



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

August 30, 2017

Dear Veterans and Friends:

Your History Lesson for the Month of September:

September 1, 1939 - at 5:30 a.m. Hitler's Armies invade Poland starting World War II in Europe.  
September 1, 1983 - Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down by a Russian fighter jet while enroute from New York to Seoul killing all 269 persons on board.  
September 1, 1923 - Boxer Rocky Marciano was born in Brockton, Mass. He died in a plane crash in 1969 and was the only undefeated heavyweight champion.  
September 2, 1789 - The United States treasury was established by Congress.  
September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared VJ-Day (Victory over Japan Day).  
September 2, 1945 - Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the Independence of Vietnam and establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.  
September 3, 1939 - Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.  
September 4, 1609 - The island of Manhattan was discovered by Navigator Henry Hudson.  
September 5, 1847 - Jesse James was born in Centerville, Missouri.  
September 8, 1900 - A hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, Texas killing over 8,000 persons, making it the worst natural disaster in United States history.  
September 12, 1913 - Athlete Jesse Owens was born in Oakville, Alabama.  
September 13, 1814 - Francis Scott Key wrote a poem that in 1931 became the lyrics for the National Anthem.  
September 13, 1971 - State Police and National Guardsman stormed Attica Prison in New York ending a 5-day prisoner revolt. Thirty one prisoners and 11 guards were killed.  
September 13, 1860 - American General John J. Pershing was born in Lacklede, Missouri.  
September 14, 1741 - Composer George Frederick Handel finished the *Messiah* after working on it non-stop for 23 days.  
September 14, 1901 - Eight days after being shot, President William McKinley died from wounds suffered during an assassination attempt in Buffalo, New York.  
September 16, 1908 - General Motors was founded by Entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan.

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September 18, 1947 - (Especially for our Air Force Veterans) - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

September 26, 1774 - American folk legend Johnny Appleseed was born in Leominster, Massachusetts (as Johnny Chapman).

September 28, 1542 - California was discovered by Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo upon his arrival at San Diego Bay.

September 29, 1789 - (Especially for our Army Veterans) Congress created the U.S. Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.

September 30, 1955 - Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California at age 24.

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

Commander Gary Zanardi would like to thank Walt and Maria Stevenson, Anna Casale, Mike McLane and his daughter Melody, John and Sarah Mac Arthur, Will Hartley and Lynn Zanardi for assisting with the 50/50 raffle at the Town of Niagara Concert in the Park on July 31. The group made \$550 which we put toward our Post Capital Improvement Project.

The Commander would also like to thank Vicki Sutor, Mike McLane and his daughter Melody, John Moore, John Mac Arthur, and Ocie Allen for their assistance in manning the Post booth at the Youngstown Family Community Picnic on August 12th.

The Post hosted a Steak Roast on August 14<sup>th</sup> with 48 members and guests in attendance. We feasted on steak, corn, salads, desserts, and beverage. Commander Gary Zanardi would like to thank Danny C. and his staff for preparing the meal and the guests who brought a dish to pass. This was a very special night for our veterans and guests.

Commander Gary Zanardi, Walt and Maria Stevenson, Anna Casale, Jerry Tubinis, Lee Keir, Dwayne Brabec and Dave Patton attended the D-Day Reenactment in Conneaut, Ohio on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Commander Gary Zanardi reported that it was a very positive event and was asked to do it AGAIN next year. SPECIAL THANKS to Dave Patton for organizing this event.

The Post will be hosting the New York State Pistol Permit Course and Multi-State Concealed Carry Class taught by Fire Arms Training of Western New York. The New York State training will be offered on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The Multi-State CCW course will be offered on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The New York State course is \$60.00 (\$50.00 for Veterans) and the Multi-State course is \$150.00 (\$130.00 for Veterans). ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE POST. Sign up with Commander Gary Zanardi at 628-0440 or James Emmick at [info@ftny.com](mailto:info@ftny.com) or call 716-903-2558.

We will be kicking off our \$20,000 Capital Improvement Project to renovate the entrance and bathrooms in September. Donation flyers will be sent out next month and we need all members to spread the word in the community.

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined our Post this summer: James Gizzarelli, Edmund Janiszewski, Lee Keir, Michael McLane, Jason Skimin, William Vecsey, and Michael Williams – we're glad to have you onboard.

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## **IMPORTANT NEWS FROM POST COMMANDER GARY ZANARDI**

The Youngstown Labor Day Committee has asked the Post to provide a color guard to participate in the Labor Day parade on September 4<sup>th</sup>. To do this effectively we should have 14 participants; 2 on the banner; 1 Color Sgt., 8 on flags, 2 with weapons; and one driving the sound vehicle. The more that participate, the better the impression.

With that in mind, dress should be one of the following: (1) VFW UNIFORM: Garrison Cap, white shirt, black tie, and black shoes or boots. (2) MILITARY UNIFORM: Dress uniform or fatigues or (3) STYLISH MILITARY/VETERANS ATTIRE: Historic uniforms (i.e.) jungle fatigues and/or veteran hats and vests.

**ABSOLUTELY NO SHORTS, SANDALS, OR TENNIS SHOES.**

**ATTENTION FOR OUR OLDER VETERANS:** You have the option of: (1) Riding in a military vehicle, or (2) Sitting on the reviewing stand in front of the Village Diner.

Family members and guests can also sit on the reviewing stand. PLEASE NOTE: ONLY FOUR (4) SEATS PER VETERAN ARE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY MEMBER AND GUESTS. Those on the reviewing stand will be in the shade and have access to restrooms and refreshments. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TO COMMANDER GARY ZANARDI AT 628-0440 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Parade participants will meet at the Post at 9:30 a.m. to assemble and make final arrangements. Let's get as much participation as possible to let Youngstown know we are here and also to give the community a chance to know our veterans.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you at the Post on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

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**TRIVIA TIME:** Did you know that there are 403 steps from the foundation to the top of the torch in the Statue of Liberty. Cardiac cases need not apply.

**NEXT POST MEETING:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.

Until next time, may the good Lord be with you, enjoy what's left of summer, and hope to see you soon.

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