HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POST 1419

POST SENTINEL

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to honor the Gold Star Family Ceremony on Sunday, 9/24. This event was very touching. The Hamburg Garden Club unveiled a Gold Star Memorial in a tribute to All Gold Star Families. The ceremony was followed by a lunch provided by the Hamburg Garden Club and the Post 1419 Auxiliary.

I would like to announce this year's Sunrise Rotary Club Veteran of the Year…. Congratulations to Jessica Utley. Jessica served in the United States Air Force from 1992 to 2004 as a Fuels Journeyman and Aircraft Loadmaster. She started her career off in Soesterberg, Netherlands and departed as a Staff Sergeant from Travis AFB. Jessica joined our VFW in 2012. She is instrumental in booking all our events held at our Post. There will be a dinner at the American Legion Post 527 on Saturday, November 4, 2023 to celebrate all the Veterans of the year. I will send out a separate email with details. Please keep the date open to attend.

Our Service Officer Dominic Caselli announced at our Post meeting Thursday, a burial update for a service member who has been missing and unaccounted for since World War II. Returning home for burial with full military honors is Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Albert W. Stahl, 22 of Buffalo, New York. Lt Stahl was assigned to the 329th Bombardment Squadron, and was killed in action on August 1, 1943. He will be buried in Kenmore, New York in the Spring of 2024. More information to come. Here is the link to read the story. https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/News-Releases/PressReleaseArticleView/Article/3525486/airman-accounted-for-from-wwii-stahl-a/

On October 21st, the KIA Memorial Road march is having "A Night Out At The Monte Carlo" Enjoy games, dinner, and open bar, desserts, high-end basket items. Event is from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. you can purchase tickets by going to the website: https://www.kiamemorialmarch.com/events-page/monte-carlo-masquerade/ this event supports our local veterans.

Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarships are out and due no later to the Post by October 31, 2023. You may pick up an application in the Post lounge or contact the Junior Vice Commander, Brian Deeds at briandeeds83@gmail.com for an application or more information. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "What are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy". Patriot Pen's theme is "How are you Inspired by America?". Not only in this an inhouse scholarship opportunity, it may lead for a monetary amount from our district, state, and national VFW. The deadline is quickly approaching.

The US Navy will celebrate its 248th Birthday on October 13, 2023. Happy Birthday to all our Navy Veterans.

In Comradeship,
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If you know of someone not receiving the Newsletter have them send a message to the above address and I will add them to the email list.

VFW AUXILIARY

DUES WILL INCREASE NEXT YEAR. ***We just learned, that at the National Convention the VFW Auxiliary approved an increase in dues for 2024. This increase will affect all of our Annual Members so once you pay your dues for this year (which are now due and will be considered OVERDUE on November 1st) you might want to consider converting your current membership to a Life Membership.***

LIFE MEMBER DUES ARE BASED ON YOUR AGE AS OF 12/31 OF THE YEAR YOU CONVERT

AGE/COST	AGE/COST	AGE/COST	AGE/COST
16-20/ $253.	21-25/ $242.	26-30/ $230	31-35 $219
36-40/ $213	41-45/ $201	46-50/ $196	51-55/ $184
56-60/ $173	61-65/ $161	66-70/ $150	71-75/ $132
76-80/ $109.	81-85/ $86.	86-90/ $69.	91 +/ $58.

That being said, in order to be entered into a drawing for the Auxiliary to pay your annual dues next year, YOU MUST have paid this year's dues by October 31st. Anyone that pays AFTER 10/31 will not be in the drawing AND you will have a late fee added of $5.00. So get those dues in now. Anyone that converts to Life Membership from annual status PRIOR to 10/31/23 will also be eligible to be entered into the drawing and if your name is selected, we will reimburse you $20.00 towards your Life Membership Fee.

Looking for desserts for Veterans Day luncheon so keep that in mind because you never know when November's Newsletter will come out.

President

Katy Blaszkiewicz

HONOR GUARD

Here it is October already!! Where has the time gone? Just a short message this month of upcoming events. As everyone knows Veterans Day is in November, and it's a busy day for the Honor Guard. We start off with a ceremony at the Field of Valor at Lakeside Cemetery at 9:30. After that, we will travel to the Veterans and Military Park in Buffalo to perform a service there.

Following that, we generally visit senior homes to thank those who served with a short ceremony. We then return back to our home and have a ceremony for our own members at the post. The ceremony at our post is scheduled for 3:00. If a time change happens it will be posted.

I'll sign off for now. As always God Bless America, Our Troops who are now serving and those who have served. Let us not forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice may they rest in peace.

Yours in comradeship,
Don Hancock
Honor Guard Capt.

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed members, officers and directors of Hamburg Lakeshore Overseas Veterans, Inc. home of Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419 and Auxiliary,

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Adam Zybert as our new Bar Steward. Adam comes to us with a distinguished background, having served as a Marine Corps Veteran for 20 years and subsequently owning and operating a successful small business. We are confident that his leadership and expertise will make him an invaluable addition to our team.

Adam Zybert will be stepping into the shoes of the longtime Bar Steward, Gerald Welsted, who has been a cherished member of our establishment for many years. We extend our deepest gratitude to Jerry for his dedicated service and will continue as a sitting director and advisor.

As the new Bar Steward, Adam will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of our lounge, Oakwood Manor and DeGal Room and leading our dedicated staff. This team consists of four direct team members who are committed to providing exceptional service to our patrons.

Adam Zybert will report directly to the board of directors, ensuring that our facilities continue to operate smoothly and efficiently. We have full confidence in Adam's ability to uphold the high standards of excellence that our patrons have come to expect.

Please join us in welcoming Adam Zybert to his new role as Bar Steward, and we look forward to the exciting future he will help us create here at our establishment.

In Comradeship
Joseph P. Suto Jr.
President, HLOV, Inc.

There will be 4 Bartender meetings held this year. Currently scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. November; February; May & September. (Unfortunately the second Saturday in November is also Veterans Day so that meeting may have to be changed.

SERVICE OFFICER'S INFORMATION

VA has launched a campaign to inform veterans and their family members about end-of-life benefits. Being aware of available benefits and services before a veteran passes away can help make it easier to navigate the process and plan ahead.

https://www.va.gov/initiatives/end-of-life-benefits/

The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing to evaluate mental health and suicide prevention measures for our nation's veterans, including implementation of Chairman Jon Tester's landmark Hannon Act (P.L. 116-171). In recognizing that September is Suicide Prevention Month, Tester indicated the latest data shows that 2020 had the lowest suicide rate since 2006. Sixty-four percent of these veterans were not using VA resources. VA is urged to continue making strides with suicide prevention for veterans, and to remember its own employees who have died by suicide.

Dominic Caselli
Service Officer

A NIGHT OUT AT THE
MONTE CARLO
A RED CARPET THEMED EVENING
OF GAMING TABLES, OPEN BAR,
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT!
ALL TO SUPPORT
& HONOR
OUR VETERANS
THROUGH THE LOCAL VETERAN NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION K.I.A. MEMORIAL ROADMARCH
OCT. 21ST @ 6PM
MEMORIAL ROAD MARCH
$80 (INCLUDES ADMISSION + PARKING)
GRAPEVINE BANQUETS, DEPEW
KIAMEMORIALMARCH.COM

VFW Post 1419

Presents

Trunk-Or-Treat

Prizes for Best Homemade Costume and Best Decorated Trunks!!!

A Free Community Event

WANTED: Volunteers to Bring Candy, Park in Our Lot, Decorate their Cars (Optional), and Pass Out Candy!!! Please arrive by 11:30AM!

Saturday, October 21st

12PM to 2PM

In the parking lot of VFW Post 1419

2985 Lakeview Road, Hamburg, NY

Children (and Adults!) can dress up in Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat from Car to Car in the safety of our parking lot.

Join us for trunk-or-treating, games, prizes, donuts, cider, music and more!!

For More Info Call: Paula @ (716)432-1092

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

Halloween
Party
October 27th 8-?
Hamburg VFW
Post 1419
Live Music
Wear your best costume!
Bring a dish to pass
Cash Bar

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 NOVEMBER 3rd

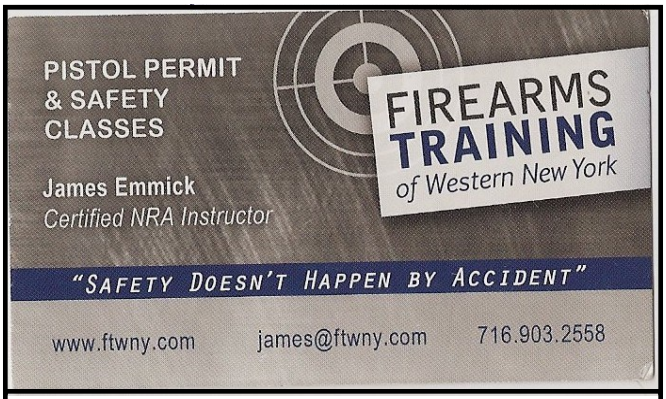
All submissions should be sent via email to

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 as of OCTOBER 6th

If you want a place in the sun you have to put up with a few blisters.



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

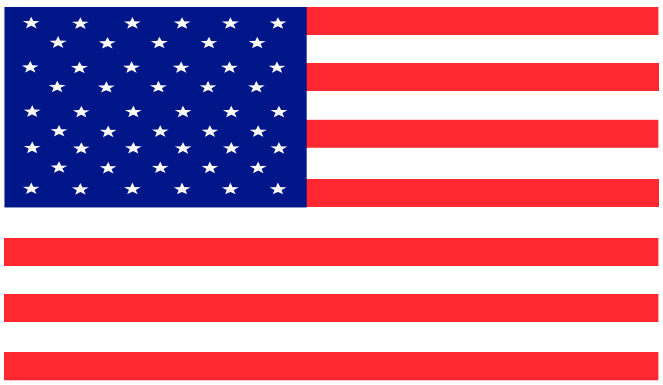
Call James Emmick for more information.

(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.