



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

April 1, 2023

VFW Post 313 Newsletter

Commander Comments:

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Today as I am writing this there are thunder storms off to the west, heading into here with the thunder breaking every few minutes. But the forecast for the rest of week is looking very good. I had better get this out of the way because if it turns nice, I am out of the house and off to getting some work done outside. Some of which should have been done last fall!

So, what has been going at the Post? Well, we have been working on a grant for funds to get some work done outside. The first on the list is replacement of the roof, which has been in need of some work for some time. Second is the repair/replacement of the driveway, which really needs to be done. And the third item on the list is the replacement of the three back doors, which are also in tough shape.

We were hoping to have this finished by the end of March, but the state has put the date off until the end of June for submission of the application.

This means we may or may not be able get the work done this year. We will just have to go with the flow!

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There has been a big change with the VA since the passing of the new law, called the Pact Act. There is no difference for me, but it is a lot different for other Vets. For more information I would strongly recommend you check with the VA, to see if there is a change in your status. This has to do with both Agent Orange and the burn pits of recent wars. They are including a lot more areas and veterans that may have been affected by them. Check it out; you might be surprised.

I just got off the phone with John McArthur; he told me that Jim Wilkesmore passed away this past week. Jim was one of our remaining World War Two Vets and was always active in the Post and helped us as much as he could. At the last BBQ he came and stayed for most of the afternoon with us and had a great time. I will always remember his smile, which he was always using. God bless, Jim; you will be remembered!!

Ok, in closing; On the 15th we will be opening the Post up for a flag sale and are hoping for a good turnout. We are working on details for next month's Post's opening and will announce it soon.

If anyone has a suggestion for opening the Post for the public I will listen. It should be Veteran and / or community related. If you have ideas for bringing in new members, I am open to that also. The last thought is - get ready for next month! May is going to be busy.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on the 10th at 6:00 PM.

ED Jackson
Post Commander

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Walt Stephenson is recovering at home. Please keep both Walt and Maria in your prayers.

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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.

Thanks to those who came out for the Youngstown St. Patrick's Day parade. It was short but fun and the kiddies welcomed the treats!

The wreaths (Wreath across America) that were placed in December Have been picked up. Thanks go to Al and his grandson!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 1st Officer meeting 9:00 AM Post
- April 10th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
- April 15th Flag Sale at the Post 9:00 AM to 1:00PM
(If you need to replace your flag, get it here!!)
- April 29th Officers meeting 9:00 AM Post

Check the VFW Calendar below for upcoming events –Please come out and support the Post in these activities.

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Post Adjutant

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VFW Calendar 2023

April 10th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM

April 15th Flag Sale at the Post 10:00 AM to 2:00PM (If you need to replace your
flag this is it!!)

April 29th Officers meeting 9:00 AM Post

May 8th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM

May 15th Post Opening (plans being made)

May 21st Poppy Donating two locations

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May 27th Poppy Donating two locations'

May 28th Poppy Donating two locations

May 29th Memorial Day Youngstown 8:30 AM Post

9:00 at the Catholic Cemetery Mass

11:00 at Fort Niagara 1812 Cemetery

June 3rd Officers meeting 9:00 AM Post

June 10th Ransomville Flag Day Parade

June 12th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM

June 22nd Youngstown Street Dance

July 1st Officers meeting 9:00 Am Post

July 10th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM Picnic at the Post

August 14th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM Steak Dinner

November 11th Chicken BBQ