



The Vet Gazette



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Commander's Message

Comrades,

I hope this message finds each of you and your families in good health and good spirits. We have concluded our first quarter of the VFW year. Our members have been busy with their continued support of our Veterans, their families and local community. My hat is off to each and every one of you that continue to serve even after hanging up the uniform.

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 11th and held at the Elks Club , 1066 Jackson Rd. in Webster. Dinner is at 1815, with our meeting beginning promptly at 1900 hrs.

September was marked with some sadness. Comrade Allan Schichtel passed away Sept. 12th at age 79. Al was a Vietnam War veteran, long-time member, Chaplain, and friend of our Post. Elson(Al) Dunham's wife Marianne passed away Sept. 4th. Al is also a long-time member and a WWII Navy veteran. Please keep Allan and Al's families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I want to give a big thank you to Tony Mitchell for stepping up to spearhead the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy at our local schools. This year's theme for Patriots Pen is, "How are you inspired by America?" The theme for Voice of Democracy is, "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?" This is a great way to get youth involved and to show American patriotism.

District 8 has requested that all Posts in the district complete the Officer Training Institute (OTI) Program. The district will provide Officer training to its membership. I am in favor of doing this so let's get a location and date selected. Training needs to be completed by Dec. 31st, 2023. We may have our own trainers to provide training, so start thinking about who from our post might be qualified to conduct this training. For a Post to qualify for "All-State", the Quartermaster, Adjutant, and one Trustee MUST attend a Dept. or District OTI.

October 22nd, Mission 81 Honor Flight will be returning from DC with 62 veterans. Please plan to attend the welcome home at the airport.

I would also like to thank all who have supported our Post and for making it a wonderful place to meet and socialize with members, friends and guests.

Events and Significant Dates

Oct.13, 1775 US Navy established.

Oct.23, 1983 Grenada Campaign Began

Oct.7, 2001 Afghanistan War Began

Oct. 27th NAVY Day

Chaplain's Report

Taps: Allan Schichtel, Eugene Wedel

If anyone is aware of a sick or deceased member please contact Chaplain Nate Browning.

Post Calendar

Future Meetings

Nov.8, 2023

Dec. 13, 2023

Meetings will be held at the Elk's Club, 1066 Jackson Road, Webster, NY

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Have a Blessed Fall Season!!

