



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

February 1, 2014

Dear Veterans and Friends,

We had a good turn-out for our January meeting and hope to see as many this month. We reviewed our 2013 expenses which showed \$9,993 in expenditures and \$9,014 in deposits. Two thirds of our expenditures are for Post operations to include insurance, gas, electric, water, mowing, cleaning, supplies, and VFW fees. We also provided a \$500 scholarship to a Lew-Port senior, and made donations to the Youngstown Fire Department, Youngstown Lions Club, Old Fort Niagara, and Lew-Port History Club (veterans dinner). Last year, we hosted four dinners for veterans and friends, held Memorial and Veteran Day ceremonies, and supported the WNY Heroes Christmas toy drive. Our income included over \$1,500 in poppy donations, \$1,895 from members and friends during our annual fund drive, and \$3,000 in donations from local corporations and the Town of Porter. A big thank you to Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc. who made a \$500 donation in December.

The Ladies Auxiliary requested the Post consider sending a donation to the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery stained glass window project. The cemetery is located at the former Sampson Navy/Air Force base in Romulus, NY. They are refurbishing the old firehouse into a chapel with stained glass windows in honor of the armed forces. The members approved a \$100 donation.

A letter of appreciation was received from WNY Heroes thanking the Post for their donation to the Christmas toy drive. Over \$500 in toys were donated by the Post and community. A big thank you to Gary and Lynn Zanardi for organizing the drive.

VFW headquarters raised annual dues to \$30 per month to cover increasing expenses. We currently have 100 members attached to our Post, including 21 members with unpaid dues. You can pay dues directly to the VFW by mail or online, or through the Post. Also, consider becoming a Life Member.

The Post will host its annual St Patricks Day Dinner on Monday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. The corn beef and cabbage dinner will cost \$15 per person. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Ralph Borelli at 754-7363 by March 7.

Upcoming Events:

February 10 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting to discuss activities and fund raising for 2013.

March 10 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Saint Patrick's Day Dinner, cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.

April 14 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, nominations for Post officers.

May 3 (Saturday), 9am: Annual Spring Post clean-up

May 12 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, election of Post Officers

May 26 (Monday), 11:00 am: Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara

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