



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

November 1, 2015

Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:

I know that I am a little early, but I would like to wish all our Veterans a Very Happy Veterans Day 2015.

Did you know: It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11th? Veteran's Day was once called Armistice Day. Armistice Day was created to honor Veterans of World War I. November 11, 1919 was the first day Armistice Day was celebrated. Germany signed the armistice slowing the hostilities of World War I in the 11th month, on the 11th day, during the 11th hour. June 1, 1954 was when the United States changed the name to Veteran's Day, honoring all military Veterans. Between 1971 and 1977 Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday of October. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. There are roughly 24 million living Veterans. 400,000 of the United States Armed Forces died during World War II. There are more than 5.5 million U.S. Veterans living with a disability. Veterans Day should not be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day commemorates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving. (<http://www.10—facts-about.com/Veterrans-Day/id/1370>)

At our last meeting, (October 12), Junior Vice Commander introduced Mr. Will Hardley, to the membership. Mr. Hardley is a United States Army Veteran, serving from 1968-1971, in Korea, Vietnam and Thailand. Mr. Hardley served also in the Army Reserves from 1985-2005. WELCOME Mr. Hardley to V.F.W. Post #313. Thank-you Walt for bringing Mr. Hardley, to our Post and Meeting this evening.

Past Commander Ralph Borelli, Post Service Officer Chris Sembert, Post Quartermaster Col. Dickinson, and Post Adjutant John Mac Arthur met at the Post on October 17th, to discuss the needs for the Post to have a new furnace and Air Conditioning Unit installed at the Post. It was also mentioned that if we apply to Home Depot for a VFW Grant up to \$5,000.00, we could use this money to upgrade our bathrooms, add a VFW rug in the vestibule, lighting fixtures, flooring in the bathrooms and kitchen, replace the doors leading into the meeting room, and repair the handicap ramp in the rear of the building.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 7th – Post Clean-up 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. (Many hands Make Light Work) Bring your rakes, shovels, etc. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served.

November 7-8th – Poppy Sales at Melloni's from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Sign up with Post Adjutant or Post Quartermaster.

November 7th – FREE Pasta Dinner, Moose Lodge #584, 112 S. Water Street, Lewiston, New York, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

November 9th – V.F.W. Post #313 Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

November 9th-10th – "Read with a Hero" program. The Lew-Port Primary Education Center is looking for veterans to participate in their "Read with a Hero" program. If you are interested, please contact Miss LeFevre via email at LeFevreK@lew-port.com or by phone at 716-286-7220.

November 10th – Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, Lewiston Porter High School 4:00 P.M.

November 11th – Veteran's Day Celebration. Be at Post at 10:30 A.M., March to Veteran's Park for Ceremony at 11:00 A.M. Black Pants, White Shirt, Cap to be worn. Refreshments to follow at the Post.

November 13th – Western New York Heroes Fund-Raising Reception at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Depew, (If interested, see Commander or Ed Jackson, Sr. Vice Commander.

November 22nd – District 7 Meeting, Lockport Post #2535, 3:00 P.M.

On behalf of the Mac Arthur Family, we wish to take this opportunity, in wishing you and your family a VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

To all our Veterans, Take good care, and hope to see you again very shortly,

JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR, POST ADJUTANT

POST SCRIPT: HOT OFF THE TICKER: DENNY'S (AMERICA'S DINER) IS HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS on November 11, 2015 from 5:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. ENJOY A FREE!!!! BUILD YOUR OWN GRAND SLAM" AT DENNY'S LOCATIONS IN YOUR AREA. INCLUDES ACTIVE, NON-ACTIVE, AND RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL, DINE IN ONLY.

That's All Fellow Veterans.