



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

May 1, 2021

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

It is good to be seeing more things opening up from the pandemic. I was at Old Fort Niagara this past weekend during a tour and it was good to see the number of people coming to the fort has been increasing each week. Last year at this time there was no one there. If you have not gotten the shots; get out and do it! It makes so much of a difference in your ability to get around and do things.

This month we will begin working on restocking the treasury for this year and next year. We are planning on doing Poppy donations the last two weekends of the month and are also planning to open the Post one day a week; details to follow. Also, we will be doing our regular Memorial Day Ceremony at Old Fort Niagara Cemetery on the 31st, which is actual Memorial Day.

We need your help in many different areas. Just helping with an event or taking charge of one area once or twice a year is huge. I believe that the more members that are active, the greater the success for the Post. For the Memorial Day ceremony, we will need a flag bearer or two. One person to carry the US flag, the other to carry the VFW flag; they will march in with the re-enactors from the fort. Please call me if you are interested.

It is going to be a busy month for us. Hope to see you at the Post cleanup, the monthly meeting, helping with Poppy donations, or at the Memorial Day Ceremony. If you have not done it, get a shot.

Yours,

Ed Jackson
Post Commander

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST:

We are still looking for a volunteer to be the Post Communication Officer, responsible for the newsletter, Website and Facebook pages and a Membership Officer to assist with Post recruiting efforts. If interested, please let Ed or me know.

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Remember to keep us informed of any members who may be suffering, especially during the Covid pandemic. One of our basic goals is to assist veterans in our community who may be struggling with physical, mental, or financial issues and need our support. But we can only provide the support if we are aware of their issues.

We will be doing a Post clean-up on May 8 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. This will include inside and outside cleaning, so we are looking for all hands-on deck. You do not have to be there all 3 hours, come for as long as you can.

As you do your Spring cleaning, remember to buy your new flags from the Post. We will deliver and properly dispose of your old flags.

We will be doing Poppy donations on May 22-23 and May 29-30 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Youngstown Rite Aid and Old Fort Niagara. We are looking for volunteers for two hour blocks each day. There will be sign-up sheets at the Post during the clean-up and at the May meeting.

As the Commander mentioned, we will be hosting our Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31 at 11:00 a.m. at Old Fort Niagara Cemetery. If you plan to participate, please show up at the Post at 10:00 a.m. to help load flags, wreaths, tables and chairs for the ceremony. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be having refreshments at the Post after the ceremony. St. Bernard's Parish will also hold a mass at 9:00 a.m. that morning at the St. Bernard Cemetery on Oak Street with VFW participation. All are welcome to attend.

At our April meeting, we elected the following Officers for 2021-2022:

COMMANDER:	Ed Jackson
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:	Michael Williams
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:	William Vecsey
QUARTERMASTER:	Marie Schumacher
CHAPLAN:	Gerald Tubinis
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Kurt Mieth
SURGEON:	John Mac Arthur
1 YEAR TRUSTEE:	Gary Zanardi
2 YEAR TRUSTEE:	Marty Wojcik
3 YEAR TRUSTEE:	Walt Stevenson
ADJUTANT:	Will Hartley
SERVICE OFFICER:	Christopher Sembert

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 8, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Post Spring clean-up

May 10, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post Meeting

May 22, 9:00 a.m. – Place flags at local cemeteries for Memorial Day

May 22-23, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Poppy Donations, Youngstown Rite Aid and Old Fort Niagara

May 29-30, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Poppy donations, Youngstown Rite Aid and Old Fort Niagara

May 29-30, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Soldiers through the Ages, Old Fort Niagara

May 31, 9:00 a.m. – St. Bernard Parish Memorial Day Mass, St. Bernard Cemetery, Oak Street

May 31, 11:00 a.m. – Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara Cemetery (meet at the Post at 10:00)

Please come out and support the Post in these activities, it will be much appreciated.

Lance Dickinson
Post Quartermaster