



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

April 2, 2015

Dear Veterans and Friends,

As always, we had a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day Dinner with over 30 members and guests in attendance. A big thanks to Danny Cipollitti and family for preparing and serving the meal and to the members and auxiliary for decorating, setting up, and cleaning up.

Also, a big thanks to Ed Jackson for kicking off our Military Lecture Series. Ed gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on the Civil War 1st Artillery Regiment Battery M. One member in attendance had a great-grandfather who served with the unit and was wounded in battle. Please let me know if you or any friends would be interested in making a presentation at our future lecture events.

Old Fort Niagara will be holding a two-day Patriots Day event on April 18 and 19 featuring re-enactors from Hosington's New York Rangers, Brant's Volunteers, and the 26th Regiment Afoot. Activities run from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and are free to active duty military and veterans.

We received great news from the Village of Youngstown on the repairs to the Veterans Memorial. The Lewiston-Porter schools collected \$2,800 from the sale of wrist bands and this was matched by a donation of \$2,500 from the Lewiston Kiwanis Club. The Village has also received over \$2,000 in personal and business donations. These donations will cover the cost of damage to the memorial and any extra funds will be put in an account to maintain the memorial.

If you are tired of returning your empty cans and bottles, you can now drop them off at the Porter Empty Return Center in Ransomville and donate your returns to Post 313. I have set-up an account where the Post will receive 5 cents on every return and the Return Center will give us an extra 5 percent on top. Porter Empty Return Center is across the street from Crosby's/Dunkin Donuts. When you drop off your returns, tell them you want to donate them to VFW Post 313. You can also drop your bottle and cans off at the Post and we will take care of the recycling.

We have many activities coming up in the next two months, including the nomination and election of officers, Post clean-up, poppy donations, Memorial Day Ceremony, and many community events in honor of our veterans. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the clean-up, poppy donations, and to serve as officers in the Post.

Upcoming Events:

- April 13 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, nomination of Post officers for 2015-16
- April 18/19 (Saturday/Sunday): Patriots' Day Weekend, Old Fort Niagara, free admission for veterans
- May 2 (Saturday), 9am-noon: Annual Post clean-up – inside and outside the building
- May 3 (Sunday), 12:45 pm: WNY Armed Forces Week Opening Ceremony, Buffalo Naval Park
- May 7 (Thursday), 12:00 am: WNY Armed Forces Luncheon, Connecticut Street Armory
- May 9 (Saturday), 6:00 pm: WNY Armed Forces Ball, Connecticut Street Armory
- May 11 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, election of Post Officers for 2014-15
- May 16, Armed Forces Day (Saturday): Free entry to Old Fort Niagara for veterans, active duty members, and their families
- May 16, (Saturday), 4:30 pm: Buffalo Bisons Baseball Game Armed Forces Day Tribute
- May 16/17 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's/Old Fort Niagara
- May 23/24 (Saturday/Sunday): Soldiers through the Ages, Old Fort Niagara
- May 23/24 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's/Old Fort Niagara
- May 25 (Monday), 11:00 am: Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara
- May 30, (Saturday), 12:00-4:00 pm: Come Fly a Kite for Homeless Veterans, Gratwick Waterfront Park, North Tonawanda, 716-435-7210 for more details

Lance Dickinson
Adjutant

p.s. I have included a Veteran's Questionnaire for anyone who has ever lived in the Town of Porter. These are used by the Town to update the Memorial in Veterans Park and must be returned to the Town of Porter Historical Society.

TOWN OF PORTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
VILLAGE OF YOUNGSTOWN/ TOWN OF PORTER VETERAN'S
QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Branch of Service _____ Male _____ Female _____

Served during what period:

WWII _____ Korea _____ Vietnam _____ Gulf War _____ Iraq/Afghanistan _____

Peace Time _____

Date entered service: _____

Home town at the time: City: _____ State: _____

Date separated or discharged: _____

Highest rate/rank attained: _____

Did you serve in a combat zone? _____ What theatre of operations? _____

Additional comments such as units served with, ships served on, medals awarded:

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Mail to: Town of Porter Historical Society

P.O. Box 168

Youngstown, NY 14174

Date received or completed: _____