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Annual Report of the Commander for the Officer Term of 2019-2020.

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

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

We have continued 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 continued our involvement with the Vets in the Classroom program at both South Ocean Middle School and Saxton Middle School. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were not able to do the Flag Etiquette classes at South Ocean Middle School or Saxton Middle School. We will plan on doing them again this coming school year. The Post is looking to expand our Flag Day program and Veterans Day activities to include other local housing complexes. Our Honor Guard Firing Detail has been 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. While we have not yet received the SAM Grant money, it is still active at the State level. We decided to do the renovations and take money from our emergency fund to pay for the renovations. We have an entire new kitchen and Dugout. We also have the bathroom in the Dugout now along with a new bar sink. The heating system has been replaced including new baseboard heating and a new boiler. Although we had to lay out the \$50,000 for this renovation, we still expect that the SAM Grant will be approved and we will be reimbursed for this cost. The vendor doing the construction donated about an additional \$50,000 for these renovations and it has made the Post look really good.

We have been working on many of the minor renovations and repairs also. We are hoping that we can do the final renovations to the Meeting Room this next term.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused problems for the Post. Obviously, we have not had the hall rental income that we expected. On the bright side we were able to see that all of the renovations that we did have had an impact on the hall rentals. Normally we expect to have about 22 hall rentals for the year, but this year we had 33 hall rentals on the books before the COVID-19 pandemic started.

Financially, the Post is solvent and in decent condition.

The following is a list of major projects completed:

Civic Responsibility

Color Guard operating.

Firing Detail operating.

Vets in the Classroom program continuing at both South Ocean and Saxton Middle Schools.

Flag Etiquette classes canceled due to COVID-19.

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

Dwyer Project continuation.

Participation in Alive after Five and the Suffolk County Marathon.

Post Responsibility

Completed renovations for all of the Post except for the Meeting Room.

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

Jun 5 - School Awards at South Ocean Middle School.

Jun 5 - School Awards at Saxton Middle School.

Jun 9 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Jun 11 - School Awards at River Elementary.

Jun 11 - School Awards at Medford Elementary.

Jun 12 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).

Jun 13 - School Awards at Bay Elementary.

Jun 14 - Flag Day Ceremony at Blue Ridge Condos.

Jun 14 - Post Everlasting for Adolph Cristando.

Jun 14 - Elks Lodge Flag Day Ceremony.

Jun 15 - Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Jun 15 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.

Jun 18 - Missing in America Project interment at Calverton National Cemetery.

Jun 18 - Honor Guard Firing Detail at MIAP interment.

Jun 22 - Officer Installation.

Jun 27 - Alive After Five.

Jul 4 - Honor Guard Firing Detail at Headstone dedication.

Jul 4 - Independence Day Parade.

Jul 10 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).

Jul 11 - Alive After Five.

Jul 19 - Grand Reopening of Dugout and Kitchen.

Jul 20 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.

Jul 25 - Alive After Five.

Jul 25 - Post Everlasting Ceremony for Robert Harm.

Aug 8 - Alive After Five.

Aug 14 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).

Aug 17 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Aug 17 - Veterans Appreciation BBQ and Post Rededication.
 Aug 19 - Post Everlasting for Past Commander John Matuszak.
 Aug 20 - Funeral Service and Family support for Past Commander John Matuszak.
 Aug 22 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton.
 Aug 22 - Honor Guard Firing Detail at Calverton.
 Sep 11 - 9-11 Ceremony.
 Sep 11 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Sep 21 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Oct 5 - Navy vs Air Force Football Game.
 Oct 6 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
 Oct 9 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Oct 9 - Flag class for Cub Scout Pack 177.
 Oct 19 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Oct 25 - Fundraiser.
 Oct 27 - Freedom Fest and Suffolk County Marathon - Cancelled due to weather.
 Nov 1 - Brookhaven Town Veterans Luncheon.
 Nov 2 - Street renaming for PFC Anton Bugala.
 Nov 2 - Army vs Air Force football game.
 Nov 6 - Vets in the Classroom at Saxton Middle School.
 Nov 8 - Vets in the Classroom at South Ocean Middle School.
 Nov 9 - Headstone Rededication at Union Cemetery.
 Nov 9 - Veterans Ceremony at Meadowbrook Pointe.
 Nov 10 - Veterans Ceremony at Blue Ridge Condo complex.
 Nov 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony in Patchogue.
 Nov 11 - Veterans Ceremony at St Josephs College.
 Nov 13 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Nov 16 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Nov 30 - Christmas Parade.
 Dec 11 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Dec 13 - Salute to Departed Comrades.
 Dec 14 - Army vs Navy football game.
 Dec 19 - Missing in America Project - Interment at Calverton.
 Dec 21 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Jan 8 - "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Jan 18 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Jan 30 - MIAP Interment and Firing Detail at Calverton National Cemetery.
 Feb 2 - Super Bowl Party.
 Feb 9 - Four Chaplains Ceremony.
 Feb 12- "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Feb 15 - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Feb 17 - Post Everlasting for John Piorkowski.
 Feb 23 - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
 Feb 27 - Post Everlasting for Richard Goerke.
 Mar 11- "No One in Attendance" ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery (Patriot Guard Riders).
 Mar 21 - Cancelled - Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project - Monthly Outreach Program.
 Mar 22 - Cancelled - St Patricks Day Parade.
 Mar 28 - Cancelled - Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Mar 28 - Cancelled - Suffolk County Past Commander dinner.
Apr 8 - Cancelled - NOA ceremony at Calverton.
Apr 18 - Cancelled - Joseph Dwyer Peer Support Project monthly program.
Apr 18 - Cancelled - Color Guard at Special Olympics.
May 13 - Cancelled - NOA ceremony at Calverton.
May 16 - Cancelled - Joseph Dwyer Peer Support Project monthly program.
May 25 - Memorial Day Ceremony.

For God and Country

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