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COMMANDER'S REPORT

by Cmdr. James Randle

I'm still working on my health. I hope I find you all in good health.

We held Executive and General meetings this month.

On September 11 at Kelleher Field in Williston Park the Village honored the loss of life from that day. I was there with VFW Commander Frank Busa, along with Bob Valentine, Jack Afonso, Norm Jardine, Eric Spinner, Peter Antonicelli, John Incremona and Auxiliary members

On September 16, Thursday, 18 Legionnaires came to the meeting with a new member John Trustey Marine Corp Vet transferred from Post 1 and Eric Spinner introducer Charles V. Lanza, transfer from Post 1033.

Williston Park Street Fair was Sunday, September 19. Post gave out American flags for a donation. Members that helped were Ray Cross, Bob Valentine, Jack Afonso, Bob Myron, Bob Guastella, John Lawless, and Bill Lorusso. The Post will now be able to turn it around and donate money to Scout Troop 45 who painted the downstairs Legion room. Boy Scouts is having its 100th anniversary on November 27th. The Post approved \$100.00, also \$100.00 for Operation Comfort Warriors. The American Legion is dedicated to meeting the needs of our wounded Veterans. One hundred present of donations received are used to help veterans in Nassau County.

The Post will need a Legionnaire to step up to be a trustee at the next meeting.

Nassau Legion Fallen Comrade Ceremony for those Legionnaires lost during the Covid-19 shutdown will be on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at noon. This is a change of date. During the ceremony, the names will be read from all the Posts in the County who passed from January, 1 2020 thru June, 30 2021 regardless of whether they died from Covid or other causes. It is requested that Post Commanders attend the ceremony to read the name, branch of service and war era of each Legionnaire lost. A bell will be sounded for each name. It is Nassau County Chaplain and Post Chaplain Eric Spinner with Past County Commander Al Ficalora who are Chairman for the Saturday 16 at noon Memorial Ceremony

The new National Commander is Paul E. Dillard is from Texas (photo p2).

Next General Meeting - - Thursday October 21, 2021 at 7:30PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 5 Flu Shots at Post 144 (see inside on p.2)
- Oct 2 Saturday Nassau County Fall Conference at the post in the Legion Room 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Oct 7 Thursday Afghanistan War Began (2001)
- Oct 11 Monday Columbus Day (Observed)
- Oct 11-12 Executive Meeting 7:30 pm
- Oct 14 Wednesday U.S.Navy Established (1775)
- Oct 16 Saturday Wall of Honor at Eisenhower Park 10:00 am
- Oct 19 Tuesday Auxiliary Unit 144 General Meeting 7:30 pm
- Oct 21 Thursday Post General Meeting 7:30 pm
- Oct 22 Friday Nassau County Meeting at Malverne Post 44
- Oct 24 Sunday United Nation Day
- Oct 27 Wednesday Navy Day
- Oct 31 Sunday Halloween
- Nov 1 Monday All Saints Day
- Nov 2 Tuesday Election Day
- Nov 7 Sunday Daylight Saving Time ends set clock back one hour
- Nov 8 Monday Executive Meeting 7:30pm
- Nov 9 Tuesday Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)
- Nov 10 Wednesday Marine Corps Birthday
- Nov 11 Thursday Veterans Day WWI Armistice (1918)
- Nov 16 Tuesday Auxiliary Unit General Meeting 7:30pm
- Nov 28 Sunday Advent Begins
- Nov 29 Monday Hanukkah Begins at Sunset

Notice

**Fallen Comrades Memorial Ceremony
for our Legion Comrades**

**Saturday, October 16 - 12:00 Noon
Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre
(following Walls of Honor Ceremony)**

**NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER
PAUL E. DILLARD**



Paul E. Dillard was elected national commander of The American Legion on Sept. 2, 2021, in Phoenix during the organization's 102nd national convention. His theme as national commander is "No Veteran Left Behind." A member of the US Navy Commander Dillard served in the Navy and in Vietnam through four campaigns including the Tet offensive.

**Welcome
New Member Charles V. Lanza
USMC**



**POST 144 JOINS WILLISTON PARK
IN COMMEMORATIVE 9/11 CEREMONY**

On September 11th members of Post 144 along with local VFW members joined the Village of Williston Park to commemorate the tragic attack on the World Trade Center. The ceremony continues to be a solemn one as the memory of the many members of the community that were lost remains fresh in our minds.



Color Guard (l. to r. front) Bob Valentine, Frank Busa, Pete Antonicelli, John Incremona, (back l. to r.) Norm Jardine, Eric Spinner, Jack Afonso



Commemorative Garden at Kelleher Field

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Our first meeting of the 2021-2022 year was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 with President Christine Horvath presiding.

The results of our raffle held at the Williston Street Fair on Sunday the 19th will be reported on at the October meeting.

Dianne Karl, Education Chair, will continue to collect food items for the Viscardi School. Just leave them on the porch of her home, 94 McClellan Ave. (746.2625) with the amount spent and your name. Thanks in advance.

Dianne also announced that one of our Scholarship candidates (Casey Bice) won the Dept. State of New York Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. That's 9 in the past 7 years. Congratulations!!

So far we have 91 Senior and 5 Junior members signed up. If you know of anyone who has not joined for this year, please encourage them to do so.

Be on the look out for our fund raiser in the form of raffle tickets which are only being sent to members. BUT, please ask friends and family to enter also. With Covid, we were unable to hold any fund raisers and hopefully this will help tide us over.

Christine reminded us of the deaths of three members since we last met: Jo Jansen (103), Rosemarie Farrar and just the day before our meeting, Marion Tucker, Past President. These gals will be greatly missed and will be remembered at the next Everlasting Service in May.

It was announced that our Unit gave the largest Emergency Fund donation in New York State. Hurray for us and thanks to Sue Otto for her hard work.

The donations that Dianne collected for St. Aidan's School together with the donation from the Unit totaled \$350 which was converted into (14) \$25.00 Visa gift cards to be given out by the school. Thanks to everyone who donated for this cause.

Ellen Randle, Girls State Chair, reported that our candidate, Olivia Berg made Attorney General at Girls State this year. She will be invited to join us at a future meeting and tell us about her experience.

As November is Veteran's Month, Marilyn Bauman, VA&R Chair is asking for donations of the following to be brought to the October meeting for delivery in November to the L.I. State Veteran's Home, Stony Brook: (New) hats, scarves, gloves, lap robes, adult coloring books with colored pencils or crayons for each purchased, NEW unopened jigsaw puzzles, Find A Word puzzle books and they have also requested men's t-shirts (white) starting at Size M. Thanks in advance. They have protected us and we should always remember them!

We are planning to have Bottle Bingo on Sunday, November 7, 3 PM - & PM. More info will be coming

with the details.

Hopefully we will be able to have our Chinese Auction in the Spring of 2022. Lots of baskets are waiting for this event. They have been waiting for almost 2 years.

The Fall Conference which was to be held at our Post has been postponed because of an outbreak of Covid for some of the County members. It will be offered as a Zoom conference but no further details are available at this time.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16, starting again at 7:00 PM.

Have a great month.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, OUR VETERANS AND
OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Dues Are Due

**Pay Bob Valentine or
pay online at
<https://www.legion.org/renew>**

**Here are just a few of the discounts
available for active American Legion
members. Check the American Legion
website for additional discounts. The
savings just may help to pay a bit of your
dues.**

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Electronics & Technology

DELL

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Medical

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NorthAmerican Van Lines

Post Discounts

DELL
Office Depot/Office Max

Retail

DELL
Office Depot/Office Max

Travel & Lodging

Extended Stay America
Government Vacation
Rewards
Motel 6
Wyndham Hotels
& Resorts

RETURN OF THE WILLISTON PARK STREET FAIR

Finally back in business.....

This year everyone was happy to celebrate the return of the ever-popular Williston Park Street Fair. For American Legion Post 144 that meant again greeting the public to remind them that we are still here to serve the needs of the veterans in the area.

The Post was once again joined by our hard-working Auxiliary members who helped to make the day a success.



2nd Vice Bob Guastella



*(l.) Bill Lorusso and (r.)
Chaplain Eric Spinner*



(l. to r.) Christine Horvath, Rosanne Spinner and Ellen Randle



*Long-time Post supporter and County Clerk, Maureen
O'Connell, with Legion member Bill Lorusso.*