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VFW Newsletter April 2024

Dear Veterans, Auxiliary, and Friends:

Commander Comments:

This begins the run of the Spring programs. If you look at the calendar it is pretty full, and we are going to need all the help we can get. The biggest activity is Poppy Donations, which are planned for the two weekends of May 18th / 19th, and the weekend of 25th / 26th at Rite Aid and Old Fort Niagara. We will need an all-hands-on deck approach to cover both locations. It will be broken down into two-hour shifts; and helping a little means a lot! Or a little is better than nothing! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Post for the regular meeting or call me at 716-531-6420 if you can't make the meeting.

On May 22nd we will be getting together with the Boy Scouts to place flags out in the cemeteries for Memorial Day. We will meet at the Post at 5 PM to pick up the flags and break up into who's covering which cemeteries. For general information, there are six cemeteries in Youngstown, all having Veterans in them.

We will be doing the normal Memorial Day Service on May 27th at 11 AM at the Old Fort Niagara cemetery. At this time no word is in on the service at the Catholic cemetery; we will let

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you know as we have more information. I am not going to set the time for the Post until we know if we are going to the Catholic cemetery.

In June, we will be getting together again with the Boy Scouts to go through the flags where some of the flags will be cut up in preparation for and to be ready for the retirement ceremony Flag Day at Lew Port (tentative date of June 14th). This will be on the morning of June 8th at 9 AM. Yes Marty, we will be going to breakfast at 8.

We are adding two new events this year. One will be in August, and the other will be on Labor Day in September. The August event is a membership drive to hopefully bring in new members. We will be spending a little bit of money on this event. September's is looking to be a major event with not a lot of work on our part. More details will be coming on both events as we get closer.

Just as a closing note; over the last four or five weeks I have lost four or five Veteran friends. Most of whom have died from Agent Orange related causes. It has me looking into and making arrangements for myself and making sure I am going to receive my benefits from the VA. Now having said that, Youngstown will be having the County Veterans Service representatives here at the Red Brick School on May 8th. It is a good idea to get out and talk to them and find out what your status is with them. You may need to set up another appointment, but it will get the ball rolling. I am not sure of the time, but it should be about 9:00 in the morning after breakfast.

I hope to see you out for the regular meeting on the April 15th at 6 PM Thanks to all who come out and help with the Post; we are still alive and kicking!

Ed Jackson

PS I hope I got all the dates and times right!

ED Jackson
Post Commander

MEMBER CONCERNS:

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

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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 effort.

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:

April 15th Regular Post meeting: A) Vote on Officer's, B) Vote on By-laws

May 5th Officers Meeting

May 8th Veteran's Outreach Day at the Village Center (Red Brick Schoolhouse 9 AM)

May 18th and 19th Poppy donations Signup sheets at the meeting or call me @716-531-6420

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Come out and support your Post in these activities!

Will Hartley
Post Adjutant

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June 2nd Officers Meeting

June 8th Cutting up of the flags for flag retirement on Flag Day. 9 AM at the Post. Scouts to help

June 10th Regular Post meeting 6:00 PM

June 14th [Flag Day](#) at Lew-Port School

June 20th [Youngstown Street Dance](#) Thursday 6 – 10 PM

June 30th Officers meeting

July 8th Regular Post meeting Hamburg and Hot Dog Picnic

Aug. 4th Veterans Appreciation Outing

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