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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander James Randle

American Legion Family.... It's November, Happy Thanksgiving to all.

As stated in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, our organization pledges to "combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses..." no Veteran is insignificant. We prove this every day as we dedicate considerable time and resources to assisting struggling, and disabled veterans.

Buddy Check – Legionnaires checking on each other and helping when we can. This is a perfect example of what Legionnaires mean when we pledge "our devotion to mutual helpfulness". Buddy Checks are new, but this devotion is as old as The American Legion itself. This is also when we help Bob Guastella with setup and breakdown. A Legionnaire who has helped is Richard Kiesel, I hope I haven't missed anyone. NYPD school is going to January.

October, the post had annual senior flu shots. One hundred and twenty were given out. Thanks to Maureen O'Connell and her nurses. She is an Auxiliary member. Thanks to all Maureen helpers.

I with Eric and Roseann Spinner, and Yvonne Brunner attended the Legislative Breakfast at Massapequa Post 1066.

The General Meeting had 18 Legionnaires. The Post has a few Legionnaires that are leaving for the winter. Hope to see all in the spring. Legionnaires, it is your post! Come to your general meeting.

First Vice Commander Bob Valentine Membership on one paid, 73 still to pay. Need members

I went on Saturday October 22 to Holy Rood for the burial of Past Commander Herbert Koch with his wife Ursula.

Post been notified that Bob Myron will leave his position as Trustee. Legionnaires we will need a Trustees. Any one consisting talk to PC Jack Afonso, PC Bob Guastella and Andy DelVecchio.

A note from Richard Nicoletto "free Veterans Legal Assistance" Please be advised that Hofstra University's Maurice A. Deane School of Law will be hosting a veterans in need free consultation with attorneys who

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 6 Sunday Daylight Saving Time End set the clock back
- November 7 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
- November 8 Tuesday Election Day
- November 10 Thursday U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)
- November 10 Thursday Viscardi School Parade Noon
- November 11 Friday Signing of WW I Armistice (1918)
Veterans Day
- November 17 Thursday GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm
- November 19 Saturday Auxiliary Unity Chinese Auction 200 pm
- November 20 Sunday National Child Day
- November 21 Monday Auxiliary Unit General meeting 7:00 pm
- November 21 Monday Grenada Campaign Ended 91983)
- November 24 Thursday Thanksgiving Day
- November 27 Sunday First Sunday of Advent
- December 5 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
- December 7 Wednesday National Pearl Harbor Day
Remembrance Day

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On Wednesday, October 25, I Tested Positive at home and on Thursday at my doctor office for Covid-19 evaluated positive went to St. Francis Hospital. Receive infusion to help me. I feel good.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday November 8 is Election Day.

Reminder

You can view a color copy of the "Sound Off" online at willistonpost144.org

Next General Meeting - - Thursday, November 17th, 2022 at 7:30PM



HISTORY OF THE LEGION RIDERS

The Legion Riders which have chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders Nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarship to children of U.S. military personnel killed since September 11, 2001.

In Garden City, Mich., in 1993, Chuck "Tramp" Dare and Bill "Polka" Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post 396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the



Legion Riders gather to honor a long-time Rider who recently passed.

organization. The two longtime riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles.

Dare and Kaledas wrote a letter to Michigan Department Adjutant Hubert Hess, sharing their idea. Hess replied that he liked the concept and wanted to pursue it. Later, he gave Kaledas and Dare instructions

for managing the program at the post level. He also explained how they could be approved to use the American Legion emblem, and how to gain Membership's support and recognition. At a regular meeting, post 396 members passed a resolution for a new program to be known as the "American Legion Riders"

Joined by nineteen other founding members from their post, Dare and Kaledas were flooded with requests for information about their organization. They agreed to establish a central source for the riders to ensure that chapters formed not as motorcycle clubs or gangs, but as Legionnaires and Auxiliary and Sal member joining to ride as legion family.

LEGION RIDERS TODAY

Currently, over 110,000 American Legion Riders meet in over 2,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries. Riders in Iowa have formed an honor guard called The Five Star Freedom Riders in Mulvane, Kan., founder the Patriot Guard to protect the sanctity of military funerals from protester. Riders in all states have escorted military unit returning home from combat tours overseas,

conducted massive cross-country fundraising events for wounded warriors from all service, and have raised millions of dollars for countless local, state, and national charities. Many Riders, supported by their department, conduct annual statewide Legion Runs in direct support of American legion scholarship program of Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW}, supporting our wounded servicemember across the nation.

"The American Legion Riders as a National Program"

FROM RESOLUTION 35 AS VOTED ON BY THE NATIONAL THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ON OCTOBER 17-18, 2007 AND AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 32 BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ON MAY 4-5, 2011

American Legion Rider groups shall abide by The American Legion Constitution and By-laws as well as the established Post and Department directives.

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Our October meeting on the 19th was presided over by President Christine Horvath.

After our regular opening Ellen Randle, Girls State Chair, introduced one of our representatives to Girls State, Reena Gupta.

Reena spoke to us about her experience upstate stating that they were long days, but fun. The girls became a "family." She learned so much about Government and the Law that she may pursue a career in that area. On hand was Assemblyman Edward Ra (19th Assembly District) who presented Reena with a Citation from the New York State Assembly.

Margo Bores, Chaplain/Wellness Ambassador gave us some information for healthy eyes. To relieve tired eyes, blink, yawn, and distance yourself when working on a computer, watching tv or reading. Look away every 20 minutes to a 20-foot distance for 20 seconds.

This will help with eye strain. Over the counter eye drops for dry eye will help also. More exercises were available on a handout. Stay tuned for the next episode of "Wellness" by Margo.

Our Chinese Auction is on Saturday, November 19th, at 2:00 PM. Help will be needed beforehand to set up the many baskets, etc. A robocall will go out to give you the details of setup - date, time, etc. Please help out also by coming as this is our first in house fund raiser since Covid started. Please remember to ask merchants that you frequent for gift cards as the ones we had have expired. Thanks. Any additional information needed, call Ellen at 516.270.6941.

Sue Otto, Emergency Fund Chair will be sending letters out to members in January. Keep a look out for it and please participate.

Dianne Karl once again is asking for food for the Henry Viscardi School. Pasta, vegetables, snack packs are some of the items needed. Items can be brought to the meeting or left at her home - 94 McClellan Ave. WP (516.746.2625).

MaryAnn Busa, Children & Youth Chair, will be collecting toys in November for Toys of Hope and Mama's House. Toys do not have to be wrapped. Thanks in advance.

Marilynn Bauman, VA&R Chair, would like to thank everyone who brought in items for the Veterans at Stony Brook. They really do appreciate getting the lap robes, coloring books, puzzle books, etc.

As an ongoing project, the Unit will be collecting scratch-off Lottery tickets for next year's street fair. We hope to make 2 boards with these tickets. They can be brought to any meeting.

At the County Awards Dinner, as usual, we, as a Unit, did very well. We are a GREAT UNIT.

Our next meeting, Monday, November 21, will begin at 7:00 PM. Don't forget your gifts for the children. Any changes- you will be notified.

Any good news can be sent to me at mjabauman@verizon.net or call me at 516.747.3983 and leave a message or phone number for a return call.

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

UNIT AWARDS FROM THE ALA COUNTY

Americanism	Legislative
Emergency Fund	Membership
Chaplain	National Security
Children and Youth	Poppy
Constitution and Bylaws	Public Relations
Education	Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation
Leadership	

OCTOBER AUXILIARY NEWS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mary Ann Busa Chairperson, PCP

A member donated \$50.00 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A member donated \$50.00 to Shriners Research Hospital

Dining for a cause. Total volunteers 6, Travel time 2.25 hours. Total volunteer hours 13.75 Total mileage 72.2miles Donated to Camp Corral a\$2,000.00

A member donated \$20.00 to Salesian Missions to be used towards food, clothing for needy children.

Two members donated to the Drive Buy Baby shower conducted by Malverne Unit Donated Children dresses, diapers.

A member donated \$44.00 to St. Joseph Indian School.

A member donated to the Malverne Unit school supplies for the Marine Base.

A member donated 1 bag of clothing to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island.

Note: It is that time of the year Holidays are coming soon. I would like to distribute the toys and other supplies to SCO family services, Momma's house and Toys of Hope soon after Thanksgiving. I would like to collect the gifts at our November, 2022 meeting. Any age toys for children is fine. The gifts do not have to be wrapped. Also, diapers, paper products are always welcome. I want to thank all the ALA member for their help each year. Without the help of ALA members the Children and Youth program will not be a success. Thanking you in advance for your help.

HAPPENING AROUND THE POST



Assemblyman Edward Ra (19th Assembly District) , presents Reena Gupta, a Citation from the N.Y.S. Assembly for her participation at The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State this past summer.



A member of the Lakeville Estates Civic Assoc. who knows that the Auxiliary is involved with veterans, anonymously left this beautiful handmade afghan at the door of one of our members. This, along with many other donations will be brought to the L.I. State Veterans Home, Stony Brook, in November, Veterans' Month.



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