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

October 1, 2021

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

VFW Newsletter October 2021

For this month I am going to keep this short and brief. We need to sell tickets for the Chicken BBQ, with a goal of 750 tickets; of course, the Legion will sell some and Irene is going to sell some. With that, we need to step up and sell about 300. As of today, we have long way to go. I do have to remind everyone that this is the largest fund-raising event of the year. We need this be as successful as it has been in past years, if we going to keep this Post alive. We are still recovering from the building project of two years ago. Also this year we will be giving more dinners away to Veterans who are home bound.

For a Post as small as ours it has been amazing that we have been able to survive the way we have while many of the Posts of our size have had to close. We keep pushing along and that is a compliment to you - the members, for all the work you have put into this Post. It seems that ever since I have been a member of this Post, it has been a constant battle to keep the money coming in. This BBQ has each year made a huge difference in helping us stay open.

The other thing I have is to remember is about the wreaths. We are back selling them for this year. The finish date for this will be December 11th, 2021. It is kind of a long story on how we come to be back here with them this year. I will explain more about this at the meeting. The important part is to support this fund raiser; it is a good community service project. I am closing for now; sell tickets and sell wreaths. See you at the next meeting Oct. 11th.

Ed Jackson
Post Commander

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MEMBER CONCERNS:

Gary A. Favero, brother of Auxiliary Post member Vicki Suito passed away suddenly on **September 29, 2021**. Viewing was held at M.J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel on Wednesday October 6th Gary's Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday October 7th, 2021 at 10 AM at Prince of Peace 1055 North Military Road, N.F., N. In lieu of flowers please donate to: Niagara County SPCA 2100 Lockport Rd, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 in memory of Gary Favero. Visit mjcoluccifuneralchapel.com for online condolences.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST:

We are still looking for a volunteer to be Membership Officer to assist with Post recruiting efforts. If interested, please let Ed or Marie know.

NOTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 VFW MEETING

The Post received Thank You Notes for donations from the Youngstown Vol. Fire Company (\$100.00), and Niagara County Purple Heart Chapter (\$100.00).

The Youngstown Business and Professional Association is having a Membership Dinner at the Fort Niagara's Officers Club on October 12, 2021, The Cost is \$20.00. Commander Ed stated that he will attend and represent VFW Post #313.

A motion was made and approved, to give to the Women's Auxiliary of Post #313 a check in the amount of \$250.00 with thanks for their assistance with the "Music Mania Mondays Concert Series". In which we sold 50-50 tickets to those in attendance on July 3, 2021. Our thanks to Comrade Walt Stevenson and his wife Marie, and members of the Post who sold tickets, and worked on this very hot day in making this fund-raiser for the VFW and Auxiliary a success. We raised \$793.00.

Chicken BBQ VFW Post 313 and American Legion Post 830

The Annual VFW (Youngstown) and American Legion (Ransomville) Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ is scheduled for November 13th, at the American Legion Hall in Ransomville (located at Youngstown Lockport Road). Tickets are \$12.00 Per pre-sale and \$14.00 on the day of the Event. In addition to enjoying the BBQ, please pick up some tickets to sell.

A Basket Auction will be held, and Commander Ed stated that if you donate a basket, KI-PO Chevrolet (Ransomville) will donate a free oil change. So, drop off your Basket Donation to KI-PO.

As noted in the September Newsletter; “We are looking for Veterans who are shut in and unable to attend. At the present time we have 21 Veterans that we will be delivering meals to.

If you know of any Veteran who would like a dinner, get their name, and address and pass it on to Commander Ed. KI-PO is donating eighteen tickets for Veterans residing in the Ransomville Nursing Home. Our thanks to KI-PO for their generosity.

Commander Ed would like to offer his thanks and appreciation to Chris Rembert for installing the new VFW sign, and Modern Disposal who donated the new sign to the Post. GREAT JOB CHRIS, AND THANK YOU MODERN DISPOSAL.

On behalf of the Post and Commander Ed, many thanks for the GREAT job, Gary Zanardi and Marty Wujec did in organizing the Labor Day Parade that we were in attendance on September 6th.

A motion was made and approved, to donate \$100.00 to the New York State Home for Veterans and families in Michigan.

Membership: Commander Ed brought up that he would like the post to host a “Veteran’s Open House” one day a week, so Veterans of the Community may come to the Post and have a chat, drink a cup of coffee, eat a donut, and discuss any questions that they may have, e.g., Benefits This would be in cooperation with the Ransomville American Legion Post. We hope to have service officers available to answer questions and discuss available Benefits.

Our “Wreaths Across America” Program is coming up, and we need to get the word out that we will be selling Christmas Wreaths to put on Veterans graves in local cemeteries. It was mentioned by Commander Ed that we may get some assistance from the Veterans Service Organization in Lockport.

Next Meeting October 11, 2021, at the Post 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 11th VFW Post Meeting 7:00 PM

Nov. 13th Chicken BBQ VFW Post 313 and American Legion Post 830 in Ransomville

Please come out and support the Post in these activities.

Will Hartley
Post Adjutant