



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

October 2, 2015

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

The days of summer are over, there is a nip in the air, the days are getting shorter, and the foliage is starting to change colors, does this mean that Fall/Autumn is upon us?

With all this in mind, and others, it is time for our monthly V.F.W. Post #313 Newsletter.

On September 7th, we had 13 Veterans (a new record) marching in the Labor Day Parade. We received a great reception as we marched down the street, and we were praised for our participation. On behalf of the Post Commander, Gary Zanardi, I would like to thank those veterans who turned out and marched in the parade.

Also on September 7, some of us took in the "Summerfest" at The Town of Porter "Porter on the Lake" Park to set up an information booth and to meet prospective members. We had some conversation, but no new members to join our Post.

On September 11th, Commander Gary Zanardi, Lynn Zanardi, John Moore, Ed Jackson, Walt Stevenson and John Mac Arthur set up our shelter and information table at the Peach Festival to recruit new members and to explain the objectives of the V.F.W.

On September 12th, due to inclement weather (rain and wind), Commander Gary Zanardi decided that in our best interests that we would not participate in the Peach Festival Parade. District 7 Commander Art Scheuneman and his wife visited our booth, and we watched the parade between raindrops and talked about the V.F.W. District and our Post. With rain forecast for the rest of the weekend, it was decided that we would tear down and not participate in the remaining Peach Festival festivities.

On September 13th, Commander Gary Zanardi, Lynn Zanardi, John Mac Arthur, and Sarah Mac Arthur met up with Ed Jackson and we toured the Vietnam Veterans Photo Exhibit at the Kenan Center in Lockport, New York. This exhibit runs from September 12-October 11, 2015. Gallery Hours are: 12 Noon to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, and 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in photographs by our Niagara County Veterans of America, THIS IS A MUST SEE!!

On September 14, we had our regular monthly meeting (minutes to be read at the October 12th, meeting). Prior to the meeting, District 7 Senior Vice Commander Dan Marsh visited the Post to do our Annual Post Inspection.

On September 21st, due to the efforts of Ralph Borelli and upon the invitation of BMC Adam Pedzich, 18 of us (Veterans and Wives) toured and visited the Coast Guard Station-Niagara. It was great tour, the

personnel at the Coast Guard Base were very informative, answered our many (10,345) questions, and also let us board their vessels and explained what their function was. HATS OFF AND THANK YOU for taking the time to let us see and talk to you and a big THANK-YOU for serving our country. Also, our thanks to Ralph Borelli for organizing this tour.

Please take time to wish a speedy recovery to our good friend and comrade, Ken Edwards who is recuperating at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Post 313 Meeting – October 12, 7:00 pm

V.F.W. Fall Conference – October 23-24 (See Commander for further information)

Post 313 Fall Clean-up – November 7, 9:00-12:00 am

Post 313 Meeting – November 9, 7:00 pm

Lewiston-Porter High School Veterans Appreciation Dinner – November 10, 4:00 pm

Western New York Heroes Reception, Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Depew – November 13.
(See Commander for more information.)

V.F.W. District 7 Meeting, Lockport Post 2535 – November 22, 3:00 pm

Take Care, and see you soon!!

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