



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

March 1, 2023

VFW Post 313 Newsletter

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

Well here it is March and things are looking up. This Saturday we will be changing the clocks, moving them forward, and that is a sure sign of spring. It has been a tough winter with the weather.

We are still trying to get the wreaths picked up; it has been one thing after another. Everything from bad weather, to sickness, to not enough help to get them pick up. But we are still working on it, and we will get the job done one way or other. For me, I am feeling better; recovery has been a slow process and I am constantly reminded that getting old is a “bitch”!

With the coming of March, we have to have nominations for officers. As it sits now everyone is remaining in place. So, you can start coming back to the meeting, we won't be forcing people into positions they do not want to take. I am going to hang in there for another year and see how it goes. I would like to thank Marty, Maria, and Will for helping me through these hard times; you have been great, THANKS!!

We have gotten back to regular officers meeting and are moving forward. We are working on trying to open the Post on regular basis and have the general public come in. We will have a flag sale at the Post in April, details of which will be coming out.

Commander Comments:

We're working on other ideas in the coming months; plans are not complete at this point. If anyone has ideas, please let us know and we will work on them.

The key word for this year is going to be membership, membership in one form or another. We have to get serious about it now or we are not going to have a Post. And we will have to start thinking outside the box to be able to be successful in bringing in members. I think the most important element of that is reminding the younger Vets that the benefits they are receiving did not come about without a fight at the national level.

It took years to be able to get those benefits for them, and the ones doing the fight were the VFW's, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America. They were the ones doing the lobbying for changes in Washington.

When a Vet comes and complains to me about a problem in their benefits or the VA hospital. I ask them if they were or are involved with one of these organizations; for they are the ones who can get the changes made. If that Vet is not a member, I have no help for them. If you know someone, talk to them about joining, have them come to a meeting, or one of our events.

Well, that is enough for this month; I have gone on long enough. I hope you can come out for our next meeting on the 13th, which is this Monday. I will listen to any ideas anyone has that will help the Post move forward.

ED Jackson
Post Commander

MEMBER CONCERNS:

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

Reid Foertsch is recovering from his knee surgery. Hope to see him soon.

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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.

If you haven't heard, the post has a new phone number – 716-246-1076. And (reliable) internet service from Spectrum – thanks go to Marie and Marty. With that, Ed may be able to do Zoom instead of having to cruise WNY for all his meetings!

The wreaths (Wreath across America) that were placed in December remained frozen to the ground, so their pick-up has been delayed. More info later.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| March 4 th | Officer meeting 9:00 AM |
| March 13 th | Post Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM |
| March 18 th | St. Patrick's Day Parade - meet at post at 11:00 AM |

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

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VFW Calendar 2023

- March 13th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
- March 18th St. Patrick's Day Parade - Meet at Post at 11:00 for parade
- 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; this is it!! Order early at the post.)
- April 29th Officers meeting 9:00 AM Post
- May 8th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
- May 29th Memorial Day Youngstown 10 AM Post
- 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