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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander James Randle

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,
"Be The One," Buddy Check.

It has been a busy month with 3rd Vice Commander PC Frank Busa calling a meeting on April 13th at 2:00pm for Memorial Day.

The American Legion 1st, 2nd, 9th, and 10th Districts, Department of New York had a Testimonial dinner at Autun's in Queens Village Friday, April 14th, for the National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola who was elected national commander on September 1, 2022 in Milwaukee during The American Legion's 103rd National Convention. His theme as national commander is "V.E.T.S., Veterans, Education, Teamwork and Sponsor." He is a Life member of American Legion Post 1682 in Rockland County, N.Y. and served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserves from 1969 to 1974. He completed a tour aboard the USS Nitro, an auxiliary ammunition ship with the Sixth Fleet. He was honorably discharged as a boatswain's mate third class. He is also a member of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 1682 based on the World War II service of Jim's father. Our post was represented by Rosanne and Eric Spinner, Ellen, and me.

Auxiliary Unit had their meeting on Tuesday April 18th at 7:00pm. See Marilynn Bauman and read her Unit's news.

At our General Meeting, the Auxiliary Unit was invited. President Christine Horvath and Auxiliary unit members presented to the Post the annual gift. Eight unit members were present.

Legionnaires, we are invited to the Auxiliary Unit meeting and installation on Tuesday May 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

At that meeting the Mayor of Williston Park Paul M. Ehrbar gave a gift to help pay for an Automatic External Defibrillator. "AED" Chairman and Trustee Ray Cross is currently looking into it.

Again The "Wall of Honor" Gift of a Lifetime at Eisenhower Park reserves a place of HONOR for any veterans, living or deceased, any veterans who took the oath of enlistment and has been honorably discharged is eligible to be remembered. If you *(cont. on next page)*

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1 Monday-Silver Star Service Banner Day
- May 3 Wednesday-Air Force Sergeants Assn. Birthday
- May 4 Thursday-National Day of Prayer
- May 5 Friday-Cinco de Mayo
- May 6 Saturday-Nurses Day
- May 8 Monday-Post 144 Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 8 Monday-Victory in Europe Day (1945)
- May 9 Tuesday-Blood Drive (2:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.)
- May 14 Sunday-Mothers Day
- May 15 Monday-Auxiliary Unit Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Legionnaires Invited)
- May 15 Monday-Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Birthday
- May 18 Thursday-Post 144 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 18 Thursday-Ascension Day
- May 19 Friday-Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 20 Saturday-Armed Forces Day
- May 22 Monday-National Maritime Day
- May 25 Thursday-Shavuot Begins at sundown
- May 26 Friday-Nassau County Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 28 Sunday-Pentecost Sunday
- May 28 Sunday-Memorial Day United Veterans Organization Service at Eisenhower Park 10:00 a.m.
- May 28 Sunday-Memorial Day Service at Long Island National Cemetery 2:00 p.m.
- May 29 Monday-Williston Post Everlasting Memorial Day Service 9:00 a.m.
- May 29 Monday-Williston Park Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Memorial Day will be upon us soon. The post will need volunteers to the flag graves at Holy Rood Cemetery and several others. **Please call the post at 516-746-1958 or Jack Afonso at 516-741-0593.** Holy Rood will be flagged on May 25, at 9:00 AM. Let's not let any vet be forgotten.

Please Volunteer!

Next General Meeting - - Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at 7:30PM

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are interested please see me for an application.

At the March Nassau County Committee, I was given a form for anyone who wants to nominate and recognize a veteran or individual. The award will be presented at the Salute to Veterans Event, Eisenhower Park, Saturday, August 5, 2023. Nominations must be postmarked by July 10, 2023.

April was the month that the American Legion Family celebrates Children and Youth. The New York Naval Cadet Corps instructed the young cadets about the customs and courtesies of the military, first-hand through a "Military Ball" that was planned in their honor. The ball was a success with over eighty children and Legion Family. Members of the post Frank and Maryann Busa, Eric Spinner, Bill Lorusso helped Nassau County American Legion Children and Youth Chairman Dawn Samuel.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary all Veterans on May 26, 2023, 10:15a.m. are invited for a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Henry Viscardi School at the Veterans Garden. In the gymnasium we will show the students how to fold the United States flag.

Legionnaires are invited to Flag Day at Meadow Drive School on June 14, 9:00 p.m.

From PC Jack Afonso, Williston Park Pool will be open to Legionnaires on Thursday, July 13th, 6:00 p.m. and August 10th 6:00 p.m.

I need Legionnaires to step up a take on as Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Treasurer, Judge Adjutant, SGT-at-arms, Adjutant, Chaplain, Post Historian, Corresponding Adjutant, and Trustees.

Please check the dates to Remember. The Post Annual Blood Drive is May 9, 2023 time 2:00pm to 8:00pm.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER TESTIMONIAL DINNER
VINCENT J. "JIM" TROIOLA
AT ANTUN'S, QUEENS, NY**



On April 14, 2023 Commander Vincent Troiola visited here in Nassau County.

At the evening's dinner the Commander expressed his appreciation for honoring him. He spoke about the need for the American Legion to grow and urged all of the

Legionnaires to make every effort to increase Legion membership.

(right) National Commander's "Be the One" pin



**AUXILIARY NEWS
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH APRIL, 2023**

Mary Ann Busa Chairperson, PCP

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

A member donated children's items for our baby shower this April. Backpack sundress, stuffed animals, baby wipes.

A member participated in the Cadet Corp Military Ball. Sang God Bless America.

A member donated \$21.00 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A member donated \$50.00 to St. Shriners Research Hospital.

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A member participated in the Cadet Military Ball. Cooked chicken for the ball. Also, help set up at the ball.

I want to thank all the members for all the donations for the April Baby Shower. Without the help of ALA members Children and Youth program will not be a success.

I WANT TO THANK THE ALA MEMBERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS. WITHOUT YOUR HELP THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE A SUCCESS.

**NASSAU COUNTY
CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM**

April is the month that the American Legion family celebrates children. This past Saturday the Nassau County Children and Youth reached out to the New York Naval Cadet Corps to teach the children (cadets) about the customs and courtesies of the military, first-hand through a "military ball" that was planned in their honor. In order to ensure the integrity of a true military ball many things had to be in place without substitution. The ball was a success with over 80 children and Legion member family members in attendance

As you know many hands make a light load. This was proven on Saturday. Your members: Frank Busa, Mary Ann Busa, Eric Spinner and Bill Lorusso not only attended but WORKED throughout the whole day. Thank you to the amazing members of Williston post 144. You are outstanding role models for the New York Naval Cadet Corps and example of why the spirit of American Legion family. The moments that you shared with our youth are priceless.

Thank you for helping to make this day a success.

For God and Country

Dawn Samuel

Nassau County American Legion Children and Youth

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Our April 18th meeting was presided over by President Christine Horvath. The refreshments for this evening were Carrot Cake and German Chocolate Cake. Yummy. See what you are missing out on when you don't come to the meetings, in addition to a good deal of information and socialization!

Mary Ann Busa, Children and Youth Chair, thanked everyone who donated baby items for the various organizations that she supplies. Mary Ann also mentioned that she has reached out to the group homes about a possible Special Friends Dance in the fall. No word yet.

Dianne Karl, Education Chair, is collecting school supplies through June. Some of the supplies needed: cloth zippered pencil cases (no plastic), Elmer's glue 4 oz., glue sticks, crayons 24 & 48 ct., pencils, small pencil sharpeners, blue and/or black pens, colored pencils, highlighters, large erasers, 6" & 12" rulers (standard and metric markings), markers, pointed scissors, construction paper, spiral notebooks, (1, 3, & 5 subjects). 3x5" index cards. (516.746.2526 for additional information).

Dianne also mentioned that the Henry Viscardi School will host Veterans in the Classroom on Friday, May 26, 10:15-12. The Auxiliary is also invited to attend. Please let Dianne know if you will be coming. (phone # above)

Margo Bores, Chaplain/Wellness Ambassador spoke to us about the importance of protecting ourselves from the sun. For summer fitness – get out of the house, but don't forget to wear a hat, sunscreen and start walking slowly.

Marilynn Bauman, VA&R Chair, thanked all for the donations to the Long Island State Veterans Home, Stony Brook. The donations will be delivered early May.

The Post is holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 9th 2-8 p.m. Come down if you are able to donate or come to show your support.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at which we will have the Installation of Officers. They are as follows:

President - Christine Horvath
1st V.P. - Debbie Robertson
2nd V.P. - Ellen Randle
Treasurer - Marianna Wohlgemuth
Chaplain - Margo Bores
Recording Secy - Rosanne Spinner
Corresponding Secy - Ruth Valentine
Executive Board - Marilyn Bauman,
Mary Ann Busa, Sandra Lee,
Sally Mitchell and Sue Otto

ALL CANDIDATES: PLEASE WEAR, BLUE SLACKS, WHITE TOP AND AUXILIARY HAT (IF YOU HAVE ONE)

The Post will be flagging graves at Holy Rood Cemetery on Thursday, May 25th, rain date Friday, the 26th. If you can help, please call Jack Afonso at 516.741.0593.

May 26th is the annual Awards Dinner. In the past we have received many awards for our efforts. I'm sure this year will be the same.

The Post's Everlasting Service will be on Monday, May 29th, 9 a.m.

Pat Lorusso, National Security, is still collecting products for the women in the military. Items needed: feminine products (unscented, whenever possible), small packs of napkins/tampons, female versions of body wash, lotion, razors, moisturizer, deodorant, hair de-tangler, shampoo, conditioner, dry shampoo. Small bottles of mouthwash, Q-tips, Chapsticks and foot powder. They can also use: sunscreen, AA & AAA batteries, gum, beef jerky and Slim Jims, hard candy, breath mints, protein bars/granola bars, individual pkgs. of cookies/crackers, hand sanitizer, nuts (NO PEANUTS), dried fruits in resealable containers, laundry pods and Visa & MC gift cards (\$25 value). Please NO CDs, DVDs, or tapes. Thank you in advance. If you haven't donated to this cause, please do so before we end our meetings for the year. (May and June)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

OUR NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 16,
STARTING AT 7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING LOTTERY TICKETS TO BE USED
AT OUR BOOTH AT THE WILLISTON STREET
FAIR.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - ARTICLES AND PHONE #
ABOVE

ITEMS FOR OUR WOMEN IN THE MILITARY -
INFO ABOVE

FLAGGING GRAVES - HOLY ROOD
THURSDAY, MAY 25

VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM - FRIDAY MAY
26
HENRY VISCARDI SCHOOL

POST EVERLASTING SERVICE
MONDAY, MAY 29, 9 AM

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

HAPPENING AROUND THE POST



At our last General Membership Meeting Post 144 invited American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 to join us. Special guests Honorable Paul Ehrbar, Mayor of Williston Park, and Auxiliary Unit President Christine Horvath both also attended. They expressed their appreciation for the contributions the post makes to provide services to veterans and our local community.



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