



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

**June 13, 2020**

**Dear Veterans and Friends:**

**COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:**

Here it is June and we are still under the dark shadow of COVID 19. Although we did not meet in June, we are moving into phase two of the recovery for the state. Hopefully we are moving toward a complete recovery, but we still have to be cautious as we move into the Fall. This could come back as strong if not stronger. We will meet in July with a lot of social distancing; unfortunately, it will not be our regular hot dog and hamburger picnic.

We were able to get out and do something for Memorial Day. For those who were not able to attend or did not know, we had a car parade to four local cemeteries. At each cemetery we stopped, got out, and gave a hand salute and had a moment of silence to remember our fallen brothers and sisters. We had a great turn out with about twenty cars and ended at Fort Niagara's War of 1812 cemetery where we normally have our ceremony. Thanks to those who came out.

It is with great sadness that I have to report that we lost another member of the Post, Stewart Blinco, who I did not know personally. He lived in Lewiston and was a life member of the Post. He was a World War II vet, serving as an MP in the Army. He was a Vet; so that makes him a brother to us all. We all have that bond, that we served and we share those common values and experiences. May he rest in peace, he will be remembered.

That I think covers what I have for this month, except for one more item – to thank Lance and Chris for coming out and directing me through the Post clean-up where we got some more of the basement cleaned out. The future calendar is still one big blur, with nothing positive in it. We just have to live through this; hopefully, we are close to the end. Stay safe and try to get out outside and get a walk in, at least the weather is improving. Talk to you next month.

Thanks for your support,

Ed Jackson

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The months of June and July remind us of Summer and the clear skies and the warmth of sun. But what more do we know about these months?

June is the sixth month of the year, according to the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The name of the month comes from the Roman Goddess Juno, who was the wife of Jupiter. She was the Goddess of marriage. This month is special because it has the longest day hours in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest night hours in the Southern Hemisphere. Another special thing this year is that no month starts on the same day of the week during a leap year. The June birthstones are pearl, alexandrite and moonstone; the flowers are rose and honeysuckle; and the zodiac signs are Gemini and Cancer. June is regarded as National Iced Tea Month as well as National Candy Month in the United States.

### **Fun Facts for June:**

- 1 – World Milk Day
- 2 – National Rocky Road Day
- 4 – Hug Your Cat Day
- 6 – National Yo-Yo Day
- 7 – National Chocolate Day
- 8 – Best Friends Day
- 9 – Donald Duck Day
- 11 – National Corn on the Cob Day
- 12 – Red Rose Day
- 14 – Flag Day
- 17 – Eat Your Vegetables Day
- 18 – Go Fishing Day
- 20 – Ice Cream Soda Day
- 21 – Summer Solstice Day
- 27 – Sun Glasses Day
- 28 – Paul Bunyan Day
- 30 – National Meteor Day

July was originally the month of Quintilis in the Roman calendar. It was the fifth month of the year until January and February were added in 450 BC. It got its original name from the Latin word for fifth. Later the name was changed to Julius in honor of Julius Caesar who was born on July 12. The birthstone for the month of July is Ruby, the flower is Larkspur or Water Lily, and the zodiac signs are Cancer and Leo.

### **Fun Facts for July:**

- 1 – Canada Day
- 1 – National Postal Worker Day
- 3 – National Eat Your Beans Day
- 4 – Independence Day
- 5 – National Bikini Day
- 7 – National Strawberry Sundae Day
- 9 – National Sugar Cookie Day
- 10 – National Kitten Day
- 12 – Paper Bag Day

13 – National French Fry Day  
17 – National Tattoo Day  
19 – National Ice Cream Day (Third Sunday in July)  
20 – National Lollipop Day  
21 – National Junk Food Day  
26 – National Bagelfest Day  
29 – National Chicken Wing Day  
30 – National Chili Dog Day-Last Thursday in July  
31 – National Mutt Day

## **VETERAN’S FAMILY IN REMEMBRANCE**

On Friday, May 1, the Post lost another member and comrade with the passing of Stewart Blinco due to natural causes. Stewart served proudly in the United States Army as an MP during World War II serving overseas in Guam, Japan, then California. He was a physical education teacher for 28 years in the Niagara Falls School District. His passion was coaching football and then baseball at Niagara Falls. He served on the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education and was a proud member of VFW Post 313. Please keep the Blinco family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **POST HAPPENINGS:**

Congratulations to Troy Toohey of Youngstown who is the recipient of the 2020 VFW Post 313 Scholarship. Troy is a graduate of Canisius High School and will be attending St. Lawrence University to play soccer and study pre-law. Troy and his family will attend our July meeting to receive the scholarship.

Please make sure to stay current on your membership. We have four members who need to pay their dues for the current year.

We will be gathering on July 13 at 7:00 p.m. for our regular monthly meeting. We are starting slowly and will follow all state and VFW guidance (50% capacity, 6-foot spacing, disinfecting the room prior to the meeting, and recommend all members wear a mask). We understand if you are not comfortable attending at this time.

**Until next month, may God watch over you and keep you safe and it is our hope that we all can be together soon in comradeship and fellowship.**

**Col (Ret) Lance Dickinson, Co-Editor**  
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