



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

April 26, 2014

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 May 3. The Lewiston-Porter Historical Club will be assisting us with raking, sweeping, edging, 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 be doing Poppy donations at Melloni's and Old Fort Niagara on May 17/18 and 24/25. 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 716-745-7524 or let me know at the May meeting.

Finally, we will have our Memorial Day ceremony on May 26 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 after the ceremony.

We had a very productive April meeting with the nomination of officers for the coming year. The following members were nominated for positions:

Commander – Ed Jackson, Gary Zanardi, Lance Dickinson

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander – Walt Stevenson

Quartermaster – John MacArthur

Adjutant –

Chaplain – Jerry Tubinis

Judge Advocate – Eddie Stefik

1-year Trustee – John Roberts

2-year Trustee – DuWayne Brabec

3-year Trustee – Ralph Borelli

Officer-of-the-Day – Kenny Edwards

Service Officer – Chris Sembert

Surgeon – Ed Stefik

We were very pleased that so many members were interested in running and the open positions will be filled after the vote for Commander at the May meeting. If any other members are interested in any of the positions, please let us know before the meeting.

Commander Borelli also thanked the businesses and individuals who made donations to support our Post operations. We collected \$810 and would like to thank State Senator George Maziarz, Joe Ceconi Chrysler, Lawntree Landscaping, Haick Business Services, Main Street Pizza, Tower Orchards, Hardison Funeral Home, Wilson Realty, Lisa Marie Jacobs, Sue MacNaughton & Richard Lohr, Glyndora & Robert Powell, Stewart & Jeanne Blinco, and William & Diane Foote their donations. We are also holding our annual fund drive for members in May. Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a card you can return with a donation to assist with the Post's annual operational expenses and allow us to continue to serve the veterans in our community.

Other business included decisions to make a \$100 donation to the Village of Youngstown summer concert series and a \$100 donation to the Youngstown Lions Club Golf Tournament. Ed Jackson presented the members a fund raising proposal which we will highlight in more detail in the near future and Al Smith informed the members that the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company has offered free use of their hall and assistance for fund raising events. If anyone has a fund raising idea, please let us know or bring your ideas to the May meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- May 3 (Saturday), 9am-noon: Annual Post clean-up – inside and outside the building
- May 4 (Sunday), 10:00 am: VFW District 7 Convention, Mount Morris, NY
- May 4 (Sunday), 12:45 pm: WNY Armed Forces Week Ceremony, Buffalo Naval Park
- May 12 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, election of Post Officers for 2014-15
- May 17, Armed Forces Day (Saturday): Free entry to Old Fort Niagara for veterans, active duty members, and their families
- May 17, (Saturday), 4:05 pm: Buffalo Bisons Baseball Game Armed Forces Day Tribute
- May 17/18 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's/Old Fort Niagara
- May 24/25 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's /Old Fort Niagara
- May 26 (Monday), 11:00 am: Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara
- May 31, (Saturday), 12:00-4:00 pm: Come Fly a Kite for Homeless Veterans, Gratwick Waterfront Park, North Tonawanda, 716-435-7210 for more details
- June 9, (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, planning for summer barbeques.

Lance Dickinson
Adjutant

Poppy Donations	Melloni's	Old Fort Niagara
May 17 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Al Smith Lance Dickinson	Ed Jackson John MacArthur
May 18 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Lance Dickinson Chris Sembert	Ed Jackson Walt Stevenson John Roberts
May 24 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Lance Dickinson DuWayne Brabec	Ed Jackson John MacArthur
May 25 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Lance Dickinson	Ed Jackson Walt Stevenson

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 313 Annual Fund Drive

Our Post is here to help the Veterans in our community in need. But in order to keep our Post operating, we need your help and are asking members to make a donation to help defray our annual operating costs for electricity, gas, water, and Post supplies. We would greatly appreciate any donation you are able to make.

☐ Yes, I want to help support VFW Post 313 with a tax deductible donation.

Please accept my gift of: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other _____

Please make checks payable to VFW Post 313 and mail your donations to:

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