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VFW Post 313 Newsletter May 2025

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Well, it's about time! About time I got back to work, with these newsletters and calendars for the year. We have been moving ahead with things at the Post. We have been working on re-organizing the records and putting them into additional storage areas. Also, we have been opening up more storage space for other things needed for the Post. This is going to be an ongoing project for this year and into next year. We are already changing things around.

The real project for this year is **MEMBERSHIP!!** We have to get new members into the Post. In the basics of things, we are having problems finding persons to fill officer positions. We are in need of youth within the ranks at the Post. Now I have talked about this last year and every year before that, but this year it is for real! You can see by the number of dates and events on the calendar in this month's newsletter - and there are more coming. It is going to be simple. We will be going with just a table and set it up. And we will only need one or two of us to be there. We will be going not only to Youngstown but also Ransomville and Wilson, also

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out farther if we have the time. We'll be at concerts, fairs, outings, or anywhere there are gatherings. This also includes going to the Jug for a Sunday/Saturday. Or to the Sunset Grill on a Sunday/Saturday. Any other ideas, give me a call. We have added two new members to date and working on a third.

By a quick look at the calendar, you can see we have busy month of May before us. Everything from putting flags out to doing Poppies and the Memorial Day ceremony. We will be getting help from the Scouts for the flags and for the ceremonies. They will carry the colors for us. I hope there will be as many as possible come out. After the ceremony we have been invited to Lewiston for lunch. This is a freebie for all of us and is being put on by the Brickyard in Memorial Park. A little better than the regular coffee and donuts, we normally do. The last thing for May is Poppies at Fort Niagara. We will only do the Poppies the one weekend, that being the same weekend that as "Soldiers thought the Ages" at the fort.

We will fit more Poppy events in later as the summer goes on.

With that I am going to close for now and I hope to see you at the meeting on Monday.

ED Jackson

Post Commander

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.

We are still looking for a volunteer to be Membership Officer to assist with Post recruiting efforts. If interested, please let Ed know.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 12th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

May 21st Memorial Day Flags Oakland Cemetery 5:00 meet at Oakland

May 22nd Memorial Day Flags The other Cemeteries 5:00 meet at the Post

May 24th and May 25th Poppies at Fort Niagara Post at 9:30 at the Fort 10:00 till 2:00

May 26th Memorial Day Ceremony first at the Oak Street Cemetery at 9:30; Fort Niagara 11:00

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Meet at Post 9:00 (**Note we will not meet at the Post after**)

June 7th Youngstown Garden Club Plant Sale- Membership/ Flag Sale table 8:30 setup 9 till 2

June 9th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

June 14th Ransomville Flag Day Parade also we will be setting up a table for Membership

June 19th Youngstown Street Dance 6-10 (**Note we be out of there before 10**)

July Meeting it will be Hot Dog, Hamburg Picnic with the date to be announced

August 11th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

September 1st Labor Day Parade 12:00

September 8th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

October 13th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

November 8th Chicken BBQ

November 10th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

December 8th Regular Post Meeting 6:00 PM

December 13th Wreaths Across America

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