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Annual Report of the Commander for the Officer Term of 2018-2019.

We have completed another very busy and successful year. Our focus during the year has been on community involvement, public relations, building improvements and renovations, and our 100 Year Rededication.

We have been featured in articles in the Long Island Advance and Greater Patchogue.

We continue to expand our community involvement with activities at Alive After Five and the Suffolk County Marathon. Our color guard has been active at Special Olympics, home owner associations, and local nursing facilities. We have expanded our involvement with the Vets in the Classroom program to include the Saxton Middle School. The Flag Etiquette classes at South Ocean Middle School were a great success, and this year we have expanded that program to include Saxton Middle School. The Post is looking to expand our Flag Day program and Veterans Day activities to include other local housing complexes. We have also formed our Honor Guard Firing Detail which did the firing salute on Memorial Day and will be doing the honors at the Missing In America Project interments at Calverton.

We have spent a lot of time working on renovations to the Post. This past year, we have received close to \$40,000 dollars of donated renovations and improvements. These include the Heating and AC units, landscaping, painting, stair lifts, and new floor and ceiling tiles in the main hall. We also have a \$50,000 grant from Senator Croci that will allow us to renovate the kitchen area, put in a new bathroom in the dugout, replace the heating system in the main hall, and replace the sink in the dugout. We also completed repairs on the fireplace and chimney.

Finally, we worked very hard on our 100 Year rededication. The Post was founded in August of 1919. On August 15, 1919, the National Executive Committee approved our application for a Post in the American Legion. In order to celebrate our accomplishment of 100 years of service, we worked with both the Village of Patchogue and the Chamber of Commerce. Our first and most important requirement for our 100 Year rededication dealt with involving the community. We rededicated the Post on Memorial Day to start our second 100 years of service.

Financially, the Post is solvent and in good condition.

The following is a list of major projects completed:

Civic Responsibility

Color Guard formed and operating.

Firing Detail formed and operating.

Vets in the Classroom program expanded to Saxton Middle School.

Flag Etiquette class expanded to include Saxton Middle School.

Assisting with the G.A.R. Statue restoration.

More involvement with the community (Blue Ridge Condos & Meadow Pointe complex).

Dwyer Project continuation.

Participation in Alive after Five and the Suffolk County Marathon.

#### Post Responsibility

Completed the setup for online access for all Post accounts.

Stair Lift Accessibility completed.

Constitution and By-Laws revised and submitted.

Replaced the central air conditioning system and thermostats.

Started utilizing secure Video Conferencing for Post Membership Meetings.

New floor and ceiling tiles in the main hall.

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

Jun 2 - Officer Installation.

Jun 6 - School Awards at South Ocean Middle School.

Jun 7 - School Awards at Saxton Avenue Middle School.

Jun 9 - Suffolk County American Legion Convention.

Jun 13 - Flag etiquette classes at Tamarac Elementary - Cancelled.

Jun 13 - School Awards at Bay Avenue Elementary School.

Jun 13 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).

Jun 14 - Flag Day Ceremony and Speech at Blue Ridge Condo Association.

Jun 14 - School Awards at Medford Avenue Elementary School.

Jun 14 - School Awards at River Avenue Elementary School.

Jun 16 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.

Jun 16 - Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Jun 19 - Heroes of the Game - Long Island Ducks game.

Jun 21 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton.

Jul 3 - Vietnam Commemorative Medal Ceremony

Jul 4 - July 4th Independence Day Parade.

Jul 7 - Asked by family to do a flag folding at Calverton.

Jul 11 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
 Jul 19 - Alive After Five fundraising table and Operation TP Pyramid.  
 Jul 21 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
 Aug 2 - Alive After Five - Fundraising table.  
 Aug 3 - Post Everlasting for Craig Munn.  
 Aug 8 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
 Aug 9 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton.  
 Aug 16 - Alive After Five - Fundraising table.  
 Aug 18 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
 Aug 19 - Veterans Appreciation BBQ.  
 Aug 23 - Alive After Five fundraising table.  
 Aug 25 - WWII Commemoration ceremony.  
 Sep 11 - 9-11 Ceremony and Color Guard.  
 Sep 12 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
 Sep 15 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
 Sep 19 - Presentation to South Bay Republican club.  
 Sep 20 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.  
 Sep 20 - Post Everlasting ceremony for John Wirta.  
 Sep 29 - Morning Mess by Senator Croci.  
 Oct 4 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton - Cancelled.  
 Oct 5 - Veterans Recognition Ceremony at Pat-Med High School.  
 Oct 6 - Fundraiser.  
 Oct 9 - Donation of 30' by 50' flags to Patchogue, North Patchogue, Medford, and Hagerman FD.  
 Oct 10 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
 Oct 10 - Clydesdale parade in Patchogue.  
 Oct 13 - Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony.  
 Oct 13 - Women Veterans Memorial dedication.  
 Oct 18 - Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Silvestri Landscape.  
 Oct 20 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
 Oct 28 - Information table at Suffolk County Marathon.  
 Nov 2 - Brookhaven Town Veterans Luncheon.  
 Nov 3 - Vietnam Commemorative Ceremony.  
 Nov 4 - Post Everlasting for James Orban.  
 Nov 5 - Color Guard at Suffolk Center for Rehab and Nursing.  
 Nov 7 - Vets in the Classroom at South Ocean Middle School.  
 Nov 7 - Veterans Ceremony at Emanuel Lutheran School.  
 Nov 7 - Veterans Ceremony at Stony Brook University.  
 Nov 8 - Vets in the Classroom at Saxton Middle School.  
 Nov 8 - Flag Folding for one of the teachers at Saxton Middle School.  
 Nov 8 - Patchogue Historical Society - Tribute to US Service Members.  
 Nov 9 - Pat-Med Library - Hero's for Heroes.  
 Nov 10 - Veteran headstone re-dedication at Lakeview Cemetery.  
 Nov 10 - Color Guard at Meadowbrook Pointe housing complex.

Nov 11 - Veterans Day ceremony.  
Nov 12 - Flag Dedication at Vineyards of Blue Point HOA.  
Nov 12 - St Joseph's College - Veterans Day ceremony.  
Nov 12 - Color Guard at Blue Ridge Condos HOA.  
Nov 13 - Veterans Resource Fair at South Country Library.  
Nov 14 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
Nov 15 - Veterans Resource Fair at Brookhaven Town.  
Nov 16 - AFJROTC Parents Hight at Pat-Med High School.  
Nov 17 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
Nov 17 - Veterans Art Exhibit opening ceremony. Our Post is a co-sponsor.  
Nov 30 - Patchogue Christmas Parade.  
Dec 7 - Salute to Departed Comrades.  
Dec 8 - Army vs Navy Game party.  
Dec 12 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
Dec 15 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
Dec 15 - Wreaths Across America at Calverton National Cemetery.  
Dec 20 - MIAP Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.  
Jan 3 - MIAP Interment at Calverton National Cemetery - Cancelled.  
Jan 9 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).  
Jan 14 - Presentation of parking signs to Patchogue Village Board.  
Jan 19 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
Jan 24 - MIAP Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.  
Feb 3 - Super Bowl party.  
Feb 10 - Four Chaplains - Back to God Ceremony.  
Feb 13 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
Feb 16 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
Mar 9 - Weber and Grahn Award ceremony.  
Mar 13 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
Mar 16 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
Mar 17 - St Patricks Day Parade.  
Mar 22 - Legion sponsored Baby Shower for active duty family with serviceman deployed.  
Mar 28 - MIAP Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.  
Mar 28 - Military Graduate Recognition Ceremony - St Josephs College.  
Apr 5 - Post Everlasting for Charles Fox.  
Apr 10 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
Apr 13 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
Apr 16 - Vets in the Classroom at AFJROTC Pat-Med High School.  
Apr 28 - Color Guard at Special Olympics event.  
Apr 28 - Forty and Eight Nurses Training Dinner.  
May 8 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard).  
May 10 - AFJROTC Awards Dinner.  
May 14 - Post Everlasting ceremony.  
May 25 - The Colony Homeowners Association Memorial Day ceremony (canceled).

May 15 - Our Community Salutes dinner for students going directly to the military.  
May 18 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.  
May 18 - Armed Forces Day Ceremony in Hauppauge.  
May 25 - Flags in at local cemeteries in Patchogue.  
May 27 - Memorial Day Ceremony.  
May 27 - Post 100 Year Rededication.  
May 27 - Dedication of hall to Lt Michael Murphy.  
May 28 - Award Ceremony for Vietnam Veteran.  
May 29 - Flag Etiquette class Saxton Middle School 8th grade.  
May 30 - Flag Etiquette class South Ocean Middle School 7th grade.  
May 31 - Flag Etiquette class Saxton Middle School 7th grade.

For God and Country

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