HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POST 1419

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

Please keep a few events coming up at the Post on your calendar: Saturday, February 10th from 7:30 to 11:30 pm, Porcelain Train Band will be playing in our Post Lounge, all are welcome to attend.

Friday, March 15th we will be having a meat raffle in the Oakwood Manor. Doors will open at 6 pm, first spin will be at 7 pm. Tickets are $10.00 and can be purchased at the bar. Ticket includes admission, draft beer and pop. Raffles will include 50/50, big-ticket items and gift cards. This meat raffle is being held to help give back to our Post and the public with events such as the Easter Bunny Breakfast and Trunk or Treat. If you are wishing to donate a gift card or big-ticket item, please contact Heather Strebel or Kara Siulc at (716) 648-2618 or can be dropped off in the lounge.

If you know anyone who would like to join our post, they must meet the following requirements:

1. Honorable/general (under honorable conditions) from the armed forces of the United States and or currently serving.
2. Service in war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

This information is usually on a persons DD214, and we will need a copy of it along with their application for membership. Applications can be picked up in the Post Lounge.

We are always looking to extend our family here at Post 1419. If someone is not eligible for membership in the VFW, but have a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, or spouse who would be eligible, then they may apply to become a member in the VFW Auxiliary. The same requirements apply and applications for the Auxiliary are also available in the Lounge.

All applications, whether for the VFW or the Auxiliary must also include the DD-214 for the Veteran, a completed application and the MEMBERSHIP FEE. The Life Member fees are shown on each applicable application and the Annual fees for each is $40.00.

I hope everyone enjoys their February. Stay safe.

In Comradeship,
Amy Owczarczak, Commander
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- *vfwpost1419@yahoo.com*
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- **VFW1419.org (Website)*

If you know of someone not receiving the Newsletter have them send a message to the

BAR TENDER MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON:

FEBRUARY 10

MAY 11

SEPTEMBER 14

VFW AUXILIARY

On Friday, March 15, 2024, our Post and Auxiliary are hosting a Meat Raffle to raise money for our organizations. 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 given to all entrants that evening.

If you are interested in sponsoring a round, please contact Heather Strebel (716)863-2811 or Kara Siulc (716)316-4938 or email us at hkevents716@gmail.com. Sponsorship money will be due March 1, 2024. 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. If you are willing and able to assist us with this, please contact John Redmond (716)863-3911 or redmond29@verizon.net.

Watch for more information in the coming month. Flyers, tickets, and volunteer opportunities will be available soon!

Thank you in advance for helping make this event a success!
Heather Strebel, Kara Siulc, and John Redmond

SERVICE OFFICER SUBMISSION

Veterans and family members seeking to file lawsuits because of water contamination at Camp Lejeune have only months left to do so. The VFW has partnered with trusted law firms to help those seeking to file suit against the government. BMBF Law and Bergman & Moore are here to help affected individuals. Section 804 of the PACT Act (P.L. 117- 168), the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022, allows that individuals may qualify if they resided, worked, or were otherwise exposed (including in utero) to the ground water at Camp Lejeune for not less than 30 days during the period from Aug. 1, 1953, to Dec. 31,1987; and have been diagnosed with a cancer, serious illness, or numerous other health conditions including neurological, kidney and liver diseases, miscarriages, infertility, and birth defects/cognitive disabilities in children. Your condition does not have to be on the VA presumptive list or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to file a claim. Surviving family members may pursue claims on behalf of deceased loved ones.

VFW National Veterans Service has received an update pertaining to the VA Home Loan Guarantee program. The Department of Veterans Affairs is taking the following steps to reduce Veteran Homeless-ness by helping Veterans and their families struggling with finances to retain their homes and avoid foreclosure. VA has called on mortgage lenders to pause foreclosures on VA-Guaranteed Loans through May 31, 2024. During this time period, VA is also extending the COVID-19 Refund Modification program to allow Veterans to obtain a zero-interest, deferred-payment loan from VA to cover missed payments as well as to modify mortgages to make payments more affordable.

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SERVICE OFFICER

VFW 1419 and Auxiliary

MEAT RAFFLE

VFW 1419'S OAKWOOD MANOR

2985 LAKEVIEW ROAD

HAMBURG, NY 14075

DONATION $10.00 PER TICKET

Includes Beer and Pop

Cash Bar Available

LARGE ITEM RAFFLES

50/50 RAFFLE

GIFT CARD RAFFLE!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN $1 BILLS, SNACKS AND A COOLER FOR YOUR WINNINGS!!

No Outside Alcoholic Beverages Allowed. Strictly Enforced.

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

JANUARY 5th

All submissions should be sent via email

to

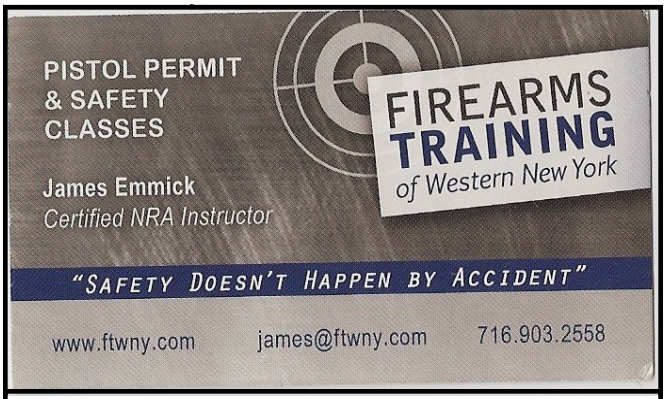
postsentinel1419@gmail.com OR

Kblasz622@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. HOTMAIL WAS NO LONGER WORKING FOR ME SO I QUIT BEATING MY HEAD AGAINST THE WALL TRYING TO WORK WITH THEM.

Fish Fries Have returned on Fridays from 4:30 to 8:00.

Renee Welsted, wife of Don, Sister of Cindy Critoph, Sister in Law of Jerry, David, and George Welsted and Eloise Milligan, and Aunt to our numerous Welsted Members passed away on January 13th after a Long Battle with Cancer.



Classes are held in one of our Meeting Rooms as the need arises.

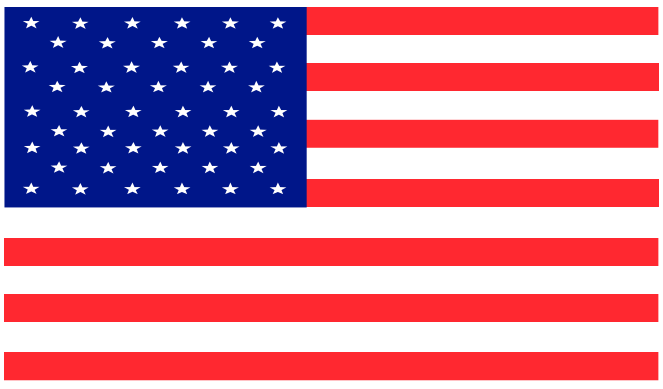
Call James Emmick for more information.

(716)903-2558

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.