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Annual Report of the Commander for the Officer Term of 2017-2018.

We have completed a very busy and successful year. Our focus during the year has been on community involvement and public relations. We have been featured in nine articles in the Long Island Advance and have published four Letters to the Editor. We were also featured in five articles on Greater Patchogue. In addition, we were featured in an article in the Legion Dispatch, a national news letter published by the Legion. Our outreach to the community is starting to be rewarded with invitations from homeowners associations and schools inviting us to perform ceremonies and attend their functions and classes.

Financially, the Post is solvent and in good condition.

The following is a list of major projects completed:

Civic Responsibility

- Cannon Restoration completed.
- Color Guard formed and operating.
- Vets in the Classroom program started.
- Started a Flag Etiquette class at South Ocean Middle School.
- Assisting with the G.A.R. Statue restoration.
- More involvement with the community (Blue Ridge Condos & Meadow Pointe complex).
- Veteran Monument Identification completed.
- Dwyer Project continuation.

Post Responsibility

- Set up online access for all Post accounts.
- Stair Lift Accessibility started.
- Completed documentation on Rules, Regulations, and Procedures for the Post.
- Constitution and By-Laws approved by County and Department.
- Expanded the CCTV Security system.

Replaced the central air conditioning system and thermostats.

Started utilizing secure Video Conferencing for Post Membership Meetings.

The following identifies all of the Events attended by members of the Post:

Jun 3 - Morning Mess with Senator Croci.
Jun 3 - Suffolk County American Legion Convention.
Jun 7 - Saxton Middle School Awards.
Jun 8 - South Ocean Middle School Awards.
Jun 11 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Certificate Award.
Jun 14 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
Jun 14 - Flag Day Ceremony and Speech at Blue Ridge Condo's.
Jun 14 - Bay Elementary School Awards.
Jun 15 - River Elementary School Awards.
Jun 15 - Medford Elementary School Awards.
Jun 17 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
Jun 17 - Officer Installation Ceremony.
Jun 24 - Flag Retirement Ceremony (Canceled due to weather).
Jul 4 - Independence Day Parade.
Jul 12 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
Jul 14 - Veteran Recognition - Long Island Ducks Baseball game.
Jul 15 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
Jul 20 - Post Everlasting for Alexander Zelenski.
Aug 9 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
Aug 18 - Veteran Recognition - Long Island Ducks Baseball game.
Aug 19 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
Aug 27 - Veterans Appreciation BBQ.
Sep 10 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Certificate Award.
Sep 10 - Department Commander visitation dinner.
Sep 11 - Flag Changing Ceremony at St. Joseph's College.
Sep 13 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
Sep 16 - American Legion Day.
Sep 16 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
Sep 21 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran.
Oct 11 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
Oct 13 - Post Everlasting ceremony for Thomas Felice.
Oct 17 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran.
Oct 21 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
Nov 3 - Brookhaven Town Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.
Nov 8 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
Nov 8 - Emanuel Lutheran Veterans Ceremony.
Nov 8 - Veterans Ceremony at Stony Brook University.
Nov 9 - Vets in the Classroom - South Ocean Middle School.
Nov 9 - Veterans Ceremony at St. Joseph's College.
Nov 10 - Headstone Dedication in Union Cemetery.
Nov 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony - Patchogue.

Nov 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony - Calverton National Cemetery.
 Nov 11 - Color Guard - Meadowbrook Pointe Community Center.
 Nov 12 - Flag Folding Ceremony at First Baptist Church of Patchogue during both services.
 Nov 14 - Flag Folding Ceremony. Requested the Post to refold her fathers casket flag.
 Nov 16 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran - Cancelled.
 Nov 18 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Nov 18 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Troop 47.
 Nov 18 - Veterans Art Exhibit - Post 269 is a co-sponsor.
 Nov 25 - Patchogue Christmas Parade.
 Dec 2 - Interment of WWII POW/MIA at Calverton.
 Dec 3 - Post Everlasting ceremony for Edward Halverson.
 Dec 11 - Presentation of fundraising to the Village of Patchogue.
 Dec 13 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Dec 13 - Panel discussion of PBS documentary Vietnam War at St Josephs College.
 Dec 14 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran.
 Dec 15 - Salute to Departed Comrades.
 Dec 15 - Interview for High School paper.
 Dec 16 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Dec 16 - Wreaths Across America at Calverton National Cemetery.
 Dec 21 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran.
 Jan 10 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Jan 10 - Post Everlasting ceremony for Charles Burton.
 Jan 20 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Feb 8 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran.
 Feb 11 - Four Chaplains Back to God ceremony at Long Island State Veterans Home,
 Feb 13 - Coffee with a Veteran at Roast in Patchogue.
 Feb 14 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Feb 17 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Mar 14 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Mar 15 - Military Graduate Recognition ceremony at St. Josephs College.
 Mar 17 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Mar 18 - St Patricks Day Parade.
 Mar 22 - Missing in America Project - Interment of one abandoned Veteran - Cancelled.
 Mar 24 - Rededication of Vietnam Veteran stone. To be rescheduled due to weather.
 Mar 27 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.
 Apr 5 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.
 Apr 11 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Apr 14 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
 Apr 21 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Apr 22 - 40&8 Nurses Training Dinner.
 Apr 26 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.
 May 4 - Pat-Med Air Force JROTC Award dinner.
 May 5 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
 May 9 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 May 17 - Our Community Salutes dinner.
 May 19 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 May 20 - Color Guard for Special Olympics event in Centereach.
 May 21 - Post Everlasting for Scott Thompson.

May 25 - Flag Etiquette class for South Ocean Middle School 7th grade students.
May 26 - FLags In placement at local cemeteries.
May 28 - Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.
May 28 - M1903 Field Gun Re-Dedication.
May 28 - Survivor Tree Dedication.
May 30 - Flag Etiquette class for South Ocean Middle School 8th grade students.
Jun 2 - Vietnam Veteran stone re-dedication.

For God and Country

Jonathon Ralph – Commander
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