

“God Bless our Servicemen and Women and America.”



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Commander's Corner



Another year has passed. It seems that as I get older, the time goes faster.

During the last quarter of 2022, it seemed like our Post was beginning to return to pre-Covid times. In October we attended the Nassau County American Legion Legislative breakfast on the 8th and also participated in the Merrick Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival on the 22nd and 23rd. Although Sunday was a rain-out, on Saturday the “Festival” was packed with generous people who helped us raise funds to support veterans in need.

In November we celebrated a well-attended Veterans Day with our American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282 and Merrick / Freeport VFW Post No. 1310. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by four year old Hannah Dishman (our granddaughter). The National Anthem was sung by Eric John Wieboldt. Unfortunately no mention of our Veterans Day Ceremony was ever printed in any issue of the Merrick Herald. On Monday, November 21, 2022, several of our members helped fill the goody bags at the Freeport Armory in preparation of the Fall Stand Down, the next day. Finally, on Friday, December 9, 2022, we had a successful Post holiday party with our Auxiliary at Guy Anthony's, in North Merrick. The food and the comradery were GREAT.

Now we have the entire New Year 2023 ahead of us to plan activities! BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!! PARTICIPATE!!! In the Chinese culture this will be the year of the Rabbit. So let's get hopping!

The Nassau County American Legion, Military Ball/Commanders Night will be at Leonard's in Great Neck on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person. Our Post will pay half (\$37.50), for Post Members and their spouse, and for Auxiliary Unit members only if we receive your check payable to Merrick Post No. 1282 by Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Our Law and Order Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023. More details will be forthcoming. **(Continued on page 3).**

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Commander's Corner (continued)

I wish you and your loved ones a year filled with Peace, Love, Joy, Happiness and Excellent Health! Please take some time to pray for world peace! For God and Country!

Robert E. Dishman, Post Commander

Wreaths across America ceremony 2022



On Saturday, December 17, 2022, American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282 member and Chairperson for the Wreaths across America Toni Uberti, attended the Wreaths across America ceremony and wreath laying, held at the Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale, New York. In the picture are Toni Uberti with her sons John and Anthony and grandson Tyler, laying wreaths on the graves of our deceased military veterans.

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 incorporates 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 2023, please send a request to plwmemorialscholarship@gmail.com.

Post Members participating in the Merrick Fall Festival 2022



On Saturday, October 22, 2022, Post members participated in the Merrick Street Fair sponsored by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce. Post members were giving out American Flags and Post pens to the public at the Merrick Street Fair for a supporting donation. These donations that were given by the public will go towards Veterans causes. In the picture, from left to right, front row, Post members: Jim O'Neill (PC) and Larry Levy. In the picture, from left to right, back row, Post members: Joe Ambrosino, Ken Braun (PC), Bob Dishman, Larry Falcicchio and Ed Moore. Thanks to the Merrick Chamber of Commerce for hosting this event and a special thank you to the general public who gave a donation in support of Veterans.

American Legion Auxiliary Members at the Merrick Street Fair 2022



On Saturday, October 22, 2022, members of American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282 were giving out poppies to the public who visited the Merrick Street Fair. Any donations that were given by the public to the Auxiliary go towards Veterans causes. In the picture, from left to right, auxiliary members: Palma Fasano, Roseanne Garbarino, Valerie Mecabe and Rose Rosado. The Merrick Street Fair was sponsored by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Birthdays

January Birthdays

Robert Carnevale	January 3, 2023
Donald Powers	January 3, 2023
William Seidenstein	January 5, 2023
John Uberti	January 11, 2023
Michael Hennessy	January 13, 2023
Raphael Rizzo	January 13, 2023
Arnold Baer	January 14, 2023
Christopher Hoelzer	January 22, 2023
Kevin Kaufmann	January 26, 2023
Ronald Korth	January 26, 2023
Eugene Crovella	January 28, 2023
Philip Nathan	January 28, 2023
Lukas Gubba	January 29, 2023
Anthony Upton	January 29, 2023
Michael Paschette	January 30, 2023

February Birthdays

James Moore	February 1, 2023
William Collins	February 2, 2023
Alfred Garbarino III	February 6, 2023
Carl Gottlieb	February 19, 2023
Edward Georgens	February 23, 2023
Frank Haberstroh	February 26, 2023
Peter Kiefer	February 29, 2023

March Birthdays

Michael Kersch	March 1, 2023
Peter Holmstedt	March 7, 2023
Alfred Boland Jr.	March 15, 2023
Richard Shields	March 18, 2023

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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Eleventh Hour Ritual



Third Vice Commander Larry Levy ringing the bell 11 times during the 11th hour ritual on Veterans Day on 11/11/2022, at the Merrick's Veteran Memorial Park.

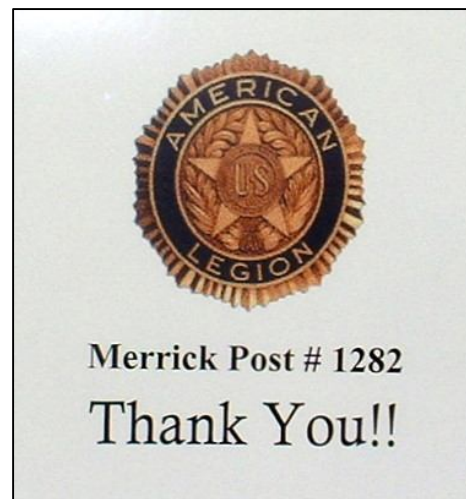
My Comrades, it is now the eleventh hour. This pause is to remind us that the hour of eleven has a tender significance to all members of The American Legion. It was on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour that the guns of World War One ceased firing and silence encompassed the earth. It was at eleven that a delirium of joy and thanksgiving swept over humanity. It was at eleven that the last man died in battle. It was then that the soul of The American Legion was born. It was then that our obligation to our country and to her honored dead was conceived.

places, our honored dead lie in many foreign battlefields. Shall we in our jubilation of peace forget our comrades?

Let us now, in this moment of silence, renew our pledge that these dead shall not have died in vain; and that the maimed, the widowed and the orphaned, shall receive whatever comfort and recompense a grateful nation can bestow.

And let us again reverently resolve to consecrate our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. Let us stand in silence for 30 seconds.

"The following correspondence was emailed to me by our present Commander Robert E. Dishman concerning Veterans Day".



Veterans Day Ceremony 2022



In the picture , from left to right, during the Veterans Day Ceremony 2022: Nassau County Legislator Thomas McKeivitt, post members: Ed Moore, Frank Pedagno, Robert Dishman, Jim O'Neill(PC) and Hanna Dishman with her mom. This event was held at the Merrick's Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, 11/11/2022



Hanna Dishman reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during the Veterans Day 2022 ceremony

A special thank you goes to: Eric John Wieboldt for singing the National Anthem and God Bless America at the Veterans Day ceremony. Calhoun High School Senior Hayden Okonowitz for playing TAPS at this ceremony. Boy Scout Troop #351, Town of Hempstead Clerk Kate Murray and Nassau County Legislator Thomas McKeivitt who attended this event; The members of Merrick / Freeport VFW Post No. 1310 who spoke and attended this ceremony and the members of American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282 who spoke and attended this ceremony. American Legion Merrick Post No. 1282 members Frank Pedagno, Jim O'Neill (PC), Robert Dishman, Ken Braun (PC), Ed Moore and Joe Ambrosino who participated in this ceremony and many other Post members who attended this ceremony. Lastly, I would like thank the general public who attended this ceremony.

Veterans Day Ceremony 2022 (Continued)



Post and Auxiliary members in a group picture with Town of Hempstead Clerk Kate Murray at the Merrick's Veteran Memorial Park.



Members of American Legion Auxiliary Merrick Unit 1282 posing with Town of Hempstead Clerk Kate Murray before the Veteran's Day ceremony



Members of Merrick / Freeport VFW # 1310 posing with Town of Hempstead Clerk Kate Murray before the Veteran's Day ceremony

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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 March 21, 2023.

Dates to Remember

JAN.	10	POST EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:45 PM POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 8:00 PM
FEB.	14	POST EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:45 PM POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 8:00 PM
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