



SOUND OFF



Published Monthly by Williston Post 144 - American Legion
Commander - James T. Randle September 2022 Editor - Dan Roper

COMMANDER'S REPORT

To our American Legion Family and Friends,

The month of August was busy with the Williston Park Pool open August 11, Thursday, for Legionnaires and Auxiliary. All had a enjoyable night (see pictures on p. 4)

August 13, Saturday, with Bill Lorusso, Bob Valentine and myself and other members of our Veterans Riders group we helped move sixty four holders of American flags used to drape on veterans caskets when the family is unable to take charge of their Veteran's flag at that time. A paper trail will be kept if the family would like the flag in the future.

August 18, Thursday, at the General Meeting 16 Legionnaires attended. I hope that the low turnout is just due to vacations and the summer doldrums.

August 19, Friday, Eric Spinner and I went to the Nassau County meeting at Rockville Center Post 303.

August 20, Saturday, we attended the 10th and 2nd District meeting to greet the new Department Commander David R. Riley Sr. and Vice Commander Paul Schottenhamel (see picture page 2).

August 29, Monday, with Community Service Chairman Frank Busa, Eric Spinner and I helped Cellini Lodge 2206 Feast breakdown the Cellini Street Fair at Michael Tully Park (see picture below)

We also helped setup the post for NYPD school with 10 Legionnaires.

POST 144 COMMUNITY SERVICE



Commander James Randle (2nd left), Frank Busa (4th left) and Chaplain Eric Spinner (far right)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 2 Fri. V-J Day: Japan Signs Formal Surrender (1945)
- Sept 5 Mon. Labor Day
- Sept 5 Mon. Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sept 10 Sat. U.S. Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated (1962)
- Sept 11 Sun. Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Sept 11 Sun. Grandparents Day
- Sept 14 Wed. "Star-Spangled Banner" Written By Francis Scott Key (1814)
- Sept 14 Wed. Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized (1914)
- Sept 15 Thurs. General Meeting 7:30 pm
- Sept 16 Fri. POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept 17 Sat. U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)
- Sept 17 Sat. Constitution and Citizenship Day
- Sept 18 Sun. Air Force Established (1947)
- Sept 19 Mon. Auxiliary Unit Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sept 23 Fri. Nassau County Committee Meeting at Rockville Center Post 303 7:30pm
- Sept 23 Fri. Autumn Begins
- Sept 25 Sun. Gold Star Mothers' Day
- Sept 25 Sun. Rosh Hashanah Begins
- Sept 29 Thurs. VFW Day VFW Established (1899)



Commander Randle welcomes new member Glenn H. Kinney of Mineola (War on Terror - US -Army) who has transferred into the post.

Next General Meeting - - Thursday, September 15th, 2022 at 7:30PM

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Honor and Remembrance

The American Legion took a lead role in 1920 to formally observe Memorial Day at the graves of U.S. military personnel laid to rest in some 2,400 temporary cemeteries in Europe.

Was actively involved in the development of the American Battle Monuments Commission in Europe.

Backed legislation in 1920 to install the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, dedicated November 11, 1921.

Helped dedicate the towering Liberty Memorial in Kansas City during the third national convention, in 1921.

Raised funds in 1926 to help the Ossuary at Verdun, France, to remember the cost of World War I.

Pushed for 24-hour guarding for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in 1937 and purchased lights for the shrine in 1969.

Raised over \$1.2 million, most by any organization, to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, dedicated in a legion-sponsored 1982 "Salute to Vietnam veterans".

Passed a resolution in 1985 to open every official American Legion meeting with a prayer for all American POW/MIAs.

Raised funds and provided marketing support for the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Raised more than \$3 million for the construction of the National World II Memorial, dedicated in 2004.

Pledged fund to help construct a National World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Conducted thousand of local memorial services a year at funerals, special events and ceremonies honoring those who served their country and lost their lives

Argued in court, including the U.S. Supreme Court in 2019, to protect veterans and military memorials from removal due to religious symbolism in their design.

The Post hosted with Bill Lorusso, Bob Valentine and myself and a member veterans group help to move of sixty-four flag holders. The flag was used to drape on Veterans coffin the family didn't want to take charge of their veteran's flag at that time. A paper trail will be kept if family want the flag in the future.

It has been 19 years since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since then, Presumptive conditions related to particulate matter exposure may make you entitled to compensation and medical care. If you have asthma, rhinitis, or sinusitis. If you served in

Southwest Asia Theater of Operations beginning August 2, 1990 to present. Orin Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria, or Djibouti from September 19, 2001 to present you may be eligible. The Southwest Asia Theater of Operations refers to these locations and the air space above them: Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, The Gulf of Oman, The Persian Gulf, The Arabian Sea, and Red Sea.

Bladder Cancer is the fourth most Diagnosed Cancer in V.A. As the cancer grow into deeper layers, it becomes more difficult to treat.

The American Legion Family Member and Friends

The multi- nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed after World War II to establish a "security architecture" that would provide assurances against aggression on the European continent. The deadly conquests of Nazi Germany were fresh on the minds of those nations that agreed to defend one another should attack come from an external force, as Hitler's Third Reich had been, leading up to and during WWII. The purpose of NATO has become painfully clear in recent months following Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, a democratic, sovereign nation that is not a member of NATO but has aspired to be.

Membership allows us to provide countless hours of voluntary service to our communities, states, and nation.

The 2022 Senior citizen Flu Shot Program is scheduled for Wednesday October 5, 2022.

The 103rd American Legion Department of New York Convention elected on July 16 David R. Riley Sr. and Vice Commander for 2nd and 10th District Paul Schottenhamel.



Paul Schollenhamel Department Vice Commander (left) and Department Commander David R. Riley Sr (right)

**HOMETOWN USA
A SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES**



Ruth Valentine, Rita Hess and Barbara Afonso on Funday Monday at Bar Beach



Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena, Tony Catalano, Elaine Phillips, Cmdr. Randle and Sen. Jack Martins at Funday Monday



Local representatives join Legionnaires in honoring the Armed Forces.

Attention

Williston Park will be hosting a September 11th ceremony commemorating those who died at the World Trade Center or thereafter due to exposure. It is at 4:00pm. on Kelleher Field. See Commander Randle to volunteer for Color Guard and Bugler.

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY
by Marilyn Bauman

INFORMATION ABOUT:

THE WILLISTON STREET FAIR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

PLEASE COME AND HELP OUT AT THE TABLE
WE WILL BE HAVING A NUMBER OF PRIZES
FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE CHANCES ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, OUR
MEETING STARTING AT 7:00

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS ON MONDAY.

SOME GOOD NEWS:

Airman Jeffrey A. Mitchell, grandson of Sally & Bob Mitchell graduated from Basic Training at Lackland AFB on August 25th. He is now engaged in training for Electronic Medical Equipment Maintenance. When this assignment is completed, he will return to New York as a member of the NY State National Guard.

Congratulations!!!

Hope you are enjoying the last days of Summer and hope to see you at the Fair and Meeting.



Legionnaire Eric Spinner, Nassau County Education & Scholarship Chairman, presented the Nassau County American Legion scholarship award to Valedictorian Elizabeth L. Zemlyansky of George W. Hewlett High School. Elizabeth was selected as the student with the most outstanding academic credentials in Nassau County for the Legion Year of 2021-2022. The award ceremony took place at the 103th Nassau County American Legion Convention at the Massapequa Post 1066. Past County, Commander Pasquale Alesia is on the right.

HAPPENING AROUND THE POST



Legionnaires, spouses, Auxiliary members relaxing at the free night at the Williston Park pool. Our thanks to Mayor Ehrbar.



Post 144 hosts a car club (in rear of photo) picnic/show in our spacious yard. Fun for club members and anyone who stopped by to check it out.



Post 144 has recently agreed to help a closing Whitestone VFW post in passing burial flags on to surviving relatives of their members.



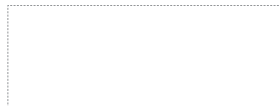
All smiles for the camera.



For those who love nostalgia.....even more cars



Legion Riders assisted in delivery of the VFW flags.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**WILLISTON POST 144 - AMERICAN LEGION
PO BOX 1
WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK 11596**

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Williston Park, NY
11596
Permit No. 3