

# POST SENTINEL

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

We have a few exciting events coming up, and we would love for you to join us:

☐ Our annual Veterans Day celebration will be at the Post at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

☐ Bob James will be performing in the Post Lounge on Friday, November 21st, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Stop by to enjoy some acoustic music and relax with friends!

☐ Our Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Santa and his reindeer will be visiting, and there will be cookies and hot chocolate available. Children can take a picture with Santa and receive a small gift. This event is open to children of Post/Auxiliary members. To ensure we have a gift for each child, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet posted in the lounge. Children must be 13 years old or younger to participate.

☐ Thanksgiving Food Gift Bags: With the government shutdown, SNAP benefits being cut, and the rising cost of food, we will be distributing food gift bags to veterans and military personnel in need. These bags will be available on Saturday, November 22nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Post. Each bag will contain a \$25.00 gift card for a local grocery store and non-perishable food items. To reserve a food bag, please call (716) 432-0829, as supplies are limited. If you know someone in need, please encourage them to reach out to the South Towns Christian Center at (716) 627-2183—they provide food to anyone in need.

☐ New Year's Eve Party on December 31st, 2025: Join us as we celebrate the New Year and reveal our renovations in the Oakwood Manor. This party is open to Post members for \$10.00 (pre-sale) and non-members for \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased by a member for their family and friends at the discounted price of \$10.00 through December 15th. After that, tickets will be available at the door for \$20.00 (for both members and non-members). The ticket includes dinner and live music.

o Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

o Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m.

o Live music will be from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

o There will be a champagne toast at midnight, a 50/50 raffle, and a door prize (you must be present to win).

o A cash bar will be available, and the lounge will be closed that evening.

o If you'd like to bring a dessert or appetizer, please sign up at the bar.

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VFW1419.org (Website)

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## **VFW AUXILIARY**

If you are an annual member of the Auxiliary and have not yet paid your dues, you are no longer eligible for the drawing to have next year's dues paid by the Auxiliary. Also if you have not paid your dues, the amount due now is \$40.00. That means you missed the drawing AND you are being assessed a late charge of \$5.00.

You may not understand or even know that we are not the ones that are hounding you for your money. It's National Headquarters and at the State Level to get everyone to pay starting JULY of each year. We are constantly receiving emails, texts and phone calls telling us how far behind we are in our dues submissions. We are not the culprits, just the enforcers.

Veterans day is TUESDAY and I had previously requested that, if you can, please bring a dessert to share with the attendees of our luncheon. We also need some of the Auxiliary Members, MALE AND FEMALE, to assist with setup and cleanup for the Luncheon. Please offer your assistance as this is a far more exhausting task for the four of us that cook. We need your help.

Katy Blaszkiewicz

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□ Veteran of the Year: It is my honor to announce Bryce Beeman as our Post's Veteran of the Year. Bryce is a lifetime member who served in the Army from 2013 to 2018. He served at Fort Benning, Fort Drum, and deployed to Al Asad Airbase, where he led a Sniper Section and trained soldiers within his section. Bryce has been a pillar of the Post, helping with Oakwood events, building and grounds maintenance, and volunteering whenever possible. Bryce is married to his wonderful wife, Morgan, and owns his own landscaping business.

□ Teddy Bear for a Cause: We've been asked to participate in the K.I.A. Memorial Road march's Annual Teddy Bear for a Cause. This non-profit collects new stuffed animals from local businesses, which Santa delivers in the K.I.A. firetruck to children at Children's Hospital, Roswell Hospital, the Old First Ward, and the Seneca Babcock Community. A collection bin is set up in the Post Lounge, and we encourage you to drop off a teddy bear by December 3rd.

Thank you to all the Veterans that have served our country and are still serving. Happy Veterans Day.

Happy 250 th Birthday to the Marine Corps!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

*Condolences to Gloria and Joe Madden. Gloria's mother recently passed away after a courageous battle for her health.*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VETERANS

The Erie County Anti-Stigma Coalition is hosting an in-person event sponsored by Foundation 214, *Healing from PTSD and Moral Injury: One Soldier's Story* on **November 14** from **8-9:30 AM** at **140 Lower Terrace**. The event is **FREE** and open to the public, but an RSVP is required.

*National speaker Tom Voss is the keynote speaker. Voss is a U.S. Army Veteran, Mental Health & PTSD Advocate. After his service, Voss struggled with PTSD and was on the brink of suicide. He and a fellow veteran completed a 2,700 mile trek from Milwaukee to Los Angeles to aid their healing, a journey documented by the award-winning documentary "Almost Sunrise."*

To RSVP and for additional event details: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-from-ptsd-and-moral-injury-one-soldiers-story-registration-1897125466339?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

## HONOR GUARD CORNER

Hello everyone. Hope all is well with you as you receive this months Sentinel.

A few things to report this month so I'll get right to it. As you all know this month is Veterans Day month. We will be having our ceremony as usual at the Post at 1400hrs (2:00).

We also have a few other ceremonies to conduct before we return to the Post. There is a ceremony at the Field of Valor at Lakeside Cemetery; following will be a Flag Raising of the Marine Corps Flag at Hamburg Town Hall. After that we will travel to Orchard Heights for a brief ceremony honoring all Branches of the Armed Forces

I also have to share some sad news with those of you that may not already know. Ron Towers and Jerry Welsted (both long time members of our Honor Guard) are both in the hospital following massive strokes last week. For the time being, they are both stabilized and showing signs of some improvement but they each have very long roads to travel towards recovery. We ask that you keep each of them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

That is all I have for now so as always God Bless America, our Troops who are serving and those who served. Bring them all home safe from harms way. Let us not forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice may they rest in peace.

Don Hancock—Honor Guard Captain

*Our continued Prayers for Strength and Healing are being extended to The Friends and Families of our sick.*

*Ronald Towers*

*Gerald Welsted*

*Patrick Bapst*

*Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.*

### 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 5th, 2025**

**All submissions should be sent via email**

**to**

[postsentinel1419@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**SPECIAL THANKS AND PRAISE TO ALL THAT HELPED MAKE OUR TRUNK OR TREAT A HUGE SUCCESS THIS YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION EACH OF YOU BY NAME BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO FEEL SLIGHTED IF NOT MENTIONED. PAULA BUCCI AND KELLY WELSTED DID AN AWESOME JOB ORGANIZING IT AND GETTING ALL OF YOU TO LEND A HAND. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.**

**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**

**WE ALSO NOW HAVE A PET PANTRY ON THE FRONT LAWN. LET'S HELP KEEP OUR FURRY FRIENDS FED AND HAPPY.**

### **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	

