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## Commander's Corner



Today, March 29, 2022 is NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY, which originated in 2017. This also means that Rick Ambrosino is waiting for this article so he can send our newsletter to the printer.

Our Post resumed having our regular meetings in February 2022 since the Covid-19 rates in January of 2022 were quite high after the Christmas/New Year celebrations. Five members and three spouses attended the Nassau County Military Ball/Post Commanders Night which was held at Leonard's of Great Neck on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Past Commander John Murphy rode with me to Leonard's, but when we got there I realized that I had left my Uniform Cap at home. The round trip to get it took me 55 minutes. On February 24, 2022, the Post Officers attended the First Division Caucus, where we voted to support Joseph Scarola for Nassau County Commander; Sean Hood for Nassau County Adjutant; and Dawn Samuel for First Division Commander.

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, our Post had its Law and Order Ceremony, where we honored a total of 16 recipients from the MTA Police, NY State Police, the First and Seventh Precincts of the Nassau County Police, the Merrick and North Merrick Fire Departments, and the Bellmore-Merrick EMS. My thanks to Law and Order Chairman Jim O'Neill (PC), and his committee which includes Joe & Rick Ambrosino, Larry Levy, Rich Mecabe, and the MANY others who pitched in to make this event a GREAT SUCCESS! I am certain that Rick has included pictures and additional info in this issue of The Bugle. I would also like to thank Chairman Frank Pedagno and his committee for interviewing and selecting our Post's two candidates for Boy's State. I believe that Merrick Post was the first to submit all of their completed paper work and necessary funds.

The American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard of Texas will be visiting the downstate area of New York on April 8, 2022. There will be a dinner that evening at Antun's restaurant in Queens Village, on Saturday, April 23, 2022. From 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. there is a Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast at the APPLEBEE'S located at 1300 Corporate Drive, Westbury, NY 11590 to support the VETERANS ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION. The tickets are only \$15 per person, contact (917)971-5655 or [anniebarrett2007@yahoo.com](mailto:anniebarrett2007@yahoo.com); there is a limited # of tickets available at the door.

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Trustee	Lawrence Levy	

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**2021-2022  
American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282 Officers**

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Historian	Kathleen Stuck
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Chaplain	Betty Tucker
Sergeant At Arms	Roseanne Garbarino
Executive Board	Palma Fasano
	Florence Hoffman, PP
	Toni Uberti

## Commander's Corner (continued)

As our Post is now a member of the Merrick Chamber of Commerce, we can have a free display area (booth) at the **Spring Kid's Fest on April 30, 2022 and May 1, 2022** at the Merrick Railroad Station; this will be discussed at our April 12, 2022 meeting. On Sat., May 7, 2022, there will be a **HEROES' ROCOGNITION DAY** at BrewSA Brewing Company, 180 Woodcleft Avenue, Freeport. This is a fundraiser to support the desert Storm / Iraq / Afghanistan Monument which will be erected in Eisenhower Park. **We will have a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2022.**

The Nassau County Convention and Elections will be held at the Massapequa Post on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The Nassau County Convention Dinner will be at Leonard's of Great Neck on Sunday, June 5, 2022. **Nominations for our Post Officers for the 2023 year will be held at our Post at the April 12, 2022 meeting. Elections will be held at our Post at the May 10, 2022 meeting.**

**Robert E. Dishman, Post Commander**

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## Nominations and Elections

In compliance with Article X, Section 2, of Merrick Post No. 1282, The American Legion By-Laws, Seventh Revision, December 17, 2018, requires written prior notice. Please be advised that nominations for Post Officers, Executive Board and one Trustee shall be nominated at the regular April General Membership meeting. Every member in good standing is eligible. Elections will be held at the regular May General Membership meeting.

**Kenneth J. Braun, PC, Post Judge Advocate**

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## Philip L. Williams Memorial Scholarship

Merrick Post No. 1282 will be awarding a Philip L. Williams Memorial Scholarship to a deserving high school senior who best exemplifies the qualities of Philip L. Williams. Phil's core values were focused on Strong Morals: Patriotism, Family Values, Community Service and a strong Work Ethic. Phil was an inspiration because he took every opportunity to exhibit and incorporate these morals in his life. He made a difference to his fellow veterans, his co-workers, as well as his family and friends by reminding us to integrate these beliefs into everyday life.

The Williams Family wishes to find a senior who is committed to these same values and has a determination for making a difference. Donations for this Fund can be made out to American Legion Merrick Post No. 1282, earmarked Philip L. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund and sent to:

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1282, 160 West Merrick Road, Merrick, New York 11566  
Attention: Sharon Williams**

All high school seniors who are interested in applying and need further details on the \$1000 Philip L. Williams Memorial Scholarship given out in May of 2022, please send a request to [plwmemorialscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:plwmemorialscholarship@gmail.com).

## Four Chaplains Ceremony 2022



On February 6, 2022, Post member Joe Ambrosino and his son Rick Ambrosino attended the Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, located on 5 Durham Road, New Hyde Park, New York at 2:30 p.m. The picture above symbolizes the Four Chaplains giving up their life vests to save other sailors when their vessel, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was torpedoed on February 3, 1943.

## Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans



On Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at our Post Meeting, Nassau County Legislator, Thomas McKeivitt (13th District) and Nassau County Legislator Steve Rhoads (19th District), presented our Post members with Valentine's Day cards created by school children for veterans. In the picture from left to right, Honorable Thomas McKeivitt, Post Commander Robert Dishman and Honorable Steve Rhoads are holding valentine's cards created by school children for veterans.



## Law and Order Day 2022



**From left to right, Trooper Michael Milbauer and Trooper Paul Sabo of the New York State Police Dept. being honored at the Law & Order Ceremony.**

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., the members of Merrick Post No. 1282, held their annual Law and Order Day Ceremony at our Post. This ceremony honors individuals of the local police departments, fire departments, and emergency medical services for their service to the communities during 2021. The Post Law and Order Chairman, James W. O'Neill (PC) and Co-Chairman, Lawrence Levy (3rd Vice Commander) helped in the award presentation to these honorees. Former Post Commander and Chaplain John Murphy read the Invocation and Benediction at this event.

The following Nassau County American Legion members at this event were Nassau County Commander Pat Alesia, Nassau County Post Adjutant Joseph Scarola, Nassau County Chaplain Eric Spinner, Former Nassau County Commander John Hassett Sr. and Former Nassau County Commander Robert Guarneri. Pat Alesia and Eric Spinner spoke at this event.

The following local officials at this event were New York State Senator John Brooks (8th Senate District), New York State Assemblyman David G. McDonough (14th District), Nassau County Legislator Steven D. Rhoads (19th District), Nassau County Legislator Thomas McKevitt (13th District), Town of Hempstead Councilman Christopher Carini (5th District), Town of Hempstead Clerk Kate Murray and Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Jeannie C. Driscoll. Honorable Brooks, Rhoads, McDonough and Carini spoke at this event.

The individuals honored at this ceremony were the following:

MTA Police Department

Sergeant Jeffrey Giel  
Police Officer Joseph Interdonati  
Police Officer Michael Graziose  
Police Officer Kenneth Johnson  
Trooper Michael Milbauer  
Trooper Paul Sabo  
Police Officer John McGee  
Police Officer Daniel Norland  
Police Officer Frank Romano  
Firefighter Michael F. Reid  
Merrick Fire Dept. For their Covid Responses  
Daniel Annunziato (AEMT)  
William Golub (EMT-B)  
Andrew Brinton (EMT-B)  
Eric Chen (EMT-B)  
Peter Rubin (EMT-B)

New York State Police Department

Nassau County Police Department, 1st Precinct

Nassau County Police Department, 7th Precinct

Merrick Fire Department

North Merrick Fire Department

Bellmore/Merrick EMS

# Information on Merrick's Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony 2022

Merrick Post No. 1282, American Legion, again will host the Merrick's Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2022. Post Members and Veterans are asked to form at Merrick Avenue and Veterans (Broadcast) Plaza at 8:45 a.m. We shall start the parade at 9:30 a.m. and plan to start the ceremony at the Merrick's Veteran Memorial Park at about 10:45 a.m. We will have cars for those who cannot march. Invites to parade participants have been sent out to Merricks Churches, Synagogues, Schools, Clubs, Organizations, Fire Departments and Politicians.

The parade and ceremony will be held rain or shine!!!

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## Parade & Ceremony Participation Form

Please favor us with a reply by Monday, May 6, 2022. Thank you.

### 2022 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Yes, we will attend the Merrick Memorial Day Parade &/or Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2022

No, I/we be unable to attend this year's event

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Est. # marching \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicles\* \_\_\_\_\_ Floats \_\_\_\_\_

Does your organization have its own band/musical corps? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Placing of a wreath at the ceremony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*All occupants must be seated per NCPD.

Please mail your response to:

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160 West Merrick Road, Merrick, N.Y. 11566**

**Robert E. Dishman, Post Commander  
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## Chaplain Report

Post member Ronald M. Ambrosio has reported to Post Everlasting.

**James W. O'Neill (PC), Post Chaplain**

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## Notes



**From left to right, post members: Rich Mecabe, Joe Ambrosino, Harry Gribbin, Larry Levy and Jim O'Neill (PC) at the Law and Order Day Ceremony on Sunday, March 27, 2022.**

Dear Reader, Merrick Post No. 1282, American Legion, is trying to form a contact e-mail list in case we have to contact you due to changes in our schedule or with important information. If you are a Post member or an organization that receives our Newsletter, please e-mail us (if you have not done so already) your e-mail address with your name or name of organization to our e-mail address listed on the front cover of this Newsletter.

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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 June 21, 2022.