

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

The Veterans Recognition Awards dinner that is held yearly at American Legion Post 527, is not being held this year, due to cost factors. As disappointing as that is, Hamburg Sunrise is still recognizing Veterans of the year, and I would like to Congratulate Past Commander Carlos Ortiz on being Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419 Veteran of the year. There will be a small ceremony on Thursday, November 7 th at 7:00 p.m. in the DeGal room, prior to the post meeting. Please come and join us while Past Commander Ortiz receives his plaque.

Fall is here, and The Auxiliary Sponsored Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 13 th from Noon to 2 p.m. Please consider coming to volunteer or decorate your vehicle and give out candy. Donations of candy are always welcome, or monetary donations are appreciated, so we can purchase candy, donuts, cider and hot dogs. This is a big community event for us, and fun is had by all.

On Saturday, October 26h, our annual Halloween party will be held in the Post lounge from 7:30 p.m. to close. Live music will be provided by Porcelain Train. Bring snacks and dress in your favorite costume.

The Voice of Democracy 2024-2025 theme is "Is America Today Our Fore Father's Vision?" This scholarship is open to any students in grades 9 through 12. The audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves regarding a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay.

The Patriot's Pen 2024-2025 theme is "My Voice in America's Democracy?" The essay encourages students in grades 6 through 8 to examine American history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300-400-word essay, expressing their patriot views.

Both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen offer monetary awards. The essays are due to Junior Vice Commander, Brian Deeds no later than midnight on October 31, 2024. If you need an application or further details, please contact Comrade Deeds at (716) 783-2520.

November will be a busy month as well, our Honor Guard will be partaking in a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval Park on Saturday, November 9 at Noon. On November 11 th they will be at Lake Side Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. and our Veteran's Day ceremony at the Post will be at 1 p.m., followed by a light lunch provided by our Auxiliary.

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*If you know of someone not receiving the Newsletter have them send a message to the **GMAIL ADDRESS ABOVE.***

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

November 16th ??

February 8th

May 10th

August 9th



VFW AUXILIARY

Like many of you, I cannot wrap my head around the damage caused by Hurricane Helene beginning on September 26th. This storm made landfall two days ahead of the two year anniversary of Ian that brought total devastation to Southwest Florida. The damage caused by Helene was far more devastating and more far-reaching than Ian as millions of Americans were affected by the storm. Even as of this writing there is yet another Tropical Storm headed towards Florida and all we can do is pray that it will not reach Hurricane Strength. Send your prayers and if possible support the efforts of the many fund raising events being held across the Country. Hundreds are still unaccounted for and we send our Condolences to everyone that has been affected.

Trunk or Treat is being held again by the Auxiliary and this year's event is being coordinated by Stacy Suto, Debbie Baker and Post Commander Amy Owczarczak. It is being held on Sunday October 13th in the Post Parking Lot and we really need everyone to support this in any way they can.

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

Katy Blaszkiewicz-President

If you haven't paid your dues yet, you are overdue. IF YOU WISH TO CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP WE CAN HELP YOU.

HONOR GUARD

Here we are again. It seems like I just did this last week and yet a month has passed by. Time surely does fly and I hope everyone is doing well.

I don't have much to report this month but wanted to let everyone know who won the raffle last month for the firearms. Phil Sekuterski, won the Henry Big Boy, Jackie Shanahan, won the Winchester 12 gauge shotgun, and Phil Koch won the Burnett cross bow. Thank you to all who bought tickets and hope you have better luck next time.

There is not much going on for the Month of October as far as the Honor Guard is concerned, but November brings Veterans' Day and we do have ceremonies to conduct then.

Well that's all I have for now so I will be signing off and as always God Bless America, Our Troops who are serving and those who served and let us not forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Yours in Comradeship,

Don Hancock Honor Guard Captain

SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

Calling All Vietnam Veterans: The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is asking VFW members to participate in a short interview about open-air burning (e.g., burn barrels, burn-out latrines, and burn pits) if you are a veteran who was deployed on land or at sea to the Vietnam theater (Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos) between 1955 and 1975. GAO's report will be publicly available on its website and sent to Congress, VA, and DOD. To participate, please email VietnamBurnPits@gao.gov

In a show of support for the 125th anniversary of the VFW, fellow VFW members Reps. Derrick Van Orden and Chris Deluzio, and Marine veteran and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mike Bost have introduced a concurrent resolution recognizing Sept. 29, 2024, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day." For more than a century, the VFW has advocated on behalf of veterans to ensure they have timely access to their earned benefits, and has served veteran communities here and around the world.

Dominic H Caselli
Post Service Officer

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There is a petition to be signed in the Post lounge, see one of the bartenders on duty, this is for disabled Veterans and their spouse, to receive 100% tax exemption on their property taxes. Right now, many states have this, except for New York State. We need at least 1000 signatures. This can also be done online, if you go to our website at www.vfw1419.org for more information and to sign the petition.

In December we will have our annual Children's Christmas party at Noon on Saturday, December 7 th from Noon to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, December 14 th , is Wreaths Across America, we are looking for volunteers to put wreaths on Veterans graves. More information to come as to what time this will start at Lake Side Cemetery in the Field of Valor.

I would like to welcome our new Post 1419 member, John F. Redmond, Jr. who is currently serving in the United States Air Force and has received the Air and Space expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold border.

On October 13 th , the United States Navy will celebrate their 249 th Birthday.
In Comradeship,

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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
November 8th**

All submissions should be sent via email
to
postsentinel1419@gmail.com

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.



The Little Boy and Old Man

Said the little boy, Sometimes I drop my spoon.

Said the little old man, I do that too.

The little boy whispered, I wet my pants.

I do too, laughed the old man.

Said the little boy, I often cry.

The old man nodded. So do I.

But worst of all, said the boy,

it seems Grown-ups don't pay attention to me.

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

I know what you mean, said the little old man.

- Shel Silverstein

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.

