



The Vet Gazette

September 2017

Dear Comrades,

Summer is slowly fading and Fall will be upon us before we know it. This marks the end of our informal meetings. September's meeting will be our last informal picnic meeting at Liberty Lodge located at Finn Park on Maple Dr. Won't you please join us? The Post will supply the meat and each member is asked to bring a dish to pass and a beverage of their choice. Table service will be provided.

Starting with our October meeting, we will move back to the Elks Club on Jackson Road. All meetings begin with a light lunch starting around 6:15 with the meeting starting at 7:00. Our meetings rarely last more than an hour.

Membership is the backbone of the VFW. If you know of an eligible veteran, please invite them to join and add their support to those fighting for our Veterans' Benefits. When our National officers testify before Congressional Committees, the weight of our organization is behind them. The more members, the more weight.

Yours in Comradeship,
Charles Klauck
Commander

70TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Each of you should have received a flyer with details on our 70th Anniversary Celebration which will be held on September 16th at the Columbus Center on Daniel Drive here in Webster. Meal choices are London Broil, Chicken French or Grilled Salmon. You and your wife or a guest are invited to attend at no cost to you. Additional guests are \$24.00 each. If you have not yet called to make your reservation, the deadline is fast approaching.

70TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT (CONT'D)

I must have reservations by September 11th. I cannot guarantee you a place if you do not call by that time. Please call Commander Klauck at 671-2302. If no answer leave name, phone number and menu choices. Don't miss a fun evening of good food and dancing. Appetizers and cocktail hour at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00. Hope to see you there!!!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Please keep in your thoughts Bob VandeVoorde and Joe Mulay, both of whom are at St. Ann's and John Gardner who is homebound.

I know of no members who have passed away in the past month.

If you know of a member who is sick or has died, please contact Chaplain Allan Schichtel (545-4722).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

When reviewing the membership roster from National, there are several of our members whose address is listed as undeliverable. I will be sending out notices to those members shortly. If you are one of those and receive that notice, please contact me or reply that the address is correct or supply a correct address.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR DD-214 IS??

Please make sure you have your DD-214 and your family knows where to find it. Should you need to apply for a replacement, please contact me (671-2302) and I will see you get the necessary form to do so.

ARE YOUR DUES UP TO DATE??

Dues notices are sent out from National prior to the expiration of your current dues. Dues are payable to National who in turns credits back to the Post the Post share which is \$6.00. If you wish you can remit a check or cash in the amount of \$36.00 directly to the Post and the Quartermaster will remit your dues for you. As a large majority of our members are Life Members this only applies to those 40 or so members who pay their dues on an annual basis. Also, please note that dues are on a subscription basis, which means your membership extends one year from when your dues are paid much as a magazine subscription. Please check your membership card and make sure it is current.

NEW WEBSITE ON LINE

We have a new website which was offered through National. The layout is consistent with Department of New York's and other Posts, Districts and Departments that have opted to use this service. On the site you will find Post, Department and National news as well as links to other information that may be of interest to you. We will continue to update the site and personalize it for the Post. Our meeting minutes and newsletter are also posted on the site. There is also a link to our Facebook page.

The photo gallery will be expanded as we post pictures of Post events and happenings of interest.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can make this more meaningful to our membership and potential members, please let Commander Klauck or Jr. Vice Commander Mitchell know.

There is a member's only section that you can access by using your last name as user name and your membership number as your password. You will be able to change your password once you log on. Check us out at www.vfw9483.org

DID YOU KNOW???

Our oldest member is a Pearl Harbor survivor and was recruited in 2012 while we were meeting at the Legacy on Norton St. Anthony Campanella recently turned 103 and is still residing at the Legacy.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE VET GAZETTE??

If you have an article you would like to share with the membership of our Post, please forward it to Commander Klauck for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The VFW offers three levels of Legacy Life Membership – Gold, Silver and Bronze. By becoming a Legacy Life Member, you can assure continued support for the Post beyond your death. For more information contact Commander Klauck who is currently a Gold Legacy Life Member.