



## LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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Dear Veterans and Friends:

History Lesson for the Month of November:

**November 1, 1950** - President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement.

**November 1, 1963** - South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu were killed in a military coup.

**November 2, 1947** - The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California. It flew about a mile at an altitude of 70 feet, costing \$25 million.

**November 2, 1962** - During the Cuban Missile Crisis, President John F. Kennedy announced on TV, "the Soviet bases in Cuba are being dismantled, their missiles and related equipment is being crated, and the fixed installations at these sights are being destroyed."

**November 2, 1734** - American frontiersman Daniel Boone was born in Berks County, near Reading, Pennsylvania.

**November 3, 1957** - Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika.

**November 4, 1922** - King Tut's tomb was discovered at Luxor, Egypt by British archaeologist Howard Carter after several years of searching.

**November 4, 1842** - Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Illinois.

**November 4, 1942** - During World War II, British Troops led by Bernard Montgomery, defeated the Germans under Erwin Rommel at El Alamein after a twelve-day battle.

**November 4, 1979** - About 500 young Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran, and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans, that they held captive for 444 days.

**November 4, 1879** - American humorist Will Rogers was born in Oologah, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

**November 4, 1916** - Famed TV journalist Walter Cronkite was born in St Joseph, Missouri.

**November 6, 1860** - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

**November 6, 1854** - American conductor John Philip Sousa was born in Washington, D.C.

**November 6, 1861** - James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, was born in Almonte, Ontario,

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**November 8, 1895** - X-rays (electromagnetic rays) were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen at the University of Wuerzburg in Germany.

**November 8, 1847 - FOR YOU HALLOWEEN FANS** - *Dracula* author Bram Stoker was born in Dublin, Ireland.

**November 9, 1965** - At 5:16 p.m., the Great Blackout of the Northeast began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction sending power surges knocking out interconnected power companies down the East Coast. The blackout affected over 30 million persons, one-sixth of the entire United States population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec.

**November 9, 1989** - The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9-mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

**November 10, 1775 - FOR OUR MARINE VETERANS** - The United States Marine Corps was established as part of the United States Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

**November 11, 1972** - The United States turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War.

**November 11, 1973** - Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the United States.

**November 11, 1885 - JUST FOR YOU COMMANDER!** - World War II General George S. Patton was born in San Gabriel, California.

**November 17, 1869** - The Suez Canal was formally opened after more than 10 years of construction.

**November 19, 1921** - Baseball player Roy Campanella was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**November 22, 1963** - President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas at 12:30 p.m. and pronounced dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital at 1:00 p.m.

**November 26, 1789** - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American republic.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE POST:**

Commander Gary Zanardi would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to Chris Sembert, Ralph Borelli, Mark Harrigan, Duwayne Brabec, Lance Dickinson and John Mac Arthur for participating in the Fall Cleanup at the Post on October 28. GOOD JOB!

The Post kicked off its Capital Improvement Campaign last month and we have raised over \$6500 toward our goal of \$20,000 to refurbish our restrooms, update our entry, and improve handicap accessibility to the building. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation by sending a check to the Post or by visiting <http://www.gofundme.com/vfw-post-313-building-renovation> to pledge your support.

Thank you to the following members and friends for their contributions: Stewart and Jeanne Blinks, Patrick Brown, John and Catherine Collard, Bill and Marjorie Donohue, Kenny Edwards and Constance Martin, John Eodice, Frank and Joyce Gubala, Joy Khatib, Richard and Norine McKeon, Victoria Orsi, Gail Ribis, John Roberts, Ed and Patricia Stefik, Walt and Maria Stevenson, Kenneth and Mary Wieland, and Shirley Zastrow.

Beginning on November 11<sup>th</sup>, any honorably discharged Veteran will be authorized on-line Post Exchange shopping privileges. To find out if you are qualified, go to <https://www.vetverify.org>. If you are eligible, you can shop at any of the following service exchanges: <https://www.shopexchange.com/> (Army/AF), [www.mymcx.com](http://www.mymcx.com) (Marine Corps), <https://shopcgx.com/> (Coast Guard), and <https://mynavyexchange.com/> (Navy).

Niagara County Legislator Clyde Burmaster has invited VFW Post 313 members to the re-dedication of the World War II Monument in Ransomville on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending the ceremony, please be at the Ransomville American Legion O. Leo Curtiss Post on Youngstown Lockport Road by 9:00 a.m.

Our Youngstown Veteran's Day ceremony will be at 11:00 a.m. in Veterans Park. We ask all members to be at the Post at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for the ceremony. Refreshments will be served at the Post after the ceremony.

The Lewiston-Porter High School Historical Society is hosting their annual Veteran's Day Dinner and basket raffle on Thursday, November 9 at the High School. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 4:30. The event is free for veterans and one guest, and \$5 for each additional guest. RSVP by November 3 to the Lew-Port high school office at 286-7263 or through John MacArthur at 791-3243.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday/Sunday, November 4/5 – Poppy donations at Mellon's Market from 10:00-2:00.

Saturday, November 4 – Multi-State Concealed Carry Course Class, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Post. \$150.00 (\$130.00) for Veterans.

Sunday, November 5 – VFW District 7 Meeting at Post 1483 in Medina at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7 – Election Day

Thursday, November 9 – Veteran's Appreciation Dinner and basket raffle, Lewiston-Porter High School. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., dinner served at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 11 – Youngstown Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, 11:00 a.m. PLEASE BE AT THE POST BY 10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 13 – VFW Post 313 meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11 – VFW Post 313 Christmas Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In 1972, there were 1,030 tax returns from taxpayers reporting income of a million or more. A total of 26,980,399 tax returns were received. The biggest group was in the \$15,000-\$20,000 bracket, nearly six million people reporting that amount. There were 19,000 in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 income bracket. My guess is they were mostly professional athletes.

Until next time, have a great month, let the good Lord be with you, and hope to see you soon.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to you and your family and may God Bless you and America.

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