

# POST SENTINEL

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

I would like to recognize Tim Wright for assisting with recent Oakwood improvements. Tim consistently volunteers as a bartender at Oakwood events, helps with hall setup, and assisted with recent renovations. His dedication and support are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are always needed for setup and cleanup at Oakwood events. Please contact the Post at (716) 648-2618 if you can help.

Food is served in the Post Lounge every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Menus vary weekly. Visit the Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419 Facebook page for updates. Dine-in or take-out available.

The Bob James Trio will be performing in the Post Lounge on Friday, February 27th | 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. They play a wide variety of music for everyone to enjoy.

There will be an Easter Bunny Breakfast on Sunday, March 29th, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon held in the Oakwood Manor. This is a Free event for members and the public. The Morning includes :

- Light breakfast
- Photos with the Easter Bunny
- Egg hunt on Post grounds

Please bring a child's Easter basket and we would appreciate it if you would kindly RSVP: (716) 432-0829

Please welcome our newest members:  
Crystal Esteves (U.S. Army)  
Rick Jarrell (U.S. Army)  
Travis Hayes (U.S. Navy)

February 19th is the Coast Guard Reserve 85th Birthday

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."  
— Winston Churchill

In Comradeship,

Amy Owczarczak, Commander  
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*If you know of someone not receiving the Newsletter have them send a message to the*

**GMAIL ADDRESS**

**ABOVE.**



Happy Valentines Day

## **VFW AUXILIARY**

We were once again forced to cancel our monthly meeting in February due to inclement weather but we will definitely be meeting in February. The Meeting is Scheduled to take place on February 16th at 7:00 pm BUT if anything will interrupt these plans we will be forced to meet sometime later that month. We have a lot of things to cover that we were unable to address in December and January and they need to be addressed a.s.a.p.

Quite a few of our male members have been very involved in working around the post and that involvement has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by the Auxiliary. I was very happy to hear and see so many of our male members lending a hand on a pretty regular diet. They are in fact supporting our Veterans.

As most of you know, or should know, we lost our Long-time member Fran Wright in the end of January. As I've said a few times before, Fran was the backbone of our Organization and she will be sorely missed by us all. Her knowledge of requirements and procedures covers decades and we will do the best to continue her dreams to assist Veterans and their families which is the reason for our existence.

Katy Blaszkiewicz  
Auxiliary President.

**WE STILL WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS**

**Fran Wright, Auxiliary Member, wife of Judd Wright and mother of Chris, passed away on January 25th.**

**Ronald Kintzel, Gloria Madden's brother, passed away unexpectedly on January 21st. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 5771 Buell St., Akron NY, on Monday, February 16 at 10:00AM.**

**Mary Deckman, wife of Auxiliary Member Grover Deckman and mother of Ryan Forrest (Gump) passed away on January 14th surrounded by loving family members.**

**Jerry Welsted, is still suffering the ill effects or a very serious stroke.**

**Member Jeff Dinan is still battling Cancer and is at home with his parents Mary & Jack.**

**Post Member Bryce Beeman has recovered from his back surgery and has been an asset in helping to keep the lot cleared after all of the snowfall.**

**Heather Strebel, Auxiliary Member and Long Time Bartender is recovering from a serious ankle surgery and has graduated from a cast to a walking boot. She is hoping to be back in the swing of things by the end of this month.**

**I have still not heard anything regarding the recovery or lack thereof for Patrick Bapst, Life Member of the Post.**

**John Arcadipane recently had a brief hospital stay but I'm glad to report he is back in the thick of things.**

## HONOR GUARD CORNER

*The Honor Guard had nothing to report this month.*

*Anna Towers held a Thank You luncheon at the Goodfellows Club in Hamburg to Thank the Honor Guard for the Ceremonies at Ron's wake and Funeral and to also Thank them for the work they have done at the Towers home during Ron's illness and after his death.*

## SERVICE OFFICER

The VA announced that scammers are impersonating its representatives to deceive veterans, surviving spouses and family members into believing their VA benefits have been overpaid and must repay immediately.

These fraudulent contacts may arrive via letters, emails, text messages or phone calls and include fake VA logos, letterheads and spoofed phone numbers to appear legitimate.

Veterans can protect themselves by only using official VA channels to resolve any real overpayments, never sharing sensitive information like VA login information, and being cautious of urgent demands for quick payment.

Veterans who believe they have been targeted should contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000 and can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission or at VSAFE.gov

***Dominic H Caselli***  
***Service Officer***

There will be a Fund Raising Benefit in the Oakwood Manor on March 8th from noon to 5pm.

The Benefit is for the Sister of our Post Quartermaster Gary Mosier. The name of the beneficiary is Kara Burke who has experienced invasive Lobular Carcinoma, Stage 2A Breast Cancer, and has now been diagnosed with invasive Adenocarcinoma Stomach Cancer.

The Tickets for the event are \$20.00 which will include Draft Beer, Poop & Food.

This is not just to advise you of the Fund Raiser and the request to attend, but also to request you consider donating Basket Raffle Items or even Big Ticket items. You may drop your baskets off at the Post and make sure you indicate the donation(s) is for the Kara Burke Fund Raiser.

Gary's VENMO is **GARY-Mosier-1**

So get your Baskets together and drop them off when you can. There is only a month left before the event and I'm sure that they would like everything in before that date so they can organize everything.

### 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  
March 6th, 2026**

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.



A person of words and not deeds is like a garden full of weeds.

**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**

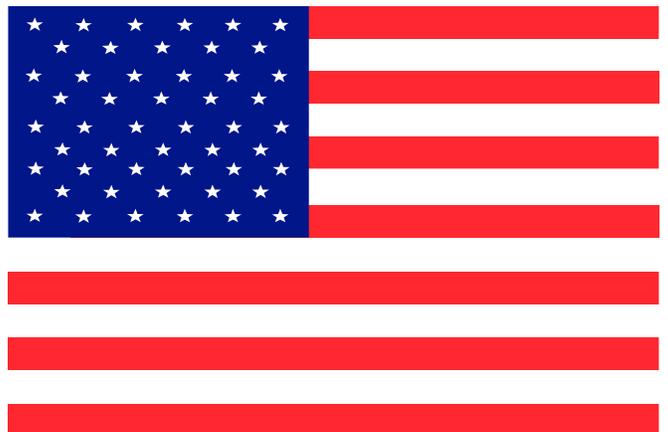
**WE ALSO NOW HAVE A PET PANTRY ON THE FRONT LAWN. LET'S HELP KEEP OUR FURRY FRIENDS FED AND HAPPY.**

### 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

**We try to keep up with all of our members, but if we aren't told we don't know.**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 7PM**



**BOB JAMES**

**BILL KITA**

**BILL SOLAK**

**MUSIC FOR FUN  
AND MORE...**



- BEATLES TOM PETTY
- NEIL YOUNG JOHN HYATT
- FLEETWOOD MAC CSN&Y
- CHUCK BERRY THE BYRDS
- WNY ONE-HIT-WONDERS
- SONNY & CHER JIMI HENDRIX
- ROLLING STONES BOB DYLAN
- ELVIS COSTELLO THE MCCOYS
- GRATEFUL DEAD BLIND FAITH
- BUDDY HOLLY HANK WILLIAMS
- BUFFALO SPRINGFIELD
- THE BAND DEL SHANNON
- more ...

**VFW #1419**  
**2985 LAKEVIEW RD,**  
**HAMBUR4G, NY**

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**Easter Bunny Breakfast**  
 Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419  
 2985 Lakeview Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075  
**Sunday, March 29**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**  
 Open to the public. Please RSVP: 716-432-0829  
 Bring a basket to collect eggs during the Easter hunt  
 Photo op with the Easter Bunny available  
 Dress appropriately for the weather. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held outside.

