



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

March 1, 2021

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

VFW Newsletter March 2022

Commander Comments:

I am sitting here trying to do this newsletter and am having a little bit of a problem. The wind keeps knocking out the power, so I have had to start over a second time. I hope I will be able finish this today or Will is going to be very mad at me. While the start of the month of March brings the very strong winds to us, it also brings spring and that is a good thing!

I have set up with the Niagara County Veterans Service Agency a visit to our Post this week. There will be a representative at the Post on Saturday, March 12th from 9:00 AM till Noon. He will be there to answer question about your benefits and any other issues we may have. We will have the Post open to the general public of Veterans, in the hope that we can find new members. And there will be coffee and doughnuts served.

I am going to make this into a monthly thing with different persons coming to talk about a wide variety of subjects. If you or any other Vet would like to know more about any given subject let me know and I will try to work it in. I hope by next month we will have a list of upcoming speakers/representatives. If you know any Vets, they are welcome to come.

I am looking for someone or individuals interested in working on organizing the downstairs helping with putting the pictures together and writing the stories that go along with the pictures. Looking over about the stuff we have gathered over the years and organizing so that they can be better displayed and help with writing their stories. It is part of our history as a Post. If interested, talk to me!

This month there will not be a St. Patrick's dinner. There is only going to be another boring meeting on the 14th. It was decided at the last meeting. The attendance for the dinner has been falling off the last few years and that was true pre-pandemic. We will continue to hold the other dinners during the rest of the year. Such as the July dinner which has always been hot dogs and hamburgers and open to the public. I would like to do something more with that so it could be

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something for both potential new members and members we don't see year-round. My ears are always open to suggestions. Talk to me!!

That is it for this month; I hope to see you on Saturday and/or next Monday for the meeting. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day; watch out for the green beer!!

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 February 14, 2022, VFW Meeting (Informal)

March meeting – will be a regular meeting. No St Patrick's day dinner.

Raffle – A motion to hold a fundraiser by offering a Henry rifle for a raffle was approved.

NCCC Memorial Park Campaign – \$20K was contributed by VVA to NCCC. A donation will be inscribed on a brick used in the memorial. To donate and to read more information on this project, please go to the NCCC web page

<https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/veterans/memorialpark/>

National – Through March 31, National will contribute back to post for any new members/Life members and re-instatement of members

Open Post on 12 March – Post will be open from 9:00 AM to Noon with a Niagara County Service Officer available to answer questions.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Wreaths are available for sale for placement in December 2022. Check the post webpage or go to the National Wreaths-Across-America web page. The post is recounting the number of graves at Oakland Rural and the number of wreaths placed there will be increasing. We also hope to expand wreath placement to additional cemeteries in Youngstown and Niagara County.

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Next Meeting April 11, 2021, at the Post 6:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 12th – Post Open House from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon

March 14th – Post Meeting 6:00 PM (Regular meeting – no dinner)

Please come out and support the Post in these activities.

Will Hartley
Post Adjutant