

## **Suffolk County American Legion**

### **Membership Meeting**

**February 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 one excused.

Bob Foley Commander of Post 155 Ronkonkoma welcomed everyone.

Division meeting as follows:

First meeting February 21 SSBT John Sardiello Post 1634, 8 PM.

Second meeting February 14 Joseph Kovarik Post 1146, 7 PM, food, meeting 8:00.

Third meeting February 21 Wm Merritt Hallock Post 155, 7 PM.

Fourth no meeting.

Fifth meeting February 11, Hand Aldrich Post 924, 7 PM PM.

Commander Jim Beecher gave report which included events he attended during the month of December and January.

Jim Beecher also gave report on finances for Robert W. Smith and what was spent. The Finance Report was accepted.

Jim also gave his report on Boys State and mentioned that the money is required to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an informational meeting at Post for parents at Post 94 on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours. The date for Boys State is from June 28 through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Sons of American Legion member Chris Cirillo spoke about a Walk-a-Thon 2020 that will take place April 12, 20220. A mailing will go out to every Post in Suffolk County. All members are encouraged to support this cause.

Chaplain Tom Bergin gave his report.

Chris also spoke about the Sons supporting a Boys State candidate. Chaplain Tom Bergin gave his report on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Suffolk County Auxiliary at Rusy Bohm. 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.

Service Officer Ken Dolan gave his report on progress that is being made on the construction at VA Northport. He also talked about the discussion on suicide.

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. For any questions Phil's number is 631 724-8577.

Gene Ormandy reported that the Past Commander Testimonial Dinner is going to be March 28, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Joseph Loeffler Post 1006 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 ten or individual tickets can be purchased.

Gene also reported that Post 1888 Bruno Pruchal and Post 580 are working on a solution to prevent them from closing which would be to maybe move members together.

Gene also talked about the Eagle Scout of the Year which needs to be in by February 21, 2020.

Phil Gomez reported on two resolutions;

- 1) Purple Heart Change.
- 2) The Cold War Service ribbon change.

The resolutions will be voted on at the Convention.

Members Robert Robesch and Roby Johnson talked about Suffolk being at 33<sup>rd</sup> place at 86.4 percent.

5 Posts at 100 %

23 Posts below 89%

21 Posts with no new members.

Lay and Order candidates need to be in to Roby by April 15, 2020.

Roby talked about that he was at a protest against Governor Cuomo at the Massapequa Post.

Bob Bruggemann gave his report on MIA/POW

Mike Pankowski talked about the Oratorical Contest

Legion Rider Dave Issacs talked about the Riders attending 5 funerals and flag lines. He also mentioned that the Riders donated \$2345 to different organizations.

Joe Regina gave his report on the Poster Essay Contest. He asked that you please inform students of local schools of the contest. All entries must be received by midnight, Friday, April 15, 2020.

Next meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at Babylon Post 94. Food at 7 PM, meeting at 8 PM.

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