

Suffolk County American Legion

Membership Meeting

January 3, 2020

Meeting opened with appropriate ceremony at 2000 by Commander Jim Beecher.

Roll call of Posts indicated 18 Posts present which enabled a quorum.

After roll call of officers (all present).

John Ralph Commander of Post 269 Patchogue welcomed everyone.

Division meeting as follows:

First no meeting

Second meeting January 17 Post 651 Sayville 7 PM

Third meeting January 17 Post 1533 7 PM

Fourth no meeting

Fifth meeting January 14 Post 433 7 PM

Finance Officer Robert W. Smith gave his report on County money and what was spent.

The Finance Report was accepted.

Chaplain Tom Bergin gave his report.

The Four Chaplin Ceremony will be at the February 9th, at 2 PM. Please arrive a little early. Long Island Veterans' Nursing Home, Stony Brook.

Also coming up is the 100th anniversary of The Suffolk County Auxiliary at Rusy Bohemia Post 411.

The meeting will start at 10:00 AM and the celebration is from 2:00-5:00 PM the cost is \$10.00 per person. It will be a brunch/luncheon.

If you know of a veteran who is suffering from PTSD and related complications Tom would like you to give him/her his number 631 207-5899.

Commander Jim Beecher gave his report on which included things he attended during the month of December.

Regarding Boys State Boys State, there is a little over 100 days until it is in the books. Money is required to be in by April 1st. There will be an informational meeting at Post 94 for parents on May 6th at 1900 hours. The dates for Boys State is from June 28 through July 3rd, 2020.

Service Officer Ken Dolan gave his report on VA medical benefits and mentioned that all Veterans have to be accepted.

Ken also mentioned reported on the progress that is being made on the construction at the VA Northport.

Bob Shadler said that all changes to bylaws will be posted on the Suffolk County American Legion website shortly.

Roby Johnson reported on membership in Suffolk County which is 74.46% as of January 3, 2020.

Fred Miller's PTSD Committee needs members to sign up for PTSD training. Please call Fred at 631 395-4646.

Phil Barczak talked about Legionnaire of the year. All resumes must be mailed to Phil by March 6, 2020 his number is 631 724-8577 with any questions.

Gene Ordmandy reported that the Past Commander Testimonial Dinner is going to be March 28, 2020 at 3:00 at the Joseph Loeffler Post 1006, 198 First Street, Brentwood, NY 11717. The cost is \$25.00 per person please send money to Gene at 64 Upton Drive, Sound Beach, NY 11789. Tables of 10 or individual tickets can be purchased.

Gene also reported that Post 1888, Brunn Pruchal may have to close members transferred to other Posts.

Post 580 Nathaniel Howell Topping is experiencing the same problem.

Bob Bruggemann gave his report on MIAP/POW

Mike Pankowski reported on Calverton National Cemetery and Pinelawn National Cemetery. Over the holiday 65,000 wreaths were placed.

Also, Robert W. Smith became the new President of Pinelawn – congrats.

Four S Post 1635 Commander Frank Frumento reported that his Post has a bus that they would like to give away. If any Post needs one contact him at 631 804-6094. His Post also has a vehicle if anyone needs one for a day or week Please call Frank at the number above. This offer is extended to Veterans only.

Bill Farley reported on the Son's. There will be a meeting on February 2, 2020 at Post 1120, Lindenhurst at 10:00 AM.

Phil Gomez reported on two resolutions.

- 1) Purple Heart change requirements.
- 2) The Cold War Service Ribbon changes.
- 3) The resolutions will be read at the Midwinter Conference and be voted on at the Convention.

The 10th District Oratorical Contest will be January 11, 2020 at Post 1006, Joseph Loeffler Brentwood, NY. It Starts at 10 AM.

The 10th District Meeting will be on January 28th at 8 PM at Post 246, 2754 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY.

Meeting closed at 2130 hours.

Next meeting will be on February 7, 2020 at Post 155, Ronkonkoma Food at 7 PM.
Meeting at 8 PM

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