



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

August 30, 2016

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

Whew, whew, maybe, maybe, possibly those hot days of summer are behind us and we can look forward to some cooler temperatures, not that I am looking forward to ice and snow.

"School Days, school days....."

On August 6th, we set up a booth at the Youngstown Community Picnic to highlight local Veterans and Post #313. Thanks to Commander Gary Zanardi, John Moore, John Mac Arthur, Ocie Allen, and Dwayne Brabec for being in attendance and assisting at our booth, IT WAS APPRECIATED.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual VFW Post #313 Steak Cook-out. We had 40-45 members and guests in attendance. Danny Cippolitti and his fine crew cooked the steaks, served and helped with clean-up after the event. OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO YOU DANNY AND YOUR CREW, OUR THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO BROUGHT DISHES TO PASS AND THANK-YOU TO TOM TOWER FOR THE DONATION OF CORN ON THE COB. Without all your help, this Cook-out would not have been the success it was.

On August 28, Commander Gary Zanardi and Post Adjutant John MacArthur attended the District 7 VFW Meeting in Lockport. To our SURPRISE, District 7 Commander Dan Marsh presented Commander Gary Zanardi a State National Recognition Certificate citing our Outstanding Community Service Programs and Activities for 2015-2016.

State Senator Robert Ortt is hosting a WNY Warriors Flight to Washington DC for World War II and Korean War Veterans. If you would like more information and an application, please contact Lance Dickinson at 716-405-7186.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter from Post Commander Gary Zanardi outlining our participation in the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 5. **PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP US OUT AS WE CELEBRATE LABOR DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF YOUNGSTOWN.**

Upcoming Events:

September 5, Labor Day Parade, (see enclosed letter), we NEED YOUR HELP!

September 10, Operation Desert Storm Dinner, Buffalo Naval Park, 6:00 P.M.

September 12, Regular Post Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

October 10, Regular Post Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

October 19, WNY Warriors Flight to Washington DC

November 5, Fall Post Clean-up, 9:00 A.M.

November 11, Youngstown Veterans Day Ceremony, Veterans Park, 11:00 A.M.

JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR  
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Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

The Youngstown Business and Professional Association (YBPA) and the Niagara River Chamber of Commerce have invited the Officers and Members of V.F.W. Post #313 to participate in the Labor Day parade on Monday, September 5, 2016.

The YBPA selected us to be the Color Guard for the parade. To do that effectively we should have 14 participants; 2 on the banner, 1 Color Sgt., 8 on flags, 2 with weapons, and 1 driving the sound vehicle. The more that participate the better the impression.

With that in mind, dress should be one of the following:

- (1) V.F.W. Uniform: garrison cap, white shirt, black tie, black shoes or boots.
- (2) Military Uniform: dress uniform or fatigues.
- (3) Stylish Military/Veterans Attire: historic uniforms (i.e.; jungle fatigues and/or veterans hats and vests.)

**ABSOLUTELY NO SHORTS, SANDALS, or TENNIS SHOES.**

PLEASE BE AT THE POST (434 THIRD STREET, YOUNGSTOWN) BY 10:00 A.M, so that we can assemble and make final arrangements for our participation TO LET YOUNGSTOWN KNOW WE ARE HERE!

The parade will start at noon. We will march from the Soccer field at Fort Niagara State Park to Church Street. At the conclusion, there will be a reception at the Old Fyfe and Drum on Main Street.

This parade not only celebrates Labor Day in the Village, but it also gives our VFW Post good public relations, as well as providing the residents of Youngstown and the surrounding communities a chance to respect our local Veterans.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter and I hope to see you at the Post on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

GARY S. ZANARDI  
POST COMMANDER

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# ATTENTION WNY VETERANS OF OPERATION DESERT STORM!!!

The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program is hosting its annual dinner honoring WNY Veterans who served in Operation Desert Storm, Iraq 1991. We will spend the evening on board the USS Little Rock at the Buffalo Naval Park, honoring the brave men and women who took part in this "Forgotten War," which was one of the United States most impressive displays of Military force and dominance.

## Event Details

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

USS Little Rock, Buffalo & Erie County Military & Naval Park

1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, NY 14202

6pm Cocktail Hour

7pm Dinner

Speaker & Ceremony Honoring Veterans to follow

We are able to accommodate 50 Veterans, each with a plus one, completely free of charge.

This flier is not serving as an official invitation to the event, rather as a tool to find and identify Desert Storm Veterans in our community, so we can formally invite them to attend.

Please contact us directly if you know a Desert Storm Vet or are a Desert Storm Vet.

If you are or know a WNY Desert Storm Veteran contact Mike Shurmatz at the Veterans One-stop Center of Western New York, 1280 Main Street, Buffalo, NY

14209

**716-898-0110 x144 or [wearedwyer@vocwny.org](mailto:wearedwyer@vocwny.org)**

### BE A PART OF THE HEALING FIELD

The North Tonawanda Healing Field in Gratwick-Riverside Park, will be filled with a display of beautiful 3x5-foot flags each on an eight-foot pole.

Individuals who wish to sponsor a flag in the Healing Field may be so by donating \$25.

The name of a service man or woman or a family name will be attached to the flag pole.

Names of those who died on 9/11 will also be added to each flag.

At the end of the program on Sept. 11, you are invited to take your flag home.

You may also pick up your flag and pole from 2 to 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at Riverside Custom Design, 200 River Road, North Tonawanda.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A SPEAKER, EMAIL: [RONALD.SCIANDRA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RONALD.SCIANDRA@GMAIL.COM) OR GO TO: [WWW.ERIENIAGARAEXCHANGE.COM](http://WWW.ERIENIAGARAEXCHANGE.COM)



#### *Among Service Groups Which Will Benefit from Proceeds Are:*

Naval and Military Park      VetsHERD  
Veterans One Stop      Civil Air Patrol  
Honor Flights      Wounded Warriors  
Western New York Heroes  
Iraq-Afghanistan Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans Chapter 77  
Homeless Veterans

### A Brief History of the Healing Field of Honor

The first Healing Field display was held in September 2002 in Sandy, Utah.

The original field was organized by Paul Swenson, president of Colonial Flag and founder of the Colonial Flag Foundation, in an effort to illustrate the sheer enormity of human loss that resulted from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.



Nearly 400 Healing Field displays have been organized since the first event.

More than \$6 million have been raised for a wide variety of service, civic and other nonprofit organizations

throughout the country.

Healing Field and Field of Honor displays generate millions of dollars in publicity for hosting organizations and sponsors every year.

More than 100 civic, service and nonprofit organizations have benefited from Healing Field displays since 2003.

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### An opportunity to:

- \* Promote patriotism,
- \* Stir a sense of civic duty
- \* Honor those who serve our country
- \* Benefit Local Veteran Organizations



September 9 - 11, 2016

Gratwick Riverside Park  
North Tonawanda, New York



Hosted by the  
**Erie-Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club**  
and  
**Exchange Club of the Tonawandas**