



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

June 1, 2021

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

Another month is just about over. I am writing this before the Memorial Day weekend, so can't comment on the ceremonies that are to be taking place this weekend. It was good to see the help that did turnout for poppy donations this past weekend. I would like to thank those of the membership that did come out and help. I will thank those who will be coming for the second weekend in advance. Those thanks also include the members of the Auxiliary, they were a huge help. We sure can use the funds that are raised from our efforts with the Poppy drive.

We put out flags in the Youngstown cemeteries'; we were also asked to help put flags out at North Ridge cemetery. This is normally done by the Cambria American Legion, but their membership has gotten too old and too small to handle it. So, we joined with the Boy Scouts from Wilson and the Ransomville American Legion and got the job done. Thanks Marty for all the help.

While I am thanking people, there is someone I have a special thanks for and someone who has helped this Post in a variety of duties. He has been our Quartermaster for I don't know how many years and has done an excellent job. There is not enough room in this newsletter to list all the things he has done, a lot of times no one knowing he had done them. That is special! He has led us through some very hard times, keeping us afloat with his very sound advice. I have always looked to him for being a straight forward voice about anything I might want to try and he has responded with straight answers, sometimes leaving me to rethink the proposal, and that is a good thing. It has been fun working with him and I hope he continues to stay and help us with this Post. He has been a real asset to us. He has made the Post a better place to be, and Lord knows a cleaner Post! Thank you Lance Dickinson, from not only me, but I think the whole membership, for all you have done for Post 313. Thanks again Lance!!

Yours,

Ed Jackson
Post Commander

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MEMBER CONCERNS:

Our sympathy and condolences go out to the Cutler family on the death of longtime Post member Charles Cutler, Sr. Charles grew up in the Town of Porter and joined the Navy during WWII serving on the USS Damon Cummins, USS Warrick, USS PCE 882 and the USS Perry. He returned to the area and worked for Bell Aerospace Textron. A memorial service will be held at Hardison Funeral Home in Lewiston on June 5 at 10:00 a.m. Donations in his name can be made to St. Jude children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST:

We are still looking for a volunteer to be the Post Communication Officer, responsible for the newsletter, Website and Facebook pages and a Membership Officer to assist with Post recruiting efforts. If interested, please let Ed or me know.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Post clean-up, flag placing, and poppy donations. It was a definite team effort. As you do your Spring cleaning, remember to buy your new flags from the Post. We will deliver and properly dispose of your old flags.

Burger King restaurants have contributed more than \$6.5 million to the VFW Unmet Needs program since 2007. To thank them, the VFW is hosting their annual Thank BK Appreciation Week from June 14-18. Proudly wear your VFW apparel during that week and thank them for their support of veterans.

The "Wall that Heals" is coming to Veterans Park in Tonawanda from July 22-25. The Wall is a ¾ scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC and travels throughout the United States. There will be a welcome ceremony on July 22nd at noon and the memorial will then be open 24 hours a day through July 25th at noon.

Mark your calendars for July 12 and August 9. Our annual Hamburger/Hotdog barbeque and Steak Cookout are back for Post and Auxiliary members and guests.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 12, 11:00 a.m. – Ransomville Flag Day Parade, American Legion Post 830

June 14, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2021-22

July 12, 6:00 p.m. – Annual Hamburger and Hotdog BBQ

July 22-25 – The Wall that Heals, Veterans Park, Tonawanda

August 9, 6:00 p.m. – Annual Post Steak Cookout

Please come out and support the Post in these activities.

Lance Dickinson
Post Quartermaster