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COMMANDER'S REPORT Commander James Randle

I mentioned last month we need to form a nomination committee for the coming year. Please step up and participate in a position. We need members to Volunteer.

The Eagle Scout Troop 201 Court of Honor ceremony was on Sunday January 5, 2020. I and Bob Mitchell, our representative, presented at the ceremony to given good citizenship award certificate to Daniel Russo, Anthony Giunta, Brandon Aguiar, and Christopher Soo, Congratulation.

The 3rd Division Vice Commander Anthony Edelman would like to visit the post at our General Meeting February 20 Thursday. The 3rd Division caucus is being held at Glenwood Landing post 336, address is 190 Glen Head, Glen Head, N.Y. 11545, on March 7 Saturday 10:00am.

We received a thank you letter from the Robert M. Newbert Family for the farewell service for Robert L. Newbert who was a member of ARMY Air Corps during WWII. He was proud of his service to our country as well member of our post. It was said when he had moved from Williston park to South Setauket, Virginia in December of 2010, Robert insisted that he remain a member of the post.

We lost a legionnaire on January 17, John Brautigan Jr. a proud member of the US Navy from 1955 to 1959. He was a 45 years member of the post.

I did a Buddy Check on Herb Koch PC, Don Sassano PC. All is well. If anyone know of a Legionnaire who is hospitalized or has a serious illness, please let me know.

We will soon start with our fundraising with chairman Jack Afonso PC, Dan Roper, Bob Valentine with the winner to be announced on Memorial Day.

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICANISM

The characteristic that distinguishes our form of government from other is the recognition of the truth that the inherent and fundamental right of men are derived from God and not from government, dictators, or majorities.

The unalienable right, which are the gift of man from his Creator are: freedom of worship, freedom of speech and press; freedom of assemblage.

Americanism is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity, and happiness; and willingness

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 8	Saturday	Boy Scout of American Founded (1910)
February 10	Monday	Executive Meeting 7:00pm
February 12	Wednesday	Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Friday	Saint Valentine Day
February 18	Tuesday	President Day
February 18	Tuesday	Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
February 20	Thursday	General Meeting 7:00pm
February 22	Saturday	George Washington Birthday
February 28	Friday	County Meeting 7:30pm at- Baldwin Post

to defend our country and Flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

It is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and courage to live as free men in a free land.

Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United State, and a fathomless love of the principles that led our forefathers to found this country.

It is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for our nation and for our posterity.

Welcome New Member

Michael Lanning

Williston Park
US Army - Viet

Early Bird Winner

James Shevlin - Had His Dues Refunded

Congratulations!!!

Next General Meeting - Thursday, February 20, 2020 7pm

WORK PARTIES

Sincere thanks to the following Legionnaires for giving their time and energy to the post:

WORK PARTY 1/16/2020

Bob Valentine Bob Guastella
Frank Busa John Incromona

WORK PARTY FDNY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Bob Valentine Bob Guastella
Frank Busa Jack Afonso
James Randle Ruth Vallentine
 Luke Guastella

VOLUNTEERISM

by Commander James T. Randle

Helping out at the post is and vital service that Legionnaires can provide as part of being a member of Post 144. There are so many jobs that have to be done that it is often difficult to keep up. Keeping the place clean and looking good for rental is just one task that often requires volunteers to step up and help. After all, without the funds we receive from use of the building, we would have no post at all.

Supporting the post by volunteering to fill an elected position is another vital thing that members can do. Being a commander or other officer of the post or a trustee is a necessity for the running of the post. It requires dedication and effort, but in return it can be very satisfying. Knowing that you have provided services to the community and fellow post members is a reward in itself. Just go to the post when we are sponsoring flu shots and you will see what I mean.

Our thanks go out to the Legionnaires who put in so many hours on upkeep of the post, on planning and maintaining the good name of Post 144 and to those obtaining grant funding that keeps us in fiscal good health.

Always room for more hands to help out.

VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM

The Coliseum has a new website for veterans and discounts will be available to all for certain shows and activities.

Long Island Nets game tickets are available free for some games and parking is free.

Other discount offers for veterans only will be posted on the website.

https://nycblive.com/veterans_offers

REMEMBERING ALL VETS

"A veteran with no family will not be buried alone." This statement was made by 10th District Commander Paul J. Schottenhamel, who reported that the Queens County Committee of the American Legion presided over a December funeral for a Vietnam War era veteran, Angelo Luina, who had no known family.

"We know little about Angelo Luina. He was born in Manhattan on 10 October, 1946 and entered into the United States Army during the Vietnam War Era on 30 April, 1968. He lived in the Bronx and died on 26 October, 2019.

A short service for Angelo took place on Sunday, December 8, at Wert Labella Funeral Home in Glendale, with the burial taking place on Tuesday, December 10, at Calverton National Cemetery.

The Legionnaires who attended Angelo's services were joined by other veterans and patriots who knew it was important that all veterans receive proper recognition for their faithfulness to our country.

Thank you, Angelo, for your service.



10th District Commander Paul J. Schottenhamel and Commander James T. Randle of Post 144.

Reminder

Please check out our new website
as we continue to build it.

Contributions welcome.

www.willistonpost144.org

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Our "White Elephant" meeting was on January 21st where we were able to look over the table of items and purchase them. Some of the items brought in were corralled for the Chinese Auction. We enjoyed pizza and a choice of 3 cakes, vanilla, lemon and chocolate while we shopped. Thank you to everyone who participated by either bringing in items and/or purchasing them. Ellen Randle will inform us at the February meeting just how successful it was. Thanks to the baker as well.

Sue Otto, Emergency Fund Chair, informed us that the letter for a donation to the Emergency Fund was mailed to members and she has received some back already. Please be as generous as possible. You can bring them to the February and March meetings but all donations must be in by March 31st. Thanks in advance.

Ellen Randle, Empire Girls State Chair, informed us of the girls going upstate in late June. They are Kaelin Bradley (looking to attend West Point), Kate Baranello and we have an alternate, Kristal Soo (looking to attend the Naval Academy). The Rotary, once again, has offered to send one of the girls to Girls State.

Junior member, Ainsley Waite, was unable to come to the meeting but Grandma Ellen had the paperwork for the purchase of Girl Scout cookies.

Dianne Karl, Education Chair, mentioned that many students have taken the scholarship applications and she is now waiting for them to be returned. Dianne would like to start collecting school supplies at the March meeting. Here is a list of some of the items needed:

Cloth zippered pencil case (no plastic), Elmers 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" ruler with standard and metric markings, markers, scissors, (pointed) construction paper, spiral notebooks, (1, 3 & 5 subjects), 3x5" index cards. Items can be brought into the meetings.

Pat Lorusso, National Security Chair, sent in \$1317.00 worth of coupons as reported by Barbara Afonso in Pat's absence. Kept cutting those coupons but remember that they can only be EXPIRING IN THE MONTH AFTER our meeting. Thanks.

At this meeting we welcomed two new members: Eileen Watts and daughter-in-law, Donna Watts. Welcome and hope to see you at our meetings.

President Christine Horvath reminded us that we are in need of empty and filled baskets for the Chinese Auction. Make your own basket for this fundraiser and of course come. Ellen has letters which you can take to local merchants which you frequent for donations.

The particulars are: Sunday, March 29, 3:00 PM, Donation \$25.00 which includes Dinner from soup to fortune cookies and 25 auction tickets. RSVP by Saturday, March 21st. to Ellen (516.270.3876) or Chris (526.248.4103)

Dates To Remember:

Tuesday, February 18, Auxiliary meeting 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 17, Auxiliary meeting 7:30
Sunday, March 29, Chinese Auction (see above)
Sunday, April 19, Special Friends Dance (more info to follow)

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



New member, Eileen Watts, Membership Chair Ruth Valentine, New member, Donna Watts and President Christine Horvath.



Donna Biolsi and Ellen Randle celebrating Auxiliary 100th Birthday at Mid-Winter Conference.

MID WINTER CONFERENCE



(photo top left) Randall A. Fisher Leading Candidate for National Commander for 2020-2021 from State of Kentucky with Robert Neville past National Commander

(top right) Swearing in by Department of N.Y. Historian FrankCarletta new officers for 2020-2021 James T. Randle President Not in the picture Lawrence L. Behling Vice President, and John Kasmer as Treasurer and Secretary.



(bottom left) Frank LaMarsh Leading Candidate for Department Commander for 2020-2021 from Richmond County with wife Nancy.