

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

I'd like to start by saying, thank you to everyone who supported our Post and Jerry Welsted this past month. I stand by my words that our Post will not tolerate any hatred against any citizen for race, sexual orientation, or religion, but we will continue to stand by our beliefs of the American and POW/MIA Flags. The POW/MIA flag per Public Law 116-67 (Feb 21, 2020), it is required that the POW/MIA flag be flown on all days on which the flag of the United States is displayed.

At our July meeting we presented a monetary award to Alexander M. Stoyoch for our inhouse scholarship; Alexander who just graduated from Lakeshore Central and will be attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall.

On Sunday, August 13, 2023, from Noon to 6 p.m. the Post and American Legion 527 will be hosting a Veterans and First Responders Appreciation Day on our Post grounds. The event will kick off with a parade including the Honor Guards from both our Post, the American Legion and Greater Buffalo Firefighters Drum and Pipes Band. This event is family friendly and will have many activities, that include Static displays, K9 demonstration, a Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Basketball hoop, Axe Throwing, Cornhole tournament. Food will include hot dogs, clams, corn on the cob, salads, and desserts. Porcelain Train Band will be playing from 2 -4 p.m., with a guest MC/DJ in between. This event is FREE to all Veterans/First Responders and their families. We do ask that each attendee bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the K.I.A. Memorial Road march. There will also be a 50/50 and basket raffles, where all proceeds will also be donated to the K.I.A. If you would like to volunteer for this event, donate a basket or gift card, please let me know. You can find the poster and more information on our Post 1419 Facebook page.

The K.I.A. Memorial Road march is being held on Saturday, August 19th and our team Post 1419 Fallen Dragons will be participating. If you would like to join our team either by walking, running, cheering, or virtually, you can sign up at www.kiamemorialmarch.com

Have a safe and wonderful summer:

In Comradeship,

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VFW AUXILIARY

Just a few things I'd like to touch on

We are having a Thank You to Veterans and First Responders Day on August 13th, because the Erie County Fair no longer Honors the Fire Personnel and Veterans. Oh sure, we can get in for free on a specific day but we are no longer allowed to gather as a group so instead we will gather at our Post.

We need you all to bring a dish to share or a dessert. The President of the Legion Auxiliary is going to coordinate and keep track of who's bringing what so that we don't have too many or too few of any one thing and I will obtain her contact information so that you can let her know what you will be bringing that day.

We are still in need of a Secretary Trainee for the Auxiliary. Kara Siulc has graciously agreed to do both the job of Senior Vice President and Secretary until such time that someone else steps up to be trained. Kara has also agreed to Train anyone that may be interested in the Job.

I guess that's all I have for now. Please keep our members and their families in your prayers.

President-Katy Blaszkiewicz

ON FRIDAYS WE STILL WEAR RED!!!
REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

Auxiliary Member
Joyce Haskell
recently underwent
surgery and is recovering at
home.
Get Well wishes from all.



*Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That's FAITH.***

*When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That's TRUST.***

*Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That's HOPE.***

*We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE***

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE.

*On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. **That's ATTITUDE.***

Submitted by Post Member Dave Serafin

SERVICE OFFICER

The bipartisan legislation will increase certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses and children to reflect increases in the cost of living. It will directly benefit millions of disabled veterans and military survivors nationwide.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded \$11.5 million in legal services grants to help homeless veterans or those who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. These first-of-their-kind grants were made available through VA's new Legal Services for Veterans Grant Program. They were awarded to 79 public or non-profit organizations to help veterans with various legal needs to ensure they retain their housing. Legal services – particularly civil legal services that support accessing government benefits, navigating family law, ensuring access to safe housing, and assisting with debt – can all be critical to resolving or preventing homelessness.

Dominic Caselli-Service Officer

Chaplain Doyle congratulates Purple Heart Recipient and Life Member of our Post, Patrick Garrigan before he leaves for DC on the June 16th Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight.



HONOR GUARD

Hi everyone. I don't have much to report but I would like to thank those who attended our picnic on the back deck and those who just donated. It was a success and everyone seemed to have a good time..

Dan Darvill won the bar. Thank you all for purchasing tickets for it. I'm sure we will have another one next year so good luck...

That's about it for me this month so I'll be signing off...

As always God Bless America and our Troops who are now serving and for those who served.

Yours in Comradeship,
Don Hancock
Honor Guard Captain

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
August 4th**

**All submissions should be sent via email
to**

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VFW Post 1419 & American Legion 527

Veterans & First Responders

Appreciation Day

**RAIN
OR SHINE!**
Bring a Chair

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Noon – 6:00 PM

2985 Lakeview Rd. • Hamburg, NY

**This event
is FREE
to attend**

This family friendly event will kick off with a parade including the Honor Guards from VFW Post 1419 and American Legion 527 along with the Greater Buffalo Firefighters Drum & Pipes Band in the parking lot at Noon.

The Event will include:

Static Displays • K9 Demonstration • Cornhole Tournament
Dunk Tank • Axe Throwing • Basketball Net • Bounce House for the Kids

**Hot Dogs, Clams, Corn on the Cob,
Salads, and Desserts**

Live Entertainment

Porcelain Train Band from 2 – 4 PM
Guest MC/DJ from Noon – 6 PM

R.S.V.P. by August 6th to (716) 432-0829

We ask that all attendees bring a non-perishable food item.
All non-perishables will be donated to the K.I.A. Memorial Roadmarch.

There will also be 50/50 and Basket Raffles. All proceeds will be donated to the K.I.A.

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.

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| Past Commander Jerry Welsted | 716-316-8917 |
| Commander Amy Owczarczak | 716-432-0829 |
| Aux. President Katy Blaszkiewicz | 716-253-4681 |
| Honor Guard Don Hancock | 716-310-4549 |

You can also call the Post and tell whoever answers the phone.

If we aren't told we don't know.

