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OCTOBER 2012 ISSUE

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.

Remember, our Christmas party will be held on December 13, 1012 at the Buddy Knaus AMVETS Post 14 on Broadway in Depew. Open bar at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. Member cost is \$20.00 per couple. Non member guest cost is \$20.00 per person. Please contact Chet Pawlowski at 393-3489 if you have any questions.

Depew Post Officers

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

POST NEWS

Nominations for 2013 Officers will be held at the April 11, 2013 meeting and elections will be held at the May 9th meeting.

Nominations will be held and made for the following positions:

Commander
1st Vice-Commander
2nd-Vice Commander
3rd Vice-Commander
Adjutant
Treasurer/Fin. Officer
Sgt.-at-Arms
Chaplain

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 County Legion is on Facebook and can be found at the following URL:
<http://www.facebook.com/ages/Erie-County-American-Legion/286962493152>

Our Post also has a Facebook link on our web site home page.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Annual Nominations in April and Elections in May 2013*
- *Post 1528 Grave Registration Project*
- *Veteran's Day 2012*
- *Article by Commander Schu on VA Cemetery*
- *Homeless Vet's clothing drive*
- *Baseball Report*

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Post 1528 will continue to support an American Legion Baseball Team for 2013. Information about the 2013 Depew baseball team will be available on the Post web site as it becomes available at :

<http://www.depewlegion.org>

(Also see the article on page 5)

The Post will again hold our annual Lottery, starting in February 2013. Tickets (5) for this are enclosed with this newsletter. This is an important fund raiser for the post and helps us support the functions and events we host. Additional tickets can be obtained by contacting Richard Walczak at 685-3059 or rwalczak@depewlegion.org.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

For The 2012 membership year our Post had 152 members. This represents 102% of our annual goal. The National Headquarters has created a program for you to pay your dues on line. PLEASE, DO NOT use this program! It is not yet able to complete the process and our Post will not get your dues.

Benefits of the annual dues of \$32.00 per year include the American Legion magazine and, most impor-

tantly, helps us support our returning veteran's and their families.

2013 dues are due in July. If you have not yet renewed, please consider doing so. 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 Don Schram. We cur-

rently have 108 renewals. (See the report on page 5)

The address is:

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Remember, your dues help to support our veteran's and their families

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COMMANDER'S NOTE— 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 2012:

- Special Olympics for adults at UB North
- Homeless Veteran's organizations in Buffalo — supplies and clothes drive
- The VA with volunteer time and visits
- Updating the Post contact information for all members
- Established e-mail communication for all those who have it
- Gathering graves registration information to compile a master list for our local cemeteries

THE AMERICAN
LEGION

STILL SERVING
AMERICA

- Our annual poppy day was a huge success thanks to those who turned out. We had a record year in 2012.

We can always use help with our events and committees. Please consider becoming active in your Post. Many are doing double duty to fill needed positions. We especially need help with the Membership Committee.

We are also initiating a clothing and donation drive for the 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. Post 1528 will collect all items and deliver them to the shelter. Some clothing items needed are:

Shirts, pants, hats, baseball caps, gloves, boots, belts, coats & jackets, NEW underwear & socks, etc.

Special thanks to Bob Sharpe and Dick Bulman for bringing this to our attention. Well done!

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES

On Sunday, November 11, 2012, Veteran's Day Services will be held at either the VFW or Vet's Park Gazebo. Post members will muster at the Post parking lot at 1030. Service at 1100.

Members of Post 1528 have been active in supporting the Depew Joint Veteran's Committee activities in 2012 and will continue to do so for 2013. Please take time to attend this service as a salute to all those who gave their time and provided their service for our country.

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. The NFARS Color Guard will also attend this event. Depew Post 1528 will muster at the Elks at 1415 and go in as a group. Spouses welcome.

THANK YOU ELKS!



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

OUR WEB SITE

The Post 1528 website provides Post contact information, links to various related web sites and information on upcoming events for our post and other posts in the area. We also have a Facebook link where those visiting the site can leave "wall" messages and comments. The web site URL is:

www.depewlegion.org

Just type this into your browser and hit enter to go to our home page.

Please feel free to contact me at:

jschu@depewlegion.org

The "Members Page" link provides members with access to such information as Officer contacts, News and Notices, Meeting minutes and Sick Call. These links are located to the left of the page, below the pictures of the various service monuments. There are numerous links provided to related sites.

Please send us your e-mails if you have not sent them.

POST 1528 CONTINUES WITH GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT

At our September and October meetings, further discussion took place regarding Graves Registration and what records were available as to the location of our veteran's graves. Commander Schu said he has obtained many records in electronic format and continues to receive help from the Lancaster Historical Society. This would include Lancaster Rural, St.

Augustine's, St. Mary's, Blessed Sacrament and St. Adalberts. D. Krupski, Graves Registration Chairman, stated he will continue to contact the cemeteries and advance this effort and has compiled a list of known graves at St.

Augustine's Cemetery. The list will now be entered in an electronic database. All lists will be shared with any Posts and veteran's organizations who desire it and all lists will be available electronically when all is done. The Erie County American Legion has also taken on a similar effort to our Post.

If anyone has information that may be pertinent, please contact :

Don Krupski at:

716 684-6740

or

Jake Schu at:

716 440-3302

E-mail: jschu@depewlegion.org

Remember, every veteran is entitled to have a service by our Post at the wake and/or cemetery; and a plaque or marker on their grave. The family must request this from the funeral director, who must then pass this on to our Post. Please pass this on to anyone you know.

If you have lost a veteran and have not requested a marker, please contact us with the appropriate grave location information.



LANCASTER LOCATION FOR A VA CEMETERY

Commander Schu attended a Lancaster Town Board meeting on September 4th and addressed the board regarding an article in the Lancaster Bee, regarding locating a new VA cemetery in Lancaster. The article stated that the Town Supervisor, Dino Fidoli, "did not want" the cemetery here. Commander Schu told the board that he hoped veterans could sway them to see our side and that it would be an honor to have it here. He asked the board to remember that there would be no Town if it were not for the veterans we want to bury in this cemetery. Mr. Fidoli stated this was not the case and that the VA only presented one choice for him to consider. The choice would put the cemetery in a commercial business park and remove the property from the tax roles. Mr. Fidoli stated he has responded to the VA with an alternate location recommendation that would put the cemetery on property formerly owned by the Buffalo Rod Gun Club on 132 acres on Genesee St. Commander Schu stated that wherever they put it, we will make it work. Mr. Fidoli then said he would continue to work on this and that he would also consider it an honor to have the cemetery in Lancaster. He said that N. Tonawanda and Corfu are also under consideration and were given more than one location to choose from as compared to Lancaster, who was given only one.

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NEW ERIE, DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The Erie County American Legion elected Peter Hurd as the 2013 Commander, Al O'Donnell as District 8 Commander and Timothy Van Patton as NY Department Commander at the conventions this year. Commander Van Patton is from Amherst.

The new National Commander is James E. Koutz of Booneville, IN.

2012 MEMBERSHIP REPORT— BY DON SCHRAM

I would like to thank all of the Post members who assisted me with membership this last year. For the second year in a row, we achieved 100% of the goal assigned to us by National Headquarters. Members who directly assisted me were Commander Schu, George Frederick and Bob Sharpe. We can really use more member help with this important committee. Please contact me if you have any time to assist.

The 2013 membership year, which runs from July 2012 through June 2013, is off to a good start. As of October 1, 2012, we have 108 members that have renewed., which constitutes 70.5% of our goal of 153. If you have not renewed, please send your dues in by November 1st.

Remember, the Post is offering you \$20.00 off of your 2013 dues if you sign up a new member.

Thank you!

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 1528's baseball team will again play in 2013, as voted on by the membership at our October meeting. Check the calendar on our web site for the schedule. The team played approximately 18 games in 2012. Our Coach, Tony Sekuterski, addressed the membership at our October meeting and outlined his thoughts for fund raising opportunities. We are looking to reduce the financial burden on the Post through these efforts. More information on fund raisers and schedules will be forthcoming. We ask for your support when details are finalized. Suggestions included the team sponsoring a chicken dinner, Bison's night out and the team raising \$1,000.00

We thank Committee Chairman George Frederick for his efforts. George will continue to work with the team for 2013. Thank you George and Coach Sekuterski.

SICK CALL

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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 in the Member's Only section of our web site.

Recently passed: Marvin Sylvis, James Siller, Joseph LiPuma, Edward Decker

Sick call: George Keller, Father-in-Law of D. Schram

