



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

May 1, 2023

VFW Post 313 Newsletter

Commander Comments:

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Here we go again with another month and this one is a busy one for us. Before I get to covering this month's upcoming events, I would like to look back at this past month a little bit.

The flag sale this past month was better than good. I think we sold about \$450.00 of product, which is our best showing for a single flag event and in an open Post event! The success is owed to two factors, the first being better advertising and second being the hard work of Marie Peters at getting things moving. Thank you, Marie! Good job!

This month we will be opening the Post again for flag presentation by Col. Kurt Mieth. We have invited the Youngstown Boy Scouts to this open house, so they and we can learn the protocols of flags. Something we all need to refresh from time to time. For me, we did not get much training in flag protocols, but we did learn the importance of flags, especially when we were in the field and coming back to base camp. It will take place on Saturday May 13th from 10:00 to 12:00. We are looking at more things to do for these open Post events; any ideas let me know.

Also, this month we will be doing Poppy "sales" on the weekends of May 20th and 21st; and the weekend of the 27th and 28th. We will be at Fort Niagara and at Rite Aid on both weekends and we could use a lot of help with this; it is a major

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fundraiser for us each year. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Post regular meeting. Or if necessary, call me or one of the other Officers to set a time.

I think the last item for this month is that we will be doing the regular Memorial Day celebratory remembrance on the 29th at the Catholic Cemetery Mass at 9:00 and at Fort Niagara Cemetery at 11:00. We will meet at the Post at 8:30 AM before going over to the different remembrances. I hope you all can make it out for these events.

In closing, I was impressed by the number of members that showed up for Jim Wilkesmore's wake at the funeral home. It was an outstanding showing of support to a long-standing member of this organization. It was great to see Walt Stevenson not only being there but standing and walking, great to see. Thanks to all of you that showed up; the family really appreciated it.

ED Jackson
Post Commander

MEMBER CONCERNS:

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

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 8th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
- May 13th Open Post 10:00 AM to 12:00PM
- May 20th, 21st Poppy Donations – Ft. Niagara & Rite Aid
- May 27th, 28th Poppy Donations – Ft. Niagara & Rite Aid
- May 29th Memorial Day Youngstown 8:30 AM Post
9:00 Mass at the Catholic Cemetery
11:00 at Fort Niagara 1812 Cemetery

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

Will Hartley
Post Adjutant

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VFW Calendar 2023

- May 8th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
- May 15th Post Opening (plans being made)
- May 20th Poppy Donating two locations
- May 21st Poppy Donating two locations
- 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
- September 4th Labor Day Parade Youngstown
- September 11th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM
- November 11th Chicken BBQ