



LAKE ONTARIO POST 313

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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VFW Post 313 Newsletter

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

Well, I had started out on Sunday to do this newsletter; but it wasn't in the cards. I fell and hurt my lower leg, which I have done before, in fact many times, but this time the swelling was up big time! It has been hard to walk at times and I have not felt like doing anything. There are no breaks but because of the blood thinners that I am on, the swelling is greater than normal for me. So today, I must get this done and start getting a few other things done around here. I guess the old saying is true, "when it rains it pours", and that has been the story for me for the last eight months. I had hoped to do more with this newsletter, in fact I had been thinking of two letters going out with all the stuff that has been going on of late. That is not going to happen, one will be enough.

We have not finished picking up the wreaths as of this date. I am hoping we will be able to do that next weekend (Feb 18th). Hopefully the weather and health issues will not be a problem. These have been the same issues though the whole membership for some time. I am hoping we are all getting healthier and in the near future we will be back to some kind of normalcy.

I am bringing back the calendar this month to start listing all the things going on this

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spring. It will only be showing up to July of this year to begin with. We will be dropping one month and adding a month, plus additional changes as they come in. If you have questions or want to add something let me know. You need to get it in to me by the week before the regular meeting.

We have been asked if we are going to be a part of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Youngstown this year. This is a question for the membership to answer. I think we should because it shows we are out in the public. It can help with the one major focus of this year; that being getting new members, so that I can retire from this job, hopefully. That is the major project for this year; I am going all out to find new members. I will be listening to anyone who has any ideas to help in this pursue.

The last thing on my list, I think, is they are bringing back the Purple Heart ceremony in Lockport and will be dedicating the new monument to Purple Heart recipients. If you have been awarded a Purple Heart and would like to be listed with the others from the county; give me a call and I will get you an application to fill out.

In closing I would like to say there has not been anyone to come forward to take the Commanders post; so I will be staying on for another year, I hope it is the last one for me. There were so many phone calls I was thinking of changing my phone number...

I hope to see you all at the next meeting on Monday night at 6:00 PM on the 13th.

ED Jackson
Post Commander

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Walt Stephenson is recovering at home. He's up and moving. Please keep both Walt and Maria in your prayers.

Reid Foertsch just had knee replacement surgery. Hoping for a swift recovery and we'll see him back 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 13th, 6:00 PM. – VFW Post 313 Post meeting.

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

February 13 th	Regular Post meeting 6:00PM
February 18 th	Pick up Wreaths 9:00AM - Post / 8:00 Breakfast - Dinner (Weather permitting)
March 4 th	Officer meeting 9:00 AM Post
March 13 th	Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
March 18 th	St. Patrick's Day Parade (maybe)
April 1 st	Officer meeting 9:00 AM Post
April 10 th	Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
April 29 th	Officers meeting 9:00 AM Post
May 8 th	Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
May 29 th	Memorial Day Youngstown 10 AM Post
June 3 rd	Officers meeting 9:00 AM Post
June 10 th	Ransomville Flag Day Parade
June 12 th	Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM
June 22 nd	Youngstown Street Dance
July 10 th	Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM Picnic at the Post