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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

As summer continues to fly by, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make our Chicken BBQ Fundraiser such a tremendous success. Whether you volunteered your time or purchased a chicken dinner, you played an important role in helping us continue our mission of serving veterans and investing in our community. A special thank you goes to Junior Vice Commander Bryce Beeman, Sr Vice Commander Connor Columbo, Judge Advocate Brian Deeds, Mary Dinan, Chaplain Brent Doyle, Marcia and Bill Kieffer, Carlos Ortiz, Shirley Strebel, President Joe Suto, Officer of the Day Diane Wesp, and to everyone else who pitched in to make the day a success. It truly takes a team, and I am grateful for the dedication of our volunteers and the incredible support of our members and community.

One of the things I enjoy most about being Commander is seeing our Post invest in the next generation. Hamburg VFW Post 1419 is proud to once again sponsor the 2026–2027 Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship competitions. This year's theme for both contests is "What a Veteran Taught Me About America." Patriot's Pen is open to students in grades 6–8 and features a 300–400 word essay competition with a national first-place prize of \$5,000. Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9–12 and requires a 3–5 minute recorded audio essay with a typed transcript. The national first-place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship. All entries must be submitted to Hamburg VFW Post 1419 by October 31, 2026. Official entry forms and contest information are available on the VFW National website or in our Post lounge. If you know a student (open to all) who may be interested or have questions, please contact our Junior Vice Commander, Bryce Beeman, at (920) 973-9707. Please help us spread the word to students, parents, teachers, and grandparents throughout our community.

Our Post 1419 Fallen Dragons will once again be participating in the K.I.A. Memorial Road march on Saturday, August 15, at Chestnut Ridge Park, and I hope you'll consider joining us. This inspiring event honors the men and women of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting veterans in need through food donations and community outreach. You can participate by walking, volunteering, donating, cheering us on, or even joining our team virtually if you can't attend in person. Last year, our team proudly earned the coveted "BAT" (Big Ass Trophy) for having the largest team, and we'd love to bring it home again! Every participant helps us honor our fallen heroes while demonstrating the strength and spirit of Post 1419. To register or learn more, visit www.kiamemorialmarch.com.

Although our Community Food Pantry and Amelia's Pet Pantry are available year-round, we are always accepting donations of non-perishable food items, as well as pet food and pet supplies, to help keep both pantries stocked for those in need. To help prepare for the busy fall season, we are holding our "Pack the Pantries for Fall" donation drive on Sunday, August 30, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Hamburg VFW Post 1419. Simply drive up and hand off your donations—it's quick and easy! We are accepting non-perishable food items for our Community Food Pantry, along with pet food, treats, toys, collars, leashes, grooming supplies, and other pet necessities (new or gently used) for Amelia's Pet Pantry. Amelia, who built the pet pantry as her Girl Scout project, will be on the Post

grounds to personally accept donations and thank our community for its support. Every donation helps keep both pantries filled and available for individuals, families, and their pets in need throughout our community.

I would also like to extend a warm Hamburg VFW Post 1419 welcome to our newest members. Please join me in welcoming John Copas, a United States Marine Corps veteran who is currently serving in the United States Air Force Reserve, and Michael Daniel, who proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. We are honored that both have chosen to become members of our Post, and we thank them for their service to our nation.

Many members have questions about how our Post operates, how fundraising dollars are used, and the roles of our four organizations. This month, I added an additional article to the newsletter to answer some of those questions and keep everyone informed. Please look for it under “Did you know?”

August is also filled with significant military observances that remind us of the sacrifices and accomplishments of those who have served before us. As you go through the month, I encourage you to take a moment to remember Air Force Day on August 1, the Coast Guard Birthday on August 4, Purple Heart Day on August 7, the Department of Defense Birthday and Agent Orange Awareness Day on August 10, Navajo Code Talkers Day on August 14, National Airborne Day on August 16, and the Marine Forces Reserve Birthday on August 29. Each observance represents a unique chapter in our nation’s military history and gives us another opportunity to honor those who have served.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Hamburg VFW Post 1419. Together, we continue to make a positive difference for our veterans, our members, and our community. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. “We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes.” — John F. Kennedy

In Comradeship,
Amy Owczarczak, Commander
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Post Sentinel Editor’s Comments

This month’s newsletter has much important information and is a little bit longer than last month. This is a good thing as it means our Post 1419 is very active and everyone works hard to make it the successful Post that we are. Please remember that this is your Post and set aside a few minutes to read through it. Thank you all.

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

A Proud American,

Phil Kiefer

The Deadline for our next month’s submissions is Aug. 7th. All submissions should be sent via email to vfwpost1419@gmail.com. Thank you.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER



August 2026 Chaplain’s Corner

Just before the 4th of July I was sitting on the front porch of my cottage with our flag snapping smartly in the breeze over my head. It was a beautiful day, and “all was right with the world.” Suddenly I was reminded of a ceremony

our Honor Guard performed at the Field of Valor several years ago. The military was not there, just us. The deceased was a soldier who had served in Afghanistan. His estranged wife, now his widow, and child were there and a little way off the parents of the young soldier. The tension was palpable as the soldier had taken his own life amid marital difficulties. Rightly or wrongly, the parents held the wife responsible. I performed my duties as Chaplain and then presented the folded flag to the wife on bended knee saying, "On behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation..." It was one of the most difficult things I've done in well over a thousand funerals and graveside services I have performed. I told his widow that she could call me, but she never did.

A soldier may come home from the war but often the war comes home with them. Many of us have been asked to do and see things that no person should be asked to see let alone do. They are things that "leave a mark." We have lost Post Members and Comrade Brothers to the same fate. I encourage anyone experiencing difficulties with living to please seek help. Call the Veterans' Crisis Hot line by dialing 998 and then press 1 or talk to a Brother or Sister Comrade.

Not selfishly, but I never again want to have to say "words" that can seem so empty in the midst of grief over the body of a Brother or Sister and I pray I never will have to. The VA has great resources and programs, but as a Chaplain and Christian Pastor I can offer one thing that no program can - Through the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice I can offer absolution and forgiveness if anyone feels they may need it. Trust me, forgiveness, absolution is absolutely freeing and lifts any burden. I offer you a Comforter and The Counselor and I'm here if you need me.

Bless you Brothers and Sister Comrades.
Chaplain Brent Doyle

Please continue to pray for Don Hancocks's treatment, for Patrick Bapst for recovery from recent major surgery, Jerry Welsted, Ed Genewick's treatment and now too for Ron "Snake" Lebaron'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 Brent 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.



I have been given the opportunity to serve as the new Captain of the Honor Guard. It is a role I am thankful to have been trusted to take on. It truly is a group effort, and I look forward to working with a great team that is truly committed to serving not only the VFW, but the community as well.

**In Comradeship,
John Arcadipane**

Honor Guard Captain



The VFW is keeping pressure on Congress to remove Section 108 of H.R.9237 / S.4744, Take Care of America's Veterans Act, following its recent removal from House floor

consideration. This legislation remains active, and the VFW asks members of both the House and Senate to remove Section 108 from each of their versions of this bill in its continuing efforts to protect the disability compensation of future veterans. The VFW supports many of its provisions but cannot accept the unprecedented pay-for that would revise VA disability ratings for sleep apnea and tinnitus for any future claimants. Many VFW Action Corps members have made their voices heard on this issue through emails and phone calls to Congress over the past few weeks. VFW leadership and staff strongly encourage all grassroots advocates to continue to keep pressure on their representatives and senators to oppose Section 108. house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative.

Dominic Caselli
Service Officer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a volunteer organization we count on our members for assistance in various ways. We are a large post with 600 members and our needs are ongoing, but typically only require small amounts of your time. Even though many have moved over the years, we still have over 500 members living in WNY close to our post within a short drive. Please scroll through our monthly postings to see what available jobs you might be able to help us out with. It's a good way to work with friends or make new ones.

- We now have 3 volunteers for this year's New Year's Eve Party committee. We would like to have at least 1 more. Last year we had a great party. All that is required is we need a band, food menu, décor and a 50/50. Please consider stepping up to help complete this year's committee so planning can start and a band can be booked. Contact me at vfwpost1419@gmail.com and I'll put you in touch with the other volunteers. This year's event will be a self-funded event which means everything will be paid for from attendees admission fees. This shouldn't be a problem. Last year we had about 165 tickets sold. Once formed, this committee will need to complete a simple list of planned activities for submission to our board of directors for final approval. Write up your proposal and email it to vfwpost1419@gmail.com. I will then submit it to our board for review.

Member Recognitions

A very special thank you goes out to Billy Harris for donating a brand new Weber gas grill to our post.

And thank you to Paul Ruh for repairing the door on our food pantry.

Member Submission

From Debbie Baker: "If you are going to win any battle, you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do..." General George S. Patton, Jr.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our Summer Concert Series, **Music on the Patio**, continues this Sunday, August 9th, with the popular band Eliza & The Fishercats playing for us from 2:00 to 5:00. Our concert series started on June 7th and after 9 weeks the crowds have been enjoying top local bands. Stop by with some friends or family members before the summer is gone and grab a hot dog or hamburger while enjoying some great music. We have only a few tee shirts left for sale for \$25. You can buy one at the bar.

VFW Post 1419 Summer Concert Series Is Proud To Present Eliza & The Fishercats
Party-starters with top hits from the 1970s to today



2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Outside, Weather Permitting. Bring your lawn chairs. We will move the entertainment inside if the forecast indicates rain. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available.

Eliza & The Fishercats Song List

867-5309 (Jenny) / Tommy Tutone
 Ain't No Mountain High Enough / Marvin Gaye
 Band of Gold / Freda Payne
 Before He Cheats / Carrie Underwood
 Billie Jean / Michael Jackson
 Boom Boom / John Lee Hooker
 Born to Be Wild / Steppenwolf
 Brandy / Looking Glass
 Give Me One Reason / Tracy Chapman
 Marry You / Bruno Mars
 Johnny B. Goode / Chuck Berry
 Man! I Feel Like a Woman! / Shania Twain
 Mr. Brightside / The Killers
 Hard to Handle / The Black Crowes
 I'm a Believer / The Monkees
 You May Be Right / Billy Joel
 Venus/Shocking Blue
 No Matter What / Badfinger
 Pink Pony Club / Chappell Roan
 Open Arms / Journey
 Rolling in the Deep / Adele
 Stand by Me / Ben E. King
 Sweet Home Chicago / Robert Johnson
 Two Tickets to Paradise / Eddie Money

Brown-Eyed Girl / Van Morrison
 Cake by the Ocean / DNCE
 Cherry Bomb / John Mellencamp
 China Grove / The Doobie Brothers
 Come and Get Your Love / Redbone
 Country Girl / Luke Bryan
 Take Me Home, Country Roads / John Denver
 December / Collective Soul
 Lights / Journey
 Mary Had a Little Lamb / Stevie Ray Vaughan
 Love Shack / The B-52's
 Main Street / Bob Seger
 What's Up / 4 Non-Blondes
 Knockin' on Heaven's Door / Bob Dylan
 Norwegian Wood / The Beatles
 Rehab / Amy Winehouse
 My Own Worst Enemy / Lit
 No Time / The Guess Who
 Paint It Black / The Rolling Stones
 Respect / Aretha Franklin
 Running Down a Dream / Tom Petty
 Summer of '69 / Bryan Adams
 Temptation Eyes / The Grass Roots
 Uptown Funk / Bruno Mars

Don't You (Forget About Me) / Simple Minds
 Dream Lover / Bobby Darin
 Ex's and Oh's / Elle King
 Flowers / Miley Cyrus
 Follow Me / Uncle Kracker
 Folsom Prison Blues / Johnny Cash
 For What It's Worth / Buffalo Springfield
 Fortunate Son / Creedence Clearwater Revival
 Margaritaville / Jimmy Buffett
 Messin' with the Kid / Buddy Guy
 Miss You / The Rolling Stones
 Mony Mony / Tommy James & the Shondells
 You Send Me / Sam Cooke
 Can't Help Falling in Love / Elvis Presley
 On the Road Again / Willie Nelson
 Rich Girl / Hall & Oates
 Secret Agent Man / Johnny Rivers
 It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere / Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett
 Shout / The Isley Brothers
 Small Town / John Mellencamp
 Spooky / Atlanta Rhythm Section
 Superstition / Stevie Wonder
 Twist and Shout / The Beatles
 Valerie / Amy Winehouse

Helpful Veterans Resources:

Hover over each highlighted link below with your cursor and press the control button 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 address sites are now included for each dept.**

[Veterans Crisis Line](#): 988, Option 1

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

[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/>

The following Opinion Article about our VA WNY Healthcare System that appeared in the June 19th edition of The Buffalo News was written by Sean Lindstrom, a health system specialist at our VA WNY facility.



ANOTHER VOICE | HEALTHCARE

VA is dedicated to supporting veterans

SEAN LINDSTROM

As a health system specialist with the executive leadership team of the VA Western New York Healthcare System and a veteran who receives my own care here, I am incredibly proud of our recently awarded 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

This is the highest possible rating — and to put it in perspective, the nearest 5-star healthcare facility of any kind, public or private, is more than 150 miles away.

Our clinicians, support teams and administrative professionals show up each day not because they “have to,” but because they believe in the mission. Being part of this team means serving a community of people who have sacrificed for our nation, and there is no higher honor.

It matters to be treated in a place where people know the military culture, the sacrifices and the unique health needs that come with service. We are truly blessed in Western New York to have such a high percentage of veterans working within our VA — individuals who not only provide excellent care but also carry with them a shared sense of identity, understanding and respect.

To my fellow Western New York veterans — whether you have never enrolled with VA or have not visited us in many years — I want to say this clearly: This is your VA. You earned these benefits through your service, and now is the time to take advantage of them. We have a new leadership team dedicated to enhancing the veteran experience, expanding access and ensuring that every veteran receives the high-quality care they deserve.

As President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed, the mission of the VA is “to care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan.” This mission is at the center of everything we do. If it does not benefit our veterans, then we are not interested. It would be an honor if you chose VA for your care.

Whether it’s primary care, specialty services, mental health support or help navigating the benefits you’ve earned, we are here for you — ready to serve and ready to welcome you home.

I am proud of this 5-star rating, but I am even prouder of the veterans we serve and the staff who make that service possible. Western New York’s veterans community is strong, diverse and deserving of the very best. At the VA, we are committed to delivering exactly that.

Sean Lindstrom is a health system specialist at the VA WNY Healthcare System.

DID YOU KNOW....

- 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 Owczarzak at 716-432-0829
- Here is something I just learned from the Erie County Fair Website and wanted to share. I called the Fairgrounds and spoke with someone who verified this information. “August 16 - Veterans Day - Free admission and \$10 voucher valid for food, beverage or rides for Veterans, Active Military and auxiliary members (with proper ID). *No ticket necessary.*” So to all of our Auxiliary Members, you too are able to have free admission to The Fair on Sunday August 16th. And, there is no Music On The Patio event scheduled for Sunday the 16th.
- 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.

A Very Special DID YOU KNOW Section from Commander Amy Owczarzak

- **Understanding Our Four Organizations**

One of the most common misconceptions we hear is that every fundraiser, event, or purchase made at our Post benefits the same organization. In reality, we are made up of four separate organizations, each with its own mission, leadership, finances, and responsibilities. While we all work together to support veterans and our community, each organization raises and manages its own funds.

- **HLOV (Hamburg Lakeshore Overseas Veterans)**

HLOV manages the day-to-day operation of our lounge and Post home. Revenue generated through bar sales, Bell Jar tickets, and HLOV-sponsored events provides an ongoing source of income that helps pay for the operation and maintenance of our building. These funds cover expenses such as utilities, repairs, maintenance, supplies, insurance, and other costs associated with keeping our Post home open and welcoming for our members and guests.

- **VFW Post 1419**

The VFW exists to serve veterans, their families, and our community. Funds raised by the VFW help support programs and activities such as our Children's Christmas Party, Easter Bunny Breakfast, scholarships, veteran assistance, patriotic programs, community outreach, and carefully considered donations that strengthen our community and assist veterans and organizations in need. Every donation made by the VFW is reviewed and approved by the membership.

- **VFW Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary conducts its own fundraising to support veterans, active-duty military, military families, youth programs, and community events. Their efforts help make programs such as Trunk or Treat possible while also supporting numerous veteran and community initiatives throughout the year.

- **Honor Guard**

Our Honor Guard is also a separate organization. They conduct their own fundraising to purchase uniforms, equipment, and supplies so they can continue providing military honors at veterans' funerals and participating in patriotic ceremonies throughout our community.

- **Why We Hold Fundraisers**

One important difference between our organizations is how they are funded. Unlike the other three organizations, HLOV has an ongoing source of revenue through the operation of our lounge, bar sales, Bell Jar tickets, and HLOV-sponsored events. Those funds are essential to keeping our Post home operating everyday.

- **The VFW, Auxiliary, and Honor Guard do not have that same consistent source of income.**

To fulfill our missions, we depend on fundraising events, sponsorships, ticket sales, donations, and volunteers. When you see us selling Chicken BBQ tickets, organizing a meat raffle, hosting community events, or asking for volunteers, it's because these efforts are what make our programs possible. Every

ticket purchased, every volunteer who donates their time, every sponsor, and every contribution helps us continue serving veterans, military families, youth, and our community. Supporting our organizations isn't just about making a donation. It's about volunteering your time, attending an event, purchasing a ticket, inviting family and friends, or simply helping spread the word. Every act of support—large or small—helps ensure that we can continue making a positive impact in our community.

- **Working Together**

Although each organization has its own purpose and finances, we all share the same goal: supporting veterans, their families, and our community. We work together, volunteer together, and support one another's events, but each organization is responsible for funding its own mission. Understanding these differences helps explain why each organization holds its own fundraisers and why your participation matters. Whether you choose to volunteer, attend an event, purchase a ticket, become a sponsor, or simply encourage others to participate, your support directly benefits the organization hosting that event and helps further its mission.

- **The VFW is about investing in our veterans and our community.**

Every donation approved by the membership represents an investment in veterans, youth, patriotic education, community service, and programs that improve the lives of others. Whether we are supporting a veteran in need, helping local organizations, sponsoring educational programs, hosting children's events, or promoting patriotism, these investments create a lasting impact that reflects the values of our organization. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Post and all four organizations. Through your generosity, participation, and volunteer spirit, we accomplish far more together than any one organization could alone.

- **Each month we'll feature a different way your VFW Post is making a difference in the lives of veterans and our community.**

- **Did you know...**

Your VFW Post doesn't just host meetings—it actively invests in our community throughout the year. From supporting veterans and their families, sponsoring youth scholarships and patriotic education programs, hosting events like our Children's Christmas Party and Easter Bunny Breakfast, partnering with local organizations, and assisting those in need, your support makes these efforts possible.

- **Every volunteer hour, every fundraiser, every ticket purchased, and every donation helps us continue our mission of serving veterans, strengthening our community, and ensuring that the values of the VFW continue for generations to come.**

Thank you for being part of the difference.

In Comradeship,
Amy Owczarczak, Commander



MUSIC *on the* PATIO

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

★ Hosted by VFW Post 1419 ★

WHERE & WHEN

— VFW POST 1419 —



2985 Lakeview Rd
Hamburg, NY 14075

★



EVERY SUNDAY
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE

★ **FREE EVENT** ★

**OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC!**

★ SUMMER LINEUP ★

6/7/2026	— Friends
6/14/2026	— Major Thirds
6/21/2026	— David Adrian Solo
6/28/2026	— Rockabilly Steve & BR3
7/5/2026	— Bob James Solo / Bob James
7/12/2026	— Jay MacDonell Trio
7/19/2026	— Brothers James
7/26/2026	— Argyle Street Band
8/2/2026	— Blues Infusion
8/9/2026	— Eliza & The Fishercats
8/23/2026	— Billy Bob Duo
8/30/2026	— Crash Cadillac

★ WHAT TO KNOW ★



SEATING:
Bring your own chair or blanket!



FOOD:
Hot dogs and hamburgers available for purchase.



DRINKS:
Strictly NO outside alcohol permitted.

★ GREAT MUSIC ★ GREAT FOOD ★ GREAT COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 15TH, 2026

CHESTNUT RIDGE PARK

★ ★ WALK • RUN • HONOR ★ ★



MEMORIAL ROAD MARCH

HOW MUCH WILL YOU CARRY?



EVERYONE WELCOME

VETERANS • FIRST RESPONDERS
MILITARY • CIVILIANS • FAMILIES

OUR FALLEN HEROES ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN

WE WALK TO REMEMBER. WE MARCH TO HONOR.
WE CARRY TO KEEP THEIR LEGACY ALIVE.



WHAT IS THE HEROES HONOR WALK?

A meaningful walk or run alongside Veterans, First Responders, military, and supporters to honor the 331 New York Service Members Killed In Action since 9/11.

Every step is for a hero.
Every mile tells their story.



WHAT WE DO

K.I.A. Memorial Road March is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that honors our fallen heroes and supports those who served.

Since 2013, we've donated over 550,000 pounds of food to Veterans and local food pantries right here in WNY.



HONOR

The 331 NY Heroes
Killed In Action
since 9/11



GIVE BACK

Supporting Veterans
& local food
pantries



COMMUNITY

Uniting people
from all walks
of life



LEGACY

Keeping their
memory alive
through action



REGISTER NOW!

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER.

WALK. RUN. HONOR.
TOGETHER, WE CARRY THEIR LEGACY FORWARD.



★ CONTACT US: VISIT WWW.KIAMEMORIALMARCH.COM ★

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1st Annual Pack the Pantries for Fall

Sunday, August 30th

VFW Post (Lake View) - 9am - 11am
Hamburg Library - 1130am - 130pm
Blasdell Church (Lake Ave) - 2pm - 4pm

Drive Up
and
Hand Off

Please consider donating food, toys,
grooming supplies, collars, leashes,
etc. Any donations welcome for any
type of household pet.
New or Gently Used Accepted



All items donated will be used to fill Amelia's Pet Pantries
located at the 3 Drop Off Points





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 1419 & AUXILIARY MEAT RAFFLE

**SAT
OCT 24TH
2026**

**6PM – DOORS OPEN
7PM – FIRST SPIN**



OAKWOOD MANOR

**2985 Lake View Rd
Hamburg, NY 14075**



\$15 ADMISSION

**For Info or
Tickets:**

**Al St Jacques (716) 345-4948
Phil Kiefer (716) 868-8604
Bryce Beeman (920) 973-9707**

Tickets also available at the Bar in the Post Lounge

*Bring your own singles, snacks,
and a cooler for your winnings!*

VFW Post 1419 & Auxiliary
2985 Lakeview Road
Hamburg, NY 14075

To Whom It May Concern:

On Saturday, October 24, 2026, our Post and Auxiliary are 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 \$150 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 all of the tables that evening.

If you are interested in sponsoring a round, please contact Al St. Jacques (716) 345-4948, Bryce Beeman (920) 973-9707 or Phil Kiefer (716) 868-8604. Sponsorship money will be due October 1, 2026. Checks can be made payable to "VFW 1419 Auxiliary".

In addition to sponsoring rounds, we are also looking for donations of Large Raffle items (chest freezer, gift cards, coolers, etc.) for the event. We are also looking for gift cards to raffle off in any denomination \$25+. If you are willing and able to assist us with this, please contact one of us using the above contact information.

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

All the best,

Al St. Jacques Jr., Auxiliary Jr. Vice Commander, Bryce Beeman, VFW Jr. Vice Commander and Phil Kiefer
2026 Meat Raffle Committee Members

POST 1419 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 & cleaning.



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Corporation Meeting 7:00 pm	6 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8
9 Eliza & The Fishercats Band 2:00-5:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15 KIA Memorial Road March at Chesnut Ridge Park (see flier above)
16 Veterans & Auxiliary Day at the Erie Co. Fair. Free Admission & \$10 Coupon Book	17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 Honor Guard Meeting 7 PM Line Dancing 7-10 PM In Oakwood	20	21	22
23 Billy Bob Duo Band 2:00 – 5:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Music On The Patio Concert Series Finale Crash Cadillac Band 2:00 – 5:00 pm 1 st Annual Pack The Pantries (see flier above)	31					