HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POST 1419

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

On Sunday, August 11 th , American Legion Post 527 will be hosting Unfair Veterans Day at their Post! This event will take place at 2 Memorial Drive, Hamburg, NY at Noon with a parade, Posting of the Colors, and festivities in their dugout from 1-5 p.m. There is no need to register, but once food runs out, it runs out. This event is free to all Veterans and their families.

On August 15 th at 1 p.m., Congressman Nick Langworthy will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Vietnam Era Veteran Pinning Ceremony at Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY. Eligibility requirements: Living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of 11/1/55 through 5/15/75 regardless of where they were stationed, are eligible for a lapel pin. To register: Contact Congressman Nick Langworthy at (716) 547-6844 or Christine.McAllister@mail.house.gov. You may also register online at Langworthy.House.Gov/Vietnam. There are also flyers and registration forms at Post 1419.

On Saturday, August 17 th we will be participating again in the KIA Memorial Road March at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park. If you would like to sign up for the run, walk or participate virtually, you may do so under our team "Post 1419 Fallen Dragons" atwww.kiamemorialmarch.com.

The Voice of Democracy 2024-2025 theme is "Is America Today Our Forefather's Vision?" This scholarship is open to any students in grades 9 through 12. The audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regard to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay.

The Patriot's Pen 2024-2025 theme is "My Voice in America's Democracy?" The essay encourages students in grades 6through 8 to examine American history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300–400-word essay, expressing their patriot views.

Both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen offer monetary awards. The essays are due to Junior Vice Commander Brian Deeds no later than midnight on October 31, 2024. If you need an application or further details, please contact Comrade Deeds at (716) 783-2520.

Happy Birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard on August 4th, which commemorates the founding of the Coast Guard in 1790. August 7th is Purple Heart Day, which honors the creation of the Purple Heart in 1782.

In Comradeship,
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VFW1419.org (Website)

If you know of someone not receiving the Newsletter have them send a message to the GMAIL ADDRESS ABOVE.

NEXT BAR TENDER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON:

SEPTEMBER 14

VFW AUXILIARY

Although the Honor Guard Captain only requested that I remind everyone of the Gun Raffle tickets I have my own thoughts that I am sharing at this time. Every year, Ed & Sandy Cudney open their "park like yard" to the Members of the Honor Guard and their families for a picnic. The amount of work and money that goes into this event is extensive and the amount of "help" received quite limited. This year the number of Honor Guard Members that actually attended was disappointing at best. Those that did find the time to make an appearance enjoyed themselves and the food was wonderful but the attendance???

The Auxiliary is not holding our monthly meeting in August but I will be calling together a few members for a Round Table meeting. We currently have three applications to approve and I'm expecting a fourth one to come in shortly. The meeting will be "short and sweet" and I will only be contacting the members that I have Text Message information for. For those of you that are in the dark about Round Table meetings, they require 5 members to attend, there are no opening ceremonies but just a call to order, roll call, subject matter, a motion, a vote and the end. For those of you that were members during our COVID months, we held several of these meetings to approve pending applications.

There is a Blood Drive at the Post Wednesday AUGUST 7th from 1 to 6 sponsored by the Red Cross. I know this is pretty short notice but if you can come out please do so and tell your friends and neighbors. Although people should be donating out of the "goodness of their hearts" they will also receive an Amazon Gift Card for their donation.

I have nothing else except **WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS!!!!**

Katy Blaszkiewicz-President

IF YOU ARE AN ANNUAL MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY, YOUR ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!!! EVEN IF YOU JUST GOT AROUND TO PAYING LAST YEAR'S DUES, YOU WERE VERY LATE. BRING YOUR $35.00 TO THE POST LOUNGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU WISH TO CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP WE CAN HELP YOU WITH THAT TOO.

For years we've been plagued by people that think the Post is their Personal Supply outlet. Things disappear from the Lounge, the Kitchen, and now the Fox Hole (garage). This practice has got to stop. Just because it's "there" doesn't mean you should just help yourself. We've recently been made aware of the disappearance of tools. If you need to borrow something, please make sure someone knows that you're borrowing it. Just because it's there and no one else is using it right now, does NOT mean you can take it without prior approval. Just because "we've always done it that way" doesn't mean it's acceptable.

SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

NOTHING TO SHARE AT THIS TIME.

WILL THE PERSON OR PERSONS THAT BORROWED THE CRAFTSMAN OR DEWALT CORDLESS DRLLS PLEASE RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HONOR GUARD

Raffle Tickets to benefit Memorial Park and Museum

Tickets are available in the Post Lounge for the cost of $10.00 per ticket OR 3 tickets for $20.00. The items included in this raffle are:

Henry-Big Boy Carbine 44 mag

Winchester-SXP with buck/bird barrel

Burnett Crossbow with Scope

The drawings will be held on Saturday September 28th so get your tickets now

There is NO CASH VALUE which means if you name is picked you get the item.

If anyone would like a group of tickets to sell please contact Don Hancock at 716-830-4237

Yours in Comradeship,

Don Hancock

Honor Guard Captain

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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
September 6th
All submissions should be sent via email
to

postsentinel1419@gmail.com OR
Kblasz622@gmail.com

A LITTLE POEM FOR SENIORS,
(so true it hurts!)

Another year has passed
and we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
and winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago
when life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
about 'Living in the Past',
We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes
and after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining
and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
to places near and far,
Now we get sore bottoms
from riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
and drink a little booze,
Now we stay home at night
and watch the evening news.
That my fiends is how life is
and now my tale is told.
So enjoy each day and live it up
before you're too damned old!

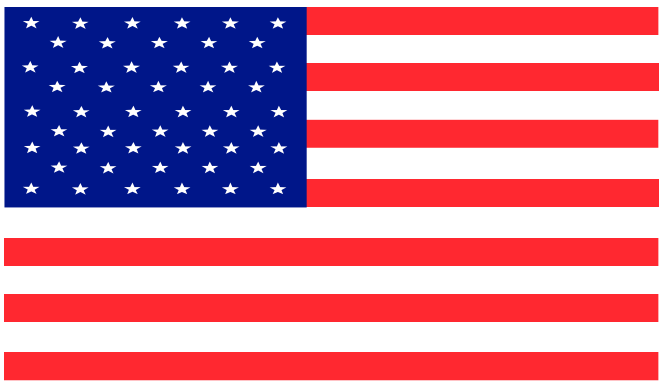
Auxiliary eligibility. If you have any relationship to an eligible Veteran of Foreign Wars, outlined below, Including a "step" relationship, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary. If that veteran is your Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grand-mother, Grandson, Grand-daughter, Sister, Brother, Son, or Daughter

You are eligible to Join the Auxiliary.

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
Past Commander Jerry Welsted	716-316-8917
Commander Amy Owczarczak	716-432-0829
Aux. President Katy Blaszkiewicz	716-253-4681
Honor Guard Don Hancock	716-830-4237

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

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