



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

**July 1, 2019**

**Dear Veterans and Friends:**

Did you know that the Declaration of Independence was first:

- Signed by John Hancock of Massachusetts on July 4, 1776.
- Printed on July 5, 1776 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by John Dunlop in a folio broadside and distributed the same day.
- Published in a newspaper on July 6, 1776. It was reprinted in Vol. II, No. 228, of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Read publicly on July 8, 1776 when Colonel John Nixon, delegated by the High Sheriff of Philadelphia, read it in the old State House yard (Independence Square). The "Liberty Bell" with the prophetic inscription "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" was rung to call the citizens together to hear the reading.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Post Commander Ed Jackson would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to the members who participated in the Ransomville Flag Day/Community Faire Day on June 8.

Post Commander Ed Jackson would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to those who attended the Flag Day Celebration at Lew-Port's Intermediate School on June 14, **what a fantastic program!**

Post Commander Ed Jackson would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to the Post/Auxiliary members who worked the 50/50 fund raiser at the Town of Niagara's "Music Mania Monday" on June 17 and helped us raise \$600!

Post Commander Ed Jackson would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to the Post/Auxiliary members who came out and worked the booth at the Village of Youngstown Street Dance on June 20.

Post Commander Ed Jackson would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to the Post/Auxiliary members who manned the booth at the St. John's Episcopal Church Strawberry Festival on June 22.

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**WELL WISHES:** To Anna Casale, Mother/Mother-in-Law to Maria and Walt Stevenson, who is recovering from surgery and presently is in Our Lady of Peace Rehab Center in Lewiston. Send a card and offer your prayers for a quick recovery.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The Post Annual Hot Dog and Hamburger Cook-Out will be Monday, July 8 at 6:00 P.M. The event is free to all VFW/Auxiliary members and their guests. Please bring a dish to pass and RSVP to John MacArthur at 716-791-3243 by Friday, July 5. This is an evening of good food and camaraderie among Veterans and Friends.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

July 5 - "Concert in the Park", Youngstown Falkner Park, 7:00-9:00 P.M. the McKenzie Highlanders will be performing.

July 5-7 - Old Fort Niagara's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the French and Indian War Encampment.

July 6 - Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Seafood Boil, 4:00-8:00 P.M.

July 8 – VFW Post 313 Summer Barbecue, 6:00 P.M.

July 12 - Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Clambake, Porter on the Lake, 5:30-10:00 P.M.

August 12 – Post Annual Steak Roast, 6:00 P.M.

**TIME FOR TIDBIT OF TRIVIA:** For you Poker player...the odds against a royal flush are exactly 649,739 to 1. In other words, those friendly folks in Las Vegas are not in business for their health or yours either.

Hope to see you on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Enjoy your Summer!

**Col. (Ret.) LANCE DICKINSON, CO-EDITOR**  
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