

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, members participated again in the KIA Memorial Road March at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park. Due to Joe Suto's tireless efforts, the BAT trophy remains in the name of the 1419 Fallen Dragons!

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. Alongside the food pantry, is our newly installed Pet Pantry due to Amelia and her Girl Scout project. This pantry needs a lot of donations; it has already been filled and is now empty. These pantries are intended for use by members and the community, offering nonperishable food/pet items for those in need.

On September 27 th , Porcelain Train will be playing in our lounge from 7 – 11 p.m., and on October 11 th , South City will be playing. Everyone is welcome. It would be great if every attendee for these two events brought a non-perishable food/pet item. This helps us stock up for the holidays coming up.

We will never forget the nearly 3,000 innocent people who lost their lives that day in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania, and the many who were injured. Nor will we overlook those who have sacrificed since in American and global efforts to combat terrorism. Just as we remember those lost, we honor the families who have bravely endured life without their loved ones who died on September 11th and in the operations that followed. In their honor, we will never stop working together to ensure the safety and security of our Nation and its people.

I'd like to welcome our newest member to Post 1419, Richard Zioho who is an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam.

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

In Comradeship,

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not receiving the
Newsletter have them
send a message to the
GMAIL ADDRESS
ABOVE.*



VFW AUXILIARY

I have very little new information to report. Get well wishes are being extended to Marcia Kieffer, Pat Fest and Mary Dinan. All three integral members of our Auxiliary and all that have suffered rather severe Medical Incidents recently. GET WELL LADIES, I NEED YOU ALL!!

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

Hi Everyone!!

Hope everyone is in good health and enjoyed their summer so far. Not too much to report this month so I'll get right to it.

On Sept.11,2025 the Honor Guard will be doing a Memorial Ceremony at the Hamburg Beach with some of the surrounding fire companies. It will take place at the gazebo on the upper section of the park, and not on the peninsula where it has taken place in the past. The time will be 7:00, hope to see you there.

Just to drop a note that John Arcadipane, was promoted to 1st Sgt of the Honor Guard. John will be helping with the daily workings and needs of the Honor Guard.

Well that is all I have to report for now so I'll be signing off.

As usual God Bless America, our Troops who are serving, and those who have served. Let us not forget those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Yours in Comradeship,

Don Hancock—Honor Guard Captain

Post Member Patrick Bapst has been seriously ill for several months. We offer our Hopes and prayers for a complete recovery.

SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

VA has announced it is extending community care authorizations to one year for 30 standardized types of care, providing veterans with 12 months of uninterrupted treatment before requiring reauthorization. This change aims to improve continuity of care, reduce administrative burdens for both veterans and providers, and enhance health outcomes. The new policy applies to an array of specialty referrals for services including cardiology, dermatology, eye care, mental health outpatient, neurology, oncology, orthopedic and pulmonary.

After Sept. 30, 2025, Veterans will have two secure options to sign in to VA.gov and VA mobile apps—a Login.gov account or ID.me account. Most Veterans have already made the switch. If you're still using a DS Logon username and password, we want to make sure you're prepared when this option is discontinued by the end of September.

Dominic H Caselli
Service Officer

Hamburg Lakeshore Veterans, Inc. Welcomes New Board Leadership and Honors Longtime Directors

The Hamburg Lakeshore Veterans (HLOV) Inc. is proud to announce the addition of two highly respected veterans to our Board of Directors.

Chris Hull, a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Air Force, has been elected to the Board and has graciously accepted the Officer role of Stewardship Director. Chris brings a wealth of leadership experience, dedication, and passion for veteran service that will greatly benefit our mission and community.

Don Hancock rejoins the Board, bringing with him not only his past experience as a director but also his current leadership as Captain of the VFW Post 1419 Honor Guard. Don's strong commitment to honoring and supporting our veterans ensures he will continue to be an asset to the organization.

While we welcome Chris and Don, we also extend our deepest gratitude and respect to two longtime pillars of HLOV.

After nearly 40 years of service, Judd Wright is stepping down from his role as Director and Treasurer, where he has faithfully steered the organization's resources and guided its growth. Jerry Welsted, with close to 20 years of service as a devoted Director and Stewardship leader, is also retiring from his official post.

Though Judd and Jerry are passing the torch, their legacy of service endures. Both will remain active within HLOV, serving as trusted mentors and advisors to ensure continuity, strength, and wisdom in our leadership.

The Hamburg Lakeshore Veterans, Inc. is deeply thankful for the contributions of all our leaders—past and present—whose service continues to make a lasting impact on our veteran community.

Joseph P. Suto Jr
President, HLOV Inc
Home of Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419 and Auxiliary

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

October 3, 2025

All submissions should be sent via email

to

postsentinel1419@gmail.com

Pat Doherty, long time member of our Post and Chaplain of the Honor Guard for many years passed away in August. Our condolences to the Family and Friends of Pat.

LIVE MUSIC

9/27/25 7-11 PM

PORCELAIN TRAIN

ALL WELCOME

**BRING NON-
PERISHABLE
FOOD AND/OR
PET ITEMS FOR
OUR PANTRIES.**

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

