



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

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April 27, 2015

Dear Veterans and Friends,

We have many events coming up in May, starting with our spring clean-up from 9:00 am until noon on Saturday, May 2. We will be raking, sweeping, edging, power-washing, and anything else to spruce up the exterior of the building. We will also be cleaning the interior and arranging items in the basement "Liberty Room." Please bring your gloves and yard tools.

We will also be doing Poppy donations at Melloni's and Old Fort Niagara on May 16/17 and 23/24. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with donations (the schedule is on the back of the newsletter). If you are able to help, please contact me at 745-7524 or let me know at the May meeting. Finally, we will have our Memorial Day ceremony on May 25 at 11:00 am at the Old Fort Niagara cemetery. We will meet at the Post at 10:00 am and return to the Post for refreshments and a flag disposal ceremony.

We had a very productive April meeting with the nomination of officers for the coming year. Election of officers will be conducted at the May meeting. The following members were nominated for positions:

Commander – Gary Zanardi	1-year Trustee – DuWayne Brabec
Senior Vice Commander – Ed Jackson	2-year Trustee – John Moore
Junior Vice Commander – Walt Stevenson	3-year Trustee – John Roberts
Quartermaster – Lance Dickinson	Officer-of-the-Day – Ralph Borelli
Adjutant – John MacArthur	Service Officer – Chris Sembert
Chaplain – Jerry Tubinis	Surgeon – Ed Stefik
Judge Advocate – Eddie Stefik	

Commander Zanardi read a thank you letter from WNY Heroes thanking the Post for the Christmas toy donation for children of veterans. We also received an update informing the membership that the Village of Youngstown had collected enough funds to make the repairs to the Veterans Memorial and any additional funds will be used to maintain the memorial. The village would like to make the repairs to the memorial in the near future, including updating the names on the memorial. If you would like to have a name added to the memorial or need to make a correction to a name on the memorial, please contact Commander Zanardi at 628-0440. We will also be attending the Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School Flag Day Celebration to thank the students who supported the fund-raising effort for the memorial.

Other business included approvals to make a \$100 donation to the Village to support repairs to the Veterans Memorial, a \$100 donation to the Village of Youngstown summer concert series, and a \$100 donation to the Lockport Vietnam Veterans Photo Album project.



We will also be hosting our annual fundraising campaign in May to assist with our operational expenses and to allow us to continue to serve the veterans in our community. Donation letters will be sent out in May and this year we are requesting donations to support our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, to raise funds to bring two Huey helicopters to Old Fort Niagara during Memorial Day weekend 2016 to honor Vietnam Veterans, and to raise funds to put a memorial at Lewiston-Porter High School to honor graduates who have served our country. Members agreed to host our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on July 13 as part of our summer barbeque and to have it open to the community.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- May 2 (Saturday), 9am-noon: Annual Post clean-up – inside and outside the building
- May 3 (Sunday), 10:00 am: VFW District 7 Convention, Mount Morris, NY
- May 3 (Sunday), 12:45 pm: WNY Armed Forces Week Opening Ceremony, Buffalo Naval Park
- May 7 (Thursday), 12:00 pm: WNY Armed Forces Week Luncheon, Connecticut Street Armory
- May 9 (Saturday), 6:00 pm: WNY Armed Forces Week Ball, Connecticut Street Armory
- May 11 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, election of Post Officers for 2015-16
- May 16, Armed Forces Day (Saturday): Free entry to Old Fort Niagara for veterans, active duty members, and their families
- May 16, (Saturday), 4:30 pm: Buffalo Bisons Baseball Game Armed Forces Day Tribute
- May 16/17 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's/Old Fort Niagara
- May 23/24 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's /Old Fort Niagara
- May 23/24 (Saturday/Sunday): Soldiers through the Ages, Old Fort Niagara
- May 25 (Monday), 11:00 am: Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara cemetery
- May 30, (Saturday), 12:00-4:00 pm: Come Fly a Kite for Homeless Veterans, Gratwick Waterfront Park, North Tonawanda, 435-7210 or 515-5844 for more details
- June 3 (Wednesday), 5:00-8:00 pm – Military Veterans Appreciation Dinner, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 4169 Church Road, Lockport, NY
- June 8, (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, installation of officers, summer event planning
- June 11-14 (Thursday-Sunday): Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, Town Hall, Lockport
- June 12 (Friday), 9:30 am: Flag Day Celebration, Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School

Lance Dickinson  
Adjutant

<b>Poppy Donations</b>	<b>Melloni's</b>	<b>Old Fort Niagara</b>
May 16 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	John MacArthur Lance Dickinson	Ed Jackson
May 17 10:00 am-2:00 pm	John MacArthur Lance Dickinson	Ed Jackson Walt Stevenson
May 23 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	John MacArthur	Ed Jackson
May 24 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	John MacArthur	Ed Jackson Walt Stevenson