



Suffolk County American Legion Minutes and Reports January 3, 2025

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Suffolk County American Legion Meeting minutes January 3 2025

Patchouge post-269

Meeting opened 2000 hrs

meeting Adjourned 21:10 hrs

Officers in attendance.

Commander Kevin Eaton (Present)

Adjutant David M. Isaacs (Present)

Finance Officer Robert Robesch (Present)

Sgt. at Arms Marcel Jeffries (Present)

Service Officer Fred Loucka (Present)

Chaplain Kenneth Dolan (Present)

1st Division commander Joseph Regina Excused

2nd Division commander William Coderre (Present)

3rd Division commander Richard Knutson (Present)

4th Division commander No fourth division commander
currently

5th Division commander Paul E. Gerecke (Excused)

Commander Kevin Eaton Opened the meeting with proper protocol.

Chaplain Ken Dolan Offered prayer.

Roll call of posts was taken by Adjutant David M. Isaacs

Seventeen post out of Forty-Three were present. We had a quorum.

Post 269 Commander excused: Jeffery Molitor gave opening remarks. as hosting post, welcomed us and provided a wonderful dinner.

Commander Kevin Eaton offered his report which is attached separately.

A motion to accept the prior month's minutes as published was made and seconded by Steven Antonacci. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Finance officer Robert Robesch presented the finance report. A motion was made to accept the report as read; It was seconded by Robert Lindsay. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

The finance officer also gave the per capita and puful dues report. Those posts that had made their per capita goals, per the resolution to give back 5% to those posts that made their goal.

Commander Eaton presented his report which is attached under separate cover as well as re-emphasize the importance of interviewing candidates for Boys State. Also reiterated the fact to be diligent. Since Boys State applications are coming soon to make all efforts to get our paperwork in order. Commander Eaton made it clear that Boys State is June 28th, Transportation has been secured and is still \$600.00. June 28th through July 3rd.

Chaplain, Ken Dolan, presented his report which is attached separately,

Historian, report Jerry Duran. No report

Sgt at arms, Marcell Jeffries. No Report

Adjutant report, David Isaacs. No Report

Service officer report, Fred Loucka. Provided handwritten report on half torn piece of paper. Completely illegible. The adjutant requested that reports be either emailed or typed and presented.

1st division, No Report

2nd division, Report attached under separate cover

3rd division, Report attached under separate cover

4th division, No report as there is no fourth Division Commander

5th division Report attached under separate cover

Legislative Chairman Ken Dolan No Report

Liaison to Auxillary Ken Dolan reported that thus far 11 member of the Auxillary will be attending Mid-Winter 01/17/25-01/19/25

10th District Adjutant Mike Pankowski Reported no issues at this time

Law and Order Roby Johnson reported that no nominations have been received at this time. Also encouraged all to reach out to, Police, EMS, to look for potential candidates.

The National Commanders Dinner will take place on April 11th at Antun's, the price is Anticipated to remain at \$100.00 per person.

POW/MIA Bob Bruggemann

Gave his report which is under separate cover in the minutes.

Cemeteries

Long Island National No report.

Calverton National Mike Pankowski reported wreaths across America were a huge success.

Past county commander testimonial dinner for Ken Dolan will be held at Rusy Bohm Post-411 February 22, 2025. See attachment.

Post Charters: Gene Ormandy will be reviewing the upcoming disposition of certain posts. Detailed report attached.

Commander Eaton presented the need for all posts to attend county meetings or designate a representative.

Past County Commanders dinner. Steven Antonacci reported Report attached.

Public relations Richard Knutson Reported that Italian night was huge success at LISVH.

Old business. Nothing under old business

Unfinished Business. Nothing under unfinished business.

New Business

Mike Pankowski reminder all about 10 District Oratorical Jan 11/2025

Sick Call.

Gary Teel

Fred MillerDennis Morrill

Good Of the Legion

Jim Beecher mentioned the role played by the Legion with the GI BILL.

As well as reminding all to use the VA, Use it due to funding.
Imperative that you register with the VA.

Department Vice Commander Tom Wagner reported on seven new recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Richard Knutson reported on Italian dinner at LISVH and it was posted in Legion town. Encouraging all post to report special events.

Jeffery Molitor reported on adopting Veterans from the local Nursing / assisted living homes to bring them down to a meeting. Visiting and reminding them they are not forgotten!

Also brought up was the fact that all we do should be brought to National attention by submitting to Legion town. The American Legion Newsletter.

Commander Eaton Called for a moment of silence to remember those attacked on New Year's Eve in New Orleans.

Chaplain Ken Dolan led us in closing prayer.

Commander Eaton closed the meeting in proper protocol.

Meeting Adjourned @ 21:10 hrs.

Respectfully submitted
David M. Isaacs
Adjutant
Suffolk County American Legion

Suffolk County Commanders Report Jan 3, 2025.

53: Dec 6, 2024- Presided over Suffolk County Meeting at Chelberg & Battle Post 388 in Sag Harbor, NY.

54: Dec 7, 2024- Attended the Suffolk County American Legion Oratorical Contest at Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634 in West Babylon, NY.

55: Dec 9, 2024-Conducted Legion Services at the Wake for Alexander Raymond Troiola, brother of PNC Vincent James Troiola at Moloney Funeral Home in Center Moriches, NY.

56: Dec 10, 2024- Attended Funeral Service for Alexander Raymond Troiola at Calverton National Cemetery.

57: Dec 15, 2024-Attended Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Long Island State Veterans Home. Wilson Ritch Post 432 sponsors Boy Scout Troop 377 and one of their own, Shaun Fontana achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Shaun was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from 10DC Gene Ordmandy and American Legion Medal from SCAL Scouting Chairman Jeff Molitor.

58: Dec 20, 2024- Attended 2nd Division Meeting at James Ely Miller Post 833 in Smithtown.

Suffolk County American Legion

Financial report

3-Jan-25

For the period ended December 31, 2024

General Account:

opening Balance 43,104.94

Deposits:

<u>Date</u>	<u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/12/24	Aux	162.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Eastport Post	108.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Aux	90.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Wilson Rich Post	90.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Beecher	50.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Mentz	36.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Meyer	18.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	R. Smith	18.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	D Munro Post	162.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Babylon Post	162.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Brun Prchal Post	162.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	50/50	157.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	Paid at door	80.00	Legis Bkfst
12/12/24	W + M	120.00	
12/12/24	C + Y	51.00	
12/18/24	Post 651	306.00	Per capita
12/18/24	Post 651	64.00	Per Capita
12/18/24	Post 388	570.00	Per capita
12/30/24	Post 1120	18.00	Per capita
12/30/24	Post 94	246.00	Per capita
12/30/24	Aux	155.00	Cdr Visitation
12/31/24	Interest	3.72	
Total deposits		<u>2,828.72</u>	

Disbursements

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
1929	9-Dec	100.00		Oratorical 3rd place
1931	9-Dec	50.00	Post 944	Mtg Food
1928	10-Dec	150.00		Oratorical 2nd Place
1919	12-Dec	27.90	Post 273	PerCapita rebate
1930	12-Dec	200.00	Post 388	Mtg Food
1924	13-Dec	24.90	Post 1545	PerCapita rebate
1927	13-Dec	200.00		Oratorical 1st Place
1920	16-Dec	55.00	Post 833	PerCapita rebate
1933	19-Dec	25.00	J. Johnson	Legis Bkfst server
1918	23-Dec	34.50	Post 269	PerCapita rebate
1936	31-Dec	250.00	Post 944	Dist mtg Food
Total disbursements		<u>1,117.30</u>		

Ending balance 44,816.36

Monies held:

SAL	716.10
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	500.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	<u>3,641.34</u>

Boy's State	23,938.18
Savings	7,524.39
CD	26,216.11
	<u>57,678.68</u>

Total All accounts 102,495.04

Total available 98,853.70

SUFFOLK COUNTY PER CAPITA STATUS
as of 1/08/25

Suffolk Co

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	01/08/25	Rate	Amt Due	Amt paid	Date	Balance	2024	Proj early	2025	2025 proj	Refund
													Actual		Per Capita@100%	Goal	
totalMbrshp																	
NY-0094	Babylon Inc	Babylon	3	23	130	1	157	6.00	942.00	924.00	5-Jan	18.00	212	1,272.00	268	1,608	
NY-0155	William Merritt Hallock	Lake Ronkonkoma	2	17	118	2	139	6.00	834.00	870.00	2-Aug	(36.00)	153	918.00	152	912	
NY-0185	Burton Potter	Greenport	1	7	24	0	32	6.00	192.00			192.00	44	264.00	43	258	
NY-0269	Patchogue	Patchogue	0	24	55	0	79	6.00	474.00	750.00	9-Sep	(276.00)	115	690.00	135	810	34.50
NY-0273	Riverhead	Riverhead	3	10	65	0	78	6.00	468.00	558.00	15-Oct	(90.00)	93	558.00	100	600	27.90
NY-0281	Mitchell	Shelter Island	0	12	59	0	71	6.00	426.00	306.00	6-Nov	120.00	103	618.00	110	660	
NY-0352	Leisure Glenn	Ridge	0	1	31	0	32	6.00	192.00	192.00	4-Nov	-	36	216.00	35	210	
NY-0360	Huntington	Huntington	0	18	29	1	48	6.00	288.00			288.00	70	420.00	67	402	
NY-0365	Bay Shore Inc	Bay Shore	0	2	12	0	14	6.00	84.00	114.00	7-Jan	(30.00)	19	114.00	19	114	
NY-0388	Chelberg Battle Inc	Sag Harbor	1	9	88	0	98	6.00	588.00	570.00	6-Dec	18.00	106	636.00	116	696	
NY-0411	Rusy-Bohm	Islip	0	9	49	0	58	6.00	348.00	504.00	24-Dec	(156.00)	84	504.00	92	552	
NY-0417	Harbor	Setauket	2	21	29	1	53	6.00	318.00	126.00	13-Aug	192.00	52	312.00	49	294	
NY-0419	East Hampton Town	East Hampton	6	16	96	0	118	6.00	708.00			708.00	152	912.00	142	852	
NY-0432	Wilson Ritch	Port Jefferson Sta	8	37	188	1	234	6.00	1404.00	1,830.00	28-Dec	(426.00)	291	1,746.00	305	1,830	
NY-0433	Malcolm R White Inc	Southampton	0	4	1	0	5	6.00	30.00			30.00	7	42.00	5	30	
NY-0580	Nathaniel H Topping	Bridgehampton	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	0	-	0	-	
NY-0651	Smith-Wever	Sayville	0	16	54	0	70	6.00	420.00	370.00	4-Dec	50.00	81	486.00	81	486	
NY-0694	Northport	Northport	3	5	133	0	141	6.00	846.00	16.00	25-Oct	830.00	198	1,188.00	203	1,218	
NY-0803	Griswold-Terry-Glover	Southold	4	12	129	0	145	6.00	870.00			870.00	175	1,050.00	191	1,146	
NY-0833	James Ely Miller	Smithtown	11	16	149	4	180	6.00	1080.00	1,134.00	3-Aug	(54.00)	185	1,110.00	150	900	55.50
NY-0834	Arthur Ellis Hamm	Westhampton	0	3	93	0	96	6.00	576.00	592.00	15-Oct	(16.00)	98	588.00	86	516	29.40
NY-0861	Raymond Cleaves	Mattituck	0	5	2	0	7	6.00	42.00			42.00	35	210.00	24	144	
NY-0924	Hand-Aldrich	Hampton Bays	5	6	71	0	82	6.00	492.00	186.00	28-Aug	306.00	101	606.00	100	600	
NY-0944	Donald C Munro Inc	Kings Park	5	13	51	0	69	6.00	414.00	78.00	6-Nov	336.00	84	504.00	95	570	
NY-1006	Joseph Loeffler	Brentwood	1	16	56	0	73	6.00	438.00	330.00	3-Sep	108.00	79	474.00	84	504	
NY-1015	Amityville	Amityville	0	4	14	0	18	6.00	108.00			108.00	24	144.00	28	168	
NY-1039	Herold-Tierney	Central Islip	0	2	2	0	4	6.00	24.00			24.00	4	24.00	8	48	
NY-1045	Alfred R Grebe Inc	Fishers Island	0	6	7	0	13	6.00	78.00			78.00	15	90.00	10	60	
NY-1120	Feustel-KurdT Inc	Lindenhurst	0	13	52	0	65	6.00	390.00	336.00	27-Dec	54.00	85	510.00	87	522	

NY-1146	Joseph Kovarik	Bohemia	0	6	49	0	55	6.00	330.00	330.00	10-Jan	-	56	336.00	58	348	
NY-1152	Sherwood Brothers	St James	19	6	56	0	81	6.00	486.00	414.00	26-Sep	72.00	64	384.00	63	378	19.20
NY-1218	Hunter-Squires-Jackson	Amityville	0	5	9	0	14	6.00	84.00	126.00	5-Sep	(42.00)	22	132.00	23	138	
NY-1244	Greenlawn Inc	Greenlawn	1	8	113	0	122	6.00	732.00	480.00	6-Sep	252.00	155	930.00	154	924	
NY-1533	Arthur H Clune	Mastic Beach	1	13	59	0	73	6.00	438.00	673.00	15-Oct	(235.00)	109	654.00	118	708	32.70
NY-1545	Eastport	Eastport	2	8	63	0	73	6.00	438.00	498.00	14-Oct	(60.00)	83	498.00	80	480	24.90
NY-1633	Selden	Selden	0	7	17	0	24	6.00	144.00	156.50	27-Jul	(12.50)	27	162.00	26	156	
NY-1634	Sergeant John Sardiello	W Babylon-Deer Park	1	8	60	1	70	6.00	420.00	436.00	9-Jan	(16.00)	87	522.00	105	630	
NY-1635	Four-S	East Islip	0	8	9	0	17	6.00	102.00			102.00	24	144.00	18	108	
NY-1738	West Islip Inc	West Islip	3	10	67	0	80	6.00	480.00	618.00	18-Nov	(138.00)	88	528.00	97	582	
NY-1766	Irving Hart	Setauket L I	0	3	0	0	3	6.00	18.00	132.00	17-Sep	(114.00)	17	102.00	11	66	5.10
NY-1839	Wayne Middleton Inc	North Babylon	0	2	1	0	3	6.00	18.00			18.00	5	30.00	9	54	
NY-1848	John R Cacioppo	Medford	0	8	16	0	24	6.00	144.00	198.00	6-Sep	(54.00)	34	204.00	35	210	
NY-1880	Leisure Village	Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	0	-	1	6	
NY-1888	Brunn-Prchal	Rocky Point	1	0	29	1	31	6.00	186.00	180.00	28-Jul	6.00	26	156.00	19	114	7.80
NY-1941	Pearl Harbor Memorial	Port Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	15	90.00	22	132	
NY-2016	Farmingdale State College	Farmingdale	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0.00			-	0	-	0	-	
SUM:			83	419	2335	12	2849		17094.00	14,027.50		3,066.50	3,515.00	21078	3624	21,744	237.00

Posts eligible for 5% rebate Paid per capita for 100% of prior year total.

Post paid 95% of June 24' membership per capita. No additional refund due but entitled to exclusion of per capita on NEW members



Suffolk County American Legion

Second Division Report

January 3, 2025

Patchogue Post 269

Meeting Opening – 20:00

Adjourned – TBD

Commanders Report: Commander Coderre

- The 2nd Division meeting was held at James Ely Miller Post 833 on Friday, December 20, 2024
- December 6, 2024: Assisted in cleaning up the SAL Squadron 833 roles by dropping 40 members for non-compliance with providing proof that their father, grandfather, or great grandfather served.
- December 6, 2024: Attended the Suffolk County American Legion (SCAL) monthly meeting at Chelburg & Battle Post 388 Sag Harbor, NY 11963.
- December 8, 2024: Attended the Polar Express Experience and Veterans Fundraiser at James Ely Miller Post 833. Children from throughout the surrounding community came to watch the movie The Polar Express make Christmas ornaments write letters to Santa and more. It was a Great Event!!!
- December 9, 2024: Attended Past National Commander James Troiola brother Alexander Raymond Troiola funeral. At Moloney- Sinnickson's Funeral Home 203 Main St. Center Moriches, NY 11934
- December 11, 2024: Attended the James Ely Miller Post 833 Christmas Party which was held at Ragazzi's in Nesconset.

Post Reports:

Post 411-Rusy Bohm

- Member Dave Palmer a WWII Veteran Turned 99 years old. The Post marched in Islip Town Christmas Parade, The Post Christmas Party will be held on December 21st.

Post 833-James ElyMiller

- NY State SFS system (Grants) to update our information and maintain our pre-qualification status. (Fully Pre-Qualified December 4, 2024)
- December 16, 2024 Contacted Nylah Interrante Accountant II | Accounts Payable DASNY Confirmed DASNY received the updated paperwork for the Grant reimbursement Reply: Yes, received and review for final approval. We are now waiting on funds from OSC for reimbursement.

Post 944-Donald C. Munro

- Army-Navy Game Tail Gate Fundraiser was very successful

Post 1635-Four "S"

- Held Post Christmas Party, some minor Post Maintenance, Hall Rentals are slow.

Post 1039-Herold Tierney: No Report

Post 1152-Sherwood Brothers: No Report

Post 651-Smith-Wever: No Report

Post 1738-West Islip: No Report

Post 1146-Joseph Kovarik: No Report

Post 1006-Joseph Loeffler: No Report

Post 365-Bay Shore: No Report

New Business: Commander Coderre

- Nominations for County Positions. (County Commander, Division Commanders etc.)

Provide to Jr. Past County Commander Ken Dolan

- December 21, 2024: Turkey or Ham Distribution Northport VA 10am-12pm Must have VA ID Card

- December 25, 2024: Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah

- January 1, 2025: Welcome 2025

- January 3, 2025: County Meeting at Patchogue Post 269 215 S Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772
7pm Dinner 8pm Meeting

- January 11, 2025: The American Legion Oratorical Contest Location: **Update Location/Time Change**
Levittown Post 1711 3123 North Jerusalem Ave Levittown, NY 11759 Time: **9:00 am Start**

- January 17, 2025: 2nd Division Meeting: Suspended due to Mid-Winter Conference in Albany

- January 17-19, 2025: Mid-Winter Conference: Albany, NY Get Hotel and Items for Hospitality Room

- February 2, 2025 Four Chaplain Ceremony: Time: 2pm Location: CenterPoint Church 25 W Main Street
(Rte. 25A) Kings Park, NY 11754 (Just East of Sunken Meadow Parkway) Any questions, please
contact County Chaplain Ken Dolan email: KGeoD@Optonline.net

- February 22, 2025: PCC Ken Dolan Testimonial Dinner Rusy-Bohm Post 411 Time: 3-7pm

\$35 Per Person Table of Ten (10) \$300

Checks Payable to: Suffolk County American Legion (SCAL)

Mail To: PCC Steve Antonacci 353 Middle Road Bayport, NY 11705

RSVP/Deadline: February 1, 2025

Please contact PCC Steve Antonacci if you have any questions.

Email: please21@aol.com or Call/Text: 917-748-3570.

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.

- Boys State: Start getting applications: Need to keep notarized part that Delegate will reimburse Post if delegate back out. Waiting to see if cost stays at \$600

- Next 2nd Division Meeting: Friday, January 17, 2025 is **SUSENDED due to Mid-Winter** Next meeting
February 21, 2025 at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 6:30pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

- Starting in February 2025, 2nd Division will collect monies for Children & Youth at Meetings.

- Need Posts to host Division Meetings March - June

Respectfully Submitted

William Coderre

2nd Division Commander

William Coderre

AMERICAN LEGION SUFFOLK COUNTY – 3rd DIVISION

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Friday December 20, 2024

Location: Harbor Post 417, Stony Brook, NY

Called to Order: 19:00

Posts Present: (5) William Merritt Hallock Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma, Harbor Post 417-Stony Brook, Wilson Ritch Post 432-Port Jefferson Station, Selden Post 1633, and John R Cacioppo Post 1848-Medford.

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Minutes of the 3rd Division Meetings of October 11, 2024 were read by Division Adjutant Fred Tartaglione

Motion to Accept Previous Months October 11, 2024 Minutes as Read- Arthur H Clune

Second- William Merrit Hallock. Motion **Passed**.

Membership – As a county we are at 68.52% as of the 7th of December. We need to put more of an effort into getting members renewed or Transferred from post 001 and of course new members.

Finance Report – As reported by Gene Ordmandy:

Checking Balance as of October 11, 2024 \$ 5,527.73

Total Deposits of \$ 147.00

Interest of \$ 0.05

Withdrawals of \$ 0.00

Grand Total of \$ 5,674.78

Breakdown as follows:

General Fund \$ 1,866.00

Veterans Assistance Program \$ 2,011.16

Children & Youth \$ 1,587.00

Donations \$ 0.00

Post Dues \$ 210.00

Interest \$ 0.31

Others \$ 0.00

Grand Total \$ 5,674.78

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

Unfinished/Old Business – Richard Knutson reported that the Mid-Winter Conference is being held in Albany the weekend of January 17-19, 2025. Delegates are \$10.00 each and Dinner is \$65.00 per person. To sign up at the nylegion.net.

New Business – Fred Tartaglione reported that as a post we were audited by the IRS. We came out clean but there were changes we made prior to the audit that helped. There was a recommendation by our accountant that we open a separate checking account just for membership. This account should be opened with enough to cover Suffolk County Dues and then all members Checks and payments will go into this account. You would then notify Department that all transfers in or out will go to this account thereby insulating you post from major hacking.

Good of the Legion – Gene Ordmandy asked the question if everyone knows that not just officer are permitted at a Division or Suffolk County or 10th District meeting. It is open to all members and it is available to all members who wish to get involved with the conversation.

Sick Call – Fred Miller & Jerry Doran

Children & Youth: \$60.00

Next Months Meeting - will be held at the Wilson Ritch Post 432 on January 10, 2025 at 7:00pm..

Motion to Adjourn - John R Cacioppo; **Second** - William Merritt Hallock

Adjourned: 21:00

As submitted by:
Fred Tartaglione, Adjutant 3rd Division

Grand Total	\$ 2,674.18
Other	0.00
Interest	0.51
Postage	210.00
Donation	0.00
Children & Youth	1,887.00
Veterans Assistance Program	2,311.16
General Fund	1,886.00
Grand Total	\$ 2,674.18
Withdrawals of \$	0.00
Interest of \$	0.00
Total Deposits of \$	147.00
Opening Balance as of October 31, 2024	\$ 2,527.18

Motion to accept Treasurer report John R Cacioppo first second. William Merritt Hallock second. Motion - Passed

The Adjutant's Business – It was reported that the Mid-Winter Conference is being held in Albion the weekend of January 17-18, 2025. Reservations are \$10.00 each and Dinner is \$25.00 per person. To sign up for the registration.

Next Business – Fred Tartaglione reported that as a result we were audited by the IRS. We came out clean but there were changes we made prior to the audit that needed to be re-communicated by our accounting. He also mentioned the King account just for membership. This account should be opened with enough to cover Suffolk County dues and then all members' checks and payments will go into this account. You would then notify the treasurer that all transfer in or out will go to this account thereby insulating you post from any



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 3 JANUARY 2025

No 5th Division meeting was held in December. The following reports were received via email:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - Work continuing on post renovations. On 8 December Santa visited post for meet & greet with kids 12 and under. Post Christmas party held on 21 December.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Hosted County meeting on 6 December. Hosted St. Andrew R.C. Church annual gala dinner on 7 December. Post Christmas party held on Monday, 9 December in conjunction with Auxiliary unit. Board of Directors approved donating \$500 worth of toys to local Christmas toy drive. Local merchants added 20% at their own expense, raising total donation to \$600. Purchased/placed wreaths at all local veterans' monuments.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 - Nothing significant to report.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Post continues food distribution efforts for local veterans, including hams donated by local Police Benevolent Association. Rentals at post going well.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 - New post home approved at Westhampton community center with funding through Southampton Town. Expected completion 9/26. A meeting was held for village residents in early December, with unanimous endorsement of plan. Working on update to post constitution. Deadline set for 31 January for scholarship committee to decide donations to local middle and high schools. Planning a food drive for locals in need for January.
6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - On 9 December post members attended wake service for Alexander Troiola, brother of PNCC Jim Troiola. On 12 December, post members attended graveside service for Jay Wallace, one of the post's oldest members. Post Christmas party was held on 14 December. Board approved plan to rent high-vis electric signs on Sunrise Highway in Hampton Bays to help recruit new members. Board also approved donations to L.I. Cares.
7. Next meeting Tuesday, 28 January at Post #419 in East Hampton.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

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Commander, 5th Division

Comrades,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We are currently at 75.52% just a points shy of our January goal of 80%. Many of you are a few members away of meeting your goal and we need to just give a little more effort to meet the goals. I have contacted all posts on my problem children list and I will be making visits to all posts I feel need a little nudge. If there is a post near you that needs some help, please do so or get them in touch with me. As always whether it is membership or reports that need to get processed I am available to all.

Fred Tartaglione

Suffolk County Membership Chairman

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POW-MIA Report

For the month of December 2025

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

WORLD WAR II :

The following were lost December 7th 1941 on the USS Oklahoma:

U.S. Navy Seaman 2nd Class John C. Auld, 23,

Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Air Force Tech4 Lloyd R. Bruntmyer, 22,

U.S. Army Air Force Pvt. 1st Class David C. Hansen, 25,

Europe :

Brunswick, Germany

U.S. Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Hubert Yeary, 20,

Bingen, Germany

U.S. Army Air Force Sgt. Homer C. Nyberg, 23, POW

Hüttenberg, Austria

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Edward S. Kovaleski, 25,

Alsace-Lorraine, France,

U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Arthur W. Crossland Jr., 19,

KOREAN War :

U.S. Army Pfc. James C. Bowman, 20,

Vietnam :

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Albert R. Trudeau, 22,

Currently from WWII, there are 71,989 still unaccounted for. 7,447 still missing from the Korean. 1,573 American servicemen and civilians still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 5 missing from the Gulf War and 126 from the Cold War.

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



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TESTIMONIAL

Saturday, February 22, 2025
3 – 7 pm

Testimonial Dinner

Past County Commander Ken Dolan's Testimonial Dinner

Date: February 22, 2025

Time: 3-7pm

Location: Rusy-Bohm Post 411
39 Nassau Ave,
Islip, NY 11751

Cost: \$35 Per-Person **Table of Ten (10) \$300**

Checks Payable to: Suffolk County American Legion (SCAL)

Mail To: PCC Steve Antonacci
353 Middle Road
Bayport, NY 11705

RSVP/Deadline: February 1, 2025

Please contact PCC Steve Antonacci if you have any questions.

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