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COMMANDER: GEORGE E. FREDERICK JR.

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.

Commander Frederick also thanked everyone for their help with our annual fund raiser. We took in \$1,200.00!

Depew Post Officers

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

POST NEWS

Nominations were held at the April 12th meeting and elections will be held at the May 10th meeting.

Nominations were held and made for the following positions:

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

Please plan to attend for this important annual function and election.

Also passed at the April 12th , was a motion 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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Nominations in April and Elections in May 2012
- Post 1528 Grave Registration Project
- Memorial Day 2012
- Article by Commander G. Frederick Jr.

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The County Legion is now 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.

Post 1528 continues to support an American Legion Baseball Team. Information about the 2012 Depew baseball team will be available on the Post web site at :

<http://www.depewlegion.org>

Also see the article on page 4.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 2012 membership year is in full swing and our Post has 146 members. This represents 96% of our annual goal. The National Headquarters has created a program for you to pay your dues. PLEASE, DO NOT use this program! It is not yet able to complete the process.

Benefits of the annual dues of \$32.00 per year include the American Legion magazine and, most importantly, helps us support our

returning veteran's and their families.

2012 dues are due now. 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.

The address is:

*Depew Post No. 1528
P.O. Box 301
Depew, NY 14043*

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COMMANDER'S NOTE

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 two years. Our programs have been successful because of your dedication.

After this election, I will be stepping down as Post Commander, with plans to leave the area and relocate further South, closer to my family.

My tenure with Post 1528 has been rewarding and we have made many friends here over the years.

THE AMERICAN
LEGION

STILL SERVING
AMERICA

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

On Saturday, May 26, 2012 Memorial Day Services will be held at Lancaster Rural Cemetery at 0900 sharp. Please take time to attend this salute to those who gave their all for our country. Immediately following this service, we will decorate graves by placing flags on all veteran's graves.

On Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, there will be a combined service at Vine Wesleyan Church, 425 Penora St., Depew, NY at 0930, followed by a parade at 1030 to Veteran's Park, featuring the 82nd Airborne Division and the Depew HS

Marching Band. Services honoring our fallen warriors will be held and the bell tolled for each veteran passing since last year's ceremony.

If you can, please make time to attend these services.



“COURAGE”

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**](http://www.depewlegion.org)

Just type this into your browser and hit enter to go to our home page. We also urge those Post members with e-mail to provide this contact information to us that we can send notifications for post activities, newsletters, etc. to our members. We feel this will assist us in keeping you updated as well as get our Post information to more people, in a more expeditious manner. This also saves Post postage for the mailings.

Please feel free to contact me at:

[**jschu@depewlegion.org**](mailto:jschu@depewlegion.org)

with any comments or suggestions. This e-mail is

also linked to the "Webmaster" link on the home page.

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 is also a baseball schedule and events section.

Officers have access to a separate page that allows access to Post administrative documents.

We hope the website will become a main source of information for our members, both here and overseas.

Please send me your e-mail addresses!

POST 1528 INITIATES GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT

At our April meeting, discussion took place regarding Graves Registration and what records were available as to the location of our veteran's graves. We found that whatever old records that may have been kept, have disappeared along the way. J. Schu suggested this would be a good project for our post and that we could enlist help from the Lancaster Historical Society, VFW, AMVETS, etc. to get a new, comprehensive list for all cemeteries within our collective geographical reach. This would include Lancaster Rural, St. Augustine's, St. Mary's and St. Adalberts. J. Schu offered to point up this project and asked

for any assistance available. We also discussed if this might enlist help from the Scouts. A motion was made & seconded to approve going forward with this project. Since then, several lists of records have been obtained and will be reconciled to form one master list. This list will be shared with any Posts and veteran's organizations who desire it and it will be available electronically when all is done. If anyone has information that may be pertinent, please contact Jake Schu at:
716 440-3302 or
jschu@depewlegion.org



LANCASTER SOURCE ARTICLE BY CDR. G. FREDERICK JR.

Commander Frederick recently interviewed with Jennifer Lysiak, Editor for the Lancaster Source, regarding our post and the American Legion mission. The complete article was posted in the April 8, 2012 edition. Commander Frederick stated that Depew Post 1528 is seeking out veterans to become members and get involved with the Legion. The current post membership consists of veterans from all conflicts and many of the WWII and Korean War members have passed on or are in their 80s and 90s now. Our Post goal is to increase our membership to 200 strong, as at one time, we were at 300. Cdr. Frederick also spoke of our annual Poppy drive and that it was our main source of income, along with membership dues. He also explained that they are made by disabled veterans.

The American Legion also sponsors the Boys State/ Boys Nation program, selecting outstanding high school students to attend a week long program, where they learn how state and federal governments function and receive instruction on citizenship. The Legion also sponsors Scouting programs at all levels and awards an Eagle Scout of the Year annually. Furthermore, the Depew Post, in conjunction with the Erie County American Legion Family, is currently conducting a drive to aid the Veterans Helping Veterans program. We are highly into helping veterans, Frederick said. The items collected are given to families that are having a tough time. The Post also holds events on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day to honor all fallen and active military. Anyone is welcome to attend these events.

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ANNUAL POPPY DAYS

Post 1528 will again be distributing Poppies on May 11th and 12th. Please contact Commander George Frederick to volunteer some time to hand these out. Assignments will be handed out at the next meeting. Please call and offer a couple hours of your time if you can. Remember, we do not charge for the poppies. We accept donations for whatever people feel they can give.

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 1528's baseball team will again play in 2012. Check the calendar on our web site for the schedule. Opening day will be Monday, June 2nd at UB and June 4th at home. The team will play approximately 18 games in 2012.

SICK CALL

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Recently passed: None

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.

Sick call: **Ed Grzybek, Joe Peters**

Also, please pass this information on to the Webmaster, that it can be posted in the Member's Only section of our web site.

STANDING GUARD—NO NEED FOR WORDS

