



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

May 4, 2020

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary and Friends:

COMMANDER'S TIME:

Getting to write this message has been difficult, I have been busy over the last week or so with persons having difficulties dealing with this COVID-19 virus; mainly coming from having their lives being turned inside out. It is especially difficult on relationships and on persons who have dealt with mental issues in the past, this just compounds those issues. But all is good with them for now. If any of you are having issues, do not hesitate to call me. This includes anyone you may know who may be needing help. Sometimes just talking to someone, really, really helps; I have been doing it for years now.

Now for the Post news. Things have not changed much since last month and we will be cancelling this month's meeting. We have to take this re-opening slow; but we will look into trying to have a meeting next month. I would like to do something for Memorial Day, which may be possible, but it will be a wait and see situation. We will put our flags out in the cemeteries with the American Legion. I will contact the people I need to do this and ask for their help. We are also looking into doing something with Poppy donations, but there again it has to be safe for everyone involved.

I have been in contact with the District; which involves hundreds of pages of emails, half of which are a waste of time, but they do have some good things. If you or any others are having trouble with any of the following let me know, they have given us information that may help you. This includes applications for Small Business Loans, Unemployment Insurance; and help with Insurance Premiums not being paid. As far as the elections of officers, I am staying in place; Lance said he would pay me to stay; that is a joke! Anyways, everyone else is staying in place, elections will be held at some future date. We will give the members at least three weeks' notice for the elections.

Also, if you know of any Veteran, member or not, who is having financial difficulties or is in need of food for their self and/or their family, there are resources available to help them! These resources are outside the VA and we can get them help within days/hours if necessary. Let me know!

I will close for now with one more thought, that being this year is our seventy-fifth year of existence as a VFW Post. You or anyone else who has any ideas of how to celebrate this occasion, I am all ears. I think we need someone to write our history. We have several projects going on, but this is a good one. I would do it, but I am booked solid. In closing **stay safe, wear your mask**, and do not go running around like everything is the same as it was, because it is not. **THIS VIRUS THING IS FAR FROM OVER; THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE NOT THE PAST, THE PAST HAS CHANGED!!!!**

ED JACKSON, POST COMMANDER

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MAY:

MAY – it is the third and last month of the season of spring. The birthstone of **MAY**, the emerald, symbolizes success and love. **MAY** in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere. **MAY** was once considered a bad luck month to get married. Special days in **MAY**:

- 1 – May Day
- 1 – Mother Goose Day
- 2 – Baby Day
- 3 – Lumpy Rug Day
- 4 – Bird Day
- 4 – Star Wars Day (May the fourth be with you)
- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 8 – No Socks Day
- 10 – Mother’s Day
- 10 – Lilac Sunday
- 11 – Twilight Zone Day
- 11 – Eat what you Want Day
- 13 – Frog Jumping Day
- 13 – Leprechaun Day
- 15 – National Chocolate Chip Day
- 16 – Armed Forces Day
- 25 – Memorial Day

POST NOTES:

Our sympathy and condolences to Marie Stevenson and family on the death of her Uncle and Anna Casale’s (“Mom”) brother, Carmen J. Falbo, on April 8. Mr. Falbo served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and the New York State Militia. In addition, Carmen also stayed active with the New York Guard and was particularly proud of his service at Ground Zero right after the September 11th attack and his work with the Army Corp of Junior Cadets.

Our sympathy and condolences to Mike Williams on the death of his father on April 11.

Our sympathy and condolences to Lance Dickinson and family on the death of his sister on March 16.

Our prayers to all First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Clinics and Labs for the work and dedication they are doing to combat this virus. Brighter days are coming where we all can be together again and live our “new” normal lives.

A warm welcome to our newest member, 1LT Mitchell Sembert, currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Army in Korea. Stay safe!!

TENTATIVE DATES:

Monday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post meeting

Until next month, stay safe, and may God Bless.

COL. LANCE DICKINSON, CO-EDITOR
JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR, CO-EDITOR

The following members have been nominated for 2020-2021 officer positions. Please let the Commander know if you are no longer able to serve in the position.

COMMANDER:	Ed Jackson
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:	Michael Williams
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:	Marie Schumacher
QUARTERMASTER:	Lance Dickinson
CHAPLAIN:	Gerald Tubinis
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Kurt Mieth
SURGEON:	William Vecsey
1 YEAR TRUSTEE:	DuWayne Brabec
2 YEAR TRUSTEE:	John Moore
3 YEAR TRUSTEE:	John Roberts
ADJUTANT:	Will Hartley
SERVICE OFFICER:	Christopher Sembert
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Ralph Borelli
PAST POST COMMANDER:	Gary S. Zanardi