**Nassau County March Meeting**

*(Only Post Representatives, Alternate Representatives, Post Commanders, and Past County Commanders may answer roll call and vote. Fifteen members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, Constitution and Bylaws’ Article VII, Section 2.)*

Meeting start 2000 hours

* PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
* County Chaplain Eric Spinner rendered the invocation

 **POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY**

* SERGEANT-AT-ARMS placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair
* Seargeant @ Arms Lead the Reciting THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
* **THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Adjutant read roll call of the elected staff, post representatives, and Past County Commanders

7 County Staff member

22 Posts

9 Past County Commanders (see attach 2 a-g)

* A motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of February 28, 2025 made by PCC Bob Guarneri. Second by PCC Pat Alesia. Motion carried

Commander Englander acknowledged the presence of

-10th District Vice Commander John Hassett

-Past 10tth District Commander Frank Colon

-2024/2025 Legionnaire of the Year Dennis Duffy from Lynbrook Post 335

**GUESTS**

Katherine Mazeroski- Winner of the Department Oratorical Contest

Katherine shared her experience with each of the levels through her AL Oratorical journey, thanking everyone along the way.

County Commander Kerry Englander presented Katherine with a citation from NY State Assemblyman Steven Stern

County President Phoebe Ervin presented Katherine with a citation from County Executive Bruce Blakeman

Phoebe Ervin- Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary President

Phoebe shared membership statistics and information about the President and Vice President’s project. (See attach # 3 a-e)

**COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS REPORTS**

**ADVISORY-** PCCAnthony Paternostro**-** No report.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**- PCCAnthony Paternostro - all paid up

**NATIONAL COMANDERS DINNER**- 15 tickets left, $70per ticket, April 11th 7pm cocktail hour, RSVP your ticket with Adjutant Dawn Samuel, tigger514@outlook.com

**AMERICANISM**- PCC Al Ficalora- “Captain Lacie Hester, first woman in the Air Force to receive the silver star.” Read all the details, (see attach # 4)

**BOYS STATE**

Bill Laderer- Boy’s State 2025 will be held June 28-July 3, 2025. The total cost for each boy is $600. The application MUST be started by April 11, 2025 and must be send to Bill Laderer by April 24, 2025. Orientation at Glenwood Landing Post will be May 29, 2025. There are 30+ boys registered from Nassau County.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH -**PCC Frank Neil-

**Cathedral Post** had a BINGO fundraiser March 14th and raised a total donation of $882.49!! Thank you Cathedral Post!! (attach #6)

Cadet Military Ball is scheduled for 12 April at Elmont Post. There are 95 RSVP, Department Commander Keith Koster will give the key speaker.

Collection of items for a baby shower for single military moms, please get

Dawn Samuel by the end of June, date for baby shower TBA.

**COMFORT WARRIORS-** PCC Frank Neal- no report

**ORTORICAL**

**Dennis Duffy**- Nassau County Candidate Katherine Mazeroski won first place and is going to the National level!

2025/2026 may be at Hofstra University.

**NATIONAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

PCC John Hassett- Thank you Charles Wagner Post #421 for $100 donation and Merrick Post #1282 for $100 donation bringing the total to $5,550! (See attach #7)

**SONS OF THE AMRERICAN LEGION**- no report.

**HISTORIAN**- James Randle- The Commander’s Ball History Book is completed and passed onto Commander Kerry Englander. James announced if *there is anyone who wants to be historian… is anyone who wants to be historian… is anyone who wants to be historian…*

James will be collecting post history books at the May 23 county meeting so that they can go up to Department for the Summer Convention at Syracuse.

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR-** PCC Pat Alesia**-** The winner will be announced at the County Convention in June. (see attach #8)

**National Emergency Fund (NEF)- PCC Pat Alesia-** 2 more posts have donated, Archie McCord Post #86 and Charles Wagner Post # 425 this is 89.5% of our goal, $4475. (see attach #8)

**VAVS Northport- PCC Pat Alesia-** Most of the layoffs have been exempted, see report for full details (attach #8)

**LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST-** PCC Joe Scarola- no report

**CREDENTIALS AND CHARTERS**-Joseph Scarola- no report.

**MILITARY BALL POST COMMANDERS** - PCC Tony Paternostro, PCC Joseph Scarola- no report

**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP-** Eric Spinner- no report.

**CHAPLAIN**- Eric Spinner- no report

**DIRECTORY-** Eric Spinner –no report

**WEBMASTER**- Eric Spinner – There are forms on the website for your convenience.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE-** PCC Bob Guarneri, Chair- motion made by Mirium Carpio-Hospidales to accept the Financial Report, motion seconded by PCC Sean Hood, motion passed

**NASSAU FUND RAFFLE**

PCC Bob Guarneri-

**HOMELAND & NATIONAL SECURITY**- Bob Hare- “US hits back at Iran-backed Houthi Militants in Yemen after continued attacks in Red Sea…” (attach #9 a-e)

POW/MIA- Links are listed for unaccounted POW/MIA in order of conflicts (attach #10a-f)

**AL Riders** -Kevin Tirman- read report of Rider Activity for the month of February for Elmont. (see attach #11)

**LAW & ORDER-** Kevin Tirman- A list of the completed as well as upcoming Law & Order ceremonies are attached. Feel free to attend any of these scheduled events and please invite the committee to your Law & Order Night so that we can send recommendations to Department! Kevin needs to have documents submitted to Department by April 1, 2025 in order to be in the running. (attach #12)

**MERMORIAL LIBRARY**- Bill Marinaccio- PCC Anthony Paternostro gave report and explained the purpose of this committee, (see attach #13a-e) for full details.

**NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT**- Kerry Englander-

There are still 15 tickets left for this dinner! It is planned for Friday, April 11, 2025, $70pp, Antun’s Restaurant, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, 7pm- midnight, please send checks written out to Nassau County American Legion earmarked “National Commanders Dinner” to Dawn Samuel, 121 Walnut St, Lynbrook, NY 11563, As soon as possible!

**SCOUTING -** Rainer Burger- no report

**VETERANS ADVISORY-NASSAU-** Ed Aulman- VA is taking action to prevent veteran suicide, VA Officer Inspector General out to stop medical equipment scams, National Veterans Day Poster contest and more… see report for more details… (attach #14)

**VETERANS SERVICES**- Mary Norris & Tom Basacchi- Day at the Races at Northport report for March is attached. Please support this on your scheduled day and if that day is not good, come on another scheduled day! Our veterans need to see that we care! (attach #15)

OFFICERS REPORTS

 MEMBERSHIP OFFICE- Greg Faling- nylegion.org offers training. (See attach #16) for membership data.

 VICE COMMANDERS

 1ST DIVISION Vice Commander Al Ficalora- (attach #17)

 2ND DIVISION Vice Commander Arthur Pirozzi (attach #18)

 3RD DIVISION Vice Commander Ralph Casey- no report

 No unfinished BUSINESS

 CORRESPONDENCE- (see attach # 20 a-b)

 Tunnels to Towers Thank you for $1000 donation

 Family of Michael Dolan- thank you for AL presence at Wake & Funeral

 NEW BUSINESS- none

 GOOD OF THE LEGION

 -Blood Drive- Tuesday, May 6, Williston Post

 -Uniondale Post #1487 is going through some changes and re-organization. Commander Mike Capillo is working through updating the building.

 -Patrizia’s of Massapequa is working with posts to update their

 buildings at no cost to the post with fundraisers. Food truck fundraisers can be arranged.

 -Dining for a Cause will raise money (15%) for supermarket gift cards to veterans, Omega Diner in New Hyde Park, 12-4, See Eric Spinner for the date

 -Great Neck has a flag drop off box if anyone needs it, call Larry, 1st VC @ (516) 666-0005

 -Next month’s meeting on Friday 25 April will be at Glenwood Landing. The 10th District will be our guests.

 **COUNTY COMMANDERS REPORT** - (attach #19 a-b)

 Motion was made to adjourn was made by PCC Anthony Paternostro, Second by PCC Bob Guarneri. (2131 hours)

 County Chaplain Eric Spinner ended with a Memorial Service

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS recovered the POW/MIA FLAG

**Meeting Adjourned**