

# POST SENTINEL

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

On Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Hamburg Sunrise Rotary presented Past Commander Carlos Ortiz with a Veteran of the Year award. Carlos joined the Army in 1979, he was a combat engineer then infantry. Carlos was stationed at the Berlin Wall. After the Army, Carlos balanced his dedication to his family and working at the Post office for 20 years. He has been blessed to be married for 35 years to his loving wife, Sandra, and has three sons, Matthew, Zach, and Stewey. He spent many a weekend at Boy Scout Retreats, and has also taught Sunday school. He volunteered at a soup kitchen, as well as an EMT for Lakeshore Fire Department. He is on the board for Cozy Quilts, and teaches adult bible studies at the United Methodist Church. When he isn't busy, he volunteers at Post 1419, by setting up Oakwood for events, is in charge of updating our Post 1419 website, and numerous projects around the Post. Carlos sat in numerous chairs at the Post. He has been Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and in 2000 was Post Commander. Past Commander Ortiz is a great asset to our Post and puts service before self. Congratulations Carlos, this is well deserved.

On Veterans Day we Honored all Military Members at Lakeside Field of Valor then again at our Post. We enjoyed a Light Lunch provided by 3 members of the Auxiliary and a good time was had by all.

November 10<sup>th</sup> marked the 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Marine Corps.

The Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7 from Noon to 2 p.m. If you have a child/grandchild age 13 or under, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Post Lounge or you may call me to RSVP at (716) 432-0829. We would appreciate you signing up the children no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> to give the elves time to make the gifts. Santa will arrive with his reindeer in tow and each child signed up will receive a gift. There will be a hot chocolate bar along with cookies and as always cocktails available for purchase by the adults 21 and over.

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing you a joyful and blessed day. Thank you for being part of Hamburg VFW Post 1419 and for the trust you've placed in me over the years.

In Comradeship,

Amy Owczarczak

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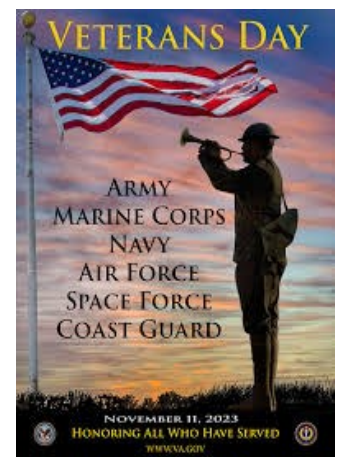
NEXT BAR TENDER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON:

November 16<sup>th</sup> ??

February 8<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup>

August 9<sup>th</sup>



## **VFW AUXILIARY**

Well, what to say? THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to Mary Dinan and Pat Fest for their guidance and assistance is making sure our Luncheon on Veterans Day went off without a hitch. From shopping, to preparing the meal, and setting up the room and cleaning up afterwards, they were with me every step of the way and I for one am truly thankful to have members willing to assist. It appeared that everyone that took the time to Honor our Veterans that day, enjoyed the meal and the desserts provided. Special Thanks to each and every one of you that brought a dessert and Thank You for your kind comments about the lunch. We try very hard to come up with ideas that will serve an unknown number of guests and appreciate any input you provide.

On Veterans Day, each Vietnam Era Veteran in attendance was presented with a special pin by Congressman Nick Langworthy. It was like a Welcome Home they never received.

Thanksgiving is creeping up on us and the Children's Christmas Party is less than a month away. I'm sure that Volunteers will be needed to wrap gifts, and serve the children that day so check at the post for a Volunteer Sign Up sheet.

I have nothing else except **WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS!!!**

Katy Blaszkiewicz-President

I wish each and every one of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

## **HONOR GUARD**

Hello...I hope everyone is doing well...Only 55 days until....

I have a few things to cover so I'll get right to it. The month of November has always been rather busy for the Honor Guard. On the 9th, we performed a ceremony at the Buffalo Military Park. This is something we have been doing for the past several years. It honors all first responders of C.S.E.A.

On the 11th, which as we all know is Veterans Day, we performed a salute to all Military Members at Lakeside Field of Valor. We then visited Orchard Heights and performed for the Senior Citizens in residence there. We returned to the Post Home and completed our day with a service at 1:00.

I hope that if you were able to attend any of these ceremonies you enjoyed yourself.

That's all I have this month so I'll sign off now.

As always, God Bless America, our Troops now serving and never forget those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Don Hancock Honor Guard Captain

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

OAKWOOD MANOR

Tuesday December 10, 2024

1:00 pm through 6:00 pm

Visit [REDCROSS BLOOD.ORG](https://www.redcross.org)

Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

## **Wreaths Across America**

Both the Post and Auxiliary are proud sponsors of this program. If you would like to help lay wreaths on the Headstones of our Departed Military or just want to watch the ceremony, please come to Lakeside Field of Valor on December 14th. The ceremony begins at 12 noon and lasts till about 1:30.

For years Lakeside has not appeared on the list of eligible resting places and our money has been used elsewhere. This year, thanks to Lynn Matheis, our Local Cemetery is included.

You can arrive at 11:30 to see if help is needed in fluffing the wreaths or just show up at noon. We have been waiting for our Local Cemetery to be added and since many of our Veterans are laid to rest at Lakeside I think it would be a wonderful tribute for as many as possible to attend.

**POST SENTINEL INFORMATION**

The Deadline for article submission is the FRIDAY AFTER THE POST MEETING. It is very important that all articles are submitted by the due date.

The Deadline for next month is  
December 6th

All submissions should be sent via email  
to  
[postsentinel1419@gmail.com](mailto:postsentinel1419@gmail.com)

The Post now has Food Available for purchase Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday from 5:00 PM through 8:00 PM.

I believe that Thursdays and Saturdays you can get a Roast Beef or Brisket Sandwich, and/ or Chicken Wings, Friday 's menu is Fish Fry related and Sunday is Pasta. Come to the Post enjoy a meal and tell your family and friends.

We can't help  
everyone,  
but everyone can  
help someone.

**CRIBBAGE ANYONE????**

There is a Cribbage Club that meets at our Post the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday each month from September through May. If anyone is interested in joining in, contact Robyn Boldt at 716-648-1830 for more details.

**SICK CALL**

If you know of any member of the Post or the Auxiliary, who is sick, in the hospital, or has died, please let someone know.

Post Chaplain Brent Doyle	716-649-3019
Auxiliary Chaplain Terry Walker	716-912-6849
Commander Amy Owczarczak	716-432-0829
Aux. President Katy Blaszkiewicz	716-253-4681
Honor Guard Don Hancock	716-830-4237
You can also call the Post and tell whoever answers the phone.	716-648-2618

**If we aren't told we don't know.**

