



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

**June 1, 2018**

**Dear Fellow Veterans and Friends:**

Is summer and warm weather here to stay?

June, named after Juno, the goddess of marriage, is the sixth month of the year, and is one of the four months with a length of 30 days. Just like the month of May, no other month begins on the same day as June. This is also the month with the longest daylight hours of the year.

June's birthstones are the Alexandrite, the Moonstone, and the Pearl. Alexandrite represents health and longevity. Moonstones represent change, new beginnings and the shifting tides of emotion and can help a wearer to alleviate stress, especially due to sudden changes in life. Moonstone is also believed to increase intuition and aid in lucid dreaming. Pearls symbolize purity of heart and faith, as well as growth and transformation through difficult circumstances.

Its birth flowers are the honeysuckle and the rose. Honeysuckle traditionally stands for bonds of devotion, love, fidelity and generosity. Few flowers have as many meanings attributed to them as the rose. Depending on the type of rose, roses can indicate romantic love, secrecy, desire, gratitude, mourning, impossible hopes, modesty, joy, love at first sight, innocence, sacrifice and much more. In the traditional language of flowers, roses are among the most important flowers.

Gemini and Cancer are the astrological signs for June. Birthdays from June 1 through the 20 fall under the sign of Gemini, while June 21 through the 30 birthdays fall under the sign of Cancer.

A Bug named June?

The June bug, also known as June beetle, is the name of several large beetles seen in the United States during May and June. They are usually seen at night when the light attracts them.

June bugs eat the young leaves of trees and plants. They deposit their eggs in the ground and young larvae bury themselves in the soil in the autumn and stay there two years. They then come out in May or June as adult beetles.

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## June Holidays

- \* International Men's Month
- \* National Seafood Month
- \* National Candy Month
- \* National Dairy Month
- \* National Ice Tea Month
- \* 5 June – World Environment Day
- \* 6 June – D-Day, WWII
- \* 14 June – Flag Day
- \* 17 June – Father's Day, the third Sunday in June
- \* 19 June – Juneteenth
- \* 30 June – Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year

## Did you know...

- \* De Soto claimed Florida for Spain on June 3, 1539
- \* Charles Goodyear was granted a patent for rubber vulcanization on June 15, 1844
- \* The Ford Motor Company was founded on June 16, 1903
- \* Congress adopted the design for the Great Seal of the United States on June 20, 1782
- \* Eli Whitney applied for a patent on the cotton gin on June 20, 1793
- \* President Andrew Johnson announced the purchase of Alaska from Russia on June 20, 1867
- \* Daniel Carter Beard, founder of Boy Scouts of America, was born on June 21, 1850
- \* Cyrus McCormick was granted a patent for the reaper on June 21, 1834
- \* The United Nations Charter was signed by delegates from 50 nations at San Francisco on June 26, 1945

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE POST

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Post held its Annual Spring Clean-up. Commander Gary Zanardi would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to Fred DeMartin, DuWayne Brabec, Maria Stevenson, Kurt Mieth, Lance Dickinson and John Mac Arthur for a job well done.

Many thanks to Chris Sembert for repairing the motion detectors and replacing the burned out lights at the Post.

The Officers and members of Post collected Poppy donations at Rite Aid and Old Fort Niagara the two weekends prior to Memorial Day. The Commander would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to: Melody Duval, Mike McLane, Fred DeMartin, Vickie Sutor, Maria Stevenson, Walt Stevenson, Marie Schumacher, Ed Jackson, John Moore, DuWayne Brabec, Lance Dickinson and John Mac Arthur for helping raise over \$1750.

Commander Gary Zanardi would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to Col Mieth for coordinating the Memorial Day program and to all the members and guests who participated in the ceremony. A JOB WELL DONE.

A big thank you to Maria and Walt Stevenson, John Moore, John Mac Arthur, Fred DeMartin and Lance Dickinson for representing the Post at the Town of Niagara Clean-up on June 2.

"Unwavering support for Uncommon Heroes." Our Auxiliary needs your help to find new members! Eligibility for membership is listed in our member application or learn more about us on our beautiful website [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) Please share a membership application with the men and women in your family and ask that they join us to help serve America's uncommon heroes.

VFW Post 313 was the **NUMBER #1 Post** in District 7 for membership retention and new members and we were recognized by District 7 Commander Dan Marsh at the District Convention at Mt. Morris on May 6<sup>th</sup>. **GOOD JOB!!!**

At our Post Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the following Officers were sworn in for 2018-2019:

Post Commander:	Ed Jackson
Senior Vice Commander:	Michael Williams
Junior Vice Commander:	Walter Stevenson
Quartermaster:	Col. (Ret.) Lance Dickinson
Chaplain:	Gerald Tubinis
Judge Advocate:	Lt. Col. (Ret.) Kurt Mieth
Surgeon:	Col. (Ret.) William Vecsey
1 Year Trustee:	DuWayne Brabec
2 Year Trustee:	John Moore
3 Year Trustee:	John Roberts
Adjutant:	John Mac Arthur
Service Officer:	Christopher Sembert

We would like to take this opportunity to give our THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO PAST COMMANDER GARY ZANARDI who did a GREAT JOB steering the ship, keeping us afloat, making timeless decisions, but above all made us a Post to be proud of and one to be recognized in the Community. We will miss your leadership, but most of all THANK-YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO POST 313!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Sembert family and specifically to Mitchell Sembert on his Commission as a 2LT in the Army. Mitch was sworn in by his father, received his first salute from his mother, and was pinned by his sister. Mitch was our Post scholarship winner in 2014 and will be leaving for pilot training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. BEST WISHES!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 6 – St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Veteran’s Appreciation Dinner, 5:00-7:30 p.m. (4169 Church Road, off Route 93, Youngstown-Lockport Road)

June 9 – Ransomville Flag Day Parade (Ransomville American Legion Hall, Youngstown-Lockport-Road) WEAR PARADE UNIFORM, BLACK SHOES, BLACK PANTS, WHITE SHIRT, TIE, AND HEADGEAR. Meet at the Post at 9:30 a.m. to arrange for transportation and to gather the parade paraphernalia. Parade line up is at 10:30, with the parade starting at 11:00

June 9/10 – Niagara Falls Air Force Air Show, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., parking available at the Summit Park Mall with free shuttle service to the base

June 11 – Monthly Post Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

June 14 – Flag Day Celebration, Lew-Port Intermediate School, reception at 8:45, program at 9:30

June 18 – “Music Mania Mondays,” Town of Niagara Veterans Park, we will meet at 5:00 p.m. to set up for the 50/50 raffle. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS POST FUND RAISER A SUCCESS!!

June 28 – Chris Butler, Veterans Affairs Officer, Youngstown Red Brick School, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### TIDBIT:

The United States Army reports that every 100 new recruits require 112 tooth extractions, 600 fillings, 18 partial dentures, and 1 full denture. So you want to be a Dentist in the U.S. Army?

Take care and God bless.

Col. (Ret.) Lance E. Dickinson, Co-Editor  
John H. Mac Arthur, Co-Editor

Please Join  
Lewiston-Porter Intermediate  
School's  
**Flag Day Celebration**  
as We Honor the "Stars and  
Stripes" of America!



**When:** Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Time:** 8:45- Coffee and doughnut reception in the  
cafeteria for all veterans and their guests

9:30- Celebration begins in the auditorium

**Place:** Lewiston-Porter Intermediate School

(Please check in at the office)

**RSVP:** Regrets only at 754-8281, ext.3104 Joy Khatib