



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

June 4, 2017

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

The History Lesson for the month of June:

June 6th, 1944, D-DAY, the largest Amphibious landing in history began in the early morning hours as Allied Forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overland took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 Soldiers in 47 Allied Divisions, along with 4,400 ships and landing craft and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American Forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

It may be a short lesson this month, but a very historical day in American History!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE POST:

Commander Gary Zanardi would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to Maria Stevenson, Anna ("Mom") Casale, Vickie Sutor, John Moore, John Mac Arthur, Ralph Borelli, Edward Jackson, Chris Sembert and Lance Dickinson for participating in the Post Clean-Up Day on May 13th. **The Post looks great, NICE JOB!**

The Commander would also like to offer his thanks and appreciation to Maria Stevenson, Anna ("Mom") Casale, Vickie Sutor, Ed Jackson, Walt Stevenson, Will Hartley, John Moore, John Roberts, DeWayne Brabec and John Mac Arthur for assisting with the Poppy Donations over two weekends in May. We collected over \$1900 at Melloni's Market and Old Fort Niagara.

On Saturday, May 21st, State Senator Robert Ortt, State Assemblyman Mike Norris, Niagara County Legislator Clyde Burmaster, Village Trustee Tim Adamson and Duffy Johnston were present to give out "Green Light Bulbs" to residents who gave a Poppy Donation and donated canned goods to benefit the Ransomville Food Pantry. The green light bulbs are to be displayed on home exterior lights in remembrance of Veterans who served their country. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

On May 29th, the Post hosted the annual Youngstown Memorial Day Ceremony at the 1812 Cemetery at Old Fort Niagara. **NICE JOB COMMANDER AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO COL. KURT MIETH** for making and printing the program for the ceremony.

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Also, thanks to Ralph Borelli, Lance Dickinson, and Walt and Maria Stevenson for assisting with the Town of Niagara clean-up on June 3.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE POST COMMANDER:

The Post is invited to attend the 12th Annual **Military Veteran's Appreciation Dinner** on Wednesday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church. The program starts at 5:00 p.m. at the church on 4169 Church Road in Lockport. RSVP to 716-433-9014.

The **Ransomville Bi-Centennial Community Fair and Parade** will be held on June 10th with Parade Assembly at 10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall in Ransomville. The Post Commander is asking our members to participate in this event. This will be an opportunity to display our banner and perhaps attract new members. We will assemble at our Post at 9:30 a.m. and convoy to the Ransomville American Legion Post. **DRESS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:** (1) VFW Uniform, (2) VFW Hat with black pants, white shirt and tie; (3) Military Uniform, (4) Appropriate Veteran Attire, to include military fatigues, vest, ball cap, etc; (5) Footwear should be black shoes or boots (sneakers if required); **THIS SHOULD BE A GREAT EVENT!** If you have questions, please contact Commander Gary Zanardi at 628-0440.

On June 14th, the Post is invited to the **Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School's Flag Day Celebration** at the Intermediate School as we honor the "Stars and Stripes" of America! There will be a Coffee and Doughnut reception at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria and a Flag Day Parade at 9:30 followed by a flag disposal ceremony.

On August 19th, the Post is chartering a Grand Tours bus to **D-DAY CONNEAUT 2017**, a reenactment of the June 6, 1944 invasion on the 73rd Anniversary of D-Day. You can board the bus at 5 a.m. at the Wrights Corners Tim Horton's or at 6 a.m. at the Rite Aid in Youngstown. The bus will return at 9:00 p.m. and will stop for supper in Erie. The cost for the trip is \$40 per person. For more information, please contact Dave Patton at 716-544-5785 or Commander Gary Zanardi at 716-628-0440. More information is also available online at www.ddayohio.us.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commander Gary Zanardi received a letter from National Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy congratulating the Post on achieving over 100% in membership for 2016-2017. The letter stated "Your Post should be justifiably proud of its officers and members who have contributed so much to the success of the programs and mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

And that's all that we have for the month of June, so take care and stay healthy. We hope to see you at the regular meeting on June 12 at 7:00 p.m. and please mark your calendars for our annual Veterans Community Picnic on Monday, July 10.

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