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## CALENDAR OF LIAFA EVENTS 2023

### Vietnam Medal Ceremonies

**Thu, Jul 20, 2023**

During Shootout for Soldiers  
Location to be announced

Other upcoming dates for 2023 to be announced. Please watch our website [LIAFA.org](http://LIAFA.org) and our Facebook page for dates.

### Women's Military Service Medal Ceremonies

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### 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony— Dropping of the Roses

**Thu, Dec. 7, 2023**

American Airpower Museum  
1230 New Highway  
Farmingdale  
10:30 AM

## President's Message

The Long Island Air Force Association has instituted a new program for Long Island **women veterans and those currently serving**, with the initial ceremony having been held on October 15, 2022.

The requirements are:

- Female veteran **or** currently serving in any branch of the military as per DD Form 214 for veterans, or ID or other documentation for those currently serving
- Currently living in Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn, Queens or Staten Island
- Can attend the ceremony (awards are presented **only** at the ceremony; they are not mailed)

You will find an award application towards the end of this newsletter. You can also download one from our website at [LIAFA.org](http://LIAFA.org).

**Please look to the LIAFA Facebook page and/or our website at [LIAFA.org](http://LIAFA.org) for future notices regarding any upcoming events.**



Image courtesy of the Military Officers Association of Sarasota, Inc.

## **Recent Events**

### **Women's Military Service Medal Ceremony**

Our first-ever Women's Military Service Medal Ceremony was held on October 15 at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Uniondale. We were very pleased that we had so many honorees and that so many people came out to see them. Several hundred people watched as twenty-eight women were honored for their service. We hope this is just the first of many such ceremonies to come.

A video of the ceremony made by USA Warrior Stories can be watched online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EzqtdkG6Nc>.

Other distinguished guests in attendance were New York State Senator **Kevin Thomas**, Secretary of the Army Civilian Assistant **Steve Castleton**, Cradle of Aviation Museum Executive Director **Andrew Parton**, former 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing Medical Group Commander COL (RET) **Pamela Combs**, 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing Information Protection and Plans Officer MAJ **Katelin Engle** and Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Director **Ralph Esposito**.



Front row, L to R: Katelin Engle, Kevin Thomas, Ralph Esposito, Pamela Combs  
Photo courtesy of Ken Nevor



Some of the honorees  
Photo courtesy of Ken Nevor



The Women's Military Service Medals  
Photo courtesy of Ken Nevor

### **81<sup>st</sup> Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony (Dropping of the Roses)**

The ceremony was held at the American Airpower Museum in Farmingdale on Wednesday, December 7. Special recognition was given to eighteen World War II veterans in the form of proclamations presented by Suffolk County Executive **Steve Bellone** and New York State Senator **John Brooks**.

Other distinguished guests included the Chaplain for the 106th Rescue Wing LTC **Brian McNamara**, Director of Logistics for the New York Air National Guard Headquarters COL **Paul Salas**, American Airpower Museum President **Jeff Clyman**, Skytyper Pilot **Tom Daly**, New York State Assemblyman **David McDonough**, Nassau County Executive representative **Jay Rosenbaum**, President and Co-Founder of Mission Margraten Plus **Roger Kilfoil** and Vice President and Co-Founder of Mission Margraten Plus **Stephanie Folwell**.

After the roses were blessed, the colors were retired, and the indoor ceremony ended, eighty-two roses (eighty-one red roses and one white rose for 9/11) were presented to the pilots of the Skytypers. Due to the overcast sky, the pilots flew the following day to drop the roses over the Statue of Liberty at 12:55 PM to mark the exact time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Many thanks, as always, to our sponsors: Shootout for Soldiers, Telephonics Corporation, Long Island State Veterans Home and NDIA (National Defense Industrial Association).

Special thanks are also due to the American Airpower Museum, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Band, vocalist COL Louis DiLeo, New York Skytypers, Navy Operational Support Center, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 82, Applebee's Restaurant, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Riders Post 1244, Rolling Thunder Chapter 6, U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club, Civil Air Patrol Lt. Quentin

Roosevelt Cadet Squadron NY-288, Blue Star Mothers, Atlantic Aviation, Town of Babylon, Costco of Melville and Sergeant at Arms Paul Massi (USMC veteran).

Following are some pictures from the event:



Some of the World War II veterans being honored  
Photo courtesy of Ken Nevor



Behind podium: NYS Senator John Brooks, COL Bill Stratemeier, NYS Assemblyman David McDonough  
Photo courtesy of Chris Lauterbach



View from the audience  
Photo courtesy of Ken Nevor

### **A Salute to Women Veterans Past and Present**

This event took place on November 9 at the Nassau County Court House in Mineola and was hosted by the Office of the Nassau County District Attorney. Six veterans were honored: **Sharon Earley-Davis, Phoebe Ervin, J. Gayle Gaymon, Evelyn Kandel, Hazel Hughes and Lecia A. Rodriques-Whyte**. At the ceremony's closing, "God Bless America" was sung by 101-year-old **Paul Zadoff**, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Forces at Iwo Jima.

Distinguished guests were Nassau County Executive **Bruce Blakeman**, Nassau County Administrative Judge **Vito M. DeStefano**, Nassau County District Attorney **Anne T. Donnelly**, Nassau County Police Commissioner **Patrick Ryder**, Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Director **Ralph Esposito**, Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Deputy Director **Paul Vista** and Hofstra Professor of Military Science LTC **Colleen Burgemaster**. The national anthem was sung by **Melanie Lipton**.

### **36th Veterans Winter Stand Down**

The annual Winter Stand Down took place on Tuesday, November 22 at the Freeport Armory. It was a drive-through-only event (with some arriving by foot) and the only items distributed were clothes, boots, toiletries and nonperishable foods. 525 veterans came to the event and received a bag of items. All excess food was delivered to the Vet Mart run by the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency.

Participating organizations were the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, General Needs, Covanta, Disabled American Veterans, Long Island Cares, Island Harvest, Nassau County Veterans Service Agency, Beacon House, Heroes Among Us, Vietnam War Veterans Association and Dynamic Construction Services.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Pick-Up of Remembrance Wreathes at LI National Cemetery**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21** at Long Island National Cemetery, 2040 Wellwood Ave. in Farmingdale. The cemetery is seeking volunteers to help pick up Remembrance Wreaths that were placed on the gravesites back on December 17 under the *Wreaths Across America* program. For more information, please call the cemetery at 631-454-4949.

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## **Announcements and Programs**

### **Nassau County Veterans Support Grant Program**

The Nassau County Veterans Support Grant Program funds are potentially a one-time \$10,000 payment granted to eligible 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) veterans' posts or organizations located in Nassau County that experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants needing assistance can leave a voicemail at 646-825-9617 or email [ncveterans@ndconline.org](mailto:ncveterans@ndconline.org) and someone will contact you within 48 hours.

### **COVID Test Kits**

All veterans organizations can request 10 free COVID test kits by contacting the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency. Please call Ralph Esposito at 516-572-6512 or Paul Vista at 516-572-6521.

### **New Suicide and Crisis Hotline Phone Number**

Effective July 16, 2022, **988** is the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number, which offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis issues, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Veterans can use this new option by dialing 988 and then pressing 1 to contact the Veterans Crisis Line.

### **Veteran Functions at Eisenhower Park**

All veterans organizations that wish to hold an event, ceremony or other function at the park must contact the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency to get a permit. This requirement protects the organization as well as the park since the NCVSA holds an insurance policy covering any accidents or injuries that may occur during such events. Please call Ralph Esposito at 516-572-6512 or Paul Vista at 516-572-6521.

### **Veterans Traffic Court (Nassau County)**

The Nassau County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (NCTPVA) holds monthly traffic court sessions (on the third Thursday afternoon of each month) dedicated to assisting veterans and active-duty military members with resolving violations. NCTPVA will work with the District Court to bundle all traffic violations together. This program is a one-time-only opportunity so don't waste it on minor

violations. For more information, please call the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at 516-572-6565. Also see the following link: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4917/Veterans-Traffic-Court>.

### **Veterans Treatment Court (Nassau County)**

U.S. military veterans charged with relatively minor nonviolent offenses may qualify for reduced charges or penalties by participating in a court-supervised treatment program. To apply, a pre-screening questionnaire must be completed and forwarded to the district attorney's office. You must then contact the Veterans Treatment Court Project Director to set a clinical evaluation for the purpose of determining treatment needs. If you are found to be eligible, you will be contacted by the D.A.'s office and a plea offer will be proposed. For more information, please go to <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4919/Veterans-Treatment-Court> or call Rosemary Walker, the Veterans Treatment Court Project Director, at 516-493-4145.

### **Volunteer Drivers Wanted for Veterans**

The Nassau County Veterans Service Agency is looking for volunteers to transport veterans to and from the Northport VA, East Meadow VA Clinic, Valley Stream VA Clinic and Hicksville Vet Center. Please donate any time you have to give, Monday–Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM. You pick whatever times and dates work for you. Nassau County will provide the vehicles; a valid New York State driver's license is required. To volunteer, please call Jessica DeLisa at 516-572-6526. ***The need is urgent so please help if you can!***

### **Food Donations Requested**

The Vet Mart food pantry at the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency needs your food donations. Please bring your canned and other nonperishable goods to them at 2201 Hempstead Tpke., Building Q, East Meadow. Please call Linda Zorn at 516-572-6565 for more information and to find out which kinds of food are most needed on any given day. No amount is too small!

### **Veterans Legal Assistance Program**

Receive a FREE consultation with attorneys who specialize in elder law, taxes, wills and estates, family law, VA benefits and claims, disability, discharge upgrades, employment, housing, bankruptcy, debtor/creditor matters, Medicare/Medicaid, landlord/tenant disputes, immigration and criminal law. For more information, contact the Hofstra Legal Assistance Project at [VLAP@hofstra.edu](mailto:VLAP@hofstra.edu) or call 516-463-7302.

### **General Needs Ltd.**

Located in East Northport, this is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that distributes NEW clothing as well as personal items such as toiletries to homeless veterans. If you would like to donate, volunteer, sponsor a distribution or if your business or organization would like to assist General Needs (or if you would just like more information), please call them at 631-266-1672 or email them at [Info@GeneralNeeds.org](mailto:Info@GeneralNeeds.org). You can also visit their website at [www.GeneralNeeds.org](http://www.GeneralNeeds.org) or go to their Facebook page to see any upcoming events.

## **Veterans Project by Long Island Cares**

This project encompasses several veterans' service programs such as a mobile pantry, job search assistance and Military Appreciation Tuesdays hosted at pantries located in Huntington Station, Bethpage, Hampton Bays, Lindenhurst and Freeport. For more information, please call Michael Haynes at 631-582-3663, extension 202 or email him at [mhaynes@licares.org](mailto:mhaynes@licares.org).

Their website is [www.licares.org/what-we-do/feed-long-island/veterans-project](http://www.licares.org/what-we-do/feed-long-island/veterans-project).

## **Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project**

A joint initiative of the Suffolk County United Veterans and the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency, it serves veterans, service members and their families with post-service transitional issues such as PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury); a diagnosis is NOT required for attendance. All groups are confidential and anonymous. They also provide services to student veterans at numerous Long Island college campuses and monthly community outreach in various locations. For more information, meeting times and locations, please call 631-853-8345 or send an email to [vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov). They also have a Facebook page.

## **Nassau County Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Peer Networking Groups**

Vet2Vet consists of small groups of veterans who meet weekly to share knowledge, provide mutual support and share resources. Confidential and open to all veterans regardless of discharge status. Free to attend; no pre-registration is required. Meetings are at: Mental Health Association, 16 Main Street in Hempstead at 5:15 PM on Mondays and 6:30 PM on Wednesdays; Levittown Public Library, 1 Bluegrass Lane in Levittown at 2 PM on Thursdays (biweekly). There are also spouse/partner meetings at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays and women-only meetings at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, both at Mental Health Association, 16 Main Street in Hempstead. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Audrey Lewis at 516-489-2322, ext. 1260 or email her at [alewis@mhanc.org](mailto:alewis@mhanc.org). Also check out their website: [veteranshealthalliance.org](http://veteranshealthalliance.org).

## **Veterans Defense Program**

Justice-involved veterans often do not have the funds to hire an attorney and are represented by public defenders. Public defense attorneys are rarely trained to adequately represent veterans who suffer from the invisible wounds of war or to translate the combat experience of their clients to explain resulting criminal behavior. This program provides training, support and legal assistance to promote trauma-informed effective representation of veterans and service members. The Veteran Defense Program (VDP) is a project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA), a statewide nonprofit organization working to improve the quality and scope of publicly-supported legal representation for people who cannot afford a lawyer. For information and assistance, please call Director Gary A. Horton at 585-219-4862 or email him at [ghorton@nysda.org](mailto:ghorton@nysda.org). Their website is [nysda.org/page/AboutVDP](http://nysda.org/page/AboutVDP).

## **Donate a Bicycle to Beacon House to Help a Veteran**

Beacon House provides housing in 42 locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. On any given day, over 255 men, women and children from the tri-state area benefit from programs that address homelessness, physical disabilities, PTSD, TBI, mental health issues and addiction. Non-veterans, too, have access to housing, drug/alcohol addiction services and job skills/readiness development

programs. Contact Ed Aulman at [mardiv1@optonline.net](mailto:mardiv1@optonline.net) or call him at 516-921-0595. A charitable donation receipt will be provided by Beacon House.

### **Long Island Vets Help**

The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. and The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless have partnered to produce a resource directory devoted specifically to the needs of veterans navigating civilian life on Long Island. For more information, go to their website at [longislandvetshelp.org](http://longislandvetshelp.org).

### **Walls of Honor**

The Walls of Honor is a place of remembrance within Veterans Memorial Plaza at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. Please note—these are honor walls, not memorial walls, and are open to all currently serving and to all veterans with an honorable discharge, living or deceased. There is a \$100 application fee for each name to be engraved. For more information and for application forms, please contact Allison Ridam Krivosheiw at (516) 236-3245 or [alliridam@gmail.com](mailto:alliridam@gmail.com).

### **Local Website for Veterans**

We-Are-Vets.us is a local Long Island website presenting a mix of information, history and memories for active-duty troops, veterans and interested civilians. Eric Spinner is the webmaster while Gary Glick, Marvin Gold, Pat Yngstrom and Bernard Fradkin make up the rest of the team. Their website is [www.we-are-vets.us](http://www.we-are-vets.us).

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**American WWII fighter pilot Louis E. Curdes was not only an ace but was one of the few pilots who shot down an aircraft from each of the three main Axis air forces.** Curdes earned his ace status within a month of being assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group, 95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron in the Mediterranean in April 1943. Flying a P-38 Lightning over North Africa, he shot down five German Bf-109s and damaged a fifth. Over the next two months, he also shot down an Italian Macchi C.202 over Sardinia and two more Bf-109s over Italy. In late August 1943 he himself was shot down during combat with German aircraft over Salerno, Italy. He was captured by the Italians and was sent to an Italian POW camp near Rome. Luckily for Curdes, Italy signed an armistice with the Allies just a few days later. In response, Germany invaded Italy, but before the Germans could take control of the camp, Curdes and several other prisoners escaped. After being returned to the U.S., he opted to return to active duty and was sent to the Pacific, where he was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Commando Group in August 1944. This time flying the P-51 Mustang, he took part mostly in ground-attack operations and escort duty for Allied shipping. On February 7, 1945, he encountered a Japanese Mitsubishi Ki-46 reconnaissance aircraft about 30 miles southwest of Taiwan and shot it down, completing the trifecta.

But as the late TV pitchman Ron Popeil often used to say, “But wait, there’s more!”

On February 10, 1945, Curdes was returning to his home base after a mission to Taiwan, flying with a group of three other planes. On their way back, the group split in two, with Curdes flying with Schmidtke, and Scalley and La Croix in the second group. Over the Philippine island of Batan (not *Bataan*, a province on the island of Luzon and the location of the infamous *Bataan Death March*), Scalley and La Croix spotted a small Japanese airfield on Batan and attacked it, while calling for reinforcements. La Croix was shot down during the attack. In the meantime, Curdes and Schmidtke had flown back to join them and saw that La Croix had survived and had even launched his life raft after ditching in the sea. Curdes decided to remain in the area to guide a rescue plane and to protect La Croix.

As he was circling, he noticed a larger plane that looked like it was preparing to land at the Japanese airfield. When he got closer, he saw it was an American C-47 and he tried to contact it on his radio—no response. He then flew in front of the C-47 several times trying to get it to alter course—no effect. Curdes, thinking it was better to shoot down the C-47 at sea rather than allowing it and its crew to be captured by the Japanese, fired at its engines, disabling them and forcing the pilot to ditch in the ocean.

Fortunately, the plane managed a safe water landing, and the crew and passengers evacuated into a life raft. La Croix, the downed P-51 pilot, approached the raft and was pulled aboard, where he was apprised of the C-47’s situation. The plane had gotten lost in bad weather and its radio had stopped working. It also was running low on fuel so when it saw the airstrip, it headed toward it, being unaware that it was under Japanese control. Curdes, with the sun going down and running short on fuel, was forced to return to base. The next morning, he accompanied the PBY rescue plane to pick up the raft’s occupants, which included La Croix and all twelve people from the C-47, including two nurses. To add to the weirdness of the situation, Curdes was surprised to learn that one of the nurses was a woman with whom he had had a date the night before the incident. She (Svetlana Valeria) and Curdes got married on April 2, 1946 and remained married until Curdes’s death on February 5, 1995 at the age of 75. His widow died on October 10, 2013 at the age of 87.



Photo courtesy of Pima Air and Space Museum

## ★★★ Supporters' Corner ★★★

### **Lt. Quentin Roosevelt Cadet Squadron NER NY-288, Civil Air Patrol**

If you have ever attended any of our various ceremonies, you have no doubt seen the young men and women in uniform holding proclamations, escorting people to receive their awards, etc. They are members of the Lt. Quentin Roosevelt Cadet Squadron NER NY-288 of the Civil Air Patrol, who have been helping our chapter for as long as I can remember.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a congressionally chartered, federally supported nonprofit corporation that serves as the official civilian Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. CAP has squadrons based throughout the country and Puerto Rico, where teen cadets and senior (adult) members offer non-combat support for the USAF.

CAP activities include both air and/or ground search missions, rescue missions, disaster relief and homeland security missions. Cadets, working as a team, are trained in and offer support in non-combat missions of the USAF, such as ground and aerial Search and Rescue, Homeland Security, DEA Enforcement, and Border Patrol. The squadron covers all of Nassau County, with cadets representing all three Nassau County towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, as well as other neighboring areas.

Students from age 12 to 18 are welcome to join, with some staying on as adult (senior) members. The cadets get to experience orientation flights on single-engine aircraft, emergency services training, drill team and color guard opportunities, encampments, as well as other cadet special activities throughout the country and possibly internationally and community service credit which can be utilized for school honor societies and other school needs.

Lt. Quentin Roosevelt Cadet Squadron NER NY-288 has been a Quality Unit Award Winner for eight consecutive years from 2015 through 2022; the Long Island Group Squadron of the Year for 2015, 2017 and 2019; the Long Island Group Squadron of Distinction for 2018 and 2021 and the Cyber Patriot XIII Second Place Silver Tier Award Winner.

This award-winning Squadron meets weekly at the Church of St. Jude (Episcopal), 3606 Lufberry Ave. in Wantagh every Monday evening from 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM. It is currently the only CAP squadron meeting in Nassau County. Their website is at <http://www.nassaucapli.com/>; they also have a Facebook page.



Picture from the Lt. Quentin Roosevelt Cadet Squadron NER NY-288 website

## Taps



**Joseph J. (Joe) Ingino** of Lindenhurst passed away on December 3 at the age of 74 from the aftereffects of Agent Orange. An Army veteran, Joe was in the First Infantry Division (the Big Red One) in Vietnam in 1969-1970. His meritorious service earned him the National Defense Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Army Commendation with Oak Leaf cluster. Joe was a long-time advocate for Agent Orange exposure awareness, which earned him the nickname “Preacher.” Joe was a long-time board member of the New York State Veterans Home in Stony Brook and a member of Vietnam Veterans of America LI Rolling Thunder Chapter 6 as well as several other veterans organizations. In 2010 he was inducted into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame. Joe is survived by his wife Joan; children Annmarie, Joseph, Stephanie, Lisa and Katy; grandchildren Bryan, Isabelle, Anthony, Charlie, Josephine, Salvatore, Giuliana, Angelina, Lauren and Dominic along with daughter-in-law Loni and sons-in-law Charlie, Phil and Angelo.

**Murray Dollinger** of Melville passed away on November 3 at the age of 95. Murray was a World War II Navy veteran who lied about his age (he was 17) to enlist and who served as a radar operator in the Pacific on the USS Rawlins, a troop transport ship. After the war, he got his accounting degree under the GI Bill and afterwards worked as an auditor for the Department of Defense and as a comptroller for Mitsubishi and the Milton Paper Company. He eventually started his own accounting practice and worked there for over 40 years until he was 92, after which his son Jay took over the business. Murray is survived by his two sons, Jay and Steven (who has his own law office), as well as his daughter Lisa Antos, twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife, Gloria, died in 2018.



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Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Service dates \_\_\_\_\_

Verification of service is required: DD-214 for veterans, ID or other documentation for women currently serving (black out your Social Security Number)

Fred Di Fabio, President  
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For information call:  
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Please send a copy of your DD-214 (block out your Social Security Number) and  
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