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Commander's Corner



As I sit down to write the COMMANDER'S CORNER, I realized that autumn begins on this Friday, September 23, 2022. Last week was a busy one for our members and me. On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., I went to the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency advisory meeting and at 7:45 p.m. we had our Merrick Post No. 1282 Executive and General Membership meetings where we introduced our members to the new First Division Commander, Dawn Samuel. On Wednesday, Sept 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. was the Veterans Picnic and at 12:00 noon was the Merrick Chamber of Commerce meeting. On Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., I attended the Nassau County American Legion Testimonial Dinner honoring the New York State Department Commander, Auxiliary President and the Commander of the Sons of the American Legion and on Friday, September 16, 2022, was the POW/MIA Night Vigil Remembrance Ceremony.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Merrick Post No. 1282 members performed the flag raising ceremony at Pat's Farms Garden Center for its Grand Opening. Thanks to Rick Ambrosino for taking care of all the ceremony details. On Thursday, Sept 29, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., there is a VET FEST at Nassau Community College. It is a resource sharing event held to benefit veterans, service members, and their families.

October 2022, is another busy month. Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. is the Nassau County American Legion Legislative Breakfast at the Massapequa Post. It is a time for us veterans to question our politicians. If we don't care about ourselves and our fellow veterans, then why should the politicians care? On Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:45 p.m. is our regular Post meeting. On Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., the Air Force Association is having its Women's Military Service Award Ceremony at the Cradle of Aviation Museum located in Mitchell Field. Included in the list of honorees is our own Barbara Byrne, who is a 25 year member of our Post and also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282. Paid reservations are needed for our Post luncheon, which will follow at Borrelli's Italian Restaurant. Borrelli's Italian Restaurant is located at 1580 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY 11554. **Call Bob Dishman at (516) 378-2939 IMMEDIATELY for info. (Commander's Corner continued on page 3)**

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Commander's Corner (continued)

Merrick Post No. 1282 will have a booth at our usual location at the MERRICK FALL FESTIVAL (Merrick Street Fair) on Saturday, October 22, 2022, and Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are asking **ALL MEMBERS** to spend some time promoting the American Legion by helping at our booth. **A special thanks to all our members who participate.**

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, is ELECTION DAY! GET OUT AND VOTE! We also have our regular Post meeting at 7:45 p.m., that night. On Sunday, November 6, 2022, is the Veterans Day Mass for Veterans at the Roman Catholic Cure of Ars Church, Post and Auxiliary members should gather at the church at 11:00 a.m. for an 11:30 a.m. mass. On Friday, November 11, 2022, is the Merrick Post No. 1282 Veterans Day Ceremony, Post and Auxiliary members should gather at the Merrick's Veteran Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. On Tuesday, November 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Freeport Armory, is the Winter Stand Down for veterans in need. Our December Post meeting is on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:45 p.m.

The VA Medical Center at Northport is offering free Flu and Covid shots in Building 200.

The **PACT Act** (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics) is a bill is named in honor of Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, an Ohio National Guard service member who died in 2020 due to exposure to toxic chemicals. This bill is a bipartisan effort to expand coverage, treatments, and resources to sick Veterans and others who were impacted by toxins due to service in the U.S. military. The bill passed Congress on August 2, 2022, and was signed into law on August 10, 2022

The PACT Act will bring these changes: Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam War, Gulf War and post-9/11 eras. Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures, Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation. **If you're a veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefit.** For God and Country!

Robert E. Dishman, Post Commander



The Post members presented a Certificate of Appreciation plaque to John and Carol Esposito for Mr. Esposito's donation of work to our Post in fixing our cement slabs at the side entrance to the Post building.

Merrick Street Fair 2022

Dear Post members, our post will participate in the year's Merrick Street Fair (Merrick Fall Festival) sponsored by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce, which will be held on October 22nd and 23rd of 2022, at Merrick Avenue, in Merrick. Post members will be there from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. Post members please come out to this event and help us raise funds for veterans. Thank you.

Veterans Day Mass for Veterans 2022

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, there will be a Veterans Day Mass for Veterans and Auxiliary members at the Cure of Ars, Roman Catholic Church at 11:30 a.m. Post and Auxiliary members should meet at the church starting at 11:00 a.m. All veterans, widows of veterans and the public are welcome. **American Legion members please dress in full American Legion dress code.** Merrick Post No. 1282, American Legion will be presenting their colors at this church mass. Support our troops and veterans with your presence at this function. The Cure of Ars Roman Catholic Church is located at 2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566.

Veterans Day Ceremony 2022

Merrick Post No. 1282, American Legion is planning to have their Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2022, at the Merrick's Veteran Memorial Park starting at 10:30 a.m. Merrick's Veteran Memorial Park is located at the corner of Merrick Avenue and Lee Avenue, which is across the street from the Camp Avenue Elementary School. **Post and Auxiliary members should gather at the park starting at 10:00 a.m.** Thank you.

Post Maintenance – Cement work at the Post



Starting on June 25, 2022, the Post hired local Merrick Contractor John W. Esposito to do some cement work at our Post, because some of the cement slabs on the walk way to the side entrance to the Post building had caved in causing the curb to be higher than the connecting cement slabs and causing a possible situation in which a person could trip over the protruding curb. Mr. Esposito completed the work in about a week's time. He then surprised the Post members at our Post by donating the cost of his work that he had done for us back to the Post. Thank you, Mr. John W. Esposito for your donation of time and work at our building.

Cement work at the side entrance to the Post building.

Upcoming Birthdays

October Birthdays

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| Robert Dishman | October 1, 2022 |
| Kenneth Magnuson | October 1, 2022 |
| Timothy Schnelle | October 7, 2022 |
| Giovanni Torres | October 16, 2022 |
| Ken Williams | October 17, 2022 |
| Thomas Nicholson | October 21, 2022 |
| Lorenzo Falcicchio | October 26, 2022 |
| Brian Gess | October 26, 2022 |
| Kenneth Braun, PC | October 27, 2022 |

November Birthdays

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| Albert LaHood, Jr. | November 6, 2022 |
| John Weber | November 13, 2022 |
| Eugene St. John | November 14, 2022 |
| Raajendra Panday | November 17, 2022 |
| Houston Powell | November 21, 2022 |
| Anthony Cataldo | November 30, 2022 |

December Birthdays

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| Daniel O'Rourke | December 1, 2022 |
| Richard Jaeger | December 7, 2022 |
| Lawrence Margulies | December 9, 2022 |
| Peter Gallagher | December 17, 2022 |
| Michael Cassella | December 21, 2022 |
| Peter Stasi | December 23, 2022 |
| David Zwerin | December 25, 2022 |
| Vincent Paradise | December 27, 2022 |
| John Minot | December 28, 2022 |
| Stephen Ostop | December 30, 2022 |

If your birthday is in one of these months and it is not listed above, please, call Commander Bob Dishman at 516 378-2939, as your records are incomplete

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New York State donation to our Post



At our Post Executive and General Membership meetings on Monday, July 12, 2022, New York Senator John Brooks (holding a mock check) presented our Post with a generous check from New York State for needed repairs and maintenance for our Post. We should receive the actual check by the end of 2022.

Boys State 2022 Delegates speak to Post members about their experiences at Boy's State



In the picture from left to right: Raymond Adams, Boys State Chairman Frank D. Pedagno and Deven Kirpalani.

At our Post Executive and General Meetings on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Boys State 2022 delegates Deven Kirpalani and Raymond Adams talked about their experiences during the week they spent at Boys State which was held at the State University at Morrisville, New York, in the last week of June (6/26/2022 to 7/1/2022). They described their day, beginning with light military physical exercises, followed by learning how local and state governments are formed, by creating and participating in the formation of mock local and state governments. During their stay at Boys State they learned discipline and communication by learning how to work with other boy state members in forming local and state governments. They learned about how our American form of government works. They also expressed their gratitude to our Post members and to Boys State Chairman Frank D. Pedagno for nominating them for Boys State. The Boys State delegates said they had a positive experience at Boys State and they recommended that any Junior High Schooler at Sanford

H. Calhoun High School should think about trying to become a candidate for Boys State.

Nassau County 1st Division Commander Dawn Samuel visits our Post



Nassau County First Division Commander Dawn Samuel sat in on our Post's Executive and General Membership meetings on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. In the picture from left to right, are Post Commander Bob Dishman and Nassau County 1st Division Commander Dawn Samuel.

Auxiliary Members attend the 2022-2023 Nassau County American Legion Family Testimonial Dinner and Dance.



In the picture from left to right, Merrick Unit 1282, American Legion Auxiliary members: Kathleen Stuck, Laura Lahood, Toni Uberti, Palma Fasano, Sharon Williams and Florence Hoffman (PP) attended the 2022-2023 Nassau County American Legion Family Testimonial Dinner and Dance held at the Edward Welch Jr. Post No. 1132 in Seaford, New York on September 15, 2022.

Post Members attend the 2022-2023 Nassau County American Legion Family Testimonial Dinner and Dance.



In the picture from left to right, Merrick Post No. 1282, American Legion Post members: Harry Gribbin, Jim O'Neill (PC), Robert Dishman, Jack Murphy (PC) and Joe Ambrosino attended the 2022-2023 Nassau County American Legion Family Testimonial Dinner and Dance held at the Edward Welch Jr. Post No. 1132 in Seaford, New York on September 15, 2022.

Post Members at the Pat's Farms Garden City Grand Opening



On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Post members raised the American Flag at the Grand Opening of Pat's Farms Garden Center (1126 Merrick Avenue, North Merrick, New York 11566).

In the picture from left to right, Post members: Joe Ambrosino, Frank Pedagno, Ken Braun, (Pasquale Tuosto – owner/proprietor of Pat's Farms Garden Center), Harry Gribbin and Jack Murphy (PC). Other post members who attended this event but were not in the picture were: Bob Dishman, Larry Falcicchio and John Weber.

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In order to help pay for the costs of producing this Newsletter we will incorporate advertisements in all of our publications. Whenever possible, please patronize these local businesses that are helping to support the Legion.

Please submit or mail a copy of your DD_214 to our Post. We need these documents in case something happens to you and your loved ones need these important documents. See our mailing address on the second page of this newsletter.

The cutoff date for articles in the next Newsletter must be submitted at on December 20, 2022.

Dates to Remember

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| OCT. | 11 | POST EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:45 PM POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 8:00 PM |
| NOV. | 8 | POST EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:45 PM POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 8:00 PM |
| DEC. | 13 | POST EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:45 PM POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 8:00 PM |
| JAN. 2023 | 10 | POST EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:45 PM POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 8:00 PM |