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VFW Newsletter March 2024

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

This month we have good times and bad news. To begin with the bad news - and that is we are going to need to postpone the election of Officers for a month. It will take place at the April meeting; there are two problems with the election. The first being we need to find someone to fill the position of Quartermaster. Marie Peters is stepping down from this position and I have been procrastinating on this for a while. She did the right thing and notified us in time, but I did not act on it. The problem is who is going to replace her? We need to find someone who is qualified to do the job. The person needs to have a good background with working with today's technologies. And in some cases, having the ability and be willing to learn. If you know of someone, or if you are interested, give me a call. The VFW is changing at all levels, which is a good thing and shows why we need to work on getting new members involved.

The second reason for delaying is when we sent out post card for the new by-laws that did not have a way following up on who was returning the card. In other words, we did not place a return address, nor a numbering system on them to tell us who received which card. So, we are resending and will have the vote next month.

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The card return will also be used to update our mailing list and who wants to continue to receive hard copies of the newsletters or if they would prefer receiving it by email.

It would be great to have everyone on email because there are times during the month we need to send special notices out for changes that may occur on events or announcements. All part of that using those newer technologies that we are coming to enjoy.

In an update on the project upstairs and downstairs at the Post, we are progressing. It is not as far along as originally projected but we have come a long way. The upstairs is basically done; we just need to do a little more in the kitchen. This may be better scheduled for completion next year what with everything else we have going on. The downstairs is coming along - with a lot more needed to be done.

There are two things going on downstairs. One being the Home Depot grant, which will clean up the old bathroom and the other being going through all the picture and organizing them and getting them some kind of order. The pictures need to be identified, who's in them and why they were taken or the event/events they represent. And then preserve them for the future. This is going to be the longest part of this project to finish. The Home Depot part should be done by the middle of next month. The Home Depot grant can be done again next year when it may include the kitchen or some other project.

In closing you may note that I have enclosed a sheet for PGA project Hope. This is a yearly thing the PGA does for Veterans. It is a golf program led by trained PGA Professionals to learn or improve your golf game. It is free and is available here at the Niagara Frontier Golf Course. You just need to sign up; you may need military ID or discharge papers. I checked this out last year and it was pretty cool! So, with that I am closing, and I hope to see you at the meeting on March 11th at 6:00 PM.

**ED Jackson**  
**Post Commander**

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### **MEMBER CONCERNS:**

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

### **HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST:**

- Looking for veterans for Honor Guard duty to assist with burial in the National Cemetery. Contact the post for more information.
- Wreaths Across America – Can be purchased early through the post or online for 2024. Contact Ed at the post.
- The Post Cleanup is coming along. The hall has been painted and is looking good. Home Depot is providing some help, and the downstairs will be the next part of the cleanup. Come out and help – more hands are always needed and appreciated.

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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Officers meeting with the 8/9 times in force!

March 11<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting at Post 6:00) PM

March 17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 31<sup>st</sup> Officer's Meeting

Please come out and support the Post in these activities.

**Will Hartley**  
**Post Adjutant**

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## VFW Calendar for March 2024

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Officers meeting with the 8/9 times in force!

March 11<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting at Post 6:00) PM

- A) Vote on Officer's (Postponed)
- B) Vote on By-laws (Postponed)

March 17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 31<sup>st</sup> Officer's Meeting (this is Easter) let me know if this going to be a problem?

April 8<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting at Post 6:00 PM

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## PGA HOPE 2024

**MAIN WEBSITE TYPE IN Military- Western New York ([pga.com](http://pga.com))**

For sign up type in <https://westernnewyork.pga.com/military/>

Glen Oak  
711 Smith Road, East Amherst, NY 14051

### **East Amherst - Glen Oak GC**

- Dates: May 29-July 3 (Wednesday's)
- Time: 6- 7pm
- Registration Opens: Wednesday, April 17 at 9am
- Registration Link: <https://www.pgareach.org/services/military>

### **East Amherst - Glen Oak GC**

- Dates: May 29-July 3 (Wednesday's)
- Time: 7 - 8pm
- Registration Opens: Wednesday, March 27 at 9am
- Registration Link: <https://www.pgareach.org/services/military>

Niagara Frontier G.C. Address  
1058 Lake Road, Youngstown, NY 14174

### **Youngstown - Niagara Frontier GC**

- Dates: May 2-June 6 (Thursday's)
  - Time: 6- 7:30pm
  - Registration Opens: Thursday, March 21 at 9am
- Registration Link: <https://www.pgareach.org/services/military>
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