



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

July 27, 2017

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

The History Lesson for the month of August:

August 1, 1779 - *Star Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key was born in Frederick County, MD

August 1, 1819 - *Moby Dick* author Herman Melville was born in New York.

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 2, 1923 - President Warren G. Harding died suddenly in San Francisco, California.

August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait.

August 4, 1961 - Former President Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

August 5, 1962 - Marilyn Monroe died at age 36, from an overdose of sleeping pills.

August 6, 1945 - The first atomic bomb "Little Boy" was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m. The bomb was detonated about 1,800 feet above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 7, 1964 - Following an attack on two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, the U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Johnson authority "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent any further aggression."

August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George H.W. Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

August 8, 1945 - Soviet Russia declared war on Japan and sent troops into Japanese-held Manchuria.

August 9, 1945 - The second atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility then chose a secondary target Nagasaki. About noon, the bomb "Fat Man" detonated killing an estimated 70,000 persons and destroying about half the city.

August 9, 1974 - Effective at noon, President Richard M. Nixon resigned the Presidency.

August 13, 1961 - The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between the east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West.

August 14, 1935 - President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act establishing the system which guarantees pensions to those who retire at age 65.

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August 14, 1945 - Victory over Japan (V-J) Day, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people.

August 16, 1977 - Elvis Presley was pronounced dead at the Memphis Baptist Hospital at 3:30 p.m., at the age of 42.

August 17, 1998 - President Bill Clinton became the first sitting President to give testimony before a grand jury in which the President was the focus of the investigation.

August 18, 1929 - The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae, and Herculaneum.

August 31, 1997 - Britain's Princess Diana died from massive internal injuries suffered in a high-speed car crash. She was 36 years old.

### NEWS FROM AROUND THE POST:

On July 10th, the Post hosted its Annual Community Barbeque attended by approximately 35-40 members and friends. Our thanks to everyone who worked to make this a success, including those who helped set-up, cook, and brought a dish to pass. A big thanks to the WNY Mobile Vet Center for being in attendance to answer questions from veterans and to State Senator Robert Ort and State Assemblyman Mike Norris who gave up their time to be with us.

Please remember in your prayers past Ladies Auxiliary Member Louise Kulak and her son Bill who were in a bad car accident in Lewiston about three weeks ago. Louise and Bill are doing fine, and are feeling better. If you would like to send a card, please send to Mrs. Louise Kulak, 330 Second Street, Youngstown, New York.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 31, 6:00 P.M. - Town of Niagara "Concert in the Park" at Veterans Memorial Community Park, 7000 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls. The Post will be participating in the 50/50 fundraiser, please come out and help. If you have questions, please contact Walt Stevenson at 297-1816.

August 6, Noon-8:00 P.M. - St. Christopher Church Summerfest Military Appreciation Day. Polish dinner, beer tent, wine tasting, and gifts for active duty and military at 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda.

August 12, 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. - Youngstown Village Community Picnic at Falkner Park. We will have a booth to publicize the Post and recruit new members. We need volunteers to help set up at 10:00 and to man the booth from 11:00-4:00. Please contact Commander Gary Zanardi at 628-0440 if you can help or for more information.

August 14, 6:00 P.M. - Annual Post Steak Cookout. Open to members and guests, cost is \$15.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass and RSVP to Commander Gary Zanardi at 628-0440 by August 11.

August 17, 2:00 P.M. - Niagara County Veterans Court Four-year Anniversary Party at the Niagara County Courthouse, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport.

**August 19** - Grand Tours bus trip to D-Day Conneaut (Ohio) 2017, a reenactment of the June 6, 1944 invasion on the 73rd Anniversary of D-Day. You can board the bus at 5:00 A.M. at the Wright's Corner's Tim Horton's or at 6:00 A.M. at the Rite Aid Pharmacy in Youngstown. On return, the bus will stop in Erie for dinner and arrive home around 9:00 P.M. Cost is \$40.00 per person. For further information, contact David Patton at 544-5785 or Post Commander Gary Zanardi at 628-0440. Additional information about the event can be found at [www.ddayohio.us](http://www.ddayohio.us).

**August 27, 1:00 P.M.** - VFW District 7 meeting at Lockport Post 2535.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Have you noticed how well the lawn and grounds are looking lately? Thanks to Countryside Lawn Care and Col. Dickinson's "Green Thumb" the Post grounds and property look GREAT!

I leave you with this thought, please do not think I am thinking about this, but when we have these sweltering days of heat and humidity, I thought you might need a breath of cool air, THERE ARE ONLY 143 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER!!

And that's the way it is. Have a great rest of the summer and hope to see you at the Steak-Cookout or maybe other places.

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