



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

May 1, 2017

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

History lesson for the month of May. Keep those Post Newsletters, because at the end of the year, there will be a TEST.

On **May 1, 1960** - An American U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers was shot down over Sverdlovsk in Central Russia flying at 60,000 feet.

On **May 2, 2011** - United States Special Operation Forces killed Osama Bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabnd, Pakistan.

On **May 4, 1494** - During his second journey to the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

On **May 4, 1970** - Four (4) Kent State University students were killed by National Guardsmen who were protesting President Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia.

On **May 5, 1865** - Decoration Day was first observed in the United States.

On **May 5, 1961** - Astronaut Alan Shepard became the first man in space, piloting *Friendship 7*, during a 15 minute 28 second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles.

On **May 6, 1937** - The German Airship *Hindenburg* burst into flames at 7:20 P.M. near Lakehurst, New Jersey. 36 of 97 passengers and crew were killed.

On **May 6, 1856** - Explorer Robert E. Peary (1856-1920) was born in Cressan, Pennsylvania.

On **May 7, 1915** - the British passenger ship *Lusitania* was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans.

On **May 7, 1833** - Composer Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) was born in Hamburg, Germany.

On **May 8, 1884** - President Harry S. Truman was born.

On **May 10, 1869** - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railways were first linked at Promontory, Utah.

On **May 11, 1969** - During the Vietnam War the Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began.

On **May 11, 1888** - Songwriter Irving Berlin (1888-1989) was born.

On **May 15, 1972** - George Wallace was shot while campaigning for the Presidency in Laurel, Maryland.

On **May 17, 1875** - The first Kentucky Derby Horse race took place.

On **May 20, 1932** - Amelia Earhart became the first women to fly solo across the Atlantic.

On **May 21, 1881** - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

On **May 24, 1848** - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first telegraph message "What Hath God Wrought?" from the Capitol in Washington, D.C. to Baltimore, Maryland.

On **May 27, 1937** - In San Francisco, California, 200,000 people strolling, celebrated the Grand Opening of the Golden Gate Bridge.

And that my Veterans and Friends is your history lesson for May.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE POST

**Ransomville Bi-Centennial Community Fair and Parade June 10, 2017:** VFW Post #313 has been invited by Parade Organizers to participate. Parade Assembly at 10:30 A.M., at the American Legion Hall in Ransomville. Post Commander Gary Zanardi is asking our members to participate in this event. This will be an opportunity to display our banner to a new audience and perhaps to attract new members. We will assemble at our Post at 9:00 A.M., and convoy to Ransomville American Legion Post at 9:30 A.M. **DRESS OPTIONS:** (1) VFW Uniform, (2) VFW hat, with black pants, white shirt and tie, (3) Military Uniform, (4) Appropriate Veteran attire, to include military fatigues, vest, ball cap, etc. Footwear should be black shoes or boots, sneakers if you required. **PLEASE MARK THIS DATE; THIS SHOULD BE A GREAT EVENT!**

WNY Armed Forces Week is being held May 7-13. Opening ceremonies are Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Riverworks, followed by a Luncheon on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> and Ball on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in any of these events, please contact Marie Schumacher at 716-603-9894.

VFW Post 313 is making arrangements for members and guests to take a bus to Conneaut, Ohio, to commemorate the 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of D-Day 2017. The Cost of the bus trip is \$40.00/person. Sign up and further information will be made available at our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 6, 9:00-Noon - Multi-State CCW Certification Course**

**May 7, 10:00 A.M. - VFW District 7 Convention at Mt. Morris Post 547**

**May 7, Noon - WNY Armed Forces Day Opening Ceremony, Buffalo Riverworks**

**May 8, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Post Meeting. Duffy Johnston will make a presentation on "Green Light for Veterans Program." PLEASE ATTEND.**

**May 11, 11:00 A.M. - WNY Armed Forces Day Luncheon, Salvatore Italian Gardens**

**May 13, 9:00-Noon - Spring Post clean-up**

**May 13, 6:00 P.M. - WNY Armed Forces Day Ball, Salvatore Italian Gardens**

**May 20-21 and May 27-28, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. - Poppy Donations, Melloni's Market and Old Fort Niagara. Sign-up at the May 8 meeting.**

**May 29, 11:00 A.M. - Youngstown Memorial Day Ceremony at the Fort Niagara cemetery. Be at the Post at 10:00 A.M. to prepare. Refreshments will be served at the Post after the ceremony.**

**June 3, Noon-4:00 P.M. - Come Fly a Kite for Homeless Veterans, Gratwick Park, North Tonawanda**

**June 12, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Post meeting, installation of officers for 2017-18.**

**June 14, 8:45 A.M. - Lew-Port Intermediate School Flag Day Celebration**

**"...And that's the way it is for May.**

**As always take good care of yourself and family, look forward to seeing you again.**

**REMINDER: STUDY THOSE NEWSLETTERS - TEST DAY COMING.**

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- ★ **Watch** Allied troops land via amphibious craft during the invasion and attack Axis defenses on the bluffs overlooking the "Normandy" beach, as military aircraft patrol overhead in the climactic battle of the event.
- ★ **Meet** WWII veterans to honor them in person and learn about their experiences first-hand.

**Admission, Parking, and Shuttle to the Event are Free**

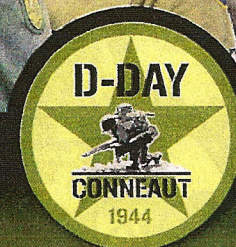
Located in northern Ohio on the shore of Lake Erie in Conneaut. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Visit [www.ddayohio.us](http://www.ddayohio.us) for complete event information



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