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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander James Randle

Hope all is well with our Williston Post Legion Family.

It is my sad duty to inform all that we have lost some of our legionnaires:

William Mehling – 63rd year member – served his country with the 82nd Airborne, United States Army in Korea. He passed on March 17, 2020.

Robert T McLaughlin was 94. He passed on March 29, 2020. He was a member for 54 years after serving in the United States Navy during WWII. He lived in Williston Park.

Past Commander Dave Starr was Commander in 2009. He has been living in Ohio and passed on April 26, 2020.

As you may already know, all legionnaire programs have been canceled. We will certainly get back to normal sooner or later and I promise that we will be operating just as we have in the past. It is just a matter of time.

Our blood drive has been cancelled, but we can still give blood in the name of Post 144. In order to do so you must be in good health and just call 1-800-688-0900 to make arrangements. You must not have given blood within the last 56 days. If you donate at the blood center, give Williston Post 144 credit by using our group # 02345.

As Commander I have making Buddy Calls to legionnaires and friends. Let us all try to do some calling. I am sure there are Post and Unit members who would love to get a call and chat with someone.

First Vice Commander Bob Valentine is still doing Membership. Pandemics do not get in his way when it comes to membership. We have two new Members Edward J. Diddane - Korean War, Army and Jack J. Holt - WWII, Army, Welcome to the post. Hopefully we will get a couple of photos so everyone will recognize you and offer a warm welcome.

We can Flag graves; Bob Valentine has a list of Legionnaires who have graves to be flagged. Give Bobby a call 1-516-877-1379. The opening and closing

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 15 Friday Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Birthday
- May 16 Saturday Armed Forces Day
- May 25 Monday Memorial Day
- June 6 Saturday D-Day Invasion of Normandy (1944)
- June 14 Sunday Flag Day and Army Birthday
- June 20 Saturday Summer Begins
- June 21 Sunday Father Day

of cemeteries is questionable at this time, but we may be able to flag some or perhaps do so even after Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is coming and we still have a way to Honor our Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who have passed away since last May with names and taps on a robo-call. Let's not forget them.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members please notify me 1.516.270.3876 or Christine Horvath 1-516-4103 with any information about our members.

Also let's not forget our fund drive. You should have recently received two books of raffles in the mail. If at all possible, please try to take both books. The post has not been receiving any income and this would be very helpful for the good of the post.

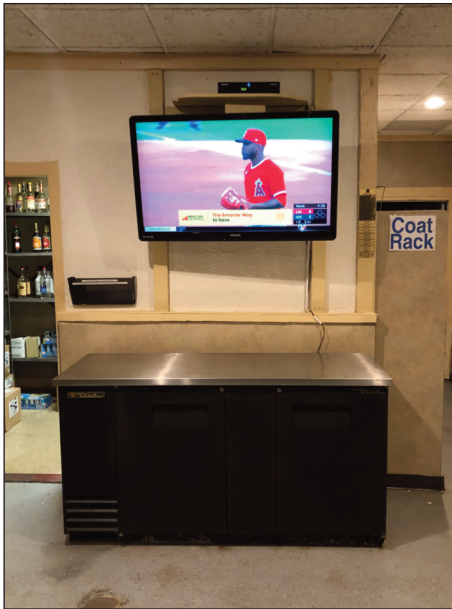
We will be trying to keep everyone informed concerning any news about the post or post activities. I will try to post any new information to our website, so please check there for any news. The website address is www.willistonpost144.org. If you have any information that might be of interest to the membership please submit it to webmaster Eric Spinner at WillistonWeb144@gmail.com.

Hope to see everyone before too long. Stay healthy.

Welcome New Member
Jack J. Holt
Williston Park
US Army, WWII, 30 Year Member Transfer

Next General Meeting - Will Be Announced on a RoboCall & on Website

WHAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO



Just in case you have not seen this, it is a great new big screen television that was donated to the post by Green Co., a vendor of ours that wanted to give back to the veterans of Post 144. Our sincere thanks to them for keeping us in their thoughts. We will certainly enjoy the gift and

look forward to many hours of relaxation in front of our new **Big Screen**.

Thanks also to Richie Cinotti , Jim Glynn, Bob Guastella and Justin Fiorella for performing the installation. Great job, guys!!!!

Bones

Someone has said that there are "Four Kinds of Bones" in every organization.

There are wishbones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are jawbones who do all the talking but very little else.

There are knuckle bones who knock everything anyone ever tries to do.

And finally, there are backbones who get under the load and do all the work.

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NEW AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE



Recently The American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) amended the organization's Preamble to recognize the millions of U.S. military veterans from all of these wars and conflicts that have occurred since World Wars I and II. The Preamble amended the phrase "the Great Wars" to be "all wars" thus giving full recognition of all who served in all of the wars since the World Wars.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion now reads:

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

I have been in touch with some of the members either by phone or email and everyone seems to be doing alright during this Pandemic. Everyone is being cautious by staying home and doing whatever is necessary to control this virus. Please stay safe, stay well and hopefully we will see one another real soon.

On one sad note, we lost a member, Diane Rawald (Papadogiannis)

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

MAY IS “WEAR A POPPY” MONTH

Even though our activities have remained limited we do have two members of the Legion family that let no grass grow under their feet. Ruth and Bob Valentine, knowing that this is “poppy month,” decided to mail a poppy and a little note to all Legionnaires and Auxiliary Unit members (363 in total) reminding them of the poppy tradition.

Heartfelt thanks to Ruth and Bob for the reminder that we are still all patriots and will not forget all of those who have served.

Now, don't forget to fly that flag!!



Auxiliary Poppy Chairman Sally Mitchell (c.) presents a poppy to Commander Randle and Unit President Christine Horvath during the kickoff of the poppy drive.

EAST WILLISTON ON MEMORIAL DAY

A New Kind of Parade



This year in trying to honor those who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice in doing so, our traditions will have to change with social distancing restrictions in place to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Memorial Day commemorates those men and women who died serving in the United States Armed Forces, while Veterans Day honors everyone who has served in the United States Armed Forces, not only those who have passed.

This year, we will be recognizing East Williston veterans as a way to symbolically honor those who died while serving.

The Village of East Williston is planning a drive-through of all streets in the Village starting a noon on Memorial Day, May 25th to honor those who served and those who died while serving.

The East Williston Fire Department will head up this drive-through with fire trucks and then followed by others in cars. We ask residents to come out to your front lawn, maintaining a safe distance and cheer on those participating. Fly your American flag, large or small as we show our appreciation for those who have served.

As we get closer to Memorial Day, we will send out an email of the order of streets in this “parade” of sorts to give everyone an idea when we will be passing by.

If you are a veteran and would like to participate in the vehicle parade, please join us at the EW Firehouse in your vehicle.

On the morning of Memorial Day, volunteers will be distributing a small flag to each home.



WEAR A POPPY!!!!!!

Due to the current situation, poppy corsages may not be available, but you can still make a donation through Commander or directly to Poppy Chairman Sally Mitchell @ 24 Exeter Street, Williston Park NY 11596.

Reminder

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

Contributions welcome.

www.willistonpost144.org

The Commander and other members will be making an effort to post more information to the website to keep everyone updated on any information that they believe to be important or of interest to the membership, so please check every now and then to see if there is new information being posted.

Thank you,
Cmdr. James Randle



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