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Commander Jonathon Ralph - Message to the members of American Legion Patchogue Post 269

I have had the great honor and privilege to serve as Commander of our Post for the last six years. I want to thank all of you for your help and support. We have accomplished a lot during these six years, and it could not have been done without your help and assistance.

We can all be proud of what we have accomplished.

We have our Color Guard that is active with Special Olympics, local businesses, and home owners associations. We have our Honor Guard Firing Detail that works with the Missing In America Project to provide the firing detail at Calverton National Cemetery.

We have started the Vets in the Classroom program and the Flag Etiquette classes at both South Ocean Middle School and Saxton Middle School to help our youth. Just recently, we started a scholarship program in honor of Pauline King that is awarded to a senior from Patchogue-Medford High School and a senior from Bellport High School.

We have become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and we are working with the Village of Patchogue for local emergencies and disasters. We are active at all of the community events.

We are helping and supporting both a Boy Scout troop and a Cub Scout troop.

We have also done a complete renovation to the inside of the building with new heating and air conditioning, new flooring, new kitchen, and a complete renovation of the Dugout including a bathroom which was much needed. We worked with the Village of Patchogue to restore the two Field Guns in the Village Park as well as the GAR Statue outside the building.

And finally, we have managed to survive through the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are many other smaller programs and projects that we have started and are involved with. We can all be proud of what we have done and what we have accomplished.

On June 1 Richard Wahl will take his position as Commander of Patchogue Post 269. I know you will give your full support and assistance to him as you did to me.

Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving these last six years as your Commander.

For God and Country Jonathon Ralph – Commander American Legion Patchogue Post 269