



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

May 1, 2016

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends of V.F.W. Post #313:

Did you know.....

On May 6, 1931 (Just for you Commander Gary Zanardi) that Baseball Great Willie Mays was born in Fairfield, Alabama.

On May 8, 1945 (For all you Veterans) both Great Britain and the United States celebrated Victory in Europe Day. Cities in both nations, as well as formerly occupied cities in Western Europe, put out flags and banners rejoicing in the defeat of the Nazi war machine, thus VE-Day is known.

Back to Post business:

I was very remised in my last Post Newsletter (April 1, 2016) to mention that at our St. Patrick's Day Dinner (March 14) at the Post, Mr. Joe Ruszala, Co-Founder/Vietnam Veteran and two Veterans and a dog were present and talked about Dog Tags New York. Mr. Ruszala stated that Dog Tags New York's "Mission is to heal. To heal the wounded soldiers whose damages are unseen? To heal the wounded animal whose trust has been broken?" For a better description, "Our dogs are not service dogs or therapy dogs; they are shelter dogs that are like the Vets in so many ways. They are stigmatized, misunderstood – not so good things have happened to them; yet you could have no greater friend."

CONGRATULATIONS to Senior Vice Commander Ed Jackson for successfully completing OTI Class. A Certificate was presented to Ed by Commander Gary Zanardi. Well Done Comrade Ed!!

At our last Meeting on April 11, Sr. Vice Commander Ed Jackson and Ray O'Keefe, Chairman of our Huey Helicopter Celebration, were present and stated that the funding for the Huey Helicopter Memorial Day Weekend Celebration May 28-29th, at Fort Niagara State Park is on target and donations are coming in. Volunteers are needed for both days to assist in parking cars, for security (most of this will be done by the 369th Vietnam Group), and in the Post's Coffee, Water and Donut Stand where tickets, literature and military items will be sold. On Friday Night (May 27th), we will need volunteers to host a welcoming Reception at the Stone Jug for the Helicopter Crews and to collect donations and assist with a 50-50 drawing. On Saturday, the Event gets underway at 9:00 A.M., including rides in the Huey Helicopters. Also, on Saturday night the Post will be hosting a dinner in honor of the Helicopter Crew and their guests at the Officers Club at Old Fort Niagara. Garda O'Keefe would like everyone to bring a dish or a dessert to share. If you have questions, she can be reached at 745-9590. Volunteers will also be needed to help cook, serve, greet the guests, set up the Dining Room, and clean-up. Finally, on Sunday, May 29, volunteers will also be needed. We will have more information at our May meeting, BUT IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS A GREAT WEEKEND, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

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At our last meeting on April 11th we elected the following Post officers for 2016-2017:

COMMANDER:	Gary Zanardi
SR. VICE COMMANDER:	Ed Jackson
JR. VICE COMMANDER:	Walt Stevenson
QUARTERMASTER:	Col (Ret.) Lance Dickinson
ADJUTANT:	John Mac Arthur
CHAPLAIN:	Jerry Tubinis
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Mike Williams
1 YEAR TRUSTEE:	John Roberts
2 YEAR TRUSTEE:	DuWayne Brabec
3 YEAR TRUSTEE:	John Moore
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Ralph Borelli
SERVICE OFFICER:	Chris Sembert
SURGEON:	Mike Aube

We also welcomed Comrade Mike Williams at the April meeting. Comrade Mike is transferring his membership from Newfane to our Post. WELCOME ABOARD MIKE, GLAD TO HAVE YOU!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 7th, 9:00 A.M.-Noon – Annual Post Spring Clean-up. Bring your gloves, tools, and strong muscles. Coffee and donuts will be served.

May 8th, 7:00 P.M. – Regular Post Meeting to discuss our May activities.

May 21-22nd, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. – Poppy Donations at Melloni's and Old Fort Niagara

May 28-29th, 9:00 A.M. – Huey Helicopter Memorial Day Weekend Celebration and Soldiers through the Ages at Old Fort Niagara.

May 30th, 11:00 A.M. – Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara Cemetery.

June 1st - 11th, 5:00-7:00 P.M. – Annual Veteran's Appreciation Dinner hosted by St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies Aid. Doors Open at 4:30 P.M. for appetizers, RSVP by May 23, 2016.

June 13th, 7:00 P.M. – Regular Post Meeting to discuss summer activities.

June 14th- Flag Day Celebration at the Lew-Port Intermediate School. 8:45 A.M. coffee and doughnut reception, program starts at 9:30 A.M. Contact Joy Khatib at 754-8231, Ext. #3218, if attending.

And that's all Veterans and Friends of our Veterans.....until next time take care and God Bless You and your families.

JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR, POST ADJUTANT