



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

March 1, 2020

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary and Friends:

COMMANDER'S TIME:

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be March and hopefully the worst of the winter will be behind us. We can now look forward to getting out and working on the lawns and gardens. We will be having our first dinner for the year with the St. Patty's dinner on the 9th. There has been a question brought up about discontinuing this dinner due to the small numbers that turn out for it. March is kind of a difficult month, because we have members down South for the winter and several others heading out to get a little sun to energize us for the beginning of spring, and I am one of those folks. I will not be in town for the dinner, but I put out to the post to decide on whether we keep this dinner or eliminate it. Let your Officers know how you feel at the dinner and we will discuss it at our April 13th meeting.

There is something else I would like to get started. It is something I talked about a couple of years ago, but maybe it is time to try again. That is the opening of the Post once a week for a coffee hour, not only for VFW members, but for all Veterans no matter where they served. This can be whatever the group wants to make it into. I would like someone, or several individuals, to step up and take charge of this event. I will fully support it, if necessary, I will get it started. It is a way of finding new members and also getting the rest of the Veteran community to be more active with us. Let me know what you think!

As for benefits this month, there was something that was brought up at the Vietnam Veterans meeting that I took note of. That was we are not going to be here forever. Well, at least I know I am not going to be here forever. There was a booklet that was put out by VVA that lists the thing you should be getting together, so the persons who are left behind will know what to do and what directions to take with your belongings. This is over and beyond making a will. This may include the VA for your benefits and compensation for your loved ones. In some cases, spouses will continue to receive benefits after you are gone. I will be getting some of these folders to hand out. If you are interested, we could have someone come in and talk about this subject. Again, let me know your feelings, it can be a tough subject.

See you in April, enjoy the dinner!

Ed Jackson
Post Commander

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MARCH:

March's birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone, these stones symbolize courage. Its birth flower is the daffodil. The zodiac signs for the month of are Pisces (until March 20) and Aries (March 21 onwards).

Special days in March:

1 – National Peanut Butter Lovers Day

3 – The United States adopted the Star-Spangled Banner as its National Anthem

3 – Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburg, Scotland

8 – Daylight Savings time (set clocks ahead one hour)

11 – Johnny Appleseed Day

15 – BEWARE OF THE IDES OF MARCH

17 – St. Patrick's Day

19 – Wyatt Earp was born in 1848 in Monmouth, Illinois

20 – First Day of Spring.

24 – One of the largest oil spills in U.S. history occurred as the oil tanker *Exxon Valdez* ran aground in Prince William Sound off Alaska, resulting in 11 million gallons of oil leaking over a stretch of 45 miles

30 – President Ronald Reagan was shot while walking toward his limousine in Washington DC

POST NEWS:

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner cooked by Post Chef Danny, and his helpers Dooger and Patty, will be held on March 9th at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00/person. Please RSVP to John Mac Arthur at 791-3243 no later than March 5th. **A GREAT ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT.**

We would like to welcome our newest Post member, Reid Foertsch, a retired Air Force Officer and Vietnam Veteran. Welcome to the Post!!

The Niagara County Clerks Office is updating their Purple Heart "Book of Honor" to recognize veterans who received the Purple Heart. If you are a Purple Heart recipient, or know someone (deceased or living) who is, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the County Clerk's Office.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please remember in your prayers Anna "Mom" Casale who is recuperating after a fall. Anna is the mother of Maria Stevenson and mother-in-law to Walt Stevenson. Also, prayers for Al Smith whose wife Sharon is undergoing treatment at Roswell.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

There will be a presentation on "*To the Moon and Back Again: The Space Race, Buffalo-Niagara and the Impossible Task*" at the NCCC Main Campus on March 4 at 3:00 p.m. For information on the event, visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/frcae/space-race.php or email Maureen Winters at: winters@niagaracc.sunny.edu.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Post

Saturday, March 14, 12:30-3:00 p.m. – Youngstown Lions Club "CASH BASH," Youngstown Fire Hall

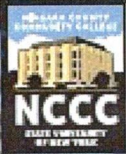
Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post meeting and election of officers for 2020-21

TRIVIA TIME:

Did you know that Italians in Italy consume a million and a half tons of spaghetti every year? Burp!

That's it for another month, take care and may God bless.

COL. (Ret.) LANCE DICKINSON, CO-EDITOR
JOHN H. MAC ARTHUR, CO-EDITOR



NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

To the Moon and Back Again:

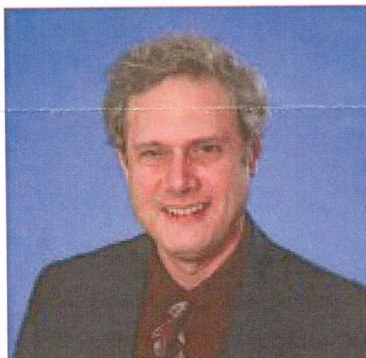
The Space Race, Buffalo-Niagara and the Impossible Task

Wednesday, March 4th • 3:00 – 4:00PM • Room E-140

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3111 Saunders Settlement Road • Sanborn, NY 14132 • 716-614-6222

Since President Kennedy's 1961 call to land a man on the moon, the story of the Apollo program has been streamlined and mythologized. Seen now by many as a foregone conclusion, it is the one universally admired American accomplishment. This talk will place the space race into the context of the 1950s and 60s. It will show how Kennedy's audacious timeline required remarkable teamwork and sacrifice, highlighting the critical contributions from the Buffalo-Niagara Region, and it will try to explain why the moon landings did not lead to other manned space exploration.



Presented by:

Dr. Matthew Clarcq

Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Matthew Clarcq holds a B.A. in History from SUNY Geneseo and a Master's Degree and Ph.D. from University at Buffalo. He has taught at NCCC for 16 years and received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2010. He currently chairs the NCCC Student Showcase.

*This presentation is open to the public. Details, registration (not required)
and maps regarding this event can be found at:*

niagaracc.suny.edu/frcae/space-race.php

For more information, contact Maureen Winters at: winters@niagaracc.suny.edu • 716-614-4075



Frank J. Gaffney Purple Heart Book of Honor

SALUTATION (CIRCLE ONE): Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Deceased ___ Yes ___ No

LAST NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

MIDDLE NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

Please note, you must provide a copy of your discharge papers listing your Purple Heart(s).

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please return form to:
Niagara County Clerk's Office, Attn: Thank-A-Vet, PO Box 461 Lockport, NY 14095-0461



The Frank J Gaffney Purple Heart Recipients Book of Honor is on permanent display in the rotunda of the Niagara County Courthouse
The Book of Honor is updated annually on National Purple Heart Day, August 7th.
Forms must be completed and returned to the Niagara County Clerk's Office by Monday, June 1, 2020

Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

Joseph A. Jastrzemski
Hon. Joseph A. Jastrzemski
NIAGARA COUNTY CLERK

For Office Use
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