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COMMANDER: JACOB E. SCHU

POST MEETINGS

Post meetings are held at 1900 on the second Thursday of every month in Room 200 at the Depew Municipal Building, 85 Manitou St. We invite you and urge you to attend. We are looking for new people to help out on committees and to move into Officer positions and serve on committees.

Depew Post Officers

Commander	Jacob E. Schu
1st Vice-Commander	Richard Bulman
2nd Vice-Commander	Robert Sharpe
3rd Vice-Commander	Chester Pawlowski
Adjutant	Richard Walczak
Finance Officer	Donald Schram
Chaplain	James Sterlace
Sgt.-at-Arms	John Stutzman
Graves Registration	Jacob Schu

POST NEWS

The Depew Veteran's Park now has two new monuments. On October 18, 2014 a dedication of new Korean War and Vietnam War monuments took place at the Veteran's Park on Terrace Blvd., with the names of those that made the ultimate sacrifice in those conflicts.

Remember that any member bringing in a new member, will get \$20.00 off of their dues. The member must not be a transfer from another post but a new member never belonging to the Legion before

The Post again will hold our annual Lottery, starting in February 2015. We thank Richard Walczak for again chairing this important function. Please return the four (4) lottery tickets you will receive with

your newsletter. The funds are used to support and defray costs for projects like the Korean and Vietnam monuments.

The Post has baseball hats, jackets, polo shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Call Rich Walczak at (716) 472-2591 if you are interested. They are of good quality and look great!

Please check your e-mail frequently, as we are now e-mailing notices and newsletters to those that have them This saves postage and printing costs.

if you have not sent them, please send your e-mail addresses to:

Jschu@depewlegion.org

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Commander's Report*
- *Veteran's Day*
- *Membership Report*
- *Annual Christmas Party*
- *Dedication of new Korean and Vietnam War monuments*

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MEMBERSHIP & DUES

“THE POST HAS RESOLVED TO PAY THE ANNUAL DUES OF POST MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY.”

Benefits of the annual dues of \$37.00 per year include the American Legion magazine and, most importantly, helps us support our returning veteran's and their families.

The Post has a new Membership Chairman. Mike Johnson agreed to take over this position and will work closely with Don Schram. 2015 dues were due in July. If you have not yet renewed, please consider doing so now. The Post has resolved to pay the annual dues of Post

members in the service on active duty. Active duty service members may send their dues renewal form and a note with their current duty status to the Post, in care of Mike Johnson.

The address is:

*Depew Post No. 1528
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Remember, your dues support projects like the monuments and help for veteran's families.

COMMANDER'S REPORT — BY JAKE SCHU

I want to thank all of the officers and members who contributed time and effort to help with our projects and events in the past year. Our programs have been successful because of your dedication. We have attended and supported the following activities and in 2014—2015:

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- Altamont Homeless Veteran's organizations in Buffalo — supplies and clothes drive
- The VA with volunteer time and visits
- Dedication of new American Legion monuments for the Korean War and Vietnam War. Project underway in 2015 to dedicate a new memorial for the Middle East conflicts at the Depew Veteran's Park on Terrace Blvd.
- Plans are underway for 2015 to move the 3" M5 anti-tank gun from its current location in front of the old VFW, to the Depew Veteran's Park. Layout work has already been initiated by the Monument Committee.
- Detective Keith Kerl of the Lancaster Town Police, was nominated by Post 1528 for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and received both Erie County and District 8 awards. Det. Kerl was responsible for successfully resuscitating several youths at the electrocution incident at the Lancaster HS football field in July 2013. One youth was in cardiac arrest and Det. Kerl used an AED to give him his life back. I had the honor of accompanying him to both award presentations.
- Any Legion member can now go to **mylegion.org** and sign up for individual access to your own membership records and a host of other information. I urge all of you to do so. It provides a wealth of information and gives directions as to how to sign up.
- We can always use help with our events and committees. Please consider becoming

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active in your Post. Many are doing double duty to fill needed positions.

- We are also continuing a clothing and donation drive for the Altamont Homeless Veteran's organization in Buffalo, NY, in conjunction with the Lancaster Elks Lodge. This organization serves all of WNY. Donations for clothing, working appliances, TVs, radios, etc. can be dropped off at the Depew Municipal Building, 1st floor in a container provided for that purpose. Or bring them to a Post meeting.
- Continue to gather graves registration information to compile a master list for our local cemeteries. As our long time friend and Graves Registration Chairman Don Krupski passed away, we have a large void to fill with this effort. I am asking for someone to volunteer to take this task over. It is very important that we know where EVERY veteran is laid to rest. Please contact me if you can spare some time to help.
- Bob Sharpe, Chet Pawlowski, my wife Marie and I attended and cooked hot dogs for the Special Olympian's picnic at the Lamm Post on September 7th. It was very rewarding to see the kid's faces light up.
- I have attended all but a couple of Erie County meetings and attended the county convention in June as a delegate along with Don Schram.
- I am currently assisting the EC Legion with reestablishing their website. Hopefully it will be active soon.

KOREAN AND VIETNAM MEMORIAL PROJECT

Long overdue, those who died in Korea and Vietnam are remembered on new memorials at the Depew Veteran's Park. AMVETS Post 14 and the DAV each donated 1/3 of the cost of the project, headed up by Depew Post 1528. The Monument Committee consisted of Post 1528 Commander Schu, 1st VC Dick Bulman and 2nd VC Bob Sharpe. The survey work, drawings and sketches were all produced by the Committee, with the new pads being installed by the Depew DPW. A third pad is installed for a future dedication of a Middle East Conflict memorial, for the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. As we are still involved in those conflicts, a firm date has not yet been established for the monument.



Commander Schu congratulates the DPW crew on a job well done!

Thank you to:

Mr. Dave Smith of Lancaster and member of Depew Post 1528 for donating the memorial stones.

The Village of Depew Board and their staffs for their help bringing the new monument project to fruition; and especially to the Village of Depew DPW for their excellent work on that project. There were many hours put into this effort by all involved.

Garland Graphics of Alden for assisting with the plaque design and the beautiful job done installing them.

The dedication ceremony is set for Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 1100 at the Veteran's Park on Terrace Blvd. We have news coverage and numerous dignitaries attending.

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014, Veteran's Day Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 67 Litchfield Ave. in Depew. Post members will muster at the church at 0930. Church service at 1000, followed by the Veteran's Day ceremony outside of the church at 1100.

The Lancaster Elks Lodge will again put on a Luncheon for all Veterans on Veteran's Day from 1400 to 1800. This is a totally free event and includes food and beverages. Depew Post 1528 will muster at the Elks at 1400 and go in as a group at 1415. Dress uniform/caps not required and your spouse or a guest is welcome. There will be a POW/MIA ceremony performed by Post 1528, in the manner of the ceremony we perform at our meetings. The Elks are huge supporters of the VA and Veteran's activities. They also host the flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day. Let's plan to show our appreciation for this event with good attendance. Our own 2nd VC Bob Sharpe chairs this event for the Elks.

THANK YOU ELKS!

Dinner will include spaghetti w/2 meatballs, chef salad, bread w/ butter and deserts. Elks will also provide limited draft beer, wine, coffee, tea and soft drinks in honor of our veterans



Operation Iraqi Freedom—
2003

USMC 2nd Marine Division
2nd Tank Battalion, Delta Co.

Operation Desert Storm

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2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT— BY MIKE JOHNSON AND DON SCHRAM

I would like to thank all of the Post members who assisted me with membership this last year. Members who directly assisted me were Commander Schu, 1st VC Dick Bulman and Mike Johnson **Thank you** to Mike Johnson for volunteering to be Membership Chair at our April meeting. So far, Mike has brought in **ten** new members! We can really use more help with this important committee. New members are our future. Please contact Mike or me if you have any time to assist.

The Committee achieved 105.64% of our membership goal for 2014, with 162 members. Mike Johnson, Membership Chair, received a plaque at the District 8 meeting as a Top Ten in Membership. Congratulations to Mike for a job well done!

We have had two issues with membership information that are beyond our control. The National Department sends out dues notices in late June, October 1st, January 1st and in March each year. If you send in your dues 15 to 20 days prior to the 1st of these months, they will not make it through the system in time and national will send you a notice that your dues are outstanding. Secondly, if you pay your dues on-line, it takes 4—8 weeks for the notice to reach the post. This delays your membership card from reaching you. The Legion system is archaic and they are working to improve it. Just be aware of why delays and late notices sometimes happen, even if you have paid your dues.

Remember, the Post is offering you \$20.00 off of your dues if you sign up a new member. Also, sign up a new member and you will receive the NY Dept. Commander's pin.

DEPEW JOINT VETERAN'S COMMITTEE (DJVC)

The Depew Joint Veteran's Committee (DJVC) met March 11th, April 1st, April 29th and again May 13th, to discuss planning for Memorial Day events. The next meeting will be October 28th at Depew Post 1528, at 1900 sharp, to discuss Veteran's Day services. The DJVC has purchased an electronic bugle to be used for services and wakes. On Memorial Day, it was used for the first time and is a great addition to our programs.

On Memorial Day, an additional ceremony was held at the Depew Municipal Building after the church service at The Vine Wesleyan Church. At the invitation of Deputy Mayor Jules Pecora, Lt. Col. David Albanese flew here from the Pentagon with a flag that had flown over that building in Washington, DC. Depew Post 1528 was presented a certificate verifying that the flag had flown there and a ceremony was conducted at the flag pole outside of the Village Hall. The flag was presented to Post 1528 Commander Schu, whereby the flag was raised.

DEPEW POST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual **Christmas Party** will again be held at the AMVETS Post 14 on December 11th. It is a great time and a way to meet your fellow Legionnaires. As costs have risen for food and beverages, we found it necessary to raise the cost of the party by \$5/person. Cost this year will be \$15/member, \$30/member & spouse or one guest and \$25 ea. for any additional guests. Please contact Chester Pawlowski at (716) 393-3489 for reservations.

The party starts with an open bar from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with dinner at 7:00 PM. The party will be catered and the menu will be a family style sit down dinner, with pork chops, turkey w/all the trimmings, mashed potatoes, salad & desert. Special arrangements will be made for glucose intolerance, etc. if you inform Chet of this requirement. Anyone that has attended knows that the food is great and no one goes home hungry. There will also be gifts handed out by drawing throughout the evening. Chet is heading up the gift procurement. Anyone who can assist or knows a business, etc. that could donate a gift, please contact us.

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 1528's baseball team finished 1st in their division and went on to the District 8 playoffs. Unfortunately, our team was defeated in the early going and was eliminated. However, a season record of 13W—3L is impressive and we look forward to another great season next year. We thank Head Coach Tony Sekuterski, Team Manager Walter Waiss and Don Schram for their efforts. The annual baseball picnic was held June 28th at Dawson Field and we thank all those who turned out to help.

SICK CALL

Please call Jacob Schu at 440-3302 or Don Schram at 668-8734 if you know of a member who is ill or has passed away.

Also, please pass this information on to the Webmaster, that it can be posted on our web site.

Sick call:

George Frederick
Ray Hohl
George Kaczmarek
Joseph Jay
Norm Smith

Passed since

October 2013:
Don Krupski
Dennis Malone

