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COMMANDER'S REPORT

by Cmdr. James Randle

I 'm still working on my health. I go to Saint Francis rehabilitation 3 day a week Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am.

We received a thank you letter from Maureen O'Connell for opening the post for Senior Flu Shots. I got a shot... one of 167 Seniors.

We had Executive and General meetings this month.

James Blennau, Boy Scout Troop 45, donated money for future use to support Boy Scouts. William Kempner is our Chairman for Boy Scouts Troop. He attended our meeting. James Blennau made the presentation at our General Meeting.

On Saturday, October 16, at Eisenhower Park at noon there was a memorial ceremony for Post Everlasting County for those legionnaires lost during January,1 2020 thru June 30 2021, regardless of whether they died from covid or other causes. With other posts there the ceremony went well. Thanks to our County Chaplain Eric Spinner for a job well done.

John A. Bauman	Clarence Jaye
John G. Brautigam, Jr.	Robert T. McLaughlin
Joseph Dell'Aquila	William J. Mehling
Curtis Hess	Fred J. Santopetro
Robert Hesse	

I received a note from Rita Hesse who thanked me for calling out the deceased members of the Post144.

I attended wake services for Marion Tucker Thursday September 23 and Dot Perry Thursday October 7.

I attended County Meeting October 22 Malverne Post 44. A new Third Division Commander was chosen by County Commander Pat Alesia, Ralph Casey from Glenwood Landing, a past County Chaplain.

I attended on Saturday October 23 Veterans Picnic at Eisenhower Park along with Eric Spinner, John Incremona, Peter Tartaglione and Anthony Catacano. It was a cloudy day but quite enjoyable.

I attended 10th District Meeting Tuesday October 26 in Babylon. The cost for Boy State will be \$475.00. The boys to go to Morrisville Sunday June 26 to Friday July 1.

I'll be making a Robo call about Veterans Day Thursday, November11. Assemble at Williston Park Village Hall 10:30 am.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 8 Monday Executive Meeting 7:30pm
- Nov 9 Tuesday Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)
- Nov 10 Wednesday Marine Corps Birthday
- Nov 11 Thursday Veterans Day WWI Armistice (1918)
- Nov 16 Tuesday Auxiliary Unit General Meeting 7:30pm
- Nov 28 Sunday Advent Begins
- Nov 29 Monday Hanukkah Begins at Sunset
- Dec 6 Monday Executive Meeting 7:30pm
- Dec 7 Tuesday National Pearl Harbor (Remembrance Day)
- Dec 8 Wednesday Declared of War on Japan 1941
- Dec 11 Saturday Germany & Italy Declared War on U.S. 1941
- Dec 15 Wednesday Iraq War ended 2011
- Dec 15 Wednesday Bill of Rights Day
- Dec 16 Thursday Post General Meeting 7:30pm
- Dec 21 Tuesday Winter Begins
- Dec 25 Saturday Merry Christmas Day
- Dec 31 Friday New Year's Eve
- Dec 31 Official End of WWII 1945
- Jan 1 Saturday Happy New Year's Day



After a hiatus from membership we welcome Walter McGuire back and look forward to seeing him around the Post

Next General Meeting - - Thursday November 21, 2021 at 7:30PM

**SERVING THE COMMUNITY
WITH THE FLU SHOT PROGRAM**

Legionnaire Pete Antonicelli smiles for the camera.



Commander James Randle sets the example for the Post...he was 1st on line to get his shot.



(l. to r. front) Sandy Lee, Doreen Ehrbar, (r. to l. back) Margo Bores, Ruth Valentine, Maureen O'Connell, Bob Valentine



Post 144 supporters NYS Assemblyman Ed Ra (standing left) and County Clerk Maureen O'Connell (standing 2nd in on r.) join post members and medical personnel at the flu shot program.

**AUXILIARY NEWS REPORT
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
UNIT 144 OCTOBER, 2021**

Mary Ann Busa Chairperson

A member donated 1 bag of clothing and 1 box of household items to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A member donated \$12.00 to St. Joseph's Indian School. The funds are used to educate and provide housing for over 200 Lakota Sioux Children Each Year.

Empire Girls State. We had six Empire Girls State students come to the County Zoom Meeting on October 14, 2021. The students told of their experience doing EGS on line. All the girls said it was very educational and interesting. They also would of liked to have been able to do it in person. Unfortunately, because of Covid it was not Possible.

It is that time of the year coming soon. The holidays are coming soon. I would like to distribute the toys and other supplies to SCO Family Services, Momma's House and Toys of Hope soon after Thanksgiving. I would like to collect the gifts at our November, 2021 meeting. The gifts do not have to be wrapped. Any age toys for children is fine. Also, diapers, paper products are welcome.

Without the help of the ALA members the Children and Youth Program would not be a success. Thanking all of you in advance for your help.

Committee (above) were to honor fellow Historical Member, Dorothy Perry, on her 100th Birthday, October 7, 2021.

Unfortunately she passed away just days before her birthday. Dot was also a very proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144, Williston Park, where she was the Treasurer for many years.



Now that flu shots are over...

**Start Planning
That Covid Booster**

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Our October 19th meeting was presided over by Ellen Randle in the absence of President Christine Horvath who was attending to the needs of Mom, Carolyn Olsen who is in rehab at this time. Hopefully, everything will go well and both Carolyn and Christine will be joining us again soon.

At the beginning of the meeting, Ellen and Chaplain, Jennifer Miller, performed the ceremony for deceased members since our last meeting. Dorothy Perry was remembered. Dot passed away just 3 days before her 100th Birthday. Greatly missed.

During the meeting, Susan Otto, Chair of the Emergency Fund was called upon to give her report and was also awarded a certificate from New York Department of the American Legion Auxiliary for the largest single donation for the Emergency Fund in the State which was given by our Unit. Congratulations to Sue and to all of us who donated to this cause.

Children and Youth Chair, MaryAnn Busa asked for donations of toys, for any age child to be brought to the next meeting so they can be distributed to numerous places for distribution at Christmas. Diapers are also needed. Thanks in advance.

Dianne Karl, Education Chair, announced that 14 students have inquired or applied for the scholarships. Food is still needed by the students of The Viscardi School. All donations can be left at Dianne's house, 94 McClellan Ave. (746.2625) with the amount spent and your name. The school is also asking for slightly used or new coats before November 11 and can also be left at Dianne's home. Thanks again.

The children at The Viscardi School are making cards for Veterans.

Speaking of cards, new Christmas cards are being collected for both Northport VA and the State Veterans Home, Stony Brook. Please bring them to the November meeting. Legislative Chair, Rita Hesse, reminded us to Vote on Election Day, but be very careful about the Proposals on the ballot. Please read them carefully. They seem to be a State proposal, not a County one.

Debbie Robinson, Membership Chair, informed us that we have 61 paid members, our goal is 97 so we have some more work to do to get some new members. The 10th District, of which we are a part, is in 4th Place in the State. Not bad, but we can do better.

The Annual Stand Down will be held on Tuesday, November 23, a drive-through event once again with 400 male and 30 female Veterans expected to attend. They are allowing only 2 Auxiliary members from Nassau County to attend and help out.

Marilynn Bauman, VA&R Chair, is requesting that donations of hats, scarves, gloves, coloring books with colored pencils or crayons, and *Find-A-Word* books be brought to the November meeting for distribution to The State Veterans Home in Stony Brook later in the month.

DON'T FORGET TO FLY YOUR FLAG, IF NOT EVERY DAY, BUT ESPECIALLY ON VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11. LET'S NOT FORGET THE VETERANS WE'VE LOST FOR OUR FREEDOM. VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT W.P. VILLAGE HALL. 10:30 AM

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16, starting at our new time: 7:00 PM

Hope to see you there.

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

NOVEMBER IS VETERAN'S MONTH.

***WE CAN REMEMBER OUR VETERANS BY
SENDING THEM CARDS OF THANKS.***

Cards can be sent to:
Northport - VA Medical Center
79 Middleville Road
Northport, NY 11768
*(Maybe write on the back
to distribute to any veteran)*

Also to:
Cards to Soldiers
C/O Charly Mathews
388 E M 72 Hgwy
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(He will send cards along to veterans)

Thank You,
Marilynn Bauman, VA&R CHAIR

*Above information from
Chaplain Jennifer Miller*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST?



Post Everlasting County Memorial for Legionnaires on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Eisenhower Park at the Harry Chapin lakeside theater. Nassau County Chaplain and Post 144 Chaplain Eric Spinner with PCC Al Ficalora



Commander Randle accepts donation from Life Scout James Blennau of Troop 45. The troop also contributed many hours of work to help maintain and beautify the Post. Coordinator of Scouting Bill Kempner proudly looks on.



County Chaplain Eric Spinner, also Chaplain of Post 144, recites the opening prayer at the Legislative Breakfast at the Massapequa Post.

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