



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

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Dear Veterans, Auxiliary and Friends,

How is everyone doing? It's been a long time since we've been able to get together and do things that we as Veterans like to do for our community and for our fellow Veterans. Hopefully, things are improving and we can again get back to normal without all these restrictions. Due to the restrictions and lack of activities, this newsletter will cover October – December and get us to the New Year.

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Well here we are, still in this fight against Covid-19 and because of this we will be canceling our October meeting. We do have plans for the November meeting being put with the Veterans Day remembrance on the 11th; which means we will do both a meeting and the ceremony on the same day. If the weather is good, we will go to the Veterans Memorial; if not we will do a ceremony at the Post. The ceremony will be for members and auxiliary only, it will not be open to the general public.

Another event has been canceled, that being the Veteran's Day chicken barbecue. It was decided between the American Legion and our Post that in the best interest of the volunteers who would be doing the running around that we cancel because of the risk to their health. We are in the highest risk factor for this Covid-19; a life is not worth a chicken barbecue.

As I was sitting thinking of what to write today, my mind was racing with many things to go over, too much for this newsletter. But there were a few things that were happening that have been positive. The big thing was the donations coming in from Poppies during the Labor Day weekend. The other has been a rise in flag sales, some from members but some from word of mouth outside of the Post. Now, we are not putting Wal-Mart out of business, but it is an increase and that is good. Marie has been moving us ahead with this project, a big thanks to her. I would also like to thank those who came out for Poppies over Labor Day, we collected \$1100. We are working on selling wreaths for "Wreaths Across America". There will be more information to come in the near future. They are selling for \$15.00 each.

In closing, we lost an auxiliary member last month. Louise Kulak, who I did not know her very well, but I understand she was a stable at this Post for many years. She will be missed, another member of the World War II generation to have left us. Charlie Cutler is doing well, he has moved to North Carolina with his son. He also will be missed. Stay safe and wear your mask, there are brighter days coming!! Thanks for being a member.

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POST NEWS: We were saddened by the news that lifetime Auxiliary Member Louise Kulak passed away on September 2 and is now in the hands of the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kulak family.

Please keep in your prayers Walt Stevenson who is recuperating after eye surgery and Jim Wilkesmore who is home after being hospitalized last month.

We will NOT be having a Post Meeting in October, but we will have a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, followed by a short meeting. We will also be collecting new toys for WNY Heroes in December. Look for boxes at Youngstown businesses or you can drop them off at the Post entrance. We will also be selling Christmas wreaths to be placed on headstones as part of Wreaths Across America.

FUN FACTS:

OCTOBER – the name October comes from the Latin “octo”, meaning “eight”, because in the Roman calendar October was the eighth month of the year. With the adding of January and February after the Julian calendar reform, October became the tenth month of the year as we know it today.

The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal, the flower is calendula, and the zodiac signs are Libra (September 23 – October 22), and Scorpio (October 23 – November 21). Famous people born in October, just to name a few, are Hillary Clinton, Bill Gates, Matt Damon, Julie Andrews, Katy Perry, Julia Roberts, and Christopher Columbus. Special days in October include International Peace Day, Yom Kippur, Columbus Day, and Halloween.

NOVEMBER – was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and received its name from the Latin “novem”, meaning “nine.” *In Finland, they call November “marraskuu”, which translates as “the month of the dead.”* It is one of four months with a length of 30 days on the Gregorian or modern calendar.

The birthstone for November is Topaz and the flower is the Chrysanthemum. The zodiac signs are Scorpio (October 23 – November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21). In the United States and Canada, November is known as National Beard Month or No Shave Month (also known as “No Shave November”). Famous people born in November include Mark Twain, Sir Winston Churchill, Walter Cronkite, Bruce Lee, Gordon Ramsey, Jonathan Swift, and Indira Gandhi. Special days in November include Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, National Men Make Dinner Day, National Sandwich Day, and International Evolution Day

DECEMBER – was the tenth month of the ancient Roman calendar and is based on the Latin word for ten. In the Northern Hemisphere, December has the shortest daylight hours and marks the beginning of winter. December provides the longest days in Southern Hemisphere and is the beginning of summer.

The birthstone for December is Turquoise and the flower is the Narcissus. The zodiac signs are Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 – January 19). Famous birthdays in December include Woody Allen, Bette Milder, Walt Disney, Sammy Davis Jr., Emily Dickinson, Britney Spears, and Ludwig Van Beethoven. Special holidays in December include Advent, National Christmas Lights Day, Christmas, Boxing Day, and a month to celebrate the Holiday Season.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Veteran’s Day, November 11 – meet at the Post at 10:30 and a decision will be made on where we will hold the ceremony, dependent on the weather. The ceremony is only open to members and auxiliary. We will hold a meeting after the ceremony.

As we close another year, we hope all the problems that we are experiencing in 2020 will go away and we can start 2021 with renewed hope and the opportunity to be together again.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, and a safe, healthy, and peaceful Christmas.

Hope to see you all very soon.

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