

County Minutes December 2, 2011 at Smith-Wever, American Legion Post 651

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. 21 posts were represented.

Roll call of Suffolk County Officers was completed.

Roll call of County Vice Commanders as follows:

1st Division - Joseph Regina – No December Meeting – Next Meeting at Babylon Post 94 Jan. 20th @ 8:00 p.m.

2nd Division – Joseph Sawtelle – December 16th @ Joseph Loeffler Post 8:00 P.M.

3rd Division – Eugene Ormandy: December 16th @ Irving Hart Post 8:00 p.m.

4th Division – Malcolm Hendry: Dec. 15th at Griswold Terry Glover Post 8:00 p.m.

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 November meeting.

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

Chaplains Report , Robert F. Smith III – The Chaplain read two names of deceased Legionnaires and requested all post to send in the names for the Post Everlasting Ceremony A reminder that all should attend the 4 Chaplains Ceremony.

Arrangements are being made to hold it at St. Ann's in Sayville.

Historian Report, Robert Romano – Progress

Sgt. at Arms, William Farley – No Report

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

Service Officers Report:PCC Robert Bruggemann: No report at this time

Americanism – Joseph Regina – The essay contest rules were sent to all schools. Let the cahirman know what your post is doing for Americanism. Dec. 7th Pearl Harbor Ceremony at the American Air Power Museum at 10:30 in Farmingdale and Amvets Post 88 is hosting a Dec. 7th Pearl Harbor Ceremony at L.I. National Cemetery. The ceremony at Stony Brook University on Nov. 11th went well and they are encouraging Legionnaires to attend next year.

Bowling report – Ray Bohn – Absent

Boy's State – James Beecher – Absent – no report

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

Children and Youth, Anna Gilpin – No report except she is working on a Valentines Day raffle.

Convention Chairman- Eugene Hartmann – absent.

County Color Guard – absent.

Credentials – Fred Loucka – no report

Department Commanders visit – PCC Robert Bruggemann – the report is enclosed in the minutes.

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

Directory – PCC Robert Shadler - the directory is completed. The Commander has a few left, see him after the meeting

Distinguished Guests – PNVC Robert Neville – no report

Employment – open The Commander has applications to nominate employers to be recognized for hiring veterans

See the Commander if you know of an employer who should be recognized

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

Hospital Welfare – Fred Louchka – every veteran should sign up.

Judge Advocate – PDVC Art Laufer – nothing to report

Law and Order Joseph Regina – Contact Joe Regina to set up a Law and Order night.

Legionnaire of the Year, P10DC Phil Barczak – He has the guideline Every post should nominate a Legionnaire from your post. There are 47 posts in Suffolk and we should have a nominee from each.

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 – absent - no report.

National Commanders Dinner, PCC Bob Smith. A meeting was 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. Suffolk County has seating up front. The first post to take a table of ten will be seated in one of the front tables.

CONTACT 10TH DIST. ADJUTANT OR PCC ROBERT W SMITH TO RESERVE YOUR SEATING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

National Cemetery – Calverton- Paul De Vault – Veterans Day Ceremony was held Nov. 11th at 1:00 p.m. The wreaths Across America program will be held at both National Cemeterys. Assistance is needed to place the wreaths on the veterans graves.

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. The new date for the County Contest is January 14th at 9 a.m.

John T. Digilo Jr. The 10th District contest will be held in Suffolk on January 21st 9:30 to 1:30. And it will be held at the West Islip Post.

P10dc Phil Barczak – The Zone Oratorical Contest will be held in the Elmont Memorial Library on Feb. 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Parliamentarian: PDVC Art Laufer – no report

Past County Commanders dinner –**Robert Shadler** – a flyer is enclosed in the minutes for this event..

Post activities- William Farley Sr. all information was distributed.

Protocol - P10thDC George Wilson – No Report

Public Relations, – Open

Resolutions, Open

SAL – Advison, Dennis Madden

Scouting – Joseph Sawtelle – he has the applications for Eagle Scout of the year and other scouts be recognized.

Applications are due in January. March 1st is the Eagle Scout deadline and March 30th for other scouts and packs

VAC Northport VA – 10th Dist. Adjutant Paul R De Vault stated that there has not been a VAC meeting in several months.

VAVs Robert Hopkins – **ABSENT** - John Dekas stated Every veteran is eligible to sign up at Northport VA. The means test would be utilized to determine care coverage if eligible. John also stated the contribution to the VAVS program will be utilized for the Hungry Veterans Program. A meeting will be scheduled at the Northport VA to sign up veterans who have not done so. This is very important as the VA allocates funding based on the amount of veterans signed up at the individual VA Hospitals.

Ways and Means Bottle Raffle – Robert Romano

WINAL, Anna Gilpin – No Report

Unfinished Business – **There will be a vote this evening regarding the Veterans Assistance Program.**

It was determined that Suffolk County funds could not be utilized in this manner. The Commander requested PDVC Art Laufer to take the previously made motion off the table for a vote. The motion to provide Vets in need funding was defeated.

PCDVC Laufer stated that programs similar to the Third Division should be utilized and that every post should help where ever and when ever they can.

Correspondence – a thank you letter from Department Commander W. Michael Bowen was read for the \$500 gift for his project – Operation Comfort warrior.

The Babylon Post 94 submitted a letter requesting to host the 2012 Suffolk County Convention at their post.

Good of the Legion – **There will be a holiday gathering for returning vets and their families at the Northport VA bldg. 5 on Dec. 10th 12 to 3 – 911 Vets are donating 500 turkeys to hungry veterans. A distribution point was set up for Dec. 18th at 2100 Smithtown Ave. and assistance is required. Contact the Commander for more information.**

A motion was made by PCC Robert to send a \$100 donation to the American Air Power Museum for all the tours they have done for the Department Commanders Visits.

Chase bank will be invited to the next County Meeting to provide information on their veterans hiring program.

Island Harvest is seeking volunteers 2 days a week to deliver food to needy families. The flyer is enclosed in the minutes. There is also an application for you or someone to file for assistance from the food bank. If you cannot use it pass it along to someone who may need help.

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

Next meeting will be at the William Merritt Hallock Post in Ronkonkoma @ 8:00 p.m.

The Next 10th District Meeting will be held on January 31st at the William Merritt Hallock Post @ 8:00 p.m.

Membership Report as given by Bob Romano 12/2/11

AS PROMISED EVERYONE UNDER 50% WERE CALLED, AND I WAS MY OLD FRIENDLY SELF. AS PER MY UNUSUAL STYLE I INFORMED ALL THE COMMANDERS AND FIRST VICES THAT I WANTED AN EARLY NEW YEARS PRESENT. I WANT A 100% MEMBERSHIP FROM THEM BY 1/1/12, EVERYONE HAD A GOOD CHUCKLE UNTIL I SAID IT COULD BE DONE. I DID INFORM EVERYONE I TALKED TO THAT I WOULD COME OUT AND HELP THEM MAKE THE CALLS. THEY ALL DECLINED. DO YOU THINK THAT, MAYBE, THEY WERE AFRAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO FEED ME ?

ANYWAY THIS IS THE BUSINESS:

DISTRICT WE WERE IN AND OUT OF FIRST PLACE IN A FLASH, BUT ONE WAS A MISTAKE. ONE POST WAS SHOWN TO HAVE A 105% BUT THAT WAS AN ERROR. CURRENTLY WE ARE IN FIRST PLACE BY A MARGIN OF .01%.

COUNTY WISE WE ARE IN 26TH PLACE, QUEENS IS IN 31TH PLACE AND NASSAU IS IN 18TH PLACE. WE ARE 1.69% AWAY FROM TYING NASSAU, AND A WIMPY 8.68% FOR FIRST PLACE.

COMMANDERS IT SEEMS TO WORK BETTER WHEN WE HAVE YOU TO PUSH THE FIRST VICES . PHONE CALLS TO CONTINUE.

BOB ROMANO

11/30/2011

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	289	8	22	319	393	81.17 %	-74	11/22/2011
Post 0155	- William Merritt Hallock	154	8	18	180	204	88.24 %	-24	11/22/2011
Post 0185	- Burton Potter	61	20	4	85	88	96.59 %	-3	11/01/2011
Post 0269	- Patchogue	181	0	23	204	272	75.00 %	-68	11/15/2011
Post 0273	- Riverhead	158	7	10	175	202	86.63 %	-27	11/08/2011
Post 0281	- Mitchell	93	4	13	110	150	73.33 %	-40	11/22/2011
Post 0352	- Leisure Glenn	69	2	2	73	82	89.02 %	-9	09/01/2011
Post 0380	- Huntington	90	0	32	122	156	78.21 %	-34	11/15/2011
Post 0385	- Bay Shore	37	0	3	40	88	45.45 %	-48	10/01/2011
Post 0388	- Chelberg-Battle	81	0	8	89	124	71.77 %	-35	11/01/2011
Post 0411	- Rusy-Bohm	119	3	13	135	168	80.36 %	-33	11/22/2011
Post 0417	- Harbor	54	2	63	119	140	85.00 %	-21	11/01/2011
Post 0419	- East Hampton Town	13	0	20	33	280	11.79 %	-247	11/01/2011
Post 0432	- Wilson Ritch	354	9	20	383	421	90.97 %	-38	11/22/2011
Post 0433	- Malcolm Rose White	29	0	6	35	49	71.43 %	-14	11/15/2011
Post 0580	- Nathaniel Howell Topping	10	0	2	12	15	80.00 %	-3	09/07/2011
Post 0651	- Smith-Weaver	61	12	8	81	76	106.58 %	5	11/15/2011
Post 0694	- Northport	207	6	7	220	265	83.02 %	-45	11/01/2011
Post 0803	- Griswold-Terry-Glover	208	3	10	221	284	77.82 %	-63	11/08/2011
Post 0833	- James Ely Miller	37	1	7	45	80	56.25 %	-35	11/01/2011
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	86	8	10	104	116	89.66 %	-12	11/22/2011
Post 0944	- Donald C. Munro	138	5	12	155	162	95.68 %	-7	11/15/2011
Post 1006	- Joseph Loeffler	107	2	14	123	146	84.25 %	-23	11/22/2011
Post 1015	- Amityville	102	1	8	111	137	81.02 %	-26	11/01/2011
Post 1039	- Herald-Tiemey	30	2	5	37	48	77.08 %	-11	11/22/2011
Post 1045	- Alfred R. Grebe	2	0	9	11	37	29.73 %	-26	09/12/2011
Post 1120	- Feustel-Kurik	160	3	15	178	237	75.11 %	-59	11/15/2011
Post 1146	- Joseph Kovarik	65	1	3	69	92	75.00 %	-23	11/22/2011

Post 1152 - Sherwood Brothers	70	1	12	83	107	77.57 %	-24	11/22/2011
Post 1218 - Hunter-Squires-Jackson	19	1	5	25	38	65.79 %	-13	09/13/2011
Post 1244 - Greenlawn	140	18	6	164	164	100.00 %	0	11/15/2011
Post 1533 - Arthur H. Clune	70	5	16	91	136	66.91 %	-45	11/22/2011
Post 1545 - Eastport	69	0	7	76	96	79.17 %	-20	11/15/2011
Post 1633 - Selden	49	0	12	61	72	84.72 %	-11	11/15/2011
Post 1634 - Sergeant John Sardiello	100	6	8	114	140	81.43 %	-26	11/22/2011
Post 1635 - Four-S	33	2	20	55	68	80.88 %	-13	11/15/2011
Post 1738 - West Islip	108	3	6	117	147	79.59 %	-30	11/15/2011
Post 1765 - Irving Hart	5	1	5	11	22	50.00 %	-11	11/08/2011
Post 1839 - Wayne Middleton	13	2	3	18	15	120.00 %	3	11/22/2011
Post 1848 - John R. Cacloppo	40	1	4	45	53	84.91 %	-8	11/01/2011
Post 1880 - Leisure Village	79	1	1	81	100	81.00 %	-19	11/15/2011
Post 1887 - Leisure Knoll	1	0	1	2	76	2.63 %	-74	11/01/2011
Post 1888 - Brunn-Prchal	15	0	2	17	17	100.00 %	0	09/13/2011
Post 1941 - Pearl Harbor Memorial	20	1	2	23	25	92.00 %	-2	11/01/2011
Post 1991 - Kerry P. Hein	18	0	5	23	27	85.19 %	-4	09/13/2011
County Totals	3868	149	501	4518	5871		-1,353	
District Totals	10037	283	1642	11962	15433		-3,471	

NASSAU COUNTY # 18 @ 78.64%
SUFFOLK COUNTY # 26 @ 76.95%
QUEENS COUNTY # 31 @ 76.07%