



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

November 29, 2019

Dear Veterans and Friends:

From the pen of the Post Commander Ed Jackson:

Well, the Chicken BBQ is over and it was a great success and there are many thanks to go around. Thank you to all the Post and Auxiliary members that showed up and helped out wherever we needed you and for all the basket donations. But there was one individual who did an outstanding job and ensured the success of the event. That person being Al Smith; I think he is still at the fire hall checking things out and making sure things are going right. He has always been an asset to this Post, but this time he has gone above and beyond the call to duty. Thank you so much for your work and participation, the one thing I did not have to worry about was how Al was handling his job. Thank you again and he was a Marine, go figure!!

Now, there were others including the Ransomville American Legion Post 830 who helped in a big way, especially handling the food. Lance Dickinson who took control of the basket raffle and made it a success with help from Kristen Brolinski from Spice Harbor, who I also want to thank for lending a hand. There was John Mac Arthur who was a big help throughout. I think at times he almost had a heart attack from worrying, but he made it. The Auxiliary for their wonderful desserts and Walt Stevenson for handling the 50/50. I could go on and on but the newsletter is too short. Thank you all for your contribution to the BBQ that helped make it a success. We will also be sending out thanks to the community for their help and support.

In closing, we still have December to go. We will be having our annual Christmas Dinner on the 9th of December, which we request you bring a toy gift to be donated to WNY Heroes for children of Veterans having dark times. We are also in the final push for Wreaths Across America. The last day for donation is December 2nd. Give me or Lance Dickinson a call if you or someone else would like to donate. We will be putting the wreaths out on December 14th. I hope you can come out; thank you again and have a Merry Christmas!! I have never looked forward to January before, but this year I am so I can take a little break.

To all, Thank You and to all a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Ed Jackson, Post Commander

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INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER:

December is the last month in the Gregorian calendar. Its name is based on the Latin term for ten. In the Roman calendar, December was the tenth month until the addition of January and February at the beginning of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere December has the shortest daylight hours and marks the beginning of winter. December provides the longest days in Southern Hemisphere, as it is the beginning of summer. December is a month of many religious holidays.

Did you know...?

The birthstone of December is turquoise

Zodiac Signs for December are Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) and Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

The birth flower of December is the narcissus

In December, Nobel Prizes are awarded

December 4 is National Cookie Day

On December 4, 1791, the Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was published in Britain

Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25th

On December 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed

December 27 is National Chocolate Day

Poinsettia Day is December 12.

December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight

COMMANDER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Commander Jackson would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in the Post Clean-up on November 2, Poppy Sales on November 2/3, those Veterans and guests who attended the Veterans Appreciation Dinner at Lew-Port High School on November 8, and everyone who attended the Veteran's Day Celebration at the Youngstown Fire Hall.

The Post will be having our Annual Christmas Dinner on December 9th beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., followed by a surprise Christmas Buffet. Cost is \$15.00 and will be catered by Danny C., Patty and Duggar. Please bring a dessert to pass and an unwrapped toy gift for the WNY Heroes to assist those Veterans and their families who are less fortunate than us. RSVP by December 3 to John Mac Arthur at johnnymac1@roadrunner.com or 791-3243.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, December 7/14, 6:30-8:15 p.m. – Old Fort Niagara Castle by Candlelight

Saturday/Sunday, December 7/8, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Lewiston Christmas Walk

Sunday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. – Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Niagara Falls Aerospace Museum

Monday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. – Post Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. – Wreaths Across America, Oakland Rural Cemetery

Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Youngstown Christmas in the Village

December 21, 2019 First Day of Winter (BRRRR! and just think it is only 117 days, 13 hours, 16 minutes, and 24 seconds and counting till Spring 2020.

December 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

December 31 – NEW YEARS EVE

Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Col. (Ret.) Lance Dickinson, Co-Editor

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