



Suffolk County American Legion

Minutes and Reports

October 6, 2023

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SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

Oct 6th, 2023 minutes

Rusy-Bohm Post 411

Meeting opened by Commander Ken Dolan, at 2000 hours with proper respect and ceremony. Roll Call showed 22 Posts present. Roll Call of Officers showed 6 present, one excused. All Division Commanders present.

We were welcomed to Rusy-Bohm Post 411 by Past Post Commander Rich Abrams.

Minutes accepted M/Lindsay, 2nd/ Tartaglione
Finance Report accepted M/ Pankowski, 2nd/ Brothers
Commander's Report Included.

Division Commanders reports are included.

Adjutants Report: Included.

Committee Reports that are Included: Department Commander's Visitation/Financial Report, Color Guard, Legion Riders, Membership, Service Officers, MIA/POW, Nominations, SAL Advisor, and Liaison to Auxiliary.

Directory: Completed, Being Distributed by Joe Regina.

Calverton National Cemetery Report: Chairman Dennis Morrill reports that Ceremony for WW2 Veteran Bernard J. Sweeney Jr., will start at 12pm, and that assembly time is at 11am, Main Entrance. Veterans Day Ceremony is at 1pm on Nov 11th, 2023.

Nominations: PCC Commander Steve Antonacci Reports that Kevin

Eaton, Suffolk County Adjutant has been nominated for Suffolk County Commander 2024-2025 by James Ely Miller Post 833. Nomination Letter Included.

Ways And Means won by Patchogue Post 269 Commander Tracy Matuszak

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Sick Call: P10th District Commander Phil Barzcak to be released from rehab soon. Chaplain states to remember our Comrades Tom Mooney Post 833 and Lee Allen Post 273 that have recently passed, and keep them in our prayers.

Good of the Legion: Nov 12, 2023 Veterans Benefit Symposium at Sgt John Sardiello Post 1634 from 9am-7pm. Wilson-Ritch Post 432 Will be having a Remembrance Ceremony of the 40th Anniversary of the Hotel Bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

The next County Meeting is on Nov 3rd at James Ely Miller Post 833 in Smithtown. The next 10th District Meeting is on Oct 24th at Babylon Post 94

Meeting closed at 2135 hrs with proper ceremony and respect.

Kevin Eaton, Adjutant

Suffolk County American Legion

Financial report

6-Oct-23

For the period ended September 30 , 2023

General Account:

opening Balance 36,044.82

Deposits:

<u>Date</u>	<u>remitter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
7-Sep	Various	755.00	Cdr Dinner
12-Sep	C+Y	95.00	
12-Sep	W+M	145.00	
12-Sep	K. Dolan	60.00	Directory Ad
12-Sep	Various	280.00	Cdr Dinner
31-Aug	Interest	3.39	
Total deposits		1,338.39	

Disbursements

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1818	1-Sep	350	R. Neville conv
1819	1-Sep	350	T. Wagner conv
1804	5-Sep	100	Aubrey Gulle Essay winner
1820	5-Sep	350	M. Pankowski conv
1822	6-Sep	350	R. Johnson Conv
1823	6-Sep	350	G. Ordmandy Conv
1827	12-Sep	1422.55	Amore Cdr Dinner
1826	19-Sep	42.36	W. Codere Web site

Total disbursements 3,314.91

Ending balance 34,068.30

Monies held:

SAL	1,978.50
PTS	1,716.12
VAVS	2,700.00
3rd Div	5,030.00
1st Div	709.12
Total	12,133.74

Boy's State	22,944.19
Savings	7,522.50
CD	26,201.70
	56,668.39

Total All accounts 90,736.69

Total available 78,602.95

Commander's Report: Oct 6th,2023

Sept 10: I attended the Department of NY Visitation by Commander Tim Collmer as well as S.A.L. Detachment Commander Peter DeAngelis and Auxiliary President Karen St. Hilaire.

The Visitation included visiting the Hauppauge Veterans Plaza and a tour of the LT. Michael Murphy Navy Seal Museum. The parents of LT. Michael Murphy were there to greet us and guide us through our tour. We then attended the Dept Commanders Dinner Reception at Babylon Post 94.

Sept 14: I attended the Nassau County Dinner reception for Dept. Commander Tim Collmer.

Sept 15: I attended the 2nd Division meeting at Smith Wever Post 651 in Sayville.

Sept 26: I conducted an Installation of Officers at West Islip Post 1738.

Sept 28: I attended the wake of Thomas R. Mooney Post 833 Service Officer in Commack.

Oct 1: I attended the Long Island Air Force Association Woman's Military Service Medal Ceremony in Patchogue.

V/R

SCAL Commander Ken Dolan

ADJUTANTS REPORT

Oct 6th, 2023

Consolidated Post Reports and Officer Certification Reports are required to be submitted each and every year. The following Posts have yet to submit these Reports and are well **Past Due**.

CPR

OCF

433

419

1015

433

1045

1015

1152

1045

1766

1152

1176

AMERICAN LEGION – Suffolk County

October 2023 Report



First Division Report:

Meeting Date: September 25, 2023

Host: HSJ Post 1218

Meeting Opened by Commander Lenore Brathwaite, at 1430 hours with proper respect and ceremony.

Opening Prayer led by Commander Lenore. Roll call of posts (3) posts in attendance and 7 legionnaires present.

No Minutes of last meeting.

Review of Finance Report. Commander Mike Brothers graciously accepted the Finance Officer position. We as a division always collected yearly dues. It was decided to not to collect dues this year – Dues was collected as an 'emergency fund' to help assist Veterans in the division. Only (2) posts for the past 4 years were compliant anyway.

Review of 1st Division Officers:

1 st Division Vice Commander:	Lenore Brathwaite
Adjutant:	Joe Regina
Finance Officer:	Mike Brothers

POST Updates / Reminders:

- Discussion on Meeting Dates: Agreed to keep meeting date the 2nd Monday of each month. However due to holiday in October date must be rescheduled. Email will go out to all the commanders once location is confirmed.
- Suggested to distribute a division newsletter. Purpose so posts would help each other/support each other/ and buddy up on programs to help take the weight off the 2 – 3 members at the post that ends up doing all the work. Will review and discuss more at the next 1st Division Meeting.
- Save the date: Legislative Breakfast at Islip Post 411 10/28/2023
- Suffolk County High School Oratorical Contest
December 9, 2023. 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Joseph Loeffler Post 1006
198 First Street, Brentwood, NY 11717
- Buddy Checks – shared the importance of doing buddy check calls. Encouraged to make calls during Veterans Week, or American Legion Birthday Week. Shared resources found on Legion.org to help with calls to include the Veterans Crisis Line.
- Suggested to have a Division Calendar so that dates are shared of what posts are doing. Some Conversation – since dates are also posted on News you can use. Also, to be further discussed at next meeting.
- PUFL – reminder to make timely payments.

Greenlawn Post 1244 – I have not received any updates on the status of Greenlawn, however PC Donna Boyle is covering for the interim. At the next post meeting (10/11/2023), nominations and election will be held. Donna is willing to fill the vacancy for another year if needed. In

addition to the commander, the 2nd Vice Commander also resigned from his position.

Babylon Post 94 – 1st Vice Commander Matt joined the meeting. It was great to finally get participation of attendance from the Post. Preparing for Thanksgiving Food Drive. Will reach back to Division with more information to share.

Amityville Post 1015 – Commander Alex in Florida. No new updates.

Feustel-Kurdt Post 1120, Lindenhurst- No Updates.

Hunter Squires Jackson Post 1218, Amityville – Post has (4) phase plan of major post clean out. Commander survived after being attacked by fleas in the building. Members volunteered at golf outing on 09/25/2023.

Northport Post 694 – I was unable to make the September Monthly meeting. I will follow up with the commander to make the next meeting scheduled for 10/18/2023.

Huntington Post 360 – No Updates

Sgt. John Sardiello Post 1634, West Babylon – On 09/15/2023 I attended the POW/MIA Remembrance Day co-sponsored by the post and the Town of Babylon. Great community turnout and great food.

As a post scheduled to participate at Tanner Park/The Wall that Heals ceremony scheduled for 6pm. Starts off with a Purple Heart Ceremony followed by a candlelight service and TAPS.

The wall will be there till Sunday October 8th @ 2pm if anyone would like to visit.

****Suggested at meeting if anyone was NOT attending the county meeting to try and make it to Tanner Park to represent the 1st Division.**

Wayne Middleton Post 1839, West Babylon – Transitioning in progress.

Next Meeting: Rescheduled due to the Columbus Day Holiday (emails will go out to all 1st Division Post Commanders

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenore Brathwaite

1st Division Vice Chairperson

631-805-7199



Suffolk County American Legion October 6th, 2023
Second Division Report

Second Division meeting was held at Smith Wever post 651 September 22.

Nine out of the eleven posts within the second division were present.

Business discussed.

Membership and reports.

The County Adjutant Kevin Eaton reports on this every week in the News You Can Use. CPR and Officer Certification Reports are required and there is no reason for any Post to not have completed them.

Sherwood Brothers Post 1152 Saint James in the second division is a perfect example, they have not completed any reports. Due to this and the fact that they have not responded to any attempted contacts, (Phone, Text, email, in person), they have not received their membership cards. This hurts their Post membership or at least the 17.19% who have paid. Links to reports and due dates are in the News You Can Use.

A motion was made to raise the 2nd Division dues from \$25 to \$30 per Post.

A discussion on the motion about reasoning behind raising dues ensued.

Discussion to increase 2nd Division dues is out of necessity as we are out of money, without the increase we can no longer donate to our charities.

We have already reduced the amounts donated but we are now at a financial point where we can no longer donate at all.

After discussion, the motion was voted upon and was adopted.

2nd Division Dues: \$30.00 per Post will be due at the October 20, 2023, 2nd Division Meeting or mail to Roby Johnson check payable to American Legion 2nd Division.

2nd Division American legion banner to be replaced. It was discussed in the May meeting.

Roby Johnson and John Digilio have ordered and generously have donated the money for the new 2nd division banner.

In addition, Members were present for the welcome home of the Honor flight to welcome home those who bravely served.

Among other things discussed was.
PCC Testimonial still to be determined.

October 28, 2023 – 9 a.m.: Legislative Breakfast at Rusy-Bohm Post 411 39
Nassau Ave. Islip, NY 11751
\$18 Per Person \$162 Table of 10 (Prepaid)

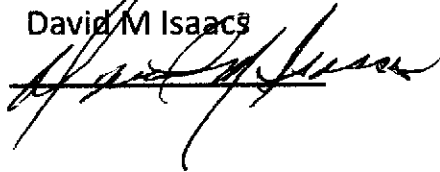
Please remember October kicked off “Buddy Check” Month Resources can be found on the News You Can Use. Contact your fellow Veterans and check in on them.

The next second division meeting will be held.

October 20, 2023, West Islip Post 1738 1830hrs food, 1900 hrs. meeting

Respectfully submitted.

David M Isaacs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M Isaacs', written over a horizontal line.

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

September / October 2023 Monthly Report

At our last 3rd Division meeting held on Friday September 15, 2023 at the William Merritt Hallock Post #155-Lake Ronkonkoma, there were 6 Posts present. They were: Arthur H Clune-Post 1533-Mastic Beach, John R Cacioppo-Post 1848-Medford, Selden-Post 1633, Wilson Ritch-Post 432-Port Jefferson Station, Pearl Harbor-Post 1941-Port Jefferson Station and William Merritt Hallock-Post 155-Lake Ronkonkoma.

Minutes of Previous Round Table/Organizational Membership Meeting of Friday August 18, 2023 were Read and Accepted.

Membership – Always a topic of Discussion. As of this meeting, the County Membership was at 45%. Renewal of Memberships starts in July. After December 31st, Members become Delinquent. After February 15th, Members become Expired. It was Highly Suggested by Department Membership Chairman Gene Ordmandy that Posts Do NOT Hold On to Membership Dues. Pass It Forward! Active Discussion ensued.

New Business – Adjutant Jim Lynch of Pearl Harbor Post 1941-Looking to Close Post? Need to have another Meeting to Finalize Decision. Closure of a Post after All other means have been Exhausted is done by Majority Vote.

In October 2023 – “Buddy Checks” will be Implemented. This will be done at the Post level or done at the Division level. The “Buddy Checks” Program has been highly Endorsed by Department Commander Tim Collmer.

Discussion was held about the continuance of the Pearl Harbor Ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery by Pearl Harbor Post 1941.

Fundraising – Fundraising suggestions abound. Always looking for Great ideas.

Good of the Legion – Suggestions on How to Help Out our Fellow Veterans.

Sick Call / Post Everlasting – Robert Nankervis, Arthur H Clune Post, Hospice ; Neil Marturello, John R Cacioppo Post, Deceased.

Children & Youth – The 3rd Division Children and Youth Fund is growing at a nice pace. We are keeping up the Good work.

Thoughts and Prayers were said for Robert Nankervis and Neil Marturello.

Due to the 10th District Meeting, our next meeting will be Friday October 13, 2023 at William Merritt Hallock Post #155 – Lake Ronkonkoma – 115 Church St. Meeting starts at 7:00pm with Dinner at 6:00pm.

Report Submitted by:

Ulf Moeller, Commander
Richard Knutson, Adjutant
3rd Division

Suffolk County American Legion's Business Meeting held on 6-October-2023.
Suffolk County American Legion Vice Commander.
Fourth Division Commander's Report.

Suffolk County American Legions Fourth Divisions Posts:

- (1) Alfred Grebe Legion Post No. 1045-Fisher's Island.
Per the post commander, there was nothing to report for the month of September.
With the upcoming Department of New York's American Legion's High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, the S.C.A.L.'s Fourth Division Commander contacted the Fisher's Island Union Free School District reference to this scholarship award program. I spoke to Julie Arcelus who is the Fisher's Island Union Free School District's School Counselor reference to this award program and a copy of this scholarship award program was mailed to this school district.
- (2) Mitchell Legion Post No. 281-Shelter Island.
This post reports that they held a large barbecue for a fund raising event for their post. Also reported by this post is that the interior renovations of this post are progressing along. The Fourth Division Commander mailed copies of the American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program to Debbie Vecchio who is assigned to the Human Resources Department of the Shelter Island School System.
- (3) Burton Potter Legion Post No. 185-Greenport.
Per the post commander, there was nothing to report for the month of September. Copies of the Oratorical Scholarship Program were sent by Retired Marine Corps Major William Grigonis who serves on the JRROTC Program of the Southold High School to Captain Tim McAllister of the Greenport High School JRROTC Program.
- (4) Riverhead Legion Post No. 273.
This post reports that a Pig Roast was held on post grounds that was very successful with a large turn out of patrons. The monetary proceeds of this event will be applied towards post renovations. The Fourth Division Commander contacted the Riverhead High School in reference to the Legion's Oratorical Scholarship Program. I spoke to Indira Abraham who is the Senior Office Assistant of the Riverhead High School. A copy of this scholarship award program was mailed to this high school.
- (5) Griswold-Terry-Glover Legion Post No. 803-Southold.
This post reports that the Walk4Valor(Veterans Suicide Awareness Walk), the twenty-two mile walk event that was originally scheduled for September 23rd was re-scheduled due to inclement weather to be held on Sunday, October 22nd at 8AM at the Southold Legion Post. This September, this post reported that the Handicapped Parking Areas of the post were asphalted over. This post also hired a mason contractor to excavate and construct a new concrete slab to support the post's refuse dumpsters. The Southold Legion Auxiliary Unit held a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Day on Sunday, September 24th, from 3PM to 6PM for post members. The auxiliary unit reports that their annual legion car show was a huge success. The auxiliary unit also reports that the Girl State Citizens thanked the Southold Legion Post for sponsoring their experience this year. A copy of the Oratorical Scholarship Program was presented by the Fourth Division Commander to Retired USMC Major William Grigonis on behalf of the Southold High School.

(6) Raymond Cleaves American Legion Post No. 861-Mattituck.

Members of this post attended the annual 9/11 Memorial Service held at the Tasker Memorial Park in Peconic. The post chaplain attended a NOA(No One Attends) Service at Calverton Cemetery on September 13th. There were twenty seven names of deceased veterans that were honored. Post 861's Commander mailed copies of the Suffolk County American Legion's Budget Report to the following legion posts; Fisher's Island, Shelter Island, Greenport, and the Southold Legion Post. This post reports that they acquired one new member. Also, a copy of the Oratorical Scholarship Program was forwarded to USMC Master Sgt. Juan Ibanez of the Mattituck High School JROTC Program by USMC Retired Major William Grigonis of the Southold High School JROTC Program.

This is the Fourth Division Commander's Report for October, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rob DeVito

Suffolk County American Legion Vice Commander.



SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DIVISION

REPORT FOR 6 OCTOBER 2023

The 5th Division met on 26 September at East Hampton Post #419. Posts # 388, 419, 924 and 1545 were present. Welcome remarks were made by post commander Jeff Kiger and dinner was served prior to the meeting. The following reports were received:

1. EAST HAMPTON POST #419 - Post held dinner on 18 September to mark the 375th anniversary of the settling of East Hampton (parade earlier in the day was cancelled due to inclement weather). Post waiting for confirmation of date for Northport VA reps to visit post for public outreach and to facilitate access for local veterans. Facility rentals going well, post in process of renewing food service inspection certificate.
2. CHELBERG & BATTLE POST #388 - Post leadership met with tenant to reinforce rules and limitations on property use. Restaurant now open for brunch/lunch on weekends. House chairman completed extensive work to pad & display reinforcements for 155mm howitzer in front of building. Next step will be repainting of howitzer during October. Post seeking new ways to expand local community use of post on a not-to-interfere basis with tenant. First project likely to be bingo sessions. Starting preps for Veterans' Day parade and dinner. On a sad note, two Gold Star parents passed within less than a month of each other. Chris Haerter, father of L/CPL Jordan Haerter and James Theinert, father of 1LT Joe Theinert. CDR and Adjutant attended State CDR's visitation on 9/10.
3. MALCOLM ROSS WHITE POST # 433 - No report received.
4. HAND-ALDRICH POST #924 - Conducted second 'Bucket Brigade' of 2023 on 9/2 at post with good results. Funds raised will go towards having WW2 vets names engraved on post's memorial wall. 384 names registered thus far, engraving costs \$50 per name. Post conducted wake service on 9/7 for departed member Lee Allen. Well attended. 6 post members attended State CDR's visitation on 9/10. Bingo continues at post - proceeds going to purchase of service dogs for veterans. 10 members participated in 6th annual 'Take a Vet Fishing' event on 9/17. Event is sponsored by Hampton Watercraft & Marine. Post hosted 'meet & greet' w/Suffolk County D.A. Ray Tierney on 9/20. Event was open to the public & well attended. Post hosted Comedy Night on 9/23, also well attended. Post holding Oktoberfest at the post on 21 October.
5. ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM POST #834 (via email) - Post conducted first 'Adopt-A-Highway' cleanup on 18 September, with good results. 5 members participated. Next highway day out is 16 October immediately following regular post membership meeting. Highway department sign should be up soon.

6. EASTPORT POST #1545 - 4 post members attended State CDR's visitation on 10 September. Post member nominated to be grand marshal of this year's Veterans Day parade on 5 November in Center Moriches. On 3 November post members will attend Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Town of Brookhaven. 10 post members attending visit of traveling Vietnam Wall at Tanner Park on 7 October. Post sending 10-15 members to burial service for SGT Bernard Sweeney at Calverton National Cemetery on 10 October. Working on renovations to bathrooms at post, still awaiting approval for food truck in post parking lot.

7. 5th Division Commander reminded posts of need for submission of now grievously overdue Consolidated Post Reports, Post Data Reports and Certification of Officers. Briefed members on upcoming visit by VA service van at Sag Harbor post on 2 October. Discussed results of State Commander's visitation on 10 September. Reminded all posts of upcoming 'Buddy Check Month' in October. Briefed posts on upcoming dues increases. Advised posts of upcoming burial service for SGT Bernard Sweeney at Calverton National Cemetery on 10 October as well as 40th Anniversary of the Beirut Bombing on 22 October in Port Jefferson. Reminded posts of SCAL Legislative Breakfast coming up on 28 October. Continued to encourage post commanders/members to attend at least some of the County meetings.

8. Next meeting of the 5th Division will be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday, 24 October at Hand-Aldrich Post #924 in Hampton Bays.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. E. Gerecke

P. E. GERECKE

Commander, 5th Division



October 6th 2023

Suffolk County American Legion

Color guard activity September 2023

Suffolk County American Legion Color guard marched in the Colors at the department commanders visitation September 10th

In addition the color guard made a donation of \$200.00 to assist with the food for the families of those deploying at a ceremony for the air national guard

Suffolk County Color Guard

Post-651

Respectfully Submitted

David M Isaacs

Department Commanders Visit

mikebets@optonline.net
<mikebets@optonline.net>

Mon 10/2/2023 9:19 PM

To:Eaton, Kevin <kaeaton760@outlook.com>

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Department Commander Financial Report.rtf;

Department Commanders Visit

Event took place on Sunday Sept. 10.

Dinner was conducted at Babylon Post. There were 147 paying seats and 9 seats that were not charged.

Read Cost breakdown.

A profit of \$1551.93 was made from the dinner.

After deducting the hotel room and breakfast, the event profit was \$1251.93.

I thank all who attended this event.

I need to *once again* single out the following people who made up my team: Dave Isaacs,

Joanne Johnson, Kathy Neilson, Amy Riley,
Chris Cerullo and Bill Wolfe jr. Their hard work
and assistance made this a successful event!

Michael Pankowski

Chairperson - Department Commander
Visitation

Dinner Profit	\$1551.93
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Hotel Room	\$150.00
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Breakfast	\$150.00
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Event Profit	\$1251.93
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October 6th, 2023,

American Legion Riders Suffolk County Report

Suffolk county riders participated in the following through October 6th, 2023.

9/1 -- Wellness checks on Veterans at Long Island State Veterans home

9/8 Honor mission for WWII Veteran Frank Dusek US navy Calverton.

9/10 attended fundraiser for 911 veterans Lindenhurst.

9/10 Suffolk riders provided escort for Department commanders visitation,
17 Riders were in attendance.

9/10 Riders attended Town of Huntington 911 memorial.

9/11 Riders from various chapters participated in multiple events to honor
those lost on 9/11

9/16 - Participated in the Ride for Richie 911 memorial ride.

9/17- Riders participated in Sail ahead program in memory of LCPL Michael
Blanco.

Michael was born May 7, 1991. He ended his life on Monday, February
15, 2010, at almost 19 years of age.

9/29 - 100th birthday parade for WWII veteran Paul Pette US Army air corps.

In addition, Sayville Riders donated \$250.00 to Lt Michael P Murphy Museum.

Donated \$200.00 to operation comfort warriors.

Donated \$200.00 to Be the one campaign.

David M. Isaacs
Suffolk County Chairman
American legion Riders

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Auxiliary - October 2023

Saturday, Oct. 17 (Tomorrow) is the
Fall Conference for the 10th & 2nd District to
be held in Whitestone, Queens.

Friday, Oct. 20 6:00 PM - Supermarket Bingo
at Rusey Bohm Unit #411 at the Post. (\$10.)

Approximately 10 Auxiliary Members will be
attending the Legion Legislature Breakfast.

Comrades,

As your Membership Chairman, it is my duty to inform you that our county membership stats are as follows: as of 10/6/2023 Suffolk County is at 58.75%. Congratulations to all the posts who made this possible. It is up to us as Membership chairman and individual posts, we need to work together to increase our numbers of renewals and acquiring new members. Our next goal is 55% for each post by October 11, 2023 followed by 65% goal by November 8, 2023.

The following Posts are below their goals for October 11th:

Post 94	Babylon	44.61%
Post 269	Patchogue	27.94%
Post 281	Shelter Island	36.04%
Post 417	Setauket	54%
Post 419	East Hampton	54.55%
Post 803	Southold	50.52%
Post 924	Hampton Bays	51.49%
Post 944	Kings Park	46.88%
Post 1039	Central Islip	33.33%
Post 1152	St James	17.19%
Post 1218	Amityville	54.17%
Post 1533	Mastic Beach	54.62%
Post 1766	Setauket	25%
Post 1839	North Babylon	30%
Post 1941	Port Jefferson	43.48%

Congratulations to those posts who have met or exceeded their goals to date!!

Feel Free to contact me at any time with questions, suggestions or criticism. I will be contacting posts listed above and am planning visits in the next few months. My contact Information is below:

Fred Tartaglione

District 10, Suffolk County Membership Chairman

Phone (631)495-6779

Email: ftartag@optimum.net

POW-MIA Report

For the months of Aug and September 2023

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

WORLD WAR 2 :

Corregidor Island, Cabanatuan POW camp.

U.S. Army Pfc. Lex L. Lillard, 20,

U.S. Army Cpl. James A. Hurt, 25,

Wewak, New Guinea.

U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Charles G. Reynolds, 24,

India

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Donal C. Aiken, 22,

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Walter B. Miklosh, 21,

Europe :

Hürtgen Forest

U.S. Army Sergeant John W. Radanovich, 23,

U.S. Army Pvt. Daniel Moniz, 19,

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Max W. Thurston, 19,

U.S. Army Tech Sgt. Leonard J. Dettloff 26,

Krakaudorf, Austria

U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Willard S. Kendall, 23,

Pachten and Dillingen, Germany.

U.S. Army Pfc. Roy J. Searle, 22,

Italy

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Fred L. Brewer Jr., 23,

Malta

U.S. Army Air Forces Sergeant Irving R. Newman, 22,

Ploiesti, Romania

U.S. Army Air Forces Tech Sgt. Elton L. Gomillion, 22,

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Wesley L. Jones, 22,

U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Alfred W. Pezzella, 27,

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Edward Barnett, 24,

U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. George W. Winger, 25,

U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Turner Y. Johnston, 21,

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Albert W. Stahl, 22,

KOREAN War :

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Wilkinson, 19,

U.S. Army Cpl. Gordon D. McCarthy, 20,

U.S. Army Pfc. Albert A. Gosnell 18,

U.S. Army Cpl. Donald “Donny” L. DuPont, 22,

U.S. Army Pfc. James L. Miller, 21,

U.S. Army Cpl. Francis James Jury, 23,

U.S. Army Sgt. Richard M. Sharrow, 22,

U.S. Army Pvt. Alvin D. Thurman, 21,
U.S. Army Sgt. Willie J. Baty, 20,
U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Dorrance, 20
U.S. Army Cpl. Lewis W, Hill, 18,

Currently from WWII, there are 72,138 still unaccounted for. 7,486 still missing from the Korean. 1,578 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.**



American Legion

James Ely Miller Post 833

Smithtown, New York

September 11, 2023

Steve Antonacci
Past County Commander
American Legion
Suffolk County, New York

RE: Nomination for Suffolk County American Legion Commander

PCC Antonacci,

James Ely Miller Post 833 hereby nominates County Adjutant Kevin Eaton to the position of Suffolk County American Legion Commander for 2024-2025.

Kevin has faithfully served the American Legion for the past 9 years. At present, he serves as the County Adjutant. Prior to that, he was the 2nd Division Commander from 2021-2023. Along with being Commander of the 2nd Division, Adjutant Eaton has served as Commander of James Ely Miller Post 833 2021-2022, 1st Vice Commander 2018-2021, 2022 - present and as the Suffolk County Sons of the American Legion Advisor since 2022.

Adjutant Eaton is a graduate of Department of New York American Legion College and has served as a Counselor at Department of New York Boys State. He is also an active member of Voiture 713 of the 40 & 8 and has participated in many community events.

Adjutant Eaton has shown that he is dedicated to the ideals and principles of the American Legion. Please accept our nomination of him for Suffolk County Commander.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bill Coderre'.

Bill Coderre
Commander
American Legion
James Ely Miller Post 833
Smithtown, NY 11787
631-724-1804

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

OCT 6TH, 2023

S.A.L. ADVISORS REPORT

This year, The Sons of the American Legion Walk-A-Thon donations from Department of New York were issued to Northport VA in the amount of \$1584.55 and to Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook for the amount of \$1584.65. The next County meeting of the SAL is yet to be determined.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

KEVIN EATON

S.A.L. ADVISOR

FREE dental care

Give Veterans A Smile Day!

At St. Charles Hospital's Stephen B. Gold Dental Clinic

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Services include comprehensive exams, X-rays, cleaning, fillings, routine extractions and oral cancer screenings.

Veterans will also be able to have a FREE blood pressure screening.

Please note: This one time clinic is **for veterans without dental insurance** and no access to dental services.



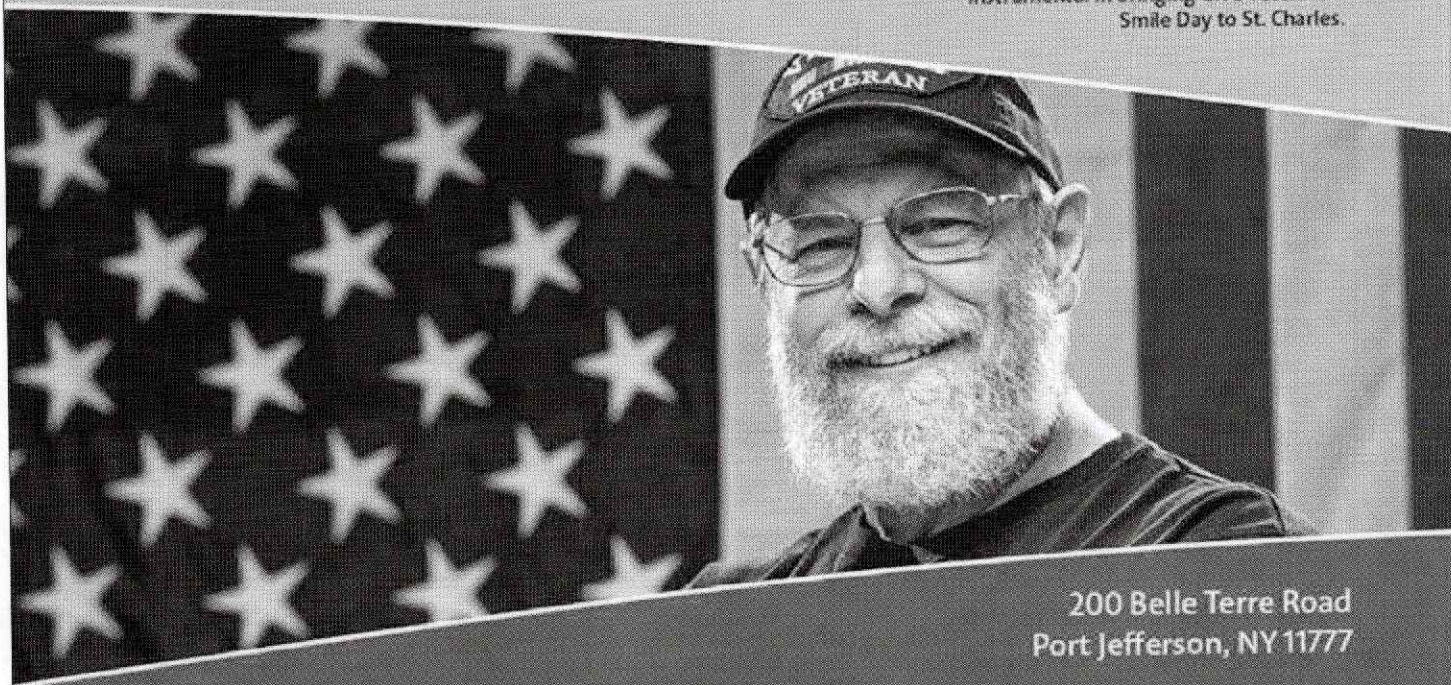
Catholic
Health

St. Charles
Hospital

To make an
appointment, please call
(631) 474-6797
by October 23, 2023

Appointments required. **Limited spots available.** Patients should be prepared to stay a minimum of two hours.

Our Give Veterans a Smile Day is in memory of Mark Cherches, DDS, who dedicated 57 years of service to St. Charles Hospital's Dental Clinic and was instrumental in bringing Give Veterans a Smile Day to St. Charles.



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