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COMMANDER'S CORNER – SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary members,

As summer comes to an end and we head into fall, I want to thank everyone who continues to support our Post, our programs, and our community. Whether you volunteer your time, attend an event, purchase a ticket, or simply help spread the word, your support makes a difference.

MEAT RAFFLE – OCTOBER 24

Mark your calendars! Our **Meat Raffle will be held Saturday, October 24**, and we need everyone's help to make it a success!

Tickets are **\$15 per person** and include **draft beer and pop**, along with what is sure to be a fun time for all. We have **270 seats to fill**, so we are asking our members to help us sell plenty of tickets and pack the house!

We are also looking for **volunteers and donations** to help make the event successful. Every little bit helps.

The proceeds from the Meat Raffle allow our VFW Post to continue investing in our veterans, their families, and our community. Funds help us provide events such as our **Easter Bunny Breakfast, Trunk or Treat, and Children's Christmas Party**, as well as provide assistance to **veterans and their families when there is a need**.

Please consider volunteering, donating, purchasing tickets, and encouraging your family and friends to attend. With so many seats to fill, we need everyone's help. Let's make this one a great one!

PATRIOT'S PEN & VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

It is once again time for two of the VFW's National Youth Scholarship Programs: **Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy**.

Patriot's Pen is open to students in grades 6–8. This year's theme is **"What a Veteran Taught Me About America."** Students are asked to submit a 300–400 word essay. The national first-place winner receives **\$5,000**.

Voice of Democracy is open to students in **grades 9–12** and is a patriotic audio-essay competition. Students write and record an original **3–5 minute audio essay** based on this year's theme, **"What a Veteran Taught Me About America."** The national first-place winner receives a **\$35,000 scholarship**, with additional scholarships and awards available at various levels of competition.

The deadline for entries is October 31, 2026. These programs are a wonderful opportunity to encourage young people to think about patriotism, service, veterans, and what our country means to them.

If you know a student who may be interested, please encourage them to participate. For assistance or additional information, contact Junior Vice Commander Bryce Beeman at [\(920\) 973-9707](tel:9209739707).

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming two new members to our VFW family:

Patrick Villa, who honorably served in the **United States Navy**, and **Jeffrey Koss**, who served in the **United States Army during the Vietnam War**.

Patrick and Jeffrey, thank you for your service to our country, and welcome to Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419. We are proud to have you as members and look forward to seeing you around the Post!

SEPTEMBER 11 – WE WILL NEVER FORGET

September 11, 2001, is a day forever etched into the history of our nation. Nearly **3,000 people lost their lives** in the terrorist attacks on our country, including civilians, firefighters, law enforcement officers, military personnel, and other first responders.

The attacks forever changed the United States and the lives of countless Americans. In the midst of unimaginable tragedy, we also witnessed tremendous courage, sacrifice, patriotism, and unity.

Twenty-five years later, we continue to honor those who were lost, those who responded without hesitation, the families who were forever changed, and the men and women of our Armed Forces who answered our nation's call in the years that followed.

We will never forget.

HONORING OUR MILITARY – SEPTEMBER OBSERVANCES

September gives us several opportunities to recognize and remember those who have served our nation:

September 2 – V-J Day: Commemorating the formal surrender of Japan and the end of World War II.

September 11 – Patriot Day: Honoring the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the heroes who responded.

September 18 – U.S. Air Force Birthday: Celebrating the establishment of the United States Air Force in 1947.

September 18 – POW/MIA Recognition Day: Honoring our nation's prisoners of war and remembering those who remain missing in action.

September 27 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day: Honoring the mothers and families of our fallen service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

As veterans, we understand the importance of remembering those who served before us, standing beside those who serve today, and ensuring that the sacrifices of our nation's heroes are never forgotten.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Post. There is a lot happening this fall, and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Remember, the success of our Post depends on all of us working together.

I'll leave you with this thought:

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.” - Helen Keller

In Comradeship,
Amy Owczarczak, Commander
Hamburg VFW Post 1419
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Post Sentinel Editor's Comments

This month we will be placing our Post 1419 Auxiliary New Membership Application in this newsletter along with information on who is eligible. We are always accepting new members, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please refer to the information included below in the newsletter. This application will also shortly be available on our HLOV Inc. website. Please keep in mind this is not an online application process. So you will need to print it out and give it to your family member, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. who may be interested. Applications will continue to be available behind the bar. As always, completed applications can be turned in to any bartender. We want to make it easier for everyone to access the application at any time. So spread the word and help grow our Post 1419 family. Thank you.

Email: vfwpost1419@gmail.com with newsletter comments or questions.

A Proud American,

Phil Kiefer

The deadline for our next month's submissions is Oct. 2, 2026 . All submissions should be sent via email to [vfwpost1419 @ gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost1419@gmail.com). Thank you.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain's Corner September 2026

As we commemorate with solemnity, the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks upon this nation, we will once again hear the words, “We will never forget.” The truth, however, is that in no small part as a nation, we have. We have an entire generation with little to no knowledge of or experience with the horrible event; some acting like history began the day they were born.

Additional proof of forgetting to me is evidenced by some politicians and their backers stating that we deserved this attack and even lamenting the loss of life of perpetrators and religious supporters of the attack. We even have current politicians referring to the day as “Some people did something,” and supporting Sharia Law. The proverbial camel's nose is not under the tent flap but fully inside the tent.

Again, this year as many of us remember and might even ask others where they were when the 1st plane flew into the towers. Remember that we have many with no knowledge or context of and little interest in the event itself or the resultant “20 plus years” of war up to and including the debacle at Abbey Gate.

We, however, will never forget our brave “War on Terror” veterans, their families and survivors. We won't forget and some of them cannot forget. It is therefore incumbent upon us, as brother and sister comrades of various foreign wars to now, especially support them and pray for them.

As a Vietnam vet I know that we came home to protest, disdain and hatred. We cannot allow anyone to now marginalize or demonize our brave "War on Terror" vets. If you need help or just to talk, please reach out. No matter what conflict, we have the shared experience of war and are able to draw strength and support from each other. There is no shame in needing help, we are a "band of brothers."

Jesus told His disciples that He would not leave them alone but would send another Comforter, speaking of the Holy Spirit. I know that comfort and I know that peace and as your Chaplain, I offer that comfort and peace to you.

Sick Call – Please pray for the health of these members. (Remember, if I am not updated, I cannot update the list.)

Jerry Welsted, Don Hancock, Ed Genowick, Patrick Bapst & Ron "Snake" Lebarron.

Please continue to pray for Don Hancock's treatment, for Patrick Bapst for recovery from recent major surgery, Jerry Welsted, Ed Genowick's treatment and now too for Ron "Snake" Lebarron's treatment. We pray for wisdom for medical teams and doctors and for the healing power of the Lord.

If you wish to add yourself or someone else's name from our VFW or Auxiliary who is sick, in the hospital, or has passed, please contact Chaplain Doyle directly at 716-310-1948 trefoilbwd@verizon.net. If you find yourself in need of conversation, comfort or spiritual advice, give him a call. Auxiliary Chaplain Terry Walker is also available for your needs. Please reach out to Terry at 716-912-6849.



NEWS FROM OUR HONOR GUARD

With the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 this month, may we all remember the lives lost on that day, as well as those who made the Supreme sacrifice in the war on terror.

Yours In Comradeship,
John Arcadipane

Honor Guard Captain



SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Jerry Moran and Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal attempted to pass competing versions of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) by unanimous consent, but both efforts were blocked. Sen. Moran, R-Kan., sought to advance the legislation as written using projected savings from reductions to future VA disability ratings for tinnitus and sleep apnea and its version of the Major Richard Star Act. Sen. Blumenthal, D-Conn., proposed an amended version using unobligated Department of Defense funds and fully repealing the wounded veterans tax through his version of the Major Richard Star Act. The VFW supports expanding benefits for veterans, families, caregivers and survivors, but strongly opposes forcing future generations of veterans to pay for them through reduced disability compensation. Congress must remove the harmful pay-for and find a responsible path forward. The VFW urges our grassroots advocates to take action and tell Congress to oppose any version of TCVA that cuts veterans' earned benefits. The VFW is asking everyone to **PLEASE reach out** to your Congressional Rep to oppose these cuts. Opposition to Section 108 of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act continues as House members have returned to

Washington, D.C., for a few days before they are on recess again for the September holiday. Throughout the August congressional recess, VFW advocates contacted lawmakers via email, phone and in-district meetings to make their concerns clear. The VFW is asking advocates to continue these efforts and tell their

representatives to remove Section 108 before advancing this legislative package. Here are the web addresses:

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/138656/Respond>

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/138781/Respond>

Dominic Caselli
Service Officer



News From Our H.L.O.V. Board Of Directors

Congratulations to Gary Mosier on being elected an officer of our H.L.O.V. Inc. board. And a very special thank you to Harry Blaszkiewicz for his many years of service as a director.



VFW Auxiliary News

Well, September is upon us and it's back to school for the children and back to work for the teachers. As you may have noticed, when visiting the post or looking at Facebook, the Auxiliary and Post are trying to combine efforts to hold a Meat Raffle on the 24th of October. There are tickets available behind the bar at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Get your tickets now for you and your family and friends. Your Auxiliary Dues for Annual Members are now due. As you may know, if you're an annual member and pay your dues before October 31st, you are entered into a drawing for the Auxiliary to pay your dues NEXT YEAR.

The National Organization is no longer issuing Membership Cards to Annual Members but you can download a copy of the card to your phone by accessing MALTA. In order to do so, you will need your current membership number and you'll need to select a Password. In your search engine enter VFW AUXILIARY MALTA and it should lead you to the correct site to get your card. New Member cards will be issued by our Staff and sent to you once your application has been accepted and processed by the State. If you pay your annual dues AFTER 12/31/26, you are subject to a Late Fee of \$5.00 so let's get those dues in as soon as possible.

Friday is the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attack on our Country. The Honor Guard is taking part in a ceremony at the Hamburg Town Beach that evening and all are encouraged to attend. If you are assisting a new member in completing an application for Membership to the Auxiliary, please be careful to complete the application in its entirety. If you are working with someone who is joining under a Post Member, we must have the Post Member's membership number. If you are assisting someone who is not joining under a post member, we must have the supporting paperwork verifying their eligibility. They must complete the application with Dates of Service, Foreign Location, Campaign ribbons and medals. We must also have payment in full for any application before we can admit that person.

ON FRIDAYS, WE STILL WEAR **RED** to remember all of our military still serving.

Katy Blaszkiewicz
President - Auxiliary

POST 1419 VOLUNTEERS

We now have our New Year's Eve committee in place. Thanks to all for volunteering.

A short note on volunteering: There are many ways our membership can support their Post. If your schedule is busy, you are having some health issues, or you just don't have the energy you once did, there are still things you can do. Consider supporting the events we run by stopping in for some drinks, purchasing a raffle ticket here & there, asking a friend if they read the latest issue of this Post 1419 newsletter, letting Chaplain Doyle know about the status of a Post member who may need a call or some prayers, or placing some canned/boxed food in our community food pantry. Looking out for each other IS volunteering your time.

We are now looking for volunteers to work the joint VFW/Auxiliary Meat Raffle being held on Saturday October 24th. This is a very important fundraising event and in addition to working it, we need gift baskets, community business donations, door prizes and table sponsorships.

More information is provided below.

Member Recognitions

Various Post members do things for each other and our facilities all the time without fanfare or notice. If you would like to acknowledge someone's act of assistance or generosity in this newsletter, kindly let us know by dropping a line to VFWPost1419@gmail.com.

This past week, bartender and Honor Guard Member **Tony Coppola**, offered to help out Debbie Baker obtain a special wheelchair- accessible van she purchased for everyone's good friend Jerry Welsted. Unfortunately, it was located out of town. Tony flew to New York City, looked the van over and drove it back home all in one day's time. This act of kindness will now allow Jerry the ability to more easily travel around and greatly assist Debbie with his caregiving. This is a perfect example of looking out for each other.

Nice job Tony!

Each Sunday during our Summer Concert Series we sold 50/50 tickets. There were five instances when the winners donated their money back to our Post. **Billy Harris** and **Tom Dinzer** both won twice and donated their winnings both times, and **Maike Redmond** won once and also donated her winnings. Thank you all for your generosity!

Member Submission

From Debbie Baker:

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams

Helpful Veterans Resources:

Hover over each highlighted link below with your cursor and press the control key on your computer while “clicking” on your touchpad or mouse and you will be taken directly to the site. **For those unable to get this to work for them, the website addresses are now included for each department.**

Veterans Crisis Line: 988, Option 1

Or copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

TalkSpace: Online counseling and therapy for Veterans

Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://www.talkspace.com/online-therapy/veterans>

Find VA locations

Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>

VA Helpful Phone Numbers

Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser. <https://www.va.gov/resources/helpful-va-phone-numbers/>

NYS Dept of Veterans' Services Find Veterans Services Office

Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://veterans.ny.gov/office-locations>

NYS Dept of Veteran's Services

Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://veterans.ny.gov/>

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 877-424-3838 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Or copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp>

Vet Center Call Center: 1-877-927-8387 is an around-the-clock confidential call center where Veterans, service members and their families can talk about their military experience or any other issue they are facing in transitioning after military service or trauma and get connected to their nearest Vet Center. Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp>

Worried About A Veteran: is an online resource designed to help prevent suicide among veterans and service members. It was developed to be a family-focused resource to assist military families and caregivers with talking to a veteran or service member during a time of mental health distress. Or, copy and paste this address into your web browser, <https://worriedaboutaveteran.org/>

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Reduce suicide rates & lessen the stigma of mental illness, addiction, depression and PTS(D) with the following resources:



Visit <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net> and click on topics under "Education and Advice."



Learn the Five Signs that may mean someone is in emotional pain and might need help: <https://www.changedirection.org/#five-signs>



Purchase the Auxiliary Suicide Awareness Prevention Pin from the VFW Store: <http://vfwstore.org/products/32033>



Share the Veterans Crisis Line number: Dial 988, then press one.



"Don't Wait, Reach Out." Learn more here: <https://www.va.gov/montana-health-care/stories/tackling-self-stigma-to-strengthen-your-recovery-journey/>



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our Summer Concert Series, Music on the Patio, ended with a bang on Sunday, August 30th as Crash Cadillac played inside our Post to a standing-room-only crowd of approximately 130-140 people. It was a great time for all.

Thank you to everyone who supported our first concert series, from our HLOV, Inc. directors to all of the attendees of our concerts to the many people who worked each Sunday to make it a success! Pictures of our concerts may be viewed on our website at VFW1419.org under "About" in the drop down menu, then "Gallery Categories", then "2026 Post Events".

DID YOU KNOW....

- All of the money raised during our concert series hamburger and hot dog sales this past summer was earmarked for our Memorial Park And Museum Fund and we did quite well. Speaking of the museum, Director Russ Deveso and Comrade Diane Wesp have completed the painting of the walls.

Director Deveso recently gave this update. A few months back he was contacted by the principal of the Hamburg Central Middle School with a request. Principal Jason Steinagle wanted to know if we would be able to accommodate an event comprised of Senior Citizens and a group of Hamburg middle schoolers who will be docents for a tour and learning session at our museum. This will be a great opportunity for the students to help present a lecture on our many artifacts and the United States Military. Director Deveso set October 15th as the date to welcome the students. This will allow for a soft opening as the museum exhibits will not be fully organized and displayed until the cases are obtained, hopefully by sometime this December. Bill Frake will be assisting him in cleaning and cataloguing the exhibit items and securing the cases. There is still much work left to be done, but this is very exciting news and congratulations on moving the ball to the 20 yard line. If anyone is interested in lending a hand to these gentlemen, please contact Director Deveso.

- After this newsletter goes out each month, we receive some email delivery-failure messages such as "Your message couldn't be delivered to "whomever" "Their inbox is full, or it's getting too much mail right now", and "There was a problem delivering your message to "whomever". See the technical details below." So when these messages are received a decision has to be made to stop sending these people a newsletter or look for an alternate email address. The second option is always tried first. We look for a member's close relative to send it to such as a spouse, parent, child, brother or sister so they might share our news with their loved one. This is how someone that isn't a member of Post 1419 may receive it. And, we always say to these people that if they no longer wish to receive a newsletter to let us know at VFWPost1419@gmail.com and their email address will be removed.
- On Saturday evening, "October 31st" our Post lounge will celebrate Halloween. Put it in your calendar and plan on wearing a costume if you wish. Surprises await.
- All Post 1419 members, in good standing, are eligible for discount pricing when renting our facilities. This includes the Oakwood Manor Banquet Hall (seats up to 276), The Degal Room (seats up to 75), and our post lounge (seats up to 144). If members are interested in discussing the possible rental of these facilities for your event, please contact Commander Amy Owczarczak at 716-432-0829.
- All of the "previous month's" Post Sentinel Newsletters are archived on our Post website at vfw1419.org. If you missed one you can check it out there.



VFW Post 1419 & Auxiliary

Dear Post and Auxiliary Members,

On **Saturday, October 24, 2026**, our VFW Post members and Auxiliary members are jointly hosting a Meat Raffle to raise money for our organization. To maximize our fundraising potential, we are looking for individuals or businesses to sponsor one of the 12 rounds. The cost of sponsorship is \$100 per round. Your name, your business name, or the name of the veteran you want to honor will be listed on the schedule of events that will be on the placemat for all of the tables that evening. If you are interested in sponsoring a round, please contact Al St. Jacques (716) 345-4948, Connor Colombo (716) 440-0815, Bryce Beeman (920) 973-9707 or Phil Kiefer (716) 868-8604. Or if it's more convenient you can drop off your cash or check at the VFW members bar. Sponsorship money will be due no later than October 1, 2026. Checks should be made payable to "VFW 1419 Auxiliary".

In addition to sponsoring rounds, we are also looking for donations of large raffle items (chest freezer, coolers, etc.) for the event. We are also looking for gift cards to raffle off in any denomination of \$25 or more. If you prefer to coordinate a gift basket, in lieu of a gift card, please use new items (not used) with a value of \$25. We ask that baskets and gift cards be dropped off at the Members bar at least one week prior to the raffle. A generous door prize will also be featured at the end of the raffle with the winning recipient needing to be present to claim the prize; otherwise, a new ticket will be drawn.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with working at the Meat Raffle. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the board by the back left end of the bar. If you want to sign up without stopping in, you can call the Post at 716-648-2618 and ask a bartender to add your name to the Meat Raffle list.

If you are willing and able to assist us and have any questions, please contact any of the committee members using the contact information listed above. Admission tickets cost \$15 and are available at the lounge bar. There are many ways to help as a volunteer, so please consider joining us.

If you know of a business that could donate to our Meat Raffle event, the next page is a letter that can be used to introduce ourselves and provide participating businesses with documentation for tax purposes. Simply print it out and give it to your business owner. Extra letters will be available at the bar so you can also grab one there.

Thank you in advance for helping make this event a huge success!

Respectfully submitted,
2026 Meat Raffle Committee Members:

Al St. Jacques Jr., Auxiliary Jr. Vice President
Connor Colombo, VFW Sr. Vice Commander
Bryce Beeman, VFW Jr. Vice Commander
Phil Kiefer Auxiliary Member



VFW POST 1419 AND AUXILIARY
2985 Lakeview Road, Hamburg, NY 14075

September 1, 2026

Dear Local Business Owner/Community Supporter,

Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419 is preparing for our upcoming Meat Raffle event on Saturday, October 24, 2026, and we are reaching out to local businesses and community supporters for help in making this fundraiser a success.

We are currently seeking donations of gift certificates, gift cards, merchandise, raffle baskets, services, or monetary contributions that can be used as prizes during the event. No donation is too small, and every contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Our VFW Post is proud to be an active part of the Hamburg community. Funds raised through events like our Meat Raffle allow us to continue supporting veterans, local families, youth programs, and community organizations, as well as events such as our Children's Christmas Party, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and the Easter Bunny Breakfast.

We know that local businesses receive many requests throughout the year, and we truly appreciate your consideration. Your generosity helps us continue investing in our community and supporting those who need it. Businesses that donate will be recognized and thanked for their support during our event and through our VFW Post.

Thank you for supporting our veterans, our Post, and the community we are so proud to serve.

With sincere appreciation,

Meat Raffle Committee Members:

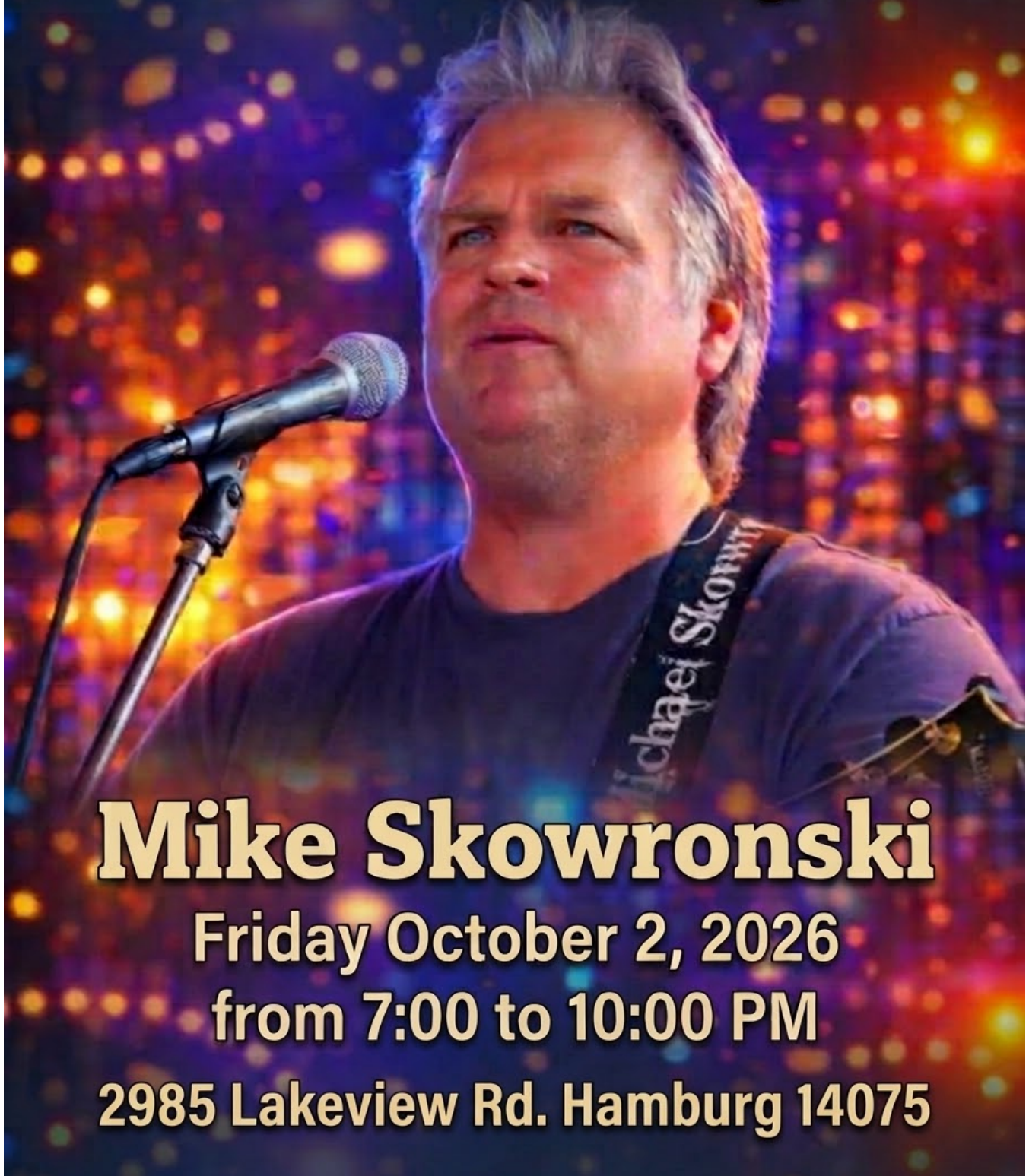
Al St. Jacques, Jr. - Vice President, Auxiliary VFW Post 1419
Connor Colombo, - Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 1419
Bryce Beeman, Jr. - Vice Commander, VFW Post 1419
Phil Kiefer - Auxiliary Member VFW Post 1419

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Hamburg, NY 14075
(716)648-2618

FLIER SECTION

Mike Skowronski is well known throughout WNY and has been recommended by some of our Post members to play for us. It has taken over 5 months to book him. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 2, 2026 and enjoy a great evening of live music. No cover charge!

VFW Post 1419, Hamburg, NY



Mike Skowronski

Friday October 2, 2026

from 7:00 to 10:00 PM

2985 Lakeview Rd. Hamburg 14075



ARMY



NAVY



MARINE CORPS



AIR FORCE



SPACE FORCE



COAST GUARD



NATIONAL GUARD



LOCATION:

American Legion Post #1041
533 Amherst Street
Buffalo, NY 14207



DATE & TIME:

Friday, September 25th, 2026
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!



NFTA RIDES COVERED FOR VETERANS!

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



QUESTIONS?

Contact the Buffalo VA Stand Down Team:

(716) 862-8885



FOR HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF HOMELESS



Join us for a day dedicated to supporting Veterans and their families.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES INCLUDE:



VA Health & Benefits Information



Housing and Employment Services



Legal Assistance



Wellness Screenings



Clothing and Hygiene Supplies



Community Resources



PET WELLNESS CHECKS

Basic wellness checks for your furry companions provided by veterinary professionals.



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE BUFFALO VA,
AMERICAN LEGION POST #1041, AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.



VFW Auxiliary Membership Application Information

Our Post 1419 is always accepting new VFW Auxiliary members. Many people do not know the eligibility requirements for membership into the Auxiliary so it is outlined just below. An application is just below this page. Applications are also available behind the bar at our Post. But if your neighbor is interested in joining or a family member stops over and you are talking about it, you can simply print out the application below and hand it to them.

Please make sure all of the following fields are completed on each application:

- Applicant's Name (spelled correctly) • Address • City, State, Zip • Date of Birth • Gender • E-mail
- Auxiliary Post Name and Post Number • Kind of Membership (annual, life, etc.) • Post Address • Post Phone
- Post Affiliated or Non-Affiliated • Relationship • Veteran (name) • Post Number (if applicable)
- Name of campaign ribbons or medals • Foreign Service dates • Service Location
- Applicant's signature and date • Signature line following the Obligation

One of the fundamental differences between the VFW Auxiliary and veterans service organizations (VSOs) is our eligibility requirements. Proof of the veteran's service to establish eligibility for membership rests with the applicant. Proof of the veteran's honorable service in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition (as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces - Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard) may be determined through careful examination of a Separation Document (DD214) or if a DD214 is not available, then it should be reflected by one of the following:

- a VFW-authorized campaign or service medal of the United States • receipt of Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay, as verified by a copy of a Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) issued by the U.S. Armed Forces • or service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days after June 30, 1949.

Performance reports, travel orders, medical orders, medals reports, morning reports, assignment listings, buddy affidavits, and letters from a foreign war zone may also be reviewed if a (DD214) is not available. For veterans pre-1946, a report of their discharge listing the medals and decorations that were earned is acceptable proof.

For soldiers currently on active duty, they will not have a DD214. In those cases, the appropriate orders showing overseas deployment to a qualifying area, or awarding of an authorized campaign medal, or a LES showing hostile fire/imminent danger pay will suffice to prove eligibility. The local VFW Auxiliary's Investigating Committee is responsible for assuring the eligibility of every person at the time a person is accepted for membership. A careful check of eligibility will help avoid future concerns.

Information on a VFW-eligible veteran service record can be obtained by contacting the National Archives and Records Administration at: • Phone: 1-866-272-6272 • Online: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

If you have membership questions or need more information, please contact the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 1-816-561-8655 or info@vfwauxiliary.org.

Al St. Jacques, Jr. Vice President VFW Auxiliary, Post 1419 2985 Lakeview Rd. Hamburg, N.Y. 14075, 716-345-4948

Eligibility Requirements for VFW Auxiliary Membership:

Members must be at least 16 years old. Those eligible are:

- Husband/Wife • Widower/Widow • Father/Mother • Sons/Daughters
- Brothers/Sisters • Grandfathers/Grandmothers • Grandsons/Granddaughters

of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Those eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay. Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW eligible veteran. Proof of service is required for eligibility and must be obtained by the applicant. Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting: National Archives and Records Administration Phone: 1-866-272-6272

Please note: You can join with a Lifetime Membership or Annual Post Membership are also available at \$40 per year for the first year and \$35 per year thereafter. The cost of these annual memberships does not appear on the application below. If you are interested in the annual plan, simply select that plan in section "H" below. Checks can be made out to VFW Post 1419 Auxiliary. Applications, military records and checks may be dropped off to any bartender on duty or mailed to our Post address – Attention Auxiliary.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H,I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section B,F,G.

A

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name ☐ Female ☐ Male
Address Date of Birth / /
City State ZIP Phone () - Email

B

Auxiliary Post No. City State
☐ New Member ☐ Transferring Member ☐ Rejoining Member (Prior Member ID Number)
☐ Member at Large in Department of ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

C

(Transfer only information) ☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER ☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER
Member ID Previous Auxiliary ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

D

☐ **POST-AFFILIATED** (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)
VFW Membership ID VFW Post (Must be same as B)

E

☐ **NON-AFFILIATED** (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)
Name of campaign ribbons or medals:
Dates of Service: to Foreign Location:

F

Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID
Check one: Aux ☐ VFW ☐

G

Investigating Committee Signatures
1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

H

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership ☐ Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)
Payment Method and Amount: Cash ☐ _____ Check ☐ _____ Credit Card ☐ _____
***If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days or otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.
Phone Email

I

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature ☒ Date
(Must be signed by all members.)

By filling out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of e-mails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephone dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt-out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

VFW Auxiliary

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.

For more than 100 years, we have been serving veterans, the military, their families and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.

★ Personal Benefits

Veteran & Military Support – Anyone with a heart for veterans can count their membership as an important way to stand with veterans and the military community on Capitol Hill and in local legislative battles affecting them.

Networking – Through local and national events, members have the chance to meet people from all walks of life and many career backgrounds, creating a vast network of people who are passionate about veterans, active-duty military and their families.

Friendships – The camaraderie gained from serving together for a cause that is close to everyone's heart leads to lifelong friendships and a strong network of support.

Personal Fulfillment – Longtime volunteers will be the first to tout the benefits of serving others and the sense of personal fulfillment it brings. The organization offers multiple avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering and the adoption of military units.

Personal Growth & Development – We offer multiple ways for members to acquire skills, such as leadership, fundraising, event planning and community outreach.

Cancer Grants – After one year of continuous membership, members who are battling cancer may be eligible for a grant to help cover expenses.

★ Service Benefits

VFW National Veterans Service – A network of highly-trained professionals are available to identify the benefits you may be eligible for and assist you in filing a claim. These services are available at no cost to veterans and their dependents.

Insurance Benefits – The VFW Auxiliary sponsors discounted policies for life, health, accident, long-term care and dental, along with many other benefit plans.

Discount Shopping – Get access to discounts on products and services that are important to you – including local offers!

VFW Store – A wide variety of VFW Auxiliary and other patriotic products are available at www.vfwstore.org.

816-561-8655 • www.vfwauxiliary.org • [Facebook.com/VFWAuxiliary](https://www.facebook.com/VFWAuxiliary)

MEMBER OWNED BUSINESSES

When possible, please consider supporting our Veteran- and Auxiliary-owned businesses.



If you know of anyone who is interested in holding a meat raffle fundraising event, contact Kara Siulc at 716-316-4938 or Heather Strebel at 716-863-2811.

Hkevents716@gmail.com.



For all your professional landscaping needs, call Bryce Beeman at 716-255-8921.



For all your travel needs, call Kara at 716-316-4938



Call Adam at 716-548-6685 for any gutter work including installation, repair and cleaning.



For general bookkeeping and accounting services, contact Matthew Ortiz at 716-983-2452

IF YOU ARE A POST 1419 MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, HAVE A BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN AND WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, CONTACT PHIL KIEFER AT

vfwpost1419@gmail.com



HAMBURG LAKESHORE OVERSEAS VETERANS, INC.
Home of VFW Post 1419 and Auxiliary
2985 Lakeview Rd
Hamburg, NY 14075



HLOV Inc. Policy - 007- Vehicle Storage Policy

Effective Date: 1 October 2026

PURPOSE:

To establish vehicle storage guidelines and to ensure that the decisions and actions taken by Hamburg Lakeshore Overseas Veterans (HLOV) Inc. are made solely in the best interests of the organization and its mission to support its members fairly.

PROCEDURE:

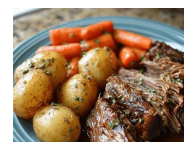
1. The order of precedence for consideration for vehicles being stored:
 - a. VFW Members that volunteer logged approved hours throughout the year.
 - b. Auxiliary Members that volunteer logged approved hours throughout the year.
 - c. Any VFW Member for Post 1419.
 - d. Any Auxiliary Member for Post 1419.
 - e. Any non-member once approved by the Board of Directors (VFW post 1419 family members would be considered first in this group).
2. Vehicles that will be stored inside the building can start storage after 1 November of each year, but must be removed on or before 1 May of that fiscal year. The Board of Directors can extend storage dates based on weather conditions and HLOV events.
3. Outside parking can be considered year-round if prior arrangements are made and the Board of Directors approves. Note – The Board can decide to revoke parking privileges at any time with notice.
4. The cost for inside storage includes one electric connection. Any vehicle stored outside will not be allowed an electrical connection.
5. The storage price includes one standard vehicle size spot. Motorcycle storage is only inside the building and the standard size spot will accommodate multiple motorcycles at a time. Vehicles are considered as cars, pickup trucks, trailers, boats and campers that fit in a standard-size parking space, vehicles that are larger than a standard vehicle will be considered on a case-by-case basis with a reasonable amount requested monthly for payment.

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6. Pricing:
 - a. VFW Members who volunteer logged approved hours: Inside - \$80/month, Outside – \$20/month, (Motorcycle – \$25/month)
 - b. Auxiliary Members who volunteer logged approved hours: Inside - \$90/month, Outside - \$25/month, (Motorcycle – \$35/month)
 - c. Any non-active VFW Member for post 1419: Inside - \$110/month, Outside - \$35/month, (Motorcycle – \$40/month)
 - d. Any non-active Auxiliary Member for post 1419: Inside - \$115/month, Outside - \$40/month, (Motorcycle – \$45/month)
 - e. Any outside person once approved by the Board of Directors: \$125/month, Outside - \$50/month, (Motorcycle – \$50/month)
7. All vehicle owners must provide their own chargers and chargers must be approved for use by the Building and Grounds Director.
All vehicles stored on the grounds must be registered and insured in the renter's name.
8. All payments must be made by cash or check and be done prior to the month of storage or the complete total at the beginning of the season. **All payments will be collected prior to the storage of any vehicle.**

A signed agreement, along with copies of the the vehicle registration and proof of insurance, must be provided before or at the time of storage.



THE LIBERTY GRILL IS BACK!

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Kitchen Hours: 4 to 8 pm

Join us for fresh hand cooked food homemade favorites, and great dinner specials!

****NEW!! NOW OPEN SATURDAYS!****

SATURDAYS: KITCHEN OPENS AT 3 PM!

First Saturday of Each Month will be Sing-it and Wing-It for our karaoke night

Wednesday and Saturday Dinner Specials

Fresh Food • Homemade Favorites • Big Portions

Drop-off Catering Available!

Questions ? Contact **Pam Gibbins** at [716-238-6210](tel:716-238-6210)

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Corporation Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Post Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Karaoke 7:00 p.m. "Sing-It-Or- Wing It" 12 Wings for \$15
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Honor Guard Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Line Dancing At Oakwood 7:00-10:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  MUSIC IN THE LOUNGE Mike Skowronski 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	3 Karaoke 7:00 p.m. "Sing-It-Or- Wing It" 12 Wings for \$15
4	5	6	7 Corporation Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 Post Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m	20	21 Honor Guard Meeting 7:00 p.m. Line Dancing at Oakwood 7:00-10:00 p.m.	22	23	24 VFW and Auxiliary Meat Raffle Oakwood Manor 6:00 p.m. 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Post 1419 Halloween Party 8:00 p.m. 