



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

December 1, 2015

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

Guess What? It's only 24 days before Christmas when all through the house....Well you all know how that Christmas Story goes.

*Did you know that the first "Tree of Record is the one raised in Strassburg in 1604.

*Nevertheless, few trees have symbolized the "ever green" spirit of Tertullian better than the first one known to Clear Creek, Kentucky, cut by Mom Ritchie, folksinger Jean's hill-country mother: "...I'd read about 'em having Christmas trees, and I went down the creek way a piece. I'us looking for an evergreen, and I couldn't find one, so I cut a sourwood tree..."

Interesting first facts about Christmas:

CHRISTMAS CARDS were engraved by Louis Prang at Roxbury, Massachusetts in 1874 for export to England. They were not introduced to American Trade until 1875.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ASSOCIATION (National) was the National Christmas Carols Association organized January 20, 1947 in St. Louis Missouri.

The First White House Christmas Tree, decorated with candles and toys was placed in the second floor oval room in 1889 for President Benjamin Harrison and his family. The first electric lights on a White House Christmas Tree was in 1894 for President Grover Cleveland and his family.

President Calvin Coolidge was the first Chief Executive to preside over a public celebration of the Christmas Holidays with the lighting of the National Christmas Tree in 1923.

Now for some Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post #313 News:

The V.F.W. Post #313 Christmas Party is December 14th, 2015, 6:00 P.M. Cocktails, 7:00 P.M. Dinner. Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings. \$15.00 per person. Each Person attending will receive a FREE 50-50 ticket for our drawings later on in the evening. Please bring a gift to help the Western New York Heroes Toy Drive, to help the Veterans and their families who need assistance this Holiday Season. PLEASE RSVP to Ralph Borelli 754-7363 or Commander Gary Zanardi 628-0440 by DECEMBER 7th.

November 7, 2015-Commander Gary Zanardi would like to thank Chris Seimbert, Ralph Borelli, and Ed Jackson for installing a new high-efficiency furnace at the Post. And to thank Colonel Dickinson, Dwayne Brabec, and John Mac Arthur for clean up around the Post.

November 8, 2015 Commander Gary Zanardi would like to thank-John Moore, John Mac Arthur, and Vickie Suitor who raised \$402.67 for Poppy donations over the Veteran's Day Weekend.

November 10, 2015-The Post had 15 members and their wives attended a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at the Lewiston Porter High School. Colonel Lance Dickinson interviewed Edward "Andy" Enterline, a World War II Iwo Jima Veteran, who talked about his experiences during World War II.

November 11, 2015-The Post attended the Veteran's Day Celebration and re-dedication of the Veteran's Monument at Veteran's Park.

November 11, 2015-The Youngstown Fire Company, Inc.-held a reception for Veterans for our Post at the Fire Hall and served FREE Chicken Wings, Pizza, and Beverage. It was nice tribute by the Fire Company to honor our Veterans.

November 13, 2015-Ed Jackson, and Ron Gubala and his wife attended the Western New York Heroes Fund-Raising Reception at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

November 22, 2015-Commander Gary Zanardi and Adjutant John Mac Arthur attended the District 7 Meeting at Lockport Post #2535.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas in the Village-December 12, 2015. Lions Club will be selling Hot Dogs. Crafts and Music will be provided. A great time to be in the Village.

Next Post Meeting will be January 11, 2016 7:00 P.M. at the Post.

The Mac Arthur Family would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR, POST ADJUTANT

P.S. See you all at the Post Christmas Party on December 14th, 6:00 P.M.

P.P.S. Visit our new Facebook page at VFW Lake Ontario Post 313 Youngstown

