HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POST 1419

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

In May, as many of you know, we had our Poppy drive. Thank you to those that participated this year, we raised over $3,000.00 for our Post/Auxiliary Relief Fund. The money is used to assist Veterans and/or their families in need.

Thank you to our Honor Guard for participating in several ceremonies over the Memorial Day weekend, they did a fantastic job as always. Thank you to our Auxiliary for providing lunch and desserts after our Post ceremony, everything was delicious.

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, we will be participating again the KIA Memorial Road March at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park. If you would like to sign up to run, walk or volunteer your time, you may do so at www.kiamemorialmarch.com

Military holidays to remember in June are
D-Day - June 6th
Flag Day - June 14th
PTSD Awareness Day – June 27th
U.S. and Allied victory at the Battle of Okinawa. June 22 nd

If you know anyone who would like to join our post, they must meet the following requirements:
1. Honorable/general discharge 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, which a copy will need to be submitted along with an application, and application fee, that can be picked up in our lounge. We are always looking to extend our family here at Post 1419. If someone is not eligible for membership in the VFW, but they have a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, or spouse who would be eligible, then they may apply for member in the VFW Auxiliary. The same applies, an auxiliary application would need to be completed, along with a copy of the DD214 of the person they are related too and the application fee.

Enjoy your summer and be safe.

In Comradeship,

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

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

August 9th

VFW AUXILIARY

Well, May is over and our Poppy Drive is concluded. Congratulations and THANKS to Pat Fest who on the nastiest day of collections managed to collect more than $250.00 for our Relief Fund. To the other Volunteers from the Auxiliary, Marcia Kieffer, Jane Bohn, and Sandy Coppola Thank You to each of you for your dedication to this cause. It's very unfortunate that many people just don't carry cash anymore and because of this our collections each year have been declining. To those of you that were unable to Volunteer this year, see if you can't manage to donate a couple of hours next year.

The Honor Guard would like desserts brought to their Fundraiser if you're planning on attending.

Thanks to Pat Fest, Mary Dinan and Marcia Kieffer for helping out with the Memorial Day Luncheon. The food was delicious and from the compliments that I received, was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all for the desserts your brought.

That's about all I have right now so I'll close. Happy Father's Day to all of the Post and Auxiliary Members that are proud to wear the DAD badge.

Katy Blaszkiewicz
Auxiliary President.

WE STILL WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS

HONOR GUARD CORNER

Hope everyone is in good health upon reading this column.

May is behind us and the Honor Guard has performed its duties for Memorial Day. It was a busy weekend with several ceremonies. We started off on Saturday at Lakeside Cemetery Field of Valor. On Memorial Day we led the Lakeview Community Parade, traveled to the Hamburg Brewery for their annual Project 33 Memorial Run then returned to our Post Home for our own ceremony.

On June 11th, we will travel to the Hamburg Fire Department to post the colors for their annual equipment inspection.

On June 21st we are having our annual Honor Guard Fundraiser in the DeGal room and on the back deck. If you would like to attend and support your Honor Guard, there are tickets available behind the bar. The cost is $15.00 per ticket and includes a Chicken Dinner and Draft beer. Tickets are going fast so don't hesitate to get yours.

We appreciate any and all support that we get from you and our money is used to buy the uniforms that keep our Honor Guard looking sharp. This Fundraiser is a good time with games and raffles, food and drink.

Well that's about all I have this month so I hope to see you at the Fundraiser and at the post.

As always God Bless America, our Troops still serving, those who have served in the past and never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Yours in Comradeship;
Don Hancock
Honor Guard Captain

SERVICE OFFICER CORNER

Make your voices heard by taking action TODAY. Veterans should never go into debt to access their earned benefits! The VFW has repeatedly expressed concerns about charging veterans for initial claims assistance based on their future benefits, and thus, we strongly oppose H.R. 3132, CHOICE for Veterans Act of 2025, as written it says "To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for certain fee agreements for services rendered in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of initial claims and supplemental claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." This would potentially put veterans into debt even before utilizing their benefits. Tell your representatives to vote NO when this bill is brought to the House floor for a vote. If you don't know how to contact our rep to voice your concerns, it's https://langworthy.house.gov/contact

VFW stood alongside partner Veterans Service Organizations, supporters, and advocates to urge for swift passage of VFW-championed H.R.2102/S.1032, Major Richard Star Act. America's veterans have served and sacrificed for this country, and the VFW is calling upon Congress to pass this commonsense bill to finally take care of medically retired veterans who were wounded in service. Former VFW National Legislative Director Pat Murray spoke at the press conference and stated, "Nearly three-quarters of Congress in both chambers, and on both sides of the aisle, support the Star Act. It certainly doesn't lack support for co-sponsors. What it does lack, though, are votes for the bill." It is time for Congress to bring the Major Richard Star Act to the floor for a vote.

Dominic H Caselli

Service Officer

MIA Update:

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three identifications and two burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Identifications: -- World War II Navy Storekeeper 3rd Class Robert S. Garcia

World War II Army Pfc. Charles N. Milam

Vietnam War Navy Capt. Thomas E. Scheurich

Initiative to End Veteran Overprescribing: VFW Washington Office staff members participated in events with the Grunt Style Foundation's "War Cry for Change to End Veteran Overprescribing." This initiative aligns with the VFW's 2025 priority goals that focus on improving health care quality and ensuring access to evidence-based pharmaceutical alternatives. The VFW supports prioritizing whole health, mental wellness, and patient-centered care, rather than fostering a reliance on prescription drugs. VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci spoke at a press conference held on Capitol Hill that brought together advocates, veterans, and policymakers to push for more responsible and holistic approaches to veteran health care

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

July 5th

All submissions should be sent via email

to

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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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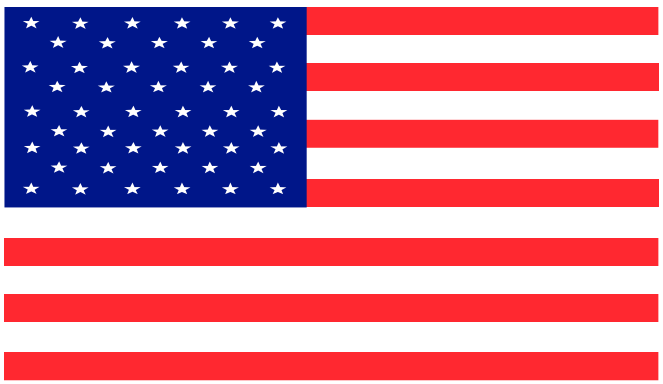
You can also call the Post and tell whoever answers the phone. 716-648-2618