



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

**Dear Veterans, Auxiliary and Friends:**

**April 1, 2020**

**COMMANDER COMMENTS:**

This newsletter brings very little good news as we find ourselves fighting a very different kind of war. This time against a pandemic, the same as the influenza flu during World War I. That pandemic would end up killing an estimated fifty million people around the world. In the United States there would be 675,000 deaths from this flu. For the U.S. military, there would be almost as many deaths from the Spanish Flu than from all the battles it would fight. The war would kill 53,402 in battle and it was estimated that 45,000 additional soldiers died from the Spanish Flu. This is the same kind of flu we are fighting; just that it is a mutation of it coming from a different location. The one thing they found with the Spanish Flu was to distance people away from those who have it; now doesn't that sound familiar? The 1918 Spanish flu would go on for two years before it would begin to dissipate.

Because of the corona virus we are cancelling this month's meeting, which means we are delaying this year's election of officers. For now, all officers will stay in place until we get the all clear to go ahead with our regular meeting, hopefully in May, but don't be surprised if it is later. If someone is in need of anything, please call me or Lance. While I am on the subject of calling; please reach out to fellow comrades in the Post to just say hello and ask how are you doing? With everyone locked at home it is important to both of you; those calling and those receiving. It's a good thing to do!! Also, it is time that we give back the "Thank you for your service" to the medical personnel and first responders working today. They are the ones on the front lines fighting this virus for us.

As we all know life goes on with or without a crisis. It is with great sorrow I must inform you that we have lost one of our members; Frank Gubala. Frank served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta where he would receive two Purple Hearts and his Combat Infantry Badge. Being that I am a relatively new member to the Post, I didn't know Frank as well others that have known him longer. From the first time Frank and I met we were contracted. We were both "Grunt's" who had seen the face of battle. Once that happens to you as an Infantrymen, you are bound together as one. That made him an automatic friend for life. He will be missed by all of us. Due to the corona crisis, there will be no services at this time, but a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please keep Joyce and the family in your prayers.

I am going to close for now. I hope you stay home and stay safe; we will make it through this!

**ED JACKSON, Post Commander**

---

434 Third Street • Youngstown, NY 14174

<http://www.vfwyongstownny.org> •



VFW Lake Ontario Post 313 Youngstown

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT APRIL:**

Named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love

Zodiac Signs are Aries and Taurus

Birth flowers are daisies and sweet peas

Birthstones are diamond, opal and sapphire

Special Days:

1 – April Fool’s Day

5 – Arbor Day

8 – Beginning of Passover

10 – Good Friday

12 – Easter Sunday

15 – Income Tax Day

21 – Go Fly a Kite Day

22 – Earth Day

**And remember: “April Showers, Bring May Flowers”**

**POST NOTES:**

Our thanks and appreciation to Danny and his crew of Patty and Dooger who put on a GREAT St. Patrick’s Day Dinner for our Veterans, Auxiliary and Friends!!

Don’t forget Post Scholarship applications must be received by May 1. The scholarship application is posted on our website or call Lance if you need a copy. So far, we have received two inputs from Lewiston-Porter High School.

As you do your Spring cleaning, remember to buy your new flags from the Post. We will deliver and properly dispose of your old flags. See the enclosed flyer for prices.

**TENTATIVE DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Post Spring Clean-up

Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post meeting and election of officers for 2020-21

**TRIVIA TIME:**

Paul Bunyan’s legendary blue ox, Babe, measures “42 axe handles and one plug of chewing tobacco” between the horns.

**Until next time, remember, STAY HOME, BE SAFE, and MAY GOD BLESS.**

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

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