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Depew, NY 14086

APRIL 2013 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 and serve on committees.

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	Donald Schram
Chaplain	James Sterlace
Sgt.-at-Arms	Donald Krupski

POST NEWS

Nominations for 2013 Officers were 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
Finance 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.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Nominations in April and Elections in May 2013
- Poppy Days
- Memorial Day 2013
- Update on the VA Cemetery Location
- Homeless Vet's clothing drive continues
- Boy's State
- 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 again held our annual Lottery, starting in February 2013. We thank Richard Walczak for again chairing this important function. We also want to

thank Coach Tony Sekuterski for selling 200 tickets.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

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

For The 2013 membership year our Post has 132 members. This represents 89% of our annual goal.

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.

2013 dues are 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 Don Schram.

(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

COMMANDER’S NOTE — BY JAKE SCHU

THE AMERICAN LEGION

STILL SERVING AMERICA

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 2013:

- 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
- Purchased a laptop computer and Wi-Fi hotspot for the Post, as National and Dept. of NY has gone to electronic records.
- Purchased and installed a combination lock for the main entrance door to the Post meeting room.

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- The National office and Department of NY office are now providing on-line access to membership files.
- 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 active in your Post. Many are doing double duty to fill needed positions. We especially need help with the Membership Committee. We are also continuing 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. Needed items are: pants, hats, baseball caps, gloves, boots, belts, coats & jackets, NEW underwear & socks, etc. Working appliances (radios, TVs, etc.) are also accepted.

POPPY DAYS

Our annual poppy days are May 10th and 11th this year. We need volunteers for both days and would very much like to approach at least two (2) additional banks. So far we only have nine (9) members signed up for this. Shifts are 0900—1100, 1100—1300, 1300—1500 and 1500—1700 Friday; and 0900—1200 Saturday. Therefore, to fill all of the shifts with one person at each location, we need at least nine Friday and three Saturday. If we can get more people, we can expand to additional locations. Bob Sharpe, 3rd VC is chairing this committee this year. This is our main fund drive and is the main financial support for the post and our activities.

Please contact Bob Sharpe at 683-7284 or Jake Schu at 440-3302 to sign up. Thank you!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

On Saturday, May 25, 2013 Memorial Day Services will be held at Lancaster Rural Cemetery at 0900 sharp. We need to be there by 0845 to assemble. 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 at Lancaster Rural, St. Adalberts and St. Augustine's cemeteries. If you can, please make time to attend these services. The more members we get, the quicker we can place our flags.

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2013, there will be a combined service at Vine Wesleyan Church, 425 Penora St., Depew, NY at 0930, followed by a parade. Assemble at 1015 at the Post, parade at 1030. Services honoring our fallen warriors will be held and the bell tolled for each veteran passing since last year. Hot dogs and refreshments will be at the Depew Fire Hall on Meridian St. following the ceremony.



“COURAGE”

POST 1528 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.

NEW LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED VA CEMETERY

The official location for the new VA Cemetery will be in Pembroke, NY, off of Rt. 77 and Indian Falls Rd. The site is reportedly 132 acres and will be developed at an unannounced future date. The closest other VA National Cemetery is in Bath, NY, Steuben County. Regardless of how many politicians take credit for this, it was veteran's organizations that brought it fruition.



OUR WEB SITE

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

There are numerous links provided to related sites.

2013 MEMBERSHIP REPORT— BY 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 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 2014 membership year, which runs from July 2013 through June 2014, is coming to a close. As of April 1, 2013, we have 136 members that have renewed, which constitutes 89% of our goal of 153. We have 16 unpaid renewals to date. If you have not renewed, please send your dues in now.

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

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 1528's baseball team will again play in our October meeting. Check the calendar for approximately 18 games in 2012. We will discuss membership at our October meeting and opportunities. We are looking to reduce the financial burden on the Post through these efforts. More information on fund raisers for your support when details are finalized. We will have a chicken dinner, Bison's night out and the



2013, as voted on by the membership at our October meeting. The team's Coach, Tony Sekuterski, addressed the financial burden on the Post through these efforts and schedules will be forthcoming. We ask for suggestions included the team sponsoring a team raising \$1,000.00

We thank Committee Chairman George Schram for his efforts. George will continue to work with Don and Coach Sekuterski.

Frederick and Don Schram for their efforts with the team for 2013. Thank you George,

The baseball schedule is now on our web site. The first season game is June 1st at UB. Our first home game at Dawson Field is on June 8th at 1000. The traditional flag raising ceremony will precede the game.

DEPEW JOINT VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

The Depew Joint Veteran's Committee (DJVC) met March 5th to discuss planning for Memorial Day events. The next meeting will be April 9th at the Depew VFW.

FLAG DAY

Just a reminder that Flag day 2013 is Friday, June 14th. Depew Post 1528 will again be assisting the Lancaster Elks Lodge with their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. This is held in the evening at 6:00 PM and we urge anyone interested to take part in this solemn ceremony.

BOYS STATE REPORT— BY DON SCHRAM

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills & an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program you, will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun summer program.

I am happy to report that Post 1528 is interviewing one boy for our Boy's State program this year. Post 1528 offers a full week of Boy's State to select high-school juniors. Individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization.

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 Keller (Father-in-Law of D. Schram)

Recently passed: Raymond Howe Sr.

