



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

**June 1, 2019**

**Dear Veterans and Friends:**

It has been a very busy last three weeks, to say the least. I have been spending the last few days catching up on everything. The "Poppy Donations" went well, difficult in the beginning with some weather issues, but overall, we came out looking pretty good. We were able to get the flags on the cemeteries, but it took a little longer than we thought. The ceremony at the Fort for Memorial Day was well attended, both with members and the general public, followed by a nice reception at the Post and a solemn flag disposal ceremony.

With all that, I need to "Thank" all those who turned out for the different events. There is a special thanks going out for those who turned out and helped with the poppy donations and to those who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony. I would like to thank a couple of members who went above and beyond. They are Col. Mieth (retired) who put the Memorial Day program together; Col. Dickinson (retired) who is always there organizing and getting people involved in the poppy donations; and last but not least, John Mac Arthur, who is always running around taking care of details, many of which I would forget until the very last minute. For these members a special "thanks" for the extra work you guys put in for the Post. John will have a list of all those who have helped and to them thank you, also.

This month continues to have more events coming up. We are to be a part of the Ransomville Flag Day Parade again this year. There will be a trailer for us to ride on. We will need a couple younger members to walk with the Colors for the Post. There is a Flag Day Ceremony at Lew-Port, which is a great program for the kids. And lastly there is the Youngstown Street Dance later this month. I have probably forgotten something, but I hope someone picks those things up for me to list them.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and that you come out for one of the upcoming events. Also please review the attachments I am putting with this newsletter.

Thanks,

**Ed Jackson, Post Commander**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Post Commander would like to thank Lance Dickinson, Kurt Mieth, Chris Sembert, Mark Harrigan, Fred DeMartin, and John Mac Arthur for helping with the Post Clean-up on May 11<sup>th</sup>, it looks GREAT!

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Thank you to Ed Jackson, Lance Dickinson, John Moore, Mike McLane, Melody Duval, Will Hartley, DuWayne Brabec, Chris Sembert, and John Mac Arthur for assisting with the poppy donations on May 17-18 and May 25-26.

Thanks to the Ransomville American Legion Post #830 for their assistance in placing flags at the various cemeteries in the Town of Porter and the Village of Youngstown on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks to Ed Jackson, Lance Dickinson, John Mac Arthur and Maria Stevenson for participating in the Town of Niagara Clean-up on June 1.

### **SYMPATHY AND BEST WISHES**

Post and Auxiliary officers and members express our sympathies and condolences to Past Post Commander Ralph C. Borelli and his family on the death of his father and Post member, Ralph N. Borelli, on May 11. Mr. Borelli was a proud US Navy Veteran serving in the South Pacific during World War II aboard the Ammo Ship USS Paricutin and enjoyed reunions with Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans.

We also express our sympathies and condolences to the family of Kenneth W. Wieland, a Post member, who passed away on February 9. Ken was a lifelong Youngstown resident and proudly served in the U. S. Air Force from 1952-1956 during the Korean War and was awarded commendations for his service in Korea and on the Dew Line in Alaska.

Post and Auxiliary officers and members send our best wishes to Past Jr. Vice Commander Walt Stevenson who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Aspen Dental Day of Service, see flyer for more details.

June 8, 11:00 a.m. – Ransomville Flag Day Parade. Please be at the Post at 10:00 a.m. in parade uniform and we will depart for the parade at 10:30.

June 10, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post Meeting, induction of officers for 2019-2020.

June 14, 8:45 a.m. – Flag Day Celebration, Lew-Port Intermediate School, program begins at 9:30.

June 17, 4:30-8:00 p.m. – Town of Niagara “Music Mania Mondays Concert.” Sell 50/50 tickets and split proceeds, Veterans Memorial Community Park, 7000 Lockport Road.

June 18, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Town of Porter Veterans Outreach, Porter Town Hall, see flyer for more details.

June 19, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Buffalo Stand Down to provide services and information to all Veterans, Key Bank Center, see flyer for more details.

June 20, 6:00-10:00 p.m. – Youngstown’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Beginning of Summer” Street Dance, man table to sell flags and provide VFW/Auxiliary information.

June 22, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Multi-State Pistol Course at the Post.

June 22, 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Strawberry Festival, St. John’s Episcopal Church, man table to sell flags and provide VFW/Auxiliary information.

**COL. (Retired) Lance Dickinson, Co-Editor**

**John H. Mac Arthur, Co-Editor**

Please Join Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School's

*Flag Day Celebration*

as We Honor the "Stars and Stripes" of America!



**When: Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019**

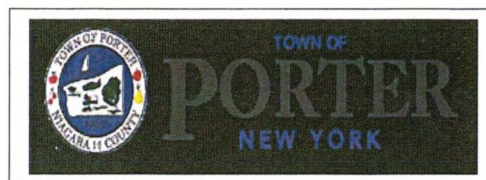
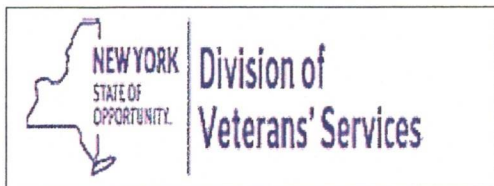
**Time: 8:45- Coffee and doughnut reception in the cafeteria for all veterans and their guests**

**9:30- Celebration begins in the auditorium**

**Place: Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School**

**(Please check in at the office)**

**RSVP: Regrets only at 754-8281, ext.3104 Joy Khatib**



**Town of Porter, New York State Division of Veterans' Services, WNY Heroes Inc., and the Niagara County Veterans' Service Agency will hold a Veterans Outreach**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019

**TIME:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Town of Porter Town Hall

Address: 3265 Creek Rd, Youngstown, NY 14174

Phone: (716) 745-3730

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:**

- ★ Town of Porter
- ★ New York State Division of Veterans' Services
- ★ Niagara County Veterans' Service Agency
- ★ New York Department of Labor
- ★ WNY Heroes, Inc.
- ★ Buffalo Vet Center
- ★ Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY
- ★ More to follow

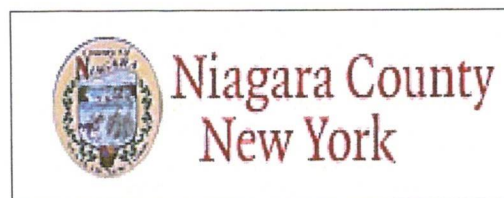
**AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH:**

- ★ Compensation Questions
- ★ Pension Questions
- ★ Education Questions
- ★ Niagara County Thank a Vet Program Presentation
- ★ New York State Benefit Questions
- ★ Niagara County Benefits

**SPEAKERS:** SGM Gary Darnell, Niagara County Clerk Joseph Jastremski, and Town of Porter Supervisor Duffy Johnston

*TOWN OF PORTER Community Shuttle is available to help transport veterans to and from the outreach location. You can reserve the shuttle by calling*

*(716) 745-7721*





### **What**

Aspen Dental's Day of Service: A day of free dental care for veterans

### **When**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Saturday June 8**

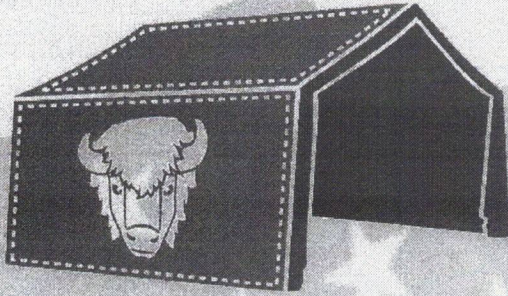
### **Where**

Participating Aspen Dental practices (Call 844-Aspen-HMM to find the nearest location.)

### **How**

Appointments required.  
Call **844-ASPEN-HMM** starting May 1<sup>st</sup> to make an appointment.

**#HealthyMouthMovement**



**Wednesday June 19, 2019**

**10:00 am—3:00 pm**

**KeyBank Center**

# **BUFFALO STAND DOWN**

**- FREE to all Veterans & their Families -**

**Please bring your DD-214 or Military ID for admittance.**

**\*Free parking is available at the KeyBank Center parking ramp\***

The Buffalo Stand Down is a one-day event designed to provide services and information to all veterans in the Western New York area.

Connect with over 200 agencies that support our veterans, sit down for a hot lunch provided by La Nova Pizza, and enjoy time with fellow veterans and friends!

Please join us Immediately following the Stand Down at the "Celebration of Service" on the fantail of the USS Little Rock at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park.  
Reception, Live Music, & More!

**For more information please visit  
[www.BuffaloStandDown.org](http://www.BuffaloStandDown.org)**

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