

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POST 1419

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, we will be participating again the KIA Memorial Road March at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park. If you would like to sign up to run, walk or volunteer your time, you may do so at www.kiamemorialmarch.com

The Veteran of Foreign Wars of the United States is announcing the 2025-2026 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Audio essay competitions. Participants will explore the theme "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country" this year. Applications are available at our Post or via the provided link: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

If you would like additional information please contact Junior Vice Commander Connor Columbo at 716-440-0815.

We are grateful for the donations received thus far for our food pantry and respectfully ask that you maintain your support through continued donations. This pantry is intended for use by members and community, offering nonperishable food items for those in need.

It is with great pleasure that I announce alongside our food pantry, Amelia from Girl Scout Troop 3677 is developing a pet pantry for her Silver Award Project, in partnership with the SPCA. A pet pantry will be installed on our premises accessible to members and the community.

Please save the date for 31DEC2025, we will have an unveiling of our new ceilings and floor in our Oakwood. Live music and food will be provided. Further details to come, as the date gets closer.

Enjoy your summer and be safe.

In Comradeship,

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



VFW AUXILIARY

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 7:00 pm. For you individuals that have volunteered to Chair one of our programs, please file a report with the STATE PROGRAM CHAIR as soon as possible. Our Programs include, Veterans and Family Support, VA Hospital & Home, Patriotism/Americanism, Buddy Poppy/National Home, Legislative, Scholarships, Youth Activities, Membership, and Auxiliary Outreach which translates to Community Service.

For those of you that have not had the opportunity to attend one of our meetings, they normally last far less than the hour allotted but are informative and you may learn something that you do is considered something your Auxiliary can obtain credit for.

Dues for the upcoming year are NOW DUE. That means that you should be dropping off your cash or check in the amount of **\$35.00** to the Post Lounge as soon as possible. And YES, I SAID **\$35.00**. Dues were increased last year and it will save our Treasurer a lot of time if you would kindly pay the correct amount. Any member that does not pay the correct amount will not be renewed until the full amount is received.

Anyone who pays the FULL AMOUNT of the annual dues before 10/31/25 will be entered into a drawing and the winner of that drawing will have their 2026-2027 dues paid by the Auxiliary.

Katy Blaszkiewicz
Auxiliary President.

WE STILL WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS

HONOR GUARD CORNER

Nothing has been submitted for the Honor Guard this month.

SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is on track to reduce its staff by nearly 30,000 by the end of the current fiscal year, Sept. 30, 2025. The reduction will be achieved through attrition, early retirements, deferred resignations, and the federal hiring freeze. These options have been effective leading to nearly 17,000 fewer staff so far this year, eliminating the need for a large-scale reduction in force. An additional 12,000 employees are expected to leave by the end of September. VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt responded to the announcement by saying he applauds VA Secretary Collins for taking a "scalpel approach" to these reductions. We are hoping these reductions do not impact Veteran care.

Dominic H Caselli
Service Officer



Trunk or Treat Chairperson Needed!



The VFW Auxiliary is looking for a motivated volunteer to lead this year's Trunk or Treat event! There's an outline to follow—we just need someone to step up and make sure everything runs smoothly.

The Chairperson will oversee the event by delegating volunteer tasks, managing games, organizing prize purchases, ordering donuts and cider, and requesting donations.

If you're organized, love Halloween fun, and want to make a difference in our community, we'd love to have you take charge!

Interested? Reach out to Kara Siulc today!

Call/Text (716)316-4938

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

September 5, 2025

All submissions should be sent via email

to

postsentinel1419@gmail.com

Talking too much is a far greater social fault than talking too little.

When they discover the center of the Universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not in it.

DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD PANTRY LOCATED ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE POST. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED AND FEEL FREE TO HELP YOURSELF TO ITEMS IF YOU ARE IN NEED. THIS FOOD PANTRY IS FOR EVERYONE TO USE. MEMBERS OF OUR POST AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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

