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## COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander James Randle

Christmas Season for the Legion Family is here.

Veterans Day is a reminder of the eleven hour that is very significant to veterans. For it was on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, at the eleventh hour that the guns of World War I ceased firing, and silence encompassed the earth. It was at eleven that a delirium of joy and thanksgiving swept over humanity. It was eleven when the last man died in battle. It is at eleven that the soul of the American Legion was born. It was then that our obligation to our country and to her honored dead was conceived.

The post was opened by me at 5:00 am for election day and closed by Frank Busa at 9:00pm.

Saint Aidan's schoolchildren honored veterans in the church. The program was well attended.

The parade at Henry Viscardi School was well attended. There is a Veterans Garden that was dedicated after the parade. Thanks to Dianne Karl and the children of the school for honoring the veterans. One card said "Dear Veterans, thank you for your Service, your courage and dedication, and service to our country."

On Veteran's Day VFW Commander Frank Busa honored all veterans at Williston Park Village Hall and at East Williston for veterans honor. The invocation was by our chaplain Eric Spinner. "We gathered this day for our Veterans Day ceremony in memory of all who have served in service to our nation. Let us render praise where all praise is due. Our God and Eternal Father, we offer you gratitude for your eternal watchfulness. As we gather here in humble recognition of service nobly done by our brothers and sisters, we ask You to bless us with the peace and tranquility which can come from you alone. Bless and protect our nation. Be merciful to our honored dead, the memory of whose valor, courage and heroism inspires us to noble action and eternal vigilance in the preservation of our priceless liberty, and our inalienable right to endure happiness and freedom. Preserve in our hearts the desire and the will to maintain the ideals for which this nation exists so that out of our sacrifice and determination there may emerge a better world – a world founded upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to preserving rights and the dignity of each person, (continued on next page)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 5 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
- December 7 Wednesday Pearl Harbor - Remembrance Day - Flag - at Half Mast till Sunset
- December 8 Thursday War Declared on Japan (1941)
- December 10 Saturday Human Rights Day
- December 11 Sunday Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)
- December 15 Thursday Post General Meeting 7:30 pm Christmas Party
- December 15 Thursday Bill of Rights Day - Iraq War Ended (2011)
- December 16 Friday Nassau County Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Rockville Center Post 303
- December 18 Sunday Hanukkah Begins at Sundown
- December 19 Monday Auxiliary Unit Meeting 7:00 pm
- December 20 Tuesday U.S. Space Force Established (2019)
- December 25 Sunday Christmas Day
- December 31 Saturday New Year Eve
- December 31 Saturday Official End World War II (1946)

## DUES ARE DUE

*Help us keep up our membership numbers. If you haven't paid your dues, please do before New Year's Day*

## Welcome New Members

**William H. Ost**  
Williston Park  
US Army Vietnam Era

**Richard W. Pinsker**  
East Williston  
US Army Iraq

**Next General Meeting - - Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30PM**

## COMMANDER'S REPORT *(continued)*.....

a world of tolerance and true justice as envisioned by our Founding Father, a world intent on loving and serving You."

Thanks to the members and Chief Dan Giordano of the Albertson Fire House invited Post Members for a luncheon. Thanks to their membership for the day.

The season is saddened with the loss of family members Bill Lorusso's Father and Norm Jardine and Joan Dukes's son. It's one of the worst time's to lose a loved one.

We had a post meeting with 15 members and a visit of past Commander John Vella. Next month we will have a Christmas party. Next General Meeting will be on Thursday, December 15.

A good thing is the Auxiliary Unit had a successful Chinese auction. I, with Bill Lorusso served as bar tenders in the Crystal Room. The Auxiliary unit had 155 guests.

This season think to donate the gift of life, BLOOD. Your donation will help to save up to three lives. Our group number 02345. Our community hospitals need your help. If you can please share this lifesaving gift call-1-800- 688-0900.

The National Commander Vincent J. Troiola is saying "Buddy Checks, Be the One"

Covid-19 is still in our lives, so this holiday season Legion Family please be safe.

This Holiday Season Merry Christmas and Hanukkah and Happy New Year 2023 from Ellen and myself to all Legion Family.



**EARLY BIRD WINNER**  
**48 year member**  
**Herbert Hohmann**  
**of Williston Park**  
**will have his dues money refunded.**

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS COMMUNITY VETS

Thanks again to Pastor Jake Allstaedt and the generous parishioners of St. John's for the wonderful luncheon they provided for the vets and their spouses on Veterans Day. Recognition of their service always warms the hearts of all veterans. They feel their service has not and never will be forgotten.



*(photo left) Pastor Jake Allstaedt of St. John's and Marilynn Bauman. Marilynn is a both a parishioner of the church, an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Williston Unit 144 and a valuable contributor to Post 144's Sound Off newsletter,*



## VETERANS DAY SALUTE FROM STUDENTS AT HENRY VISCARDI SCHOOL



Henry Viscardi School is a special school for severely challenged students requiring a specialized educational setting with

medical support. Thanks to American Legion Auxiliary Williston Unit 144 Education Chair, Dianne Karl, they were able to share an Indoor Veteran's Day Parade Tribute to neighborhood veterans from Williston Park Post 144 as well as VFW Post in Albertson on November 11, 2022.



*(photo left) Our American Legion & VFW Families were joined by Jennifer DeSena, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor, for the Indoor Veterans Parade at the Henry Viscardi School. Dr. Chris Rosa, Viscardi CEO, welcomed the group and described the programs available to the students at the school. This is the second "annual" event that finally took place after two inactive years due to the pandemic. We are thrilled to be back, and the welcome from the students is heartwarming, to say the least!*



## NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Our November meeting was held on the 21st, presided over by President Christine Horvath.

Sue Otto reported that a letter about the Emergency Fund will be received sometime in January. Please help this cause and be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Margo Bores, Wellness Ambassador gave us hints for hands, this month. Try this everyday - spread fingers open, then close and bring fingers down to palm, slowly, return to starting position. Massaging the palms is very helpful also.

Mary Ann Busa, Children & Youth thanked the members for the toy donations which will be distributed next month.

Speaking of next month, we are once again having our Holiday Grab bag. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift, with your name (so the receiver can thank you) valued at \$10.

Dianne Karl, Education Chair stated that 6 additional students took scholarship applications. Time is of the essence. They will have to be sent to Department soon.

Dianne also announced that she received 274 Christmas cards that the children at St. Aidan's School made for the Veterans at the LI State Veterans Home. Cards will be brought out in November.

The Veterans Day Parade at the Henry Viscardi School was a great success from all who attended. The children enjoyed seeing the Veterans and vice versa. The children have made a garden and are tending to it themselves. Lovely.

Ellen Randle, Empire Girls State Chair, mentioned there might be some changes to Girls State this year. More info to follow.

Pat Lorusso, National Security Chair, mentioned that

to Support Our Troops, we could send our female service members some feminine products. Here is the list received: small packages of napkins, tampons, liners; body wash, lotion, razors, face wash, mouthwash, deodorant, q-tips, hair de-tangler, moisturizer, shampoo and conditioner. Also small grooming kits would all be appreciated. These items can be brought to the meetings and when we have enough to send out, we will do so. Please help our women in the armed forces. Would you like to use Old Spice deodorant? Something feminine would be nicer.

Sally Mitchell, Poppy Chair, reported the Poppies have been ordered but have not been received as yet.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19th starting at 7 PM. Don't forget your grab bag gift if you are participating.

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

### **AUXILIARY NEWS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH NOVEMBER, 2022**

Mary Ann Busa Chairperson, PCP

A member donated \$125.00 to Life Center of Long Island which is an organization that does all it can to reach mothers to be and their unborn in our community.

A member donated \$12.00 to St. Joseph Indian School.

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

A member donated \$50.00 to Shriners Research Hospital.

A member donated \$20.00 to Boys Town for Needy Children.



### *Thanks to All*

*Chris Horvath and Ellen Randle would like to express their thanks to all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who helped to set up and breakdown at the recent Chinese Auction.*

*(photo left) As everyone knows, Post 144 couldn't provide the services we offer without volunteers. Here are the heroes that provided the muscle for our senior flu shot program.*

**HAPPENING AROUND THE POST**



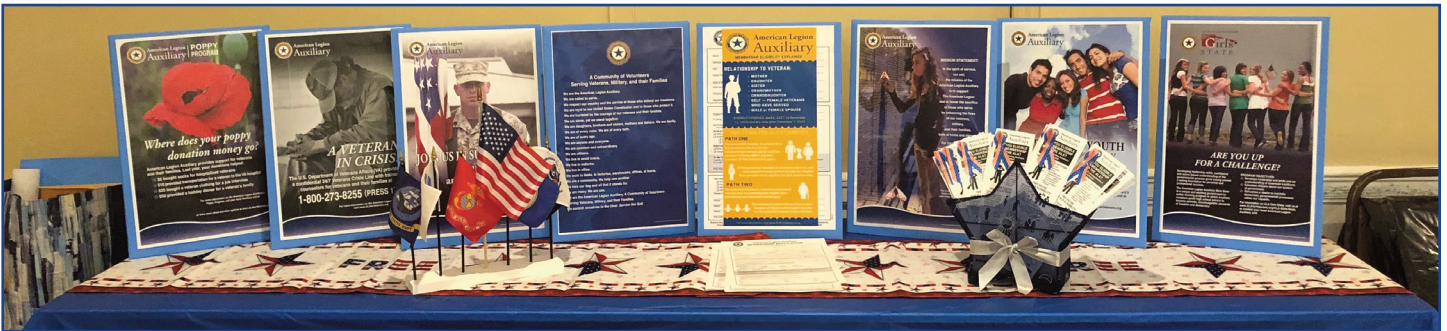
*Thanks to the Albertson Fire Department for the generous luncheon provided to the local vets on Veterans Day*



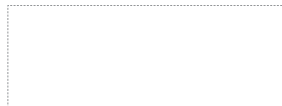
*Thank you to Alice Lobozza, Vincent Cifelli, Alexia Klimek and Christopher Molloy for signing the Pledge on Veterans Day*



*Congratulations Rosanne on receiving the President's Award from ALA President Kathleen Murphy*



*Thanks to Membership Chair, Debbie Robinson for the VERY informative table stating "who we are, what we do, and why we matter" at our Williston Unit 144 Chinese Auction/Dinner Fundraiser in November. From our "mission" to our "branding" to "eligibility rules" to "sign-up applications" bravo Debbie!! The public came to enjoy a Chinese dinner, from soup to fortune cookies, got to win a variety of prizes and, thanks to Debbie's "mission" table, got to see how their donations are used.*



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