



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

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June 1, 2015

Dear Veterans and Friends,

May was a very busy month for the Post starting with the spring clean-up on May 2. A big thank you to John Moore, John MacArthur, Chris Sembert, Lance Dickinson, and Gary Zanardi for their support. We edged the flower gardens, planted flowers, spread out the dirt pile by the shed, power-washed the building, and fixed the gutters. A special thanks to John Roberts for designing and installing a hand rail at the front entrance. The building and grounds looked nice for our Memorial Day Open House.

We had a very successful poppy donation campaign collecting \$2,219 in poppy donations and hat/t-shirt sales. Thank you to Gary Zanardi, Ed Jackson, John Roberts, DuWayne Brabec, John MacArthur, Lance Dickinson, Chris Sembert, and Sam Beiter from Lew-Port for helping with the donations. A special thanks to James Wilkesmore for donating the hats which always sell quickly during the donations.

We had a wonderful Memorial Day Ceremony at Old Fort Niagara and a great turn-out at the Post after the ceremony. Thank you to everyone who participated in the ceremony, reception, and flag disposal and a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for setting up the reception.

At our May meeting, the following members were elected as Post officers for 2014-15:

Commander – Gary Zanardi	1-year Trustee – DuWayne Brabec
Senior Vice Commander – Ed Jackson	2-year Trustee – John Moore
Junior Vice Commander – Walt Stevenson	3-year Trustee – John Roberts
Quartermaster – Lance Dickinson	Officer-of-the-Day – Ralph Borelli
Adjutant – John MacArthur	Service Officer – Chris Sembert
Chaplain – Jerry Tubinis	Surgeon – Ed Stefik
Judge Advocate – Eddie Stefik	

Other business included a discussion on hosting a Meat Raffle with the Youngstown Fire Department. Walt Stevenson presented details on the raffle and will be contacting the fire company to see if they are interested in participating in the event. We also approved \$100 donations to the Youngstown Lions Club Golf Tournament and to the Youngstown Fire Company Golf Tournament.

We received a letter from State Senator Robert Ortt seeking World War II and Korean War veterans interested in participating in a WNY Warriors trip to Washington DC on October 21. The group will visit the World War II, Iwo Jima, Lincoln, Korean War and Vietnam War memorials. If you would like an application, please contact Gary Zanardi or me or call Senator Ortt's office at 434-0680 if you have any questions.

Enclosed with this month's newsletter is our annual fund raising request to allow us to continue to serve the veterans in our community. This year we are requesting donations to support our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on July 13, to raise funds to bring two Huey helicopters to Old Fort Niagara to honor Vietnam Veterans during Memorial Day weekend 2016, and to raise funds to put a memorial at Lewiston-Porter High School to honor graduates who have served our country. We would also like to thank the Town of Porter for making donations to both the Post and the Huey 369 project.

**Upcoming Events:**

- June 3 (Wednesday), 5:00-8:00 pm – Military Veterans Appreciation Dinner, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 4169 Church Road, Lockport, NY
- June 8 (Monday), 7:00 pm – Regular Post meeting to discuss summer activities
- June 11-14 (Thursday-Sunday): Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, Town Hall, Lockport
- June 12 (Friday), Flag Day Celebration, Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School, 8:45 am, reception in the cafeteria, followed by the ceremony at 9:30 am in the auditorium
- July 11 (Saturday), 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Hounds & Heroes, Niagara County SPCA
- July 13 (Monday), 6:00 pm – VFW Post 313 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- July 18-19, (Saturday/Sunday), 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Thunder of Niagara Air Show

This will be my last newsletter as John MacArthur and I are trading positions in the Post. I have enjoyed sharing information with you each month and I know John will also do a great job.

Lance Dickinson  
Post 313 Adjutant