



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

**October 2, 2019**

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

**Dear Veterans and Friends:**

Well it is October and the leaves are beginning to change and we are thinking about winter coming. Some will be heading to hibernate in the South; while the rest of us hold down the fort here. With Fall comes Veterans Day, and it is shaping up to be a busy November. Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> is the LEW-PORT VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER, on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> is the VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN BARBEQUE AND BASKET RAFFLE and on Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> is our VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY; just to mention a few. I am sure there will be a whole list of activities going on that weekend, which we will be getting out to you. It is important that we take a moment to stop and remember our past Vets, our present Vets and our future Vets, those still serving and in harm's way.

It is also important to get out and sell tickets for the BBQ, as of today ticket sales are slow. Now is the time to get out and do what you thought would be a great idea for selling tickets. Go visit your family, your neighbors, take the tickets to church with you, if you are going to be out, bring them along and sell them to the person next to you; they won't bite (I Hope!!). Just leaving the tickets on the counter will not sell them. All of this goes for me too! I have the tendency to leave things to the very last minute, and then run around with me head cut off to get it done. The Colonel has also written a basket donation letter (attached) that you can use with local businesses to request a basket for the event.

Now is the time to get at it and sell out all the tickets you have, then call John Mac Arthur (791-3243 or 957-4696) or me (531-6420) for more. Also, please request baskets from friends and businesses, any questions call Lance Dickinson at 405-7186. LET'S SELL THEM ALL and have a great event!!

Sincerely yours,

**ED JACKSON**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Post Commander would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to those who marched in the Labor Day Parade. We looked GREAT, and the community showed their respect and honor to us and the Post.

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## **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER**

- \* October's birthstone is the opal.
- \* October is the tenth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and has 31 days.
- \* Columbus Day, the second Monday of October (this year, October 14<sup>th</sup>) is a national holiday and celebrated in many countries of the Americas as the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in America in 1492
- \* Halloween, the spookiest night of the year, is celebrated in a number of countries on October 31, the eve of All Hallows' Day. It is believed that on this day the spirits can wander the earth freely and children can hope for treats in the neighborhood in the guise of various costumes. Interestingly, in terms of expenditure, Halloween is second only to the Christmas,
- \* Flower: Calendula
- \* Zodiac Signs: Libra and Scorpio
- \* The World Series takes place in October.
- \* National Breast Cancer Month
- \* National Pizza Month.
- \* National Chili Month.
- \* National Dessert Month.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, October 9, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Veterans Outreach, Youngstown Red Brick Board Room  
Monday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post Meeting  
Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. – Post Fall Clean-up  
Saturday/Sunday, November 2/3, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Poppy Donations, Youngstown Rite Aid  
Friday, November 8, 4:00 p.m. – Lew-Port Veterans Day Dinner, High School Cafeteria  
Saturday, November 9, Noon-5:00 p.m. – VFW/American Legion Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle, Youngstown Firehall – sell those tickets!!  
Monday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. – Youngstown Veteran's Day Ceremony, Veteran's Park

## **QUESTION/TRIVIA**

Did you know that Americans gobble 200,000 tons of popcorn every year? That may account for the fact that Americans also gobble up thousands of tons of stomach-soothing pills every year.

In conjunction with Columbus Day, can you name the three ships that made the journey to America with Christopher Columbus in 1492?

(Answer) Next Newsletter.

**Stay healthy and hope to see you soon,**

**COL. (Ret.) Lance Dickinson, Co-Editor**  
**John H. Mac Arthur, Co-Editor**





# Attention Veterans and family members!



## A NIAGARA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Will be in the Red Brick Schoolhouse on Wednesday  
October 9th from 9am until 2pm in the Board room.  
Call (716-745-7721) or stop by the Clerk's office to  
schedule your appointment.

Niagara County Veterans  
Service Agency

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COUNSELING HOURS  
9:00am - 4:00pm

PHONE INQUIRIES  
8:30am - 4:30pm

We strive to ensure that all veterans and their dependents have access to any benefits for which they **may be eligible** as the result of active duty, military, or naval service.

Areas most frequently covered by our office are:

**State and Federal Veterans Benefit Counseling and Application Services by Accredited Representatives:**

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation
- Non Service-Connected Disability Pension (such as Aid & Attendance)
- Widow/Dependent Pension/DIC
- Montgomery G.I. Educational Bill/Post 911 G.I. Bill/ VA Education & Job Resources
- Vocational Rehabilitation - at least 10% for a service-connected disability for review
- Liaison between the Veterans Administration, and all State and Federal Agencies
- **Remote Access Claim Tracking and Submission Process**
- VA Healthcare, VA Home Loan Guaranty and VA Life Insurance
- Request for military records and service medals
- NYS Blind Annuity
- Records of DD214/Separation Papers filed in the County Clerk's Office
- NYS Property Tax Exemptions (Combat, Service-connected disability, war time era)
- New York State Medals for Certain Active Duty Service
- New York State Exempt Parks Pass - need to be 40% for a service-connected disability
- NYS Thruway Pass (E-Z Pass) - 100% service-connected disability, permanent and total with vehicle adaptability necessary
- New York State Hunting Licenses and Permits - 40% service-connected disability necessary
- Discharge Upgrade or Correction to Discharge
- Burial Benefits - monetary benefit requires at least 10% service-connected disability. Other restrictions apply.
- American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars & (IAVA) Liaisons and Officers
- Active Municipal Outreach Program and Engagements
- Active Social Media – Like us at Facebook.com/NiagaraVeterans

Office hours Mon - Fri, except holidays. Please call ahead to arrange an appointment at the number shown above. ***PLEASE BRING YOUR ORIGINAL DD214 OR THE EQUIVALENT.***

If you do not have the original or a copy, we may be able to assist you in obtaining one.

You may also wish to check our webpage at [www.niagaracounty.com](http://www.niagaracounty.com), where you can download the Veteran's Data Sheet, complete and mail, or bring it to our office.





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October 1, 2019

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Dear Local Businesses,

On Saturday, November 9, Youngstown VFW Post 313 and Ransomville American Legion Post 830 will be hosting a Chicken Barbeque and Basket Raffle to benefit local veterans. The event will take place from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company.

We are currently requesting baskets or donations to raffle off during the event and we request your support in this effort. Any items you can donate will be most welcome and your contributions will be publicized during the event. KIPO Chevrolet is assisting with the raffle and is offering a \$10 gift certificate to those who bring a donation to the dealership. Baskets can be dropped at KIPO Chevrolet or you can contact me at 716-405-7186 for pickup.

If you would also like to sell tickets for the barbeque, please let me know and I will drop them off at your business.

Thank you for supporting our veterans!

Sincerely,

*Lance Dickinson*

Lance Dickinson, Colonel, USAF (ret)  
Quartermaster, VFW Post 313

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