMPACTED:



VA will cease providing transition program assistance and career counseling.



Call Centers: VA's GI Bill (1-888-GIBILL-1) and National Cemetery Applicant Assistance (1-800-697-6947) hotlines will be closed.



VA benefits regional offices will be closed.



Public Affairs and outreach to Veterans will cease, including social media, VetResources emails, and responses to press inquiries.



No grounds maintenance or placement of permanent headstones at VA cemeteries.

Applications for pre-need burial at VA cemeteries will not be processed.

No printing of new Presidential Memorial Certificates.



No outreach to state, county, tribal, municipal, faith-based, and community-based partners by VA Central Office.

In the event of a prolonged shutdown, VA will continue to review and update its plan in conjunction with the applicable legal requirements and circumstances. Please visit www.whitehouse.gov/omb/ or www.VA.gov for updated information.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Download the **VA Welcome Kit** www.va.gov/welcome-kit/

Subscribe to **#VetResources** www.va.gov/vetresources/

Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then Press 1

Call 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) or visit <https://www.va.gov/contact-us/>

**AMERICAN LEGION – SUFFOLK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

COLOR GUARD

September 2025 Monthly Report

September 5 –

Participated in “Changing of the Guard” Ceremony Kevin Eaton/David Isaacs at Suffolk County Meeting-Donald C Munro Post 944, Kings Park, NY.

September 7 –

“Presenting of Colors” for Department Commander John Miga Visitation at Babylon Post 94, Babylon, NY.

Report Submitted by:

Richard Knutson
Color Guard Liaison

2025 Department Commanders Visitation Report

Department Commanders Visitation was held on Sept 7, 2025. The Department Commander's County Visitation consisted of Lodging at Holiday Inn -Westbury, breakfast at the Candlelight Diner in Commack, and tours of Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge and Lt. Michael P Murphy Navy Seal Museum in Sayville.

The Visitation Cocktail Hour and Dinner was held at Babylon Post 94 and was attended by 184 members of the American Legion Family.

19 Tables, 9 full tables of ten were purchased by American Legion Posts, 2 full tables were purchased by the SAL and 1 ½ tables purchased by the Auxiliary.

Ticket Sale Income was \$5280

Expenses as listed below

Catering : 1900

Post 94 : 1750 (Refreshment Package)

BJs Club: 334

Navy Seal: 300

Diner : 201

Misc : 31 (U.S. Stamps)

Hotel : ? unavailable at this time.

Total Expense (Without Hotel) =4516

Remaining Income \$764.

Respectfully Submitted,

PCC Kevin Eaton

Dept Cmdr Visitation Chairman.

Attention All Post Commanders

Legion Family

Re: 2025 Legislative Breakfast

Program Change

Arrival Time: Legion Family – 8:00 AM

Breakfast: Upon arrival and check-in

Legion Rituals: 9:00 AM

Elected Officials Arrival: 9:00 AM

The reason for the change is as follows:

Early arrival of the Legion Family is to affect a smooth serving of the breakfast in order to maintain less of a commotion of securing of the meal, as to not have the time that the elected officials speaking interrupted by the back-and-forth movement of the Legion Family getting their meals.

Cost: \$18 per person – Table of 10: \$170

Remit to: Kenneth G. Dolan, Legislative Chairman

20 Stuyvesant Lane

Smithtown, NY 11787-2416

Cut off date: COB-22 October 2025



Legislative Breakfast

20
25

October 25, 2025

Rusy Bohm Post 411

39 Nassau Avenue, Islip, NY 11751

Breakfast Served: 8:00am

Opening Ceremony: 9:00am

Cost: \$18 Per Person

\$170 Table of Ten (Prepaid)

Checks payable to: SCAL

Mail to:

Kenneth G. Dolan

Legislative Chairman

20 Stuyvesant Lane

Smithtown, NY 11787-2416

(Deadline: October 22, 2025)

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

Suffolk County Membership Report for October 3, 2025

Comrades,

We have again met our most recent goals for membership. There are several posts in Suffolk County that don't seem to be making an effort to get their current members to renew. We have met our goals due to many posts that have met or exceeded their goals, and to them I say Thank You. I am getting ready to make some visits to those who need help. I hope all posts take membership as seriously as they should be. Membership is our life's blood, without members we don't have a future. We all need to take a hard look and make that extra effort to get that new member, get a transfer from post 0001 and get your current members to pay their dues. As always I am here to help any post with anything from Membership, Reports, MyLegion or anything American Legion. So please don't hold back ask for help and you will get it. Let's keep the momentum going!!!!

Respectfully,

Fred Tartaglione

Suffolk County Membership Chairman

(631)495-6779

Please remember our District 2 & 10 Membership Workshop is this Saturday, October 4, 2025 at the Malverne Post 44 240 Franklin Avenue, Malverne, NY Breakfast and Lunch will be served! All are welcome!!!

POW-MIA Report
For the month September 2025

This month, because there were only two comrades recovered.
I have added the full DPAA report of their recovery.
I thought you might be interested in knowing all that is done,
to bring closure to their families and loved ones.

WORLD WAR 2 :

**** USS California:**

U.S. Navy Fireman 1st Class Edward D. Bowden, 29,
Yokohama, Japan.
U.S. Navy Reserve Ensign Eugene E. Mandeberg, 23,

Fireman 1st Class Edward D. Bowden

On Dec. 7, 1941, Bowden was assigned to the battleship USS *California*, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS *California* sustained multiple torpedo and bomb hits, which caused it catch fire and slowly flood. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of approximately 102 crew members, including Bowden.

From December 1941 to April 1942, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uauu Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks on Oahu. In addition to the approximately 43 casualties from the USS *California* initially identified after the attack, the laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 39 men from the USS *California* at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. On April 26, 1949, a military board classified Bowden, as non-recoverable.

In 2018, DPAA personnel exhumed the 25 USS *California* Unknowns from the Punchbowl for analysis.

To identify Bowden's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the [Armed Forces Medical Examiner System](#) used mitochondrial DNA analysis and mitochondrial genome sequencing data.

Ensign Eugene E. Mandeberg

In the summer 1945, Mandeberg was a member of the Fighting Squadron 88, USS *Yorktown*. On August 15, while returning from a mission near Atsugi Airfield, Honshu, Japan, his formation was engaged with enemy fighter planes. Four of the six U.S. aircraft failed to return to the USS *Yorktown* and Navy officials reported Mandeberg as Missing in Action. His remains were not recovered or identified after the war.

On March 20, 1946, U.S. personnel retrieved remains known as X-341 Yokohama #1 from the Myoho-ji Temple in Yokohama, Japan. These remains were believed to belong to an American Grumman F6F pilot who crashed there on Aug. 15, 1945. The wreckage was linked to the USS *Yorktown*, but the fragmentary state of the remains prevented a positive identification. The family chose to have X-341 interred as a World War II Unknown, a decision honored by Navy officials at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial. On Nov. 15, 2019, DPAA exhumed X-341 and accessioned the remains into the DPAA Laboratory for scientific analysis.

To identify Mandeberg's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis. Additionally, scientists from the [Armed Forces Medical Examiner System](#) used mitochondrial and nuclear single nucleotide polymorphism DNA analysis, and mitochondrial genome DNA sequencing.

Currently from WWII, there are 71,841 still unaccounted for. 7,395 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

Oct 3, 2025

The M.I.A.P has announced that the following States will be having Services for the following unclaimed Cremains of Veterans and Spouses.

Oct 9: Washington State, 20 Veterans 10 Spouses to be interred at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Oct 16: New Jersey, 20 Veterans and 2 family members to be interred in Vets Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ

Oct 18: Arizona will be interring Cremains at the Marana, AZ National Cemetery.

Oct 24: Virginia will be Interring 1 Veteran and 4 Spouses in Culpeper National Cemetery.

Oct 30: Florida will be interring 19 Veterans and 2 Spouses at the South Florida National Cemetery.

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

Kevin Eaton

MIAP Chair

Long Island National Cemetery Report

Due to the government shut down, the Monthly meeting has been canceled. It was to take place Sunday, October 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Beecher

National Commanders Dinner Report: Mike Pankowski - Dinner to be held on Friday April 17 at Anton's in Queens. More information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

County Judge Advocate Report: Mike Pankowski - All Posts, with the exception of Fisher's Island, have paid their County Per Capital from last year 2024-2025. Please be prompt in paying for this year 2025-2026. Contact Finance Officer Bob Robesch if you have any questions on this.



Oratorical Committee Report

October 2, 2025

Dear Comrades:

I urgently Need VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Volunteers are needed to make the contest a success. In addition to audience members there are a lot of moving parts behind the scenes to help move the program along. I need Volunteers!!

If you are interested in helping, it is important to connect with me to confirm your position and ensure you are aware of all the duties and responsibilities within that assigned role. I think I was able to get the same 'crew' from last year – but it is helpful to have extra hands available if there is a last minute cancelation.

The attached are the assignments I have thus far. If you are unable to commit, please let me know.

STUDENTS:

To date I have only received (1) email from Jeff Molitor re: a prospective student. How sad is that in ALL of Suffolk County???? POST Commanders – please HELP us and reach out to your local schools. St. Pius – I did send information and connected with Charlie Armstrong from the Greenlawn Post. He also has been reaching out to ensure we can help and assist our sisters there with any prospective students.

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



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.
- 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.



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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.

**AMERICAN LEGION – SUFFOLK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

September 2025 Monthly Report

September 20 –

“Veterans Suicide Prevention Ride” – Organized and Coordinated by Joseph Loeffler Post 1006. The Ride went from Harley-Davidson Suffolk County in Oakdale to VA Hospital-Northport and Back.

Pictures and Text Published in “News You Can Use” and in Legiontown.org-Be The One

Report Submitted by:

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Resolution 2025-09

Resolution: Prevent The Closure of Military Museums On All U.S. Army Bases.
Submitted by: Chelberg & Battle Post 388

WHEREAS, U.S. military museums on bases are rooted in the need to preserve and showcase the military's customs, traditions, and the experiences of soldiers, informing both civilian and military audiences; national museums like the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard museums often have specific origins tied to their respective service branches but have become public institutions, while others are localized on specific bases to highlight their unique history or the history of local units

WHEREAS, Educating our communities on our militaries history is key to instilling national pride amongst service members and the general public; in fact, Secretary Hegseth has been very vocal about preserving our military's history for the sake of improving morale; in the dedication of his book, Modern Warriors, Secretary Hegseth said "the legacy of our warriors is worthy of elevation – a reflection of what we should really value;" by closing these museums, you are doing the exact opposite by not honoring the incredible sacrifice and service the men and women who have served our great nation have provided

WHEREAS, The Four Pillars of the American Legion are the guiding principal of our institution

WHEREAS, The Third Pillar: Americanism is the cultivating of patriotism, civic responsibility, and strong character through youth programs and community engagement

WHEREAS, The majority of these museums are funded by independent foundations

WHEREAS, Any savings that have been put forth as reason for the closure, would be minimal at best

WHEREAS, Many of these Museums are National Historic Landmarks

WHEREAS, These museums preserve the history and honor our military, and the civilians who assisted in their development

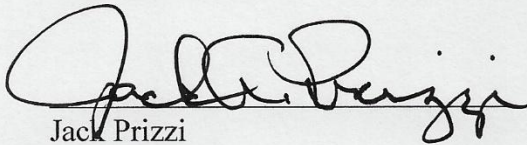
WHEREAS, Military museums, are an integral part of educating our communities on the militaries history and key to instilling national pride amongst service members and the general public

WHEREAS, The telling of the stories and history of the military will directly lead to recruitment.

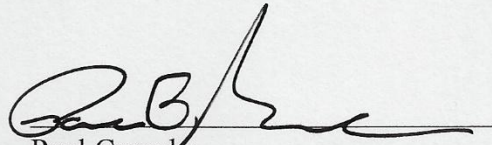
RESOLVED, By the members of Chelberg & Battle Post 388 that they will vigorously protest the closure of military museums by the U.S. Army Center of Military History by contacting their local, state and federal representatives and imploring them to make it known that these military museums are vital; in order to prevent further closures of military museums by the U.S. Army Center of Military History, The Suffolk County American Legion and The American Legion, Department of New York embark on a campaign to stop said closure of military museums throughout the nation by the U.S. Army Center of Military History; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That, if adopted, this Resolution be forwarded to the National Organization for action to prevent the closure of military museums on U.S. Army bases.

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Chelberg & Battle Post 388 on September 9, 2025.



Jack Prizzi
Commander
Chelberg & Battle Post 388



Paul Gerecke
Adjutant
Chelberg & Battle Post 388

Suffolk County American Legion

FOR RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE USE

Approved: X Rejected:

Approved with Amendments:

Consolidated with:

Referred to: American Legion Department of New York

Received and Recorded: September 9, 2025

Other Action:

Signature: William Coderre
(Chairperson)



Adjutant Signature

Suffolk County Adjutant

Title

Below section to be completed when resolution is submitted from another authorized source.

William Coderre

Name

Suffolk County Resolutions Committee

Title



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New York
2026 Membership Report as of September 12, 2025

Squadron	Location	Charter Date	SDR	OCF 25-26	New	Renew	Total	Goal	%GOAL	VARIANCE
District 10										
Nassau County										
NY SQDN 0044	Malverne	26-Apr-1934	x		0	29	29	53	54.72%	-24
NY SQDN 0246	Baldwin	19-May-1939			0	0	0	31	0.00%	-31
NY SQDN 0304	Manhasset	18-Mar-1935			0	0	0	10	0.00%	-10
NY SQDN 0334	Floral Park	5-Apr-1934	x		0	19	19	19	100.00%	0
NY SQDN 0854	Andrew Fatscher	21-Apr-1934			0	0	0	45	0.00%	-45
NY SQDN 0958	East Rockaway	3-Mar-1939	x		0	0	0	81	0.00%	-81
NY SQDN 1033	Elmont	2-Aug-1935			0	1	1	31	3.23%	-30
NY SQDN 1066	Massapequa	6-Dec-1954			0	3	3	117	2.56%	-114
NY SQDN 1082	East Meadow Memorial	13-Feb-1934	x		11	67	78	65	120.00%	13
NY SQDN 1711	Levittown	1-Nov-1965	x	x	0	2	2	141	1.42%	-139
NY SQDN 1812	Plainview	9-Mar-1959			0	1	1	32	3.13%	-31
COUNTY TOTAL			5	1	11	122	133	625	21.28%	-492
Queens County										
NY SQDN 0103	Little Neck-Douglaston	14-Apr-1937			0	0	0	10	0.00%	-10
NY SQDN 1404	Broad Channel	30-Dec-1985			0	0	0	38	0.00%	-38
COUNTY TOTAL			0	0	0	0	0	48	0.00%	-48
Suffolk County										
NY SQDN 0094	Babylon	5-May-1934	x	x	3	30	33	60	55.00%	-27
NY SQDN 0185	Burton Potter	17-May-1940	x		1	5	6	17	35.29%	-11
NY SQDN 0269	Patchogue	18-Jun-1937	x		0	1	1	16	6.25%	-15
NY SQDN 0273	Riverhead	2-Jul-2001			2	4	6	15	40.00%	-9
NY SQDN 0419	East Hampton Town	24-Aug-1956		x	5	4	9	90	10.00%	-81
NY SQDN 0432	Wilson Ritch	6-Sep-1934	x	x	0	4	4	86	4.65%	-82
NY SQDN 0651	Smith-Wever	17-Oct-1957	x		0	0	0	20	0.00%	-20
NY SQDN 0803	Griswold-Terry-Glover	4-Mar-1997			3	0	3	31	9.68%	-28
NY SQDN 0833	James Ely Miller	29-Jul-2021	x	x	4	61	65	150	43.33%	-85
NY SQDN 0924	Hand-Aldrich	17-May-1940			0	0	0	18	0.00%	-18
NY SQDN 1006	Joseph Loeffler	2-Mar-1959	x	x	0	0	0	83	0.00%	-83
NY SQDN 1120	Feustel-Kurdt	20-Jan-1936			0	4	4	10	40.00%	-6
NY SQDN 1146	Joseph Kovarik	9-Jun-1958	x		1	0	1	24	4.17%	-23
NY SQDN 1244	Greenlawn	27-Feb-2007	x		0	10	10	17	58.82%	-7
NY SQDN 1533	Arthur H Clune	13-Oct-1933	x	x	1	15	16	55	29.09%	-39
NY SQDN 1634	Sergeant John Sardiello	11-Jun-1956		x	0	0	0	31	0.00%	-31
NY SQDN 1738	West Islip	28-Feb-1958	x		0	0	0	21	0.00%	-21
NY SQDN 1839	Wayne Middleton	9-Jul-1958	x		0	1	1	10	10.00%	-9
COUNTY TOTAL			12	7	20	139	159	754	21.09%	-595
10TH DISTRICT TOTAL			17	8	31	261	292	1427	20.46%	-1135