

County Minutes November, 2011 at Joseph Kovarik, American Legion Post 1146

The meeting opened in the usual Legion manner at 8:00 p.m. by County Commander, Thomas Bergin

Roll call of posts was completed and there was a quorum present. 20 posts were represented.

Roll call of Suffolk County Officers was completed.

Roll call of County Vice Commanders as follows:

1st Division - Joseph Regina – Nov. 18th at Northport Post Post 8:00 p.m.

2nd Division – Joseph Sawtelle – Nov. 18th at Herold-Tierney Post 8 p.m.

3rd Division – Eugene Ormandy: Nov. 18th at Arthur H. Clune Post 8:00 p.m.

4th Division – Malcolm Hendry: excused – Dec. 15th at Griswold Terry Glover Post

5th Division – John Dekas, For Dan Stebbins no meetings are scheduled until January due to fall break

M/M/S/C to accept the minutes from the October meeting.

Finance Officers Report, Robin Peppard The report was read and a M/M/S/C to accept the report included in the minutes.

Chaplains Report , Robert F. Smith III – absent.

Historian Report, Robert Romano – Progress

Sgt. at Arms, William Farley – No Report

Adjutant-, 10th Dist. Adjutant Paul R. De Vul – no report

Service Officers Report:PCC Robert Bruggemann: A needy veteran requested assistance and was provided that assistance

Americanism – Joseph Regina – There will be a veteran's recognition ceremony at Babylon Town Hal on November 6th and a Veterans Day ceremony at Stony Brook University on Nov. 11th. Legionnaires are encouraged to attend.

Bowling report – Ray Bohn – The tournament will be held in March at the Pt. Jefferson Bowling Alley. More info to follow

Boy's State – James Beecher – Boys State dates are June 24th thru June 29th. Posts with limited resources should pool their resources to nominate a boy. You should be seeking candidates now.

Budget and Finance, PCC Robert W. Smith – no report at this time

Children and Youth, Anna Gilpin – November is designated as family month. Encourage families to come together and veterans should be recognized for their sacrifices.

Convention Chairman- Eugene Hartmann – absent.

County Color Guard – absent Cisco Rivera has been elected as Color Guard Captain.

Credentials – Fred Loucka – absent

Department Commanders visit – PCC Robert Bruggemann – He has the tickets. \$25 per person. Lets have a good showing for the Dept. Commander. Everything is in good order. Need legionnaires to attend Babylon Post 94

Department Convention, PDVC Art Laufer – It is to early. The info will be distributed when received.

Directory – PCC Robert Shadler - the directory is completed.

Distinguished Guests – PNVC Robert Neville – no report

Employment – open

Gold Star Parents – 10th Adjutant, Paul R. De Vul the luncheon has not been scheduled yet.

Hospital Welfare – Fred Louchka – Absent

Judge Advocate – PDVC Art Laufer – nothing to report

Law and Order Joseph Regina – Contact Joe Regina to set up a Law and Order night. Rusy-Bohm Post 411 scheduled one for November 6th.

Legionnaire of the Year, P10DC Phil Barczak – Guidelines will be passed out when they arrive.

Legislative Chair PDVC Art Laufer –Legislative Breakfast went well.

Liaison to the Auxiliary – Eugene Carbone – excused.

Membership, Robert Romano –gave his report and it is included in the minutes .

Missing in America Vets. John Caldarelli – Several vets with no family were interred and there are plans to have a combine interment in the near future of cremains at Calverton National Cemetery.

National Commanders Dinner, PCC Bob Smith. A meeting will be scheduled in December – the visit will be on April 13th at Antons . The cost this year is \$60 p.p. It is a great evening out with a terrific cocktail hour. We should absolutely support the visit this year as the new National Commander is Fang Wong from New York.

National Cemetery – Calverton- Paul De Vul – Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11th at 1:00 p.m.

National Cemetery, Long Island National- Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 6th at 2:00 p.m..

Nominations, PCC Robert Bruggemann none at this time..

Oratorical Report, PCC Robert W. Smith –New applications and rules were made available. Contact the schools in your area so that we can get more participants. The Oratorical Contest will be held at the Babylon Post 94 on January 8th at 8 a.m. The 10th District contest will be held in Suffolk on January 21st 930 to 1:30. Need a post that has room for 50 attendees and a separate room for the candidates

Parliamentarian: PDVC Art Laufer – no report

Past County Commanders dinner –Robert Shadler – will be looking to have the dinner in March. Need a post to host it.

Protol, P10thDC George Wilson – No Report

Public Relations, – Open

Resolutions, Open

SAL – Advison, Dennis Madden gave a report the Sons will meet on the same County Meeting Night 7 to 8 p.m. There is a fund raiser being planned, a night at the races at the Hand Aldrich Post. Bill Farley stated it has been a slow start but we are making progress. The Sons will be broken down into 4 divisions. Bill requested permission to have the Sons sit in as guests at County Meetings and permission was granted.

Scouting – Joseph Sawtelle – absent – he has the applications for Eagle Scout of the year and others to be recognized.

March 1st deadline for Eagle scout and March 25th for the others.

VAC Northport VA – 10th Dist. Adjutant Paul R De Vul stated that there has not been a VAC meeting in several months. He stated that the Moving Vietnam Wall was at the Northport VA bon Oct 28th thru the 30th. There was also a homeless veterans stand down at Northport on the 28th also.

VAVs Robert Hopkins – no report - John Dekas stated Every veteran is eligible to sign up at Northpost VA. The means test would be utilized to determine care coverage if eligible.

Ways and Means Bottle Raffle – Robert W. Smith.

WINAL, Anna Gilpin – No Report

Unfinished Business – John Dekas stated that the VAVS was really appreciative of the \$1000 donation.

New Business – PCC Robert W. Smith read a motion regarding the SCAL assuming the responsibility of the Needy Veteran's Assistance Program. A copy of the motion is included in the minutes.

There was much discussion on the subject and the motion was made and seconded. Those who were not in agreement made a motion to table the matter to the December meeting. That motion was made seconded and passed by a hand vote.

Correspondence - a notice that there will be a anniversary Ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial on Bald Hill. The ceremony will be held on the 11th of November at 4:00 p.m. and makes the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the monument.

Good of the Legion – nothing further

M/M/S/C to close the meeting. The meeting was closed in the usual Legion manner.

Next meeting will be at the Smith-Wever Post 451 in Sayville 8:00 p.m.

I SAT OUT THERE WHERE YOU ARE NOW AND LISTENED TO TOM STONE RANT AND RAVE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, AT TIMES IT WAS BORING, IT JUST DID NOT AFFECT ME. TOM WAS NOT RAGGING, HE WAS FRUSTRATED.

SO HERE I AM STANDING UP WHERE HE STOOD, AND WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS I GIVE TOM STONE A LOT OF CREDIT FOR BEING MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR A LONG TIME.

STARTING TOMORROW I WILL START CALLING POST COMMANDERS AND THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, I WILL LEAVE A MESSAGE, AND I WILL CALL BACK UNTIL YOU TALK TO ME. THE REALIZATION IS YOU DO NOT NEED HELP, YOU WANT SOMEONE TO DO YOUR JOB. YOU WERE ELECTED TO THAT POSITION, YOU ARE NO LONGER A VOLUNTEER, DO YOUR JOB.

AND THE STANDINGS ARE:

- 3.59% SEPARATES 13TH NASSAU FROM 30TH PLACE SUFFOLK, QUEENS IS IN 21ST PLACE.
- 10TH DISTRICT IS IN SECOND, OUT OF 1ST PLACE BY .40%.
- POSTS UNDER 50%

365 BAYSHORE 45.45%
419 EAST HAMPTON 10.36%
1045 ALFRED GREBL 29.73%
1218 HUNTER SQUIRES 13.16%
1766 IRVING HART 22.73%
18.39 WAYNE MIDDLETON 40.00%
1887 LEISURE KNOLL 1.32%
1888 BRUN PRCHAL 11.76

0001 AT 3.53%

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT I AM TAKING UP MORE TIME ? THANKS TOM FOR BLAZING THE WAY.

BOB ROMANO
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

County	DIST	Goal	11/01/2011	%
1 DUTCHESS	9	2,062	1,654	80.21 %
2 GREENE	3	828	658	79.47 %
3 PUTNAM	9	483	379	78.47 %
4 CANADA	8	105	80	76.19 %
5 SCHENECTADY	4	510	384	75.29 %
6 RICHMOND	2	1,986	1,485	74.77 %
7 CLINTON	4	2,093	1,549	74.01 %
8 SCHUYLER	6	381	281	73.75 %
9 HAMILTON	4	170	124	72.94 %
10 WARREN	4	879	639	72.70 %
11 MONROE	7	4,145	3,009	72.59 %
12 MONTGOMERY	4	849	606	71.38 %
13 NASSAU	10	6,628	4,691	70.78 %
14 ESSEX	4	526	372	70.72 %
15 RENSSELAER	3	1,395	986	70.68 %
16 NEW YORK	1	2,454	1,730	70.50 %
17 ULSTER	3	1,864	1,313	70.44 %
18 SENECA	7	697	490	70.30 %
19 HERKIMER	5	1,209	847	70.06 %
20 WYOMING	8	944	658	69.70 %
21 QUEENS	10	2,934	2,043	69.63 %
22 DELAWARE	6	1,209	841	69.56 %
23 SAINT LAWRENCE	4	1,707	1,185	69.42 %
24 LEWIS	5	536	371	69.22 %
25 WAYNE	7	1,704	1,175	68.96 %
26 ERIE	8	8,207	5,656	68.92 %
27 JEFFERSON	5	3,365	2,312	68.71 %
28 ONTARIO	7	2,221	1,518	68.35 %
29 CAYUGA	7	1,198	807	67.36 %
30 SUFFOLK	10	5,871	3,945	67.19 %
31 FULTON	4	617	413	66.94 %
32 LIVINGSTON	7	1,633	1,093	66.93 %
33 GENESEE	8	798	533	66.79 %
34 WASHINGTON	4	1,493	994	66.58 %
35 TIOGA	6	669	445	66.52 %
36 SULLIVAN	3	452	300	66.37 %
37 SCHOHARIE	3	392	260	66.33 %
38 CORTLAND	6	612	402	65.69 %
39 ROCKLAND	9	1,969	1,293	65.67 %
40 KINGS	2	2,606	1,711	65.66 %
41 ONEIDA	5	5,892	3,861	65.53 %
42 BROOME	6	2,740	1,795	65.51 %
43 TOMPKINS	6	851	557	65.45 %
44 FRANKLIN	4	1,291	841	65.14 %
45 ORANGE	9	2,487	1,603	64.48 %
46 ALBANY	3	2,686	1,722	64.11 %
47 COLUMBIA	3	598	383	64.05 %
48 SARATOGA	4	2,562	1,635	63.82 %
49 NIAGARA	8	2,827	1,794	63.46 %
50 CHEMUNG	6	2,073	1,312	63.29 %
51 ONONDAGA	5	3,660	2,294	62.68 %
52 OTSEGO	6	1,291	802	62.12 %

County	DIST	Goal	11/01/2011	%
53 BRONX	1	1,391	855	61.47 %
54 WESTCHESTER	9	3,546	2,146	60.52 %
55 MADISON	6	1,125	670	59.56 %
56 ORLEANS	8	773	457	59.12 %
57 ALLEGANY	8	1,779	1,047	58.85 %
58 OSWEGO	5	1,537	902	58.69 %
59 STEUBEN	7	3,084	1,741	56.45 %
60 YATES	7	714	403	56.44 %
61 CHENANGO	6	969	543	56.04 %
62 CATTARAUGUS	8	2,673	1,480	55.37 %
63 CHAUTAUQUA	8	3,558	1,930	54.24 %
COUNTY SUBTOTALS	120508	80005	66.38%	

DISTRICT GOAL RESULTS

District	Goal	11/01/2011	%
2ND District	4592	3196	69.60 %
10TH District	15433	10679	69.20 %
4TH District	12697	8742	68.85 %
3RD District	8215	5622	68.44 %
1ST District	3845	2585	67.23 %
9TH District	10547	7075	67.08 %
7TH District	15396	10236	66.48 %
5TH District	16199	10587	65.36 %
6TH District	11920	7648	64.16 %
8TH District	21664	13635	62.94 %
DISTRICT SUBTOTALS	120508	80005	66.39 %

HEADQUARTERS POST	10492	608	5.79
OUTLYING POSTS	1	24	2400.00
OTHER SUBTOTALS	10493	632	6.02 %

GRAND TOTALS	131001	80637	61.55 %
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Post Membership Breakdown 2012
Dept. of New York

Post	Name	Trad	New	PUFL	Total	Goal	% Goal	Var	Ltd
District # 10									
County SUFFOLK									
Post 0094	- Babylon	267	8	22	297	393	75.57 %	-96	10/18/2011
Post 0155	- William Merritt Hallock	135	5	18	158	204	77.45 %	-46	10/18/2011
Post 0185	- Burton Potter	61	20	4	85	88	96.59 %	-3	10/18/2011
Post 0269	- Patchogue	152	0	23	175	272	64.34 %	-97	09/27/2011
Post 0273	- Riverhead	143	5	10	158	202	78.22 %	-44	10/18/2011
Post 0281	- Mitchell	79	0	13	92	150	61.33 %	-58	10/25/2011
Post 0352	- Leisure Glenn	53	1	2	56	82	68.29 %	-26	09/01/2011
Post 0380	- Huntington	79	0	32	111	156	71.15 %	-45	10/18/2011
Post 0385	- Bay Shore	37	0	3	40	88	45.45 %	-48	10/01/2011
Post 0388	- Chelberg-Battle	64	0	8	72	124	58.06 %	-52	10/01/2011
Post 0411	- Rusy-Bohm	105	3	13	121	168	72.02 %	-47	09/01/2011
Post 0417	- Harbor	49	1	63	113	140	80.71 %	-27	10/04/2011
Post 0419	- East Hampton Town	9	0	20	29	280	10.36 %	-251	10/01/2011
Post 0432	- Wilson Ritch	303	7	20	330	421	78.38 %	-91	10/25/2011
Post 0433	- Malcolm Rose White	27	0	6	33	49	67.35 %	-16	10/04/2011
Post 0580	- Nathaniel Howell Topping	10	0	2	12	15	80.00 %	-3	09/07/2011
Post 0651	- Smith-Weaver	50	10	8	68	76	89.47 %	-8	10/25/2011
Post 0694	- Northport	184	3	7	194	265	73.21 %	-71	10/01/2011
Post 0803	- Griswold-Terry-Glover	179	2	10	191	284	67.25 %	-93	09/22/2011
Post 0833	- James Ely Miller	38	1	7	46	80	57.50 %	-34	10/18/2011
Post 0834	- Arthur Ellis Hamm	11	0	12	23	24	95.83 %	-1	10/04/2011
Post 0861	- Raymond Cleaves	13	0	7	20	32	62.50 %	-12	09/13/2011
Post 0924	- Hand-Aldrich	71	7	10	88	116	75.86 %	-28	10/25/2011
Post 0944	- Donald C. Munro	120	4	12	136	162	83.95 %	-26	10/25/2011
Post 1006	- Joseph Loeffler	97	2	14	113	146	77.40 %	-33	10/25/2011
Post 1015	- Amityville	87	1	8	96	137	70.07 %	-41	10/18/2011
Post 1039	- Herold-Tierney	27	1	5	33	48	68.75 %	-15	10/18/2011
Post 1045	- Alfred R. Grebe	2	0	9	11	37	29.73 %	-26	09/12/2011
Post 1120	- Feustel-Kurd	135	0	15	150	237	63.29 %	-87	09/13/2011
Post 1146	- Joseph Kovarik	57	1	3	61	92	66.30 %	-31	10/25/2011
Post 1152	- Sherwood Brothers	63	1	12	76	107	71.03 %	-31	10/18/2011
Post 1218	- Hunter-Squires-Jackson	0	0	5	5	38	13.16 %	-33	09/13/2011
Post 1244	- Greenlawn	109	9	6	124	164	75.61 %	-40	10/18/2011
Post 1533	- Arthur H. Clune	49	5	16	70	136	51.47 %	-66	09/13/2011
Post 1545	- Eastport	64	0	7	71	96	73.96 %	-25	10/18/2011
Post 1633	- Selden	44	0	12	56	72	77.78 %	-16	10/18/2011
Post 1634	- Sergeant John Sardiello	83	5	8	96	140	68.57 %	-44	10/18/2011
Post 1635	- Four-S	29	2	20	51	68	75.00 %	-17	10/18/2011
Post 1738	- West Islip	98	3	6	107	147	72.79 %	-40	10/25/2011
Post 1766	- Irving Hart	0	0	5	5	22	22.73 %	-17	09/13/2011
Post 1839	- Wayne Middleton	1	2	3	6	15	40.00 %	-9	09/13/2011
Post 1848	-John R. Cacioppo	39	1	4	44	53	83.02 %	-9	10/25/2011
Post 1880	- Leisure Village	75	1	1	77	100	77.00 %	-23	10/25/2011
Post 1887	- Leisure Knoll	0	0	1	1	76	1.32 %	-75	09/13/2011
Post 1888	- Brunn-Prchal	0	0	2	2	17	11.76 %	-15	09/13/2011
Post 1941	- Pearl Harbor Memorial	16	1	2	19	25	76.00 %	-6	09/13/2011
Post 1991	- Kerry P. Hein	18	0	5	23	27	85.19 %	-4	09/13/2011
County Totals		3332	112	501	3945	5871		-1,926	
District Totals		8832	205	1642	10679	15433		-4,754	

The Suffolk County American Legion was approached to run the Suffolk County Veterans Assistance Program. The Director, Thomas Ronayne met with members of the Suffolk County American Legion to explain all the aspects of the program as follows:

County Commander, Thomas Bergin
County Treasurer, Robin Peppard
PCC Robert W Smith
PCC Paul R. De Vault

This program had been previously run by the Suffolk County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The program was designed to allow various qualifying veterans groups to get involved in helping veterans in need.

The program is funded through the Suffolk County Grant program. The veterans group would investigate and issue checks and upon submitting valid original receipts, the Grant Request Form and cancelled checks would receive a Suffolk County grant to cover the expense. Turn around time for reimbursement is between 30 and 60 days. The Suffolk County American Legion would enter into a one year contract with Suffolk County to run the program. The VFW contract expires in November.

Referrals would be made by the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency to the American Legion to investigate the emergency need and make a decision on whether the request is valid. It is open to any veteran with a discharge or DD – 214 that is **other than dishonorable** and current military members serving honorably. The Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency maintains a list of all veterans and/or family members who received a grant. We in turn would verify that no grant was given in the past.

It is a one time grant not to exceed \$1000 and not renewable at any time. What is covered?

No oil to heat the residence with a termination notice
Electric bill with a termination notice
Gas bill with a termination notice
Eviction notice

THE CHECKS WOULD BE WRITTEN TO THE OIL COMPANY, UTILITY OR LANDLORD, (MORTGAGE COMPANY). **NO CHECK WOULD BE GIVEN DIRECTY TO THE VETERAN OF FAMILY MEMBER.**

The committee feels that the program is an opportunity for the American Legion to accomplish what it was formed to do – helping veterans in need.

A committee would be formed to initiate the investigation of the referral to determine its validity.

A separate checking account would opened requiring two signatures and the full committee would be informed to review all documentation and that it has been properly submitted before a check would be issued.

This proposal is being brought to the Suffolk County Committee for their approval. A motion to accept this proposal and must be made at a regularly convened meeting of the Suffolk County Committee where there is a quorum present.

Mr. Commander, I submit to you a motion for the Suffolk County American Legion to enter into a contract with the Suffolk County Legislature November 2011, to run the Veterans Assistance Program beginning December 2011 to December 2012 inclusive.

This motion was tabled at the request of Robert Neville and Arthur Laufer to be brought back for a vote at the December 2011 meeting.