



SOUND OFF



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COMMANDER'S REPORT

by Cmdr. James Randle

Veterans Day! Commander Frank Busa did an outstanding job and service at Williston Park Village Hall and East Williston. Both services were well attended. The Color Guard was PC John Lawless and Bob Valentine with PC Jack Afonso playing Taps. Auxiliary Ruth Valentine placed a wreath at the monument.

Thanks to Pastor Jake Allstaedt and the people of Saint John's Lutheran Church for the luncheon.

I, with Eric and Roseann Spinner and Ruth and Bob Valentine attended United Veterans Organization of Nassau County which has 31 veterans organizations for their veterans service at Eisenhower Park.

November 8 Saint Aidan School honored Veteran's at their service at the Church of St. Aidan with their students. It was well attended by veterans. Thanks to Principal Julie O'Connell and Pastor Father Adrian.

On November 20 we lost a 42-year member, Hugh Forde, who was in U.S. Navy. We had a Legion Service, and I also attended Church service at Notre Dame. The family in lieu of flowers asked for donation to Catholic Charities.

The Post General Meeting is Thursday December 16 at 7:30pm

As Holiday Season is upon us Ellen and I want to wish all a wonderful time and good health for the New Year.

During holiday season there is a shortage of blood donations. You can call 1-800-933-2566 or go to www.nybc.org for appointment



Commander James Randle (l.) and PC Frank Busa show a hand-made gift created gifted to the post by a Williston Park resident

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 17 Nassau County Meeting Friday 7:30pm
- Dec 21 Tuesday Winter Begins
- Dec 21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
- 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Welcome from members of Post 144 to José M. Pichardo, US Army WOT Iraq. We look forward to seeing you at the post.

Welcome New Member
Donald R. Koubek
US Army Vietnam.

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

SAINT AIDAN'S HONORS THE VETS

Veterans Day is always a special day for those who served their country in the military. This year Saint Aidan School helped to make the day even more special. The school invited all vets to a program held in the spaciousness and comfort of the church where they presented patriotic music and readings.

Especially delightful for all was the addition of all of the eager and energetic students from the lower school who were also able to attend for the first time this year.

Our thanks to Pastor Adrian McHugh and School Principal Julie O'Connell. It is always meaningful to be remembered by Saint Aidan's with such a heartfelt program on Veterans Day.

(photo right) Rev. Fr. Adrian McHugh and Principal Julie O'Connell



(photo below) color guard of students Kevin Boyd and Julie Roselion



AUXILIARY NEWS REPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH UNIT 144 NOVEMBER, 2021

Mary Ann Busa Chairperson

A member donated \$12.00 to St. Joseph's Indian School, and then \$25.00 for Christmas gifts. The funds are used to educate and provide housing for over 200 Lakota Sioux Children each year.

A member participated in Trunk or Treat at the Marine Base on Stewart Avenue. The member spent \$25.00 on candy and Wendy's frosty coupons. The children of the Marines enjoyed the treats. A good time was had by all.

A member donated \$20.00 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A member donated \$25.00 to Fountain House for special needs people.

Brian from Toys of Hope came to my house to pick up donations. He and Melissa (Melissa started toys of Hope) are very grateful to us for all the donations we give to Toys of Hope. Frank and I also delivered donations to SCO Family Services Madonna Heights, Dix Hills, NY. Frank and I also delivered donations to Mammo's house in Wantagh. Both SCO Family Services and Mammo's House are always thankful for our donations.

I want to thank all the Auxiliary Members of Unit 144 for their generous donations and help to the Children and Youth Program. Without the members helping the program would not be a success.

VETERANS DAY MONUMENT DEDICATION 2021



This year Mayor Paul Ehrbar announced the placement of a monument at the Village Hall to honor two sons of Williston Park who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. The dedication ceremony took place on Veterans Day.



The monument is inscribed "The tree opposite this monument has been dedicated in memory of our men who died during the conflict in Vietnam.

Carmine "Mace" Macedonio
Robert John Wingenfeld"

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

by Marilyn Bauman

Once again our meeting held on Tuesday, November 16 was presided over by Ellen Randle in the absence of President Christine Horvath.

Ellen reported that Chris' mother, Carolyn Olsen is starting to do better, however, it will be a while before Carolyn is fully recovered from a spider bite she received in the summer.

Sue Otto, Chair for the Emergency Fund will be sending out the letters for donations for same in January.

Jennifer Miller, Chaplain reminded us to continue to send cards to Veterans to the two addresses in last month's Sound Off.

MaryAnn Busa, Chair, Children and Youth thanked everyone who donated toys for Christmas. She will be distributing them to the facilities soon. Thanks again.

Dianne Karl, Education Chair, is still getting applications for the ALA Scholarships. She also mentioned that food is still needed by the Henry Viscardi School. All donations can be left on her porch, 94 McClellan Ave. WP (746.2625). Dianne also showed some of the Christmas cards the students made for the Veterans at Stony Brook which will be brought out shortly.

Sally Mitchell, Poppy Chair, stated that the poppies have been ordered. More information to follow.

We have 73 paid members according to Membership Chair, Debbie Robinson. We could use more members so keep an eye out for a wife of a Veteran.

Ellen mentioned that we are hoping to have the Chinese Dinner/Auction next spring. Keep your fingers crossed. It's been a long time waiting.

As we are trying to get back to some normalcy, next month we will once again have a Holiday Grab Bag. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15.00. Please include your name so the recipient can thank you. We will also be enjoying homemade cake with coffee and tea. If you are concerned about this dessert, please bring your own.

Please note that the start of our meetings is 7:00 PM. December meeting - Tuesday, the 21st. Hope to see you there.

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



Susan Otto and Ellen Randle proudly display a certificate received from the Department of New York, American Legion Auxiliary, for the largest single donation in New York.

LUNCHEON A BIG HIT FOR VETS & SPOUSES



Pastor Jake Allstaedt of St. John's Lutheran Church and Post 144's very own Auxiliary Member Marilyn Bauman have always made guests at their luncheon feel especially welcome.

A sincere "thank you" to all the members of the Church for their continued kindness from all of us.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST?



(above) Commander James Randle along with Bob and Ruth Valentine attended the United Veterans Service at Eisenhower Park



(center top photo) Grandkids of Norm Jardine and fellow scouts with flags provided by Bob Valentine visit Vets' home in Stoneybrook



(center bottom) Thanks to Scout GianLuca Berganza reciting "Flanders Fields" at Veterans Day ceremony. Great job!!



At the recent United Veterans Organization Program Chaplain Eric Spinner reads the names of the Legionnaires from Post 144 that have passed since 2020. They were John A. Bauman, John G. Brautigam, Jr., Joseph Dell'Aquila, Curtis Hess, Clarence Jaye, Robert T. McLaughlin, William J. Mehling and Fred J. Santopetro



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