



## American Legion Meeting Minutes

Sep 10, 2022

1. **OPENING** – Commander Bill Holthan opened the meeting. Meeting Start Time 1005 hrs.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commander Bill Holthan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander John McGuire, and Adjutant Rainer Burger led Legionnaires in the Pledge.
3. **OPENING PRAYER** – Chaplain Marty Cernese provided the opening prayer. Following the opening prayer, there was a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9-11 victims.
4. **LEGION CREED** – Commander Bill Holthan led the Legionnaires in the Legion Creed.
5. **ROLE CALL/ATTENDANCE** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander John McGuire took Roll Call. Please see Attachment 1
6. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, John McGuire reviewed the meeting minutes from June 11, 2022. Bill Holthan made a motion to approve the Minutes for Nov 13 2021, of the American Legion New Hyde Park Ernie Pyle Post 1089, Marty Cernese 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and minutes were approved.
7. **TREASURER REPORT**
  - No Report - Raymond Minicus on travel
  - Adjutant Rainer Burger did mention that in coordination with Post Officers, the Post did apply for a COVID Grant in August. The Grant could provide up to \$10K in funding to help supplement Legion Posts as a result of COVID funding impacts. Post expects to hear results sometime in November.
8. **Membership** –
  - No Report - Raymond Minicus on travel
  - Adjutant Rainer Burger did note that membership dues are due. Please get your dues in to Raymond Minicus as soon as possible.
9. **Other Business**
  - 9/11 Remembrance – Adjutant Rainer Burger noted that Holy Spirit Church and the NHP Fire Department will be holding a 9/11 Remembrance Mass at the Saturday, 10 Sep 2022, 5 – pm Mass. This will be followed by ceremony at Fire Department at 5:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.
  - NHP Street Fair is scheduled on 17 Sept 2022 at 10 am. Commander Bill Holthan and Adjutant Rainer Burger requested member support the fair by manning our Post table. We will begin setting up at 9 am. The Post table will be set up in front of the Village Hall

- in the same location as last year. The question was raised whether the post will be giving out Poppies? 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander John McGuire and Eric Spinner noted that we would buy them from Emblem Sales, but it would be too late to order. Robert Gluszak noted that the St Anne's Post has Poppies and will provide them to NHP Post. He ask the NHP Post just replenish the Poppies. Post Officers and Legionnaires agreed. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, John McGuire will investigate ordering up Poppies to replenish St Anne as well as acquire additional Poppies for our Post. Post will also be giving out flags at the Street Fair.
- Adjutant Rainer Burger briefed that the next County General Assembly Meeting will be held on 23 Sept, 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Rockville Centre Post 303, 197 Maple Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander John McGuire briefed that this year's Post Birthday Dinner will be held on 20 Oct 2022. Due to cost and trying to keep the Posts budget in check, the dinner will be held at Saint Annes K of C Hall, 263-15 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks, New York. The Cost will be \$40 per person. There will be no meeting on 8 Oct 2022. The Post Birthday Dinner will take place of our monthly meeting.
  - Adjutant Rainer Burger noted that planning efforts have begun for the Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov 11, 2022. The Ceremony will take place at the Village Hall. Members are asked to be at the Village Hall/Marcus Christ by 10:30 am.
  - Adjutant Rainer Burger briefed the NHP Post 1089 Website is up and running. Please visit <https://www.americanlegionpost1089nhp.org/> to see the new website. This website will contain Post information to include meeting minutes, newsletters, and contact points. We will continue to add information to the website and make improvements.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander John McGuire addressed the need to meeting attendees to get correct emails from all Post members. He noted that both National and the Post rely on correct home addresses and emails. Please ensure the Post has a correct email and home address. Emails were sent out recently for members to confirm their email address is correct but only ½ the members have responded. If you did not get an email from Commander AL 1089, chances are, we have the incorrect email. If you did not receive an email, please contact John McGuire and send an email to [alpost1089@hotmail.com](mailto:alpost1089@hotmail.com). For the future, Newsletters and meeting minutes will be sent electronically or will be posted on the new Post Website. The Post is doing this to keep our costs down. Unfortunately, there has been little funding coming into the post and costs, such as Insurance has gone up. For example, for our Post to hold meetings using Christ Hall we must have Liability Insurance. This Insurance cost the Post approximately \$650 a year. Also, at the beginning of this year, we were strongly recommended by our Insurance Carrier that we should add a D&O Insurance Policy to our Post. D&O Insurance safeguards our Post Elected Offices from liability cases brought against them, while practicing their duties as Post Officers. The cost of this Insurance is approximately \$1100 annually.
  - Adjutant Rainer Burger briefed that Marcus Christ will be torn down later this year. Current Schedule looks to start demolition in Nov/Dec 2022. This will make room for the new Community Center. Meetings will be held in the Village Hall till the construction is complete.

## **10. Unfinished Business – None**

## **11. New Business –**

- Veterans BBQ will be held at Eisenhower Park on 14 Sep 2022. BBQ will be held at Field 6a and will start at 11:00 am.
- POW/MIA Night Vigil will be held on 16 Sep 2022. Vigil will be held at the Field 6 Memorial at 7:00 pm.
- Legislator Breakfast will be held on 8 Oct 2022. Event will be held at the Massapequa Legion Post at 9:00 am. The cost of the Legislator Breakfast is \$25 per person.
- Stand-done will be held on 22 Nov 2022 at the Armory. This will be held between the hours of 9:00 am to 2 pm.

**12. Meeting Closing** – Everyone was reminded about the Post Dinner on 20 Oct 2022. Next Post meeting at Marcus Christ/Village Hall will be 12 Nov 2022.

**13. Closing Prayer** – Chaplain Marty Cernese provided the closing prayer

Meeting ended 1135 hrs.

End Minutes

ATTACHMENT

**AMERICAN LEGION - SIGN-IN E-MAIL**

Date: **Sept 10, 2022**

Name	Present	Name	Present
1) JOHN McGUIRE monza901@hotmail.com	✓	21) PATRICK B. OCONNELL <b>(Disabled)</b>	✗
2) MARTY CERNESE mcernese@optonline.net	✓	22) JAMES J. RAFFERTY Jraff1309@gmail.com	✗
3) BILL HOLTHAN - <b>(CALL)</b>	✓	23) JIM CORRIGAN unclejimUSAF@gmail.com	✗
4) Robert Nordman m262alot@aol.com	✓	24) FRED SEILING kaybar42@gmail.com	✗
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6) ROBBIE (John) ROBERTSON soapsud@verizon.net	✗	26) ANTHONY PASQUARELLA <b>(CALL)</b>	
7) RAYMOND MINICUS rminicus@gmail.com	✗	27)	
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9) BOB SIMONS - <b>(CALL)</b>	✓	29)	
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