



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

March 1, 2015

Dear Veterans and Friends,

Get out the green and get ready for our annual St Paddy's dinner on March 9. Danny Cipollitti and family will be cooking the traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Cost is \$15.00 per person and please RSVP to Commander Gary Zanardi at 628-0440 by March 6. Cocktails begin at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm.

The Village of Youngstown will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, at 11:30 am. The parade will proceed down Main Street from Himan Street to Lockport Street. For members interested in marching in the parade, we will meet at the Post at 10:30 that morning. Later that day, the Youngstown Lions Club will be hosting a "Cash Bash" from 3:00-6:00 pm at the Youngstown Red Brick gym. Tickets are on sale for a donation of \$20.

The Post will host their first lecture as part of the new Military Lecture Series. The quarterly series will include veterans talking about their military service and briefings on military history. The goal of the series is to educate our community about military history and the role of the Armed Forces. The first lecture will be held at the Post on March 21 at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be our own Ed Jackson discussing the Civil War 1st Artillery Regiment (Light) Battery M which was organized in Lockport with most of the men coming from the northern part of the county (Porter, Wilson, and Newfane areas). Ed is a Vietnam Veteran with a degree in Business Management with a minor in history.

The Lew-Port schools collected over \$2,000 from selling the red, white, and blue wristbands. All the money will be donated to the Village of Youngstown to help repair the Veterans Memorial. Many veterans groups, businesses, and individuals have made donations to help offset the costs.

The Post approved a \$100 donation to the Youngstown Fire Department "Drive for Life" campaign and a \$50 membership to join the Youngstown Business and Professional Association.

There are numerous military/veteran events coming up in the area including:

- April 18/19, Patriots' Day Weekend, Old Fort Niagara, free admission for veterans
- May 16, Armed Forces Day, Old Fort Niagara, free entry for veterans, active duty members, and their families
- May 23, Soldiers through the Ages, Old Fort Niagara
- May 30, 12:00-4:00 pm, Come Fly a Kite for Homeless Veterans, Gratwick Waterfront Park, North Tonawanda, 716-435-7210 for more details
- July 18/19, Thunder of Niagara Airshow, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

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We also have many Post activities coming up in May including the Post clean-up, poppy donations, and our Memorial Day Ceremony. Dates and times are listed below.

Upcoming Events:

- March 9 (Monday), 7:00 pm: St Patrick's Day Dinner, cocktails at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm
- March 14 (Saturday), 11:30 am: Youngstown St Patrick's Day Parade
- March 14 (Saturday), 3:00-6:00 pm: Youngstown Lions Club "Cash Bash"
- March 21 (Saturday), 2:00 pm: Military Lecture Series
- April 13 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, nomination of officers for 2015-16
- May 2 (Saturday), 9am-noon: Annual Post clean-up – inside and outside the building
- May 11 (Monday), 7:00 pm: Regular Post meeting, election of Post Officers for 2014-15
- May 16/17 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's/Old Fort Niagara
- May 23/24 (Saturday/Sunday), 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Poppy Donations, Melloni's /Old Fort Niagara
- May 25 (Monday), 11:00 am: Memorial Day Ceremony, Old Fort Niagara

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