



SOUND OFF



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COMMANDER'S REPORT

by Cmdr. James Randle

Hello. My heart has been repaired. I am giving myself time to heal. I missed seeing you all at the meeting but hope to be back next month. I have set up Dates to Remember for the "Sound Off" and our website. Dan Roper and Eric Spinner have entered the Dates to Remember in the "Sound Off" and the site.

I want to thank First Vice Commander Bob Valentine, Second Vice Commander Bob Guastella, and Third Vice Commander Frank Busa for keeping the Post going. Thanks to Norm Jardine for sending me the minutes.

Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti from the 16th Assembly District attended the meeting.

Bob Valentine introduced Boy Scout Troop 45 coordinator Bill Kempner to the membership. The award medals for Eagle Scouts were presented to the following:

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| David Kempner | Thomas Franz |
| Evan Austria | Domingos DaSilva |
| Anthony Randazzo | Alexander Castiglia |

A few words were offered by Assemblywoman Sillitti and the Eagle Scouts were dismissed.

Boy Scout Coordinator Bill Kempner said Scouts Kevin Bongiorno, Luis Goncalves, and Jack Schneider may receive theirs at another meeting.

The Post must fill out updated CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS and send it to the County Judge Advocate, Angelo Grande PCC.

Board of Trustees: Alan Reardon, Jack Afonso, Bob Myron, Bob Guastella, Andy DelVecchio.

The Post has 128 members paid for 2022 including 17 WWII Members. Our Post needs more members.

George Fitting, who died during May of 2020, Henry Bear, who died during April of 2015, Steve Rooney and Fred Santopetro have all passed away.

Third Vice Commander Frank Busa reported no real activity. Veterans day is Thursday, November 11.

Our Post's Boys State attendees will be present at the general meeting in September.

Williston Park Mayor Paul Ehrbar has requested a Color Guard, bugle, and Legionnaires for the 20th Anniversary Ceremony on September 11 at Kelleher Field in Williston Park. So many lives lost.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sept 11 | Patriot Day, National Day of Service & 9/11 Remembrance |
| Sept 12 | Grandparents Day |
| Sept 15 | Yom Kippur begins at sundown |
| Sept 16 | Dept of NY Visitation |
| Sept 16 | Post 144 Monthly Meeting |
| Sept 17 | POW/MIA Recognition Day |
| Sept 18 | US Air Force Birthday (1947) |
| Sept 19 | Williston Pk Street Fair - 9 AM |
| Sept 21 | ALA Unit 144 Monthly Meeting |
| Sept 24 | County Meeting - 8 PM |
| Oct 5 | Flu Shots at Post 144 (see inside on p.2) |

Williston Park Street Fair scheduled for Sunday, September 19. Wear a mask. Second Vice Commander, PC Bob Guastella, will send out robocall to get Legionnaires for Williston Park Street Fair.

Veterans Breakfast is Friday October 15th at 10:30am at the Swan Club on the Harbor 90 Glenwood Road, Roslyn. Veterans will be invited to attend the opening ceremony for the Moving Wall at North Hempstead Beach Park. A free shuttle will be available. Please call 311 to RSVP.

Thank you to all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who attended the street renaming, in the rain, for PFC Carmine Macedonio, who was killed in action in Vietnam in July of 1970.

Second Vice Commander Bob Guastella needs Legionnaires in September to help setup for NYC Fire Department Training (Wednesday). More information and robocalls to follow.

Adjutant Norm Jardine sang The National Anthem at the Nassau County Salute to Veterans at Eisenhower Park. The Salute to Veterans with Tony Orlando followed the opening ceremony and awards. Be sure to get there early.

James and Ellen want to thank all the Auxiliary Unit members and President Christine Horvath who took the time to call and send get well wishes and prayers to me.

For God and Country

Next General Meeting - - Thursday September 16, 2021 at 7:30PM

POST 144 CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Eric Spinner, Chaplain

August has come to an end with some good news and good times, and it stands in great contrast to the last year-and-a-half. We have all lost someone during this time, but we are still blessed to be able to continue as Legion family. Although summer is now about to end unofficially with the Labor Day Weekend, I have some items worthy of reporting.

In mid-August, Commander James Randle entered St. Francis Hospital for tests preceding what should have been a routine procedure. During the testing it was determined that he needed immediate intervention, and consequently underwent quadruple bypass surgery. It pleases me greatly to report that he is making a rapid recovery at home and plans to rejoin Post activities very soon. Hopefully all our prayers paid off, and his health and vigor will continue to improve.

On Sunday, August 29th I attended the Nassau County Salute to Veterans at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theater in Eisenhower Park. This event was cancelled last year due to the Covid shutdowns, and we were thrilled to have Tony Orlando return for this year's event. Tony was traditionally the performer for the event, and all were happy to have him return.

Our Post played a prominent role in the event- our own Norman Jardine delivered a powerful rendition of our National Anthem during the opening ceremony and the applause following was an indication of how much his fellow veterans appreciated it. Following Norman, we were treated to a performance of God Bless America by 101-year-old Paul Zadoff. Although some of the lyrics were not true to the original version by Irving Berlin, his gusto and solid delivery drew cheers from the thousands present.

In closing, I offer my wishes and prayers for a better year for all. May we all be thankful for the blessings that are afforded to us. God Bless America!



Our own Norman Jardine (r) delivering our National Anthem. We thank Nassau County Executive Laura Curran (c) for her support for our veterans. Paul Zadoff (l) followed Norman's performance with his own delivery of God Bless America.



Eric Spinner and Norman Jardine prior to the Color Guard assembly.

Save the Date!!!

Don't Forget

September 19th

Williston Park Street Fair

Reminder

**PLEASE call (516) 571-2661
(Nassau County Clerk Maureen O'Connell)
for Appointment**

October 5 at the Post

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Just an informational article for the following:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

WILLISTON STREET FAIR
STARTING AT 10 AM
COME DOWN AND VISIT WITH FELLOW
AUXILIARY MEMBERS
NO BAKE SALE THIS YEAR
WE WILL BE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

FIRST MEETING OF THE 2021-2022 YEAR
STARTING AT 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

FALL CONFERENCE

HELD AT OUR POST
IS POSTPONED TO
A LATER DATE TBD

CHECKS ALREADY PAID ARE
BEING REFUNDED

BY
YVONNE BRUNNER,
10th DISTRICT PRESIDENT
422 BALDWIN AVENUE
BALDWIN, NY 11510

SEE YOU ALL SOON.

POST HOSTS EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION



Last month Post 144 was delighted to host the Eagle Scout ceremony for the eligible scouts from Boy Scout Troop 45. Becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest and most prestigious award that can be earned by anyone in Scouting.

The Scouts who received the award were David Kempner, Thomas Franz, Evan Austria, Domingos DaSilva, Anthony Randazzo and Alexander Castiglia. The coordinator for the program was Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Kempner.

Also attending was Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti who attended the meeting and offered the young men her congratulations. Assemblywoman Sillitti represents Assembly District 16.

Our congratulations go out to these fine young men, their parents and all of those who have assisted them along the way in achieving this honor.



INTRODUCING THE NEW COUNTY COMMANDER



(l) Past County Commander Joe Reale, now living North Carolina, with Nassau County Commander Pat Alesia (r)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

John Trustey
East Williston

USMC - VIETNAM



VET REMEMBERED WITH STREET DEDICATION



On July 3rd the Village of Williston Park gathered on what was previously known as Pembroke Street for a ceremony rededicating the location as PFC Carmine A. Macedonio Way in honor of the soldier of that name who grew up on Pembroke, attended school while living there, giving loyal service to our nation while living there and ultimately losing his life in the Republic of Vietnam while serving his nation in 1970.



(top left) Williston Park and Albertson veterans organizations march to attend the ceremony

(bottom left) Mayor Paul Ehrbar reads the rededication proclamation

(top right) Mary Macedonio Fisher gives personal insights into Carmine and the family

(bottom right) the new street identification sign is unveiled.

May God bless Carmine. His nation is grateful for his service and he will always be remembered.



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