



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

**Dear Veterans, Auxiliary and Friends:**

**February 24, 2021**

**Commander's Comments:**

It is finally a new year and I hope this year is a better year for everyone, it has to be better than last year!! With the New Year, there is a lot of hope that the COVID-19 pandemic may finally be coming under control, especially with vaccinations being administered throughout the country. We still have a ways to go, but it is looking better. Historians talk about how bad 1968 was, but I think 2020 tops that by a long shot.

Enough of 2020, let's get down to the business at hand. We are having a meeting in March and it will be a working meeting, not a St. Patrick's Day dinner. All the same protocols will be in effect just like our last meeting. Those protocols are mask wearing, social distancing, and hand cleaning. We will talk about elections, where the Post stands as of today, and future events.

If you have not gotten a vaccination, here are some suggestions on getting one from the VA:

- 1) If you are enrolled in VA Western New York and been going to them on a regular basis: you can call your primary care clinic, the one in Niagara Falls, Lockport or the Buffalo hospital. Anyone who answers should be able to help you, just ask about vaccinations. The VA will call you back for the appointment. The VA is doing a great job with this, you are in and out in a half hour!
- 2) If you have fallen out of the system, or you were enrolled but have not been active in the last few years, you also can call your last primary care clinic for an appointment. This will be just for your COVID vaccination, if you want to get back into the VA system follow the next step.
- 3) If you are not in the system at all, you can call the Buffalo Veterans Services at the VA hospital at 716- 862-8888. This applies to all Veterans with a DD214 who were honorably discharged. These people are not at the hospital; they are working from home at the present. Leave a message and a number where they can reach you, **and please be patient**. It may take a little bit of time for them to get back to you. If you don't hear from them in week call back.
- 4) I hope this works for you; if not give me a call, there may be other avenues to follow.

With that I will close for now and hope to see you at the March meeting. **STAY SAFE!!**

**Ed Jackson**  
**Post Commander**

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**POST NEWS:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in Wreaths Across America. Thanks to Post members and community contributions, we were able to place 56 wreaths and made \$280. Also, thank you to those who sent end of year donations, they definitely helped with the lack of fund-raising efforts last year. A big thank you to Greater Niagara Mechanical on their \$2000 donation. We also received a \$2500 Pandemic Relief Grant from VFW Headquarters and our annual \$2500 grant from the Town of Porter.

The Post will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a Lew-Port senior who is the relative of a military veteran or any senior who is a relative of a VFW Post 313 member. An application is attached to the newsletter or available on our website. Applications must be submitted by May 1 to be eligible.

Congressman Chris Jacobs has started a Veteran of the Month Program. Please let us know if you have a veteran you would like to nominate for this award. Congressman Jacobs will present the selected veteran with an American Flag that was flown over the Capital Building in Washington and a Congressional Commendation Certificate.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Please keep Walt and Maria Stevenson in your prayers with the passing of Anna Casale, Maria's Mom, on January 19. Anna was a regular at our Post dinners/events and made many donations to the Post. She will be missed, but we'll keep the coffee flowing in her honor.

Also, keep Al Smith in your prayers with the passing of Sharon, his wife of 47 years. Sharon passed peacefully on January 20 after a courageous battle with cancer. Sharon also was a regular at many of our events.

Also, prayers for Michael McLane on the passing of his sister and Melody Duval on the passing of her Mom.

Finally, keep Mike Williams in your thoughts and prayers as he has been going through some tough times.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The Thunder of Niagara Air Show is scheduled for June 19-20 with two military jet demonstration teams; the Navy Blue Angels and the Canadian Snowbirds.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Monday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post Meeting, nomination of officers for 2021-22

Monday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post meeting and election of officers for 2021-22

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

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day

**CHURCH BULLETIN HUMOR** (actual notices from church bulletins)

1 – Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help

2 – At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

3 – The sermon this morning is "Jesus Walks on Water." The evening sermon is "Searching for Jesus."

That's it for another month, take care and may God bless.

**Lance Dickinson**  
**Quartermaster**