



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

**August 1, 2019**

**Dear Veterans and Friends:**

**COMMANDER'S COLUMN:**

I have to start by saying "Thank you to everyone who turned out for the events in June." It was a busy month, so busy, that I was unable to write my regular note for the newsletter last month.

Starting this month, we will begin the Fall season of events. The BIG ONE will be the chicken barbecue on November 9, just before Veteran's Day. We will need the help of everyone to make this a success like last year. I am hoping that we will do better than last year, since we need to rebuild the treasury! We also will be organizing the "Wreaths Across America" campaign and I think that we will be able to do better than last year. For both fundraisers, we will be starting earlier and should be better organized. I would like to hear from members how you would like to help with both of these fundraisers. I will be setting up different areas that need to be worked on for each of these events and we need your help!

I am closing for now. I hope to see you all at the Steak Roast this month. Come out and enjoy!

Thanks,

**ED JACKSON**  
**POST COMMANDER**

**Did you know...**

**History of August.** In earlier versions of the Roman Calendar, August was called Sextilis, the sixth month. It consisted of 31 days. It later became the eighth month with a length of 29 days. When January and February were added to the calendar, Julius Caesar added two days to the month around 45 BCE. It was later renamed to honor Augustus Caesar in 8 BCE.

Symbols of August:

Birthstone: Agate or onyx

Flower: Gladiolus or poppy

Zodiac Signs: Leo and Virgo

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### **Some Historical Events for the month of August:**

- \*The first United States census was completed in 1790: there are four million people in the U.S. (This fact was for Col. Mieth)
- \*Wild Bill Hickock was killed in a poker game in 1876. He was holding a “dead man’s hand,” two pair aces and 8’s.
- \*The atom bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the U.S. in 1945.
- \*The USSR finally declares war against Japan in 1945.
- \*The “Order of the Purple Heart” is created by President George Washington in 1782.
- \*The Panama Canal is opened in 1914.
- \*Hawaii becomes the 50<sup>th</sup> state in 1959.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

On July 8, we held our annual Hot Dog and Hamburger Picnic at the Post with 35 members and guests in attendance. Our thanks and appreciation to all those who brought dishes to pass that made this a very special evening for our Post members and guests.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Noah Passanese, recipient of the VFW Post #313 Scholarship for 2019.

On Wednesday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m., Post member Frank Gubala will be honored for his two Purple Hearts at Raymond Klimek Veteran’s Park, 700 River Road, North Tonawanda. There will also be a concert by the American Legion Band. Bring a chair and come out to thank Frank for his service.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Post will be holding its traditional Steak Roast for members, auxiliary and guests. Danny and his very efficient helpers, Patty and Dooger, will be there to prepare the meal. Please bring a small dessert to share. The cost is \$15.00/per person and please RSVP to John Mac Arthur at 791-3243 or E-Mail at [johnnymac1@roadrunner.com](mailto:johnnymac1@roadrunner.com) by August 8<sup>th</sup> so we can get an accurate count for steaks.

Mark your calendars for the Youngstown Labor Day Parade on September 2. More details in next month’s newsletter.

That’s all the news that we have, if you have anything that you would like to put in future newsletters, please let us know. Deadline for inputs is 5 days before the end of the month.

Until next month, have a safe and healthy summer,

**Col. (Ret.) Lance Dickinson, Co-Editor**

**John H. Mac Arthur, Co-Editor**