

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

May 1, 2022

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

**Commander Comments:** 

### VFW Newsletter May 2022

Here it is May, and we have a busy month ahead of us. Not only is there Memorial Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month; we have Poppy donations on the weekends of May 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. I guess this has become a tradition for this Post to be doing Poppies on the last two weekends of the month and I am not going mess with changing it. I think it is a great time to be doing it. Contact John McArthur @ 716-701-3243 to schedule a time. I will be at Fort Niagara myself for three of the four days. It is great to see the people and how they either avoid us or run to donate; it is a real mixed bag.

Also, this month we will be putting flags out for Memorial Day at the Youngstown Cemeteries. This year the American Legion will not be helping us. They instead will be doing North Ridge Cemetery because the Cambria Legion - who used to take care of North Ridge - is closing. North Ridge is a big cemetery, and we may be called on to help the Ransomville Legion put out the flags. You may note that there are two dates set for setting out flags. That is because I wanted to have a second date in case of bad weather. This year, we will be doing all of Oakland Cemetery.

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May 30th, Memorial Day Fort Niagara Remembrance is at 11:00 AM. Meet at the post at 10:00 AM. Following the service at Fort Niagara, the Post will be open for the general public and we will be serving coffee and donuts. We will also be doing the retirement of flags on that day. Please come out because it should be a great day (hopefully we will have good weather).

We have not heard a word on doing service for Catholics' that morning, that would be at Oak Street Cemetery if it happens. We will put out an email announcement if it is going to take place.

I think that is it for now. Oh, one more thing; Just a reminder, we are getting new shirts from Stuart Sports in Lewiston. If you want one or more, call Stuart Sports at 716-754-4895 and place your order. You must have your order into them by May the 4th if you want it by May 21st and Memorial Day. That's coming up quickly if you are reading this on the web site!!

Hope to see you at the next meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 o'clock. Thanks for all your help.

**ED Jackson** 

**Post Commander** 

#### **MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Please contact the post if you have or know of any member in need.

#### **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 April 11, 2022, VFW Meeting

**Phone and Internet** – Post phone number is 716-475-4179 and we now have Internet and WIFI service. See Marty for assistance in gaining access.

**Ramp for back entrance** – anticipating acquiring/building a new ramp for the back.

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Post Open House – Noon to 3PM on Saturday. Looking for Shooting Team members

New VFW Shirts – Available at Stuart's in Lewiston – info in Commanders Comments

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## May 9, 6:00 PM. - VFW Post 313 Meeting

May 14 / 16, Cemeteries Flags out for Memorial Day May 21/22, 28/29, Poppies May 30, Memorial Day – Fort Niagara

--See Calendar on next page -

Please come out and support the Post in these activities.

Will Hartley **Post Adjutant** 



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### VFW Calendar for 2022

### **May 2022**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting 6PM

May 14<sup>th</sup> Flags out for Memorial Day Cemeteries

May 16<sup>th</sup> Flags out for Memorial Day Cemeteries: Will need help this year!

May 21<sup>st</sup> Poppies out 10AM to 2PM – Will need help!

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Poppies out 10AM to 2PM - Will need help! Call John

May 28<sup>th</sup> Poppies out 10AM to 2PM – Will need help! Call John

May 29<sup>th</sup> Poppies out 10AM to 2PM – Will need help! Call John

# [ Poppies sign up is with John McArthur give him a call 716-791-3243 ]

May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Fort Niagara Remembrance 11AM -To Meet at the Post 10AM Will open the Post after for coffee and donuts. Also, the surrendering of flags.

### **June 2022**

June 4th Meeting of Officers

June 11th Post Clean-up outside garden tools maybe needed. Time TBD

June 13th Post Meeting 6PM

June 14th Flag Day Members invited to Lewiston-Porter School Flag Day Ceremony

June 23<sup>rd</sup> End of School Street Dance and Post Flag Sale details to follow

# **July 2022**

July 11th Post Meeting/Open Post Hot Dogs/ Hamburg's