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COMMANDER'S REPORT

by *Cmdr. James Randle*

I hope Legion family are all well. Wear a mask—stay six feet apart.

The 2020 senior citizen flu shot vaccination program was held this year at our post on Thursday October 8 from 9am to 1pm. Maureen O’Connell, Nassau County Clerk, has generously supported this program. Northwell Health System will provide the vaccine.

After not having any meetings since March 11, we had an Executive and a General meeting in September which were both well attended. At the Executive Meeting we discussed the new platform for dumpster which has not been used. The Village is to pick up garbage for now. Boy Scout Troop 201 ripped out old flower beds and put in replacements (see pictures on p.4). The Post has been updated on inspection of fire suppression system which needs to be cleaned. All is now updated. Our taxes form (990) was filled out.

At the General Meeting 22 Legionnaires sat 4 at a table, with 7 officers and 5 trustees present. 2nd vice Bob Guastella showed the members the cleanser/sanitizers disinfectant spray gun purchased at \$1,800. Parts for air conditioner on order, post roof is still waiting from Reality Roofing full estimate. Bob also thanked members for coming to clean chairs and tables. Veterans Day will be discussed at October General Meeting by VFW Commander Frank Busa .

Blood donation: To schedule an appointment to donate, visit www.nybc.org/platelet or call 1-800-933-2566. Our group number is 02345.

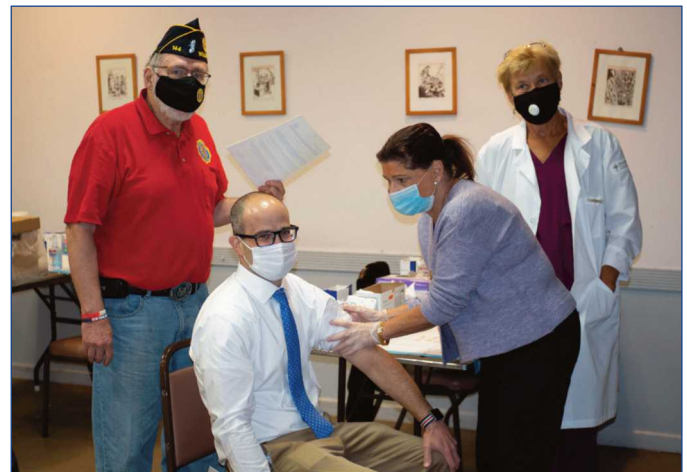
The Post will be open for November 3 for the General Election.

There was a 9/11 ceremony on Friday, September 11th at Kelleher Park. The post provided a color guard. Due to Covid 19 an abbreviated ceremony was performed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 5 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
- October 6 Tuesday Dot Perry Birthday (99)
- October 7 Wednesday Operation Enduring Freedom Begins (2001)
- October 12 Monday Columbus Day
- October 13 Tuesday Navy Birthday
- October 15 Thursday General Meeting 7:00 pm
- October 27 Tuesday Navy Day
- October 31 Saturday Halloween
- November 1 Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clock back)
- November 1 Sunday All Saints Day
- November 2 Monday All Souls Day
- November 3 Tuesday Election Day (Vote)

POST AT THE CENTER AGAIN FOR FLU SHOTS FOR WILLISTON PARK



NY Assemblyman Ed Ra (seated), a long-time supporter of our post and all veterans, joined Post 144 members at our annual Flu Shot Day. Thanks go out to County Clerk Maureen O’Connell for sponsoring the day and handling the sign-ups and the many other details that always make the day successful for the people of Williston Park. (additional photos on page 2)

Next General Meeting - - Thursday October 15, 2020 at 7PM



A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ray Cross of Williston Park (photo above)
US Army - Vietnam Era

Stanley Feldman of Albertson
US Army - Korea

Edward J. Dirrane of Albertson
US Army - Korea

Robert A. (Rob) Mitchell of N. Bellmore
US Army - Gulf War/W.O.T.

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

This is just an informational article from the Auxiliary.

The Post has had their first meeting since February, 2020. However, the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary has not decided just when we will resume our meetings. Further information will follow. Until then, enjoy going outside but remember to stay safe, well, and 6 feet apart. (Don't forget your mask)

As per a call from 2nd Vice President, Ellen Randle, please direct your annual dues to:

President Christine Horvath
206 Arlington St.
Mineola, NY 11501 Questions:
248.4103

Thank you.
Hope to see you all soon.

FLU SHOTS (continued from page 1)



Rita Hesse (left) and Marilyn Bauman taking temperatures.



We are all wished Dot Perry a Happy Birthday on October 6th when she went for her annual flu shot

BACK IN BUSINESS FOR THE POST



Legionnaires attend their first Executive Board Meeting. Like good troopers, they all observed the proper social distancing and use of protective masks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FRED SANTOPETRO 103 GREAT YEARS OLD!!!

On September 13th the members of the Santopetro family held an exciting birthday surprise for their eldest member, Fred, who is also our most senior Legionnaire here at Williston Post 144.

The surprise was kept pretty much under wraps until the family got Fred seated in front of his residence and then the fun began. A line of well-wishers in cars replete with colorful signs and balloons began a procession past the birthday boy. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren hanging out of windows and popping through the sun roofs of cars noisily celebrated the 103 years of Fred Santopetro's life and Fred loved every minute of the wonderful parade.

Fred was also honored with a citation from County Executive Laura Curran. Thank you, Executive Curran, for taking time out of your Sunday and recognizing a wonderful citizen of Nassau County and a truly great American.



Nassau County Executive Laura Curran honors Fred with a citation noting that he has "truly enhanced our community."



Congratulations Fred!!!! Many happy returns from your fellow Legionnaires at Post 144.



Fred's family joins him in celebrating and watching the parade of cars, firetrucks and police vehicles.



Fred's nephew, Andy DelVecchio and Commander James T. Randle get ready for the parade.

Please enjoy a visit to our website at willistonpost144.org to view the **video** of Fred Santopetro's 103rd Birthday Parade.

Reminder

The Early Bird drawing for dues is fast approaching.

Get those dues in and have a chance of getting dues returned.

TROOP 201 PROJECT GIVES POST A NEW LOOK



A tough job for sure!!

Many thanks to Scout leader Mike Russo and the great scouts of Boy Scout Troop 201 for the landscaping job they recently completed at Post 144.

As you can see, several giant shrubs were removed and a beautiful array of shrubs replaced them.



Thumbs up with the hardest part almost over.



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