



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

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Dear Veterans and Friends:

COMMANDER'S TIME:

Well it is February and winter is almost gone. I would like to mention that the weather has been good, but that might put a bad jinx on the rest of the winter. I do not want to be responsible for that!!

The bathroom/entrance project is 99% complete. There are always small things to be finished and that will go on for a while. I was going to say something last month but the final review had not taken place, but now that has been done and the contractor has been paid. I would like to recognize a member who has stayed with this project from the beginning, which seems like a lifetime ago. Chris Sembert has gone above and beyond the call of duty. He has stayed with this project, which at times was not the most convenient for him and his family. I think in the beginning of the project, he was hoping it could have been done during the winter months, which is when he is the slowest at his full-time job. But that was not the case; as with Murphy's Law it came at one of his busiest times of the year. Chris worked through it and was able to not only oversee the project, but also help with certain parts of the project.

Now that would be enough, but at the end of the project he added an additional plus. That was having his company make ANOTHER donation to the Post; a very generous donation. It must have been a good year for his company! I thank him for his dedication to the Post. I also would like to thank his wife and family for putting up with us throughout this project. Also, I would like to extend these thanks to his company. I am rewarding Chris with the highest award from the Post; that being, he and his wife don't have to attend six meetings. This they may use at their own discretion!

As for benefits this month, this is just a reminder, that if you use the VA medical system for anything or wish to use the system, you must check-in at least once a year to be maintained within the system; checking in means VISITING your primary Doctor, not just calling in. If you lapse, you must re-register in Buffalo on Bailey Avenue and MAYBE have to start over.

In closing, I hope to see you all at the next meeting on February 10th. Thanks again Chris, it has been great working with you on this project.

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POST COMMANDER

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INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY:

The zodiac sign for February is Aquarius from February 1-18 and Pisces for February 19-29. This month you are the spiritual center of the universe. The Sun and Neptune will sit in conjunct for the middle two weeks of February. This is increased with a beneficial aspect with Jupiter. You close this month with many dreams and altruistic ideas.

Amethyst is the birth stone for February.

February's fruits and vegetables are Oranges, Calabaza Squash, Chayote Squash; and Bitter Melon.

The flower for February is Violet.

This year is a Leap Year with Saturday, February 29, being Leap Day.

For you sky watchers, there will be a full moon on Sunday, February 9th.

SPECIAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY:

1 – National Freedom Day (freedom from slavery)

2 – Ground Hog Day (Yippee!!)

3 – Four Chaplains Day

4 – USO Day and World Cancer Day

5 – National Weathermen's Day

12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

14 – Valentine's Day – celebrate with love, flowers, and chocolate

15 – Susan B. Anthony's Birthday

15 – National Flag of Canada Day

17 – President's Day

22 – George Washington's Birthday

25 – Mardi Gras (also known as "Fat Tuesday" or "Shrove Tuesday")

SUPPORT YOUR POST:

You can support your Post by dropping off your returnable cans and bottles at:

Porter Empty Return Center – 3628 Ransomville Road, Ransomville

Lewiston Redemption Center – 820 Seneca Street, Lewiston

Just drop off your bag and tell them they are for VFW Post 313, Youngstown!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. – Regular Post Meeting

Saturday, February 29, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Multi-State Permit Class, cost \$150

- To register or to get more information, call 716-903-2558 or email info@ftwny.com

Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. – Saint Patrick's Dinner at the Post

TRIVIA TIME:

Did you know that in 1947 according to the National Peanut Council each American gobbled 8.5 pounds of goobers, with 1.6 billion pounds of them annually being made into peanut butter. That is 1947, I wonder how many pounds today?

That's all folks. Have a safe and healthy February, see you soon.

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