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POST MEETINGS

Post meetings are held at 1900 on the **first 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	Richard Bulman
1st Vice-Commander	Tom Blaszkiewicz
2nd Vice-Commander	John Stutzman
3rd Vice-Commander	Mike Johnson
Adjutant	Jack Betz
Finance Officer	Richard Walczak
Chaplain	David Hajduk
Sgt.-at-Arms	Jim Taylor

POST NEWS

Elections were held in May for the following positions:

Commander - Richard Bulman
 1st Vice-Commander - Tom Blaszkiewicz
 2nd-Vice Commander - John Stutzman
 3rd Vice-Commander - Mike Johnson
 Adjutant - Jack Betz
 Finance Officer - Richard Walczak
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Mike Johnson is also currently our Membership Chair and Jack Betz is also our Graves Registration Chair.

Please get involved in your post. Officers and committee chairs cannot do all of the work that needs to be done. If you can spare a little time to help, please contact

that committee chair or one of our officers.

Quartermaster Wally Waiss has numerous items for sale. Contact him at (716) 681-6858. Remember, that our Post sells American Legion American flags, POW-MIA flags, ties and many other items. We get credit for this on a point system, where we get \$0.10 for every dollar we spend on American flags. If you see someone flying a flag at their business or home, try this approach:

“When your flag wears out, we would appreciate your support by allowing us to provide you with a new one. Our prices are extremely low, and your purchase helps to support our Post and the work that we do.”

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Commander's Report*
- *Officer changes*
- *Veterans Day*
- *Lottery*
- *Membership*
- *Christmas Party*

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COMMANDER'S REPORT — BY DICK BULMAN

This is my first report as your Commander and I find my lack of computer skills puts me at a disadvantage. The dog ate my computer book and to date, the book has not been replaced. However, with the help of my wife Rose, Jake Schu, Jack Betz and Rich Walczak, I have kept my head above water.

- Our Memorial Day DJVC service at the Vine was outstanding as usual. Having the Depew HS Marching Band participating this year was a plus. The service at the veterans Park was well attended and a THANK YOU to AMVETS Post 14 for the use of their Post on Saturday for hot dogs following the placement of flags at the cemeteries; and to the Depew FD for the use of their hall for hot dogs afterward on memorial Day. VFW/AMVETS Post 7275 also participated and assisted with flag retrieval.
- On a somber note, Post member Jim Green, also Commander of AMVETS Post 7275, passed suddenly in July. We held a joint service at the wake, well attended by our Post and AMVETS. Chaplain Dave Hajduk suggested that if we have a member pass who is also a member of another Post, that we reach out for them to join us.
- 3" M5 Gun painting project is Complete. Thanks to Don Schram for raising funds to support this effort, PC Jake Schu and Jim Wolfe for their time and efforts getting the M5 to Buffalo, having it sand blasted and painted and returned to it's home in the Veterans Park. A special THANK YOU to Chuck Johnson of LINE -X for transporting the M5 both ways at NO CHARGE; and the Depew DPW for assisting in moving it and resetting it! Drive over and take a look, it looks great!
- We are looking for a memorial stone for the Middle-East Conflict memorial for the Depew Veteran's Park. The plaque will be bronze and measure approximately 17" w x 22h. The stone must be a close match to the existing monuments there. If anyone has a lead, please contact me or Jake Schu.
- Our Post, along with AMVETS Post 7275 and VFW Post 7275 participated on the Depew Founder's Day event and parade on July 21st. We had two vehicles, mine and Lance Becker's WWII front line ambulance. Attendees were myself, John Stutzman, Jake Schu, Joe Brunet and Dave Hajduk. Attendance was light and we could use a few more people at this event. I hope everyone thinks about the fact that the Village of Depew provides us with a decent place to have our Post and hold our meetings at no cost to us, so attending events like this is important and much appreciated by the Village Board. If you cannot march, we will get you a ride or we can drop you off. I hope to see more participation at the next event.
- Depew Post 1528 again did the cooking for the Special Olympics party at the Lamm Post this year. Thanks to Dick Bulman, Tom Blazkiewicz, Don Schram and Chet Pawlowski for their time and efforts. We grilled about 120 hamburgers! Post 1528 also donates to this event every year and it is a grand endeavor. God bless the people that come out for this. It is sponsored by the EC American Legion committee and chaired by PCC Wayne Sorrentino.
- Ten bags of donated clothing were delivered to the AMVETS store by Don Schram and Wally Waiss. Thank you to both for their time.

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- I am currently working on a Red-White & Blue award for the Elks. They have supported and continue support veterans and our Post in numerous ways.
- I want to thank the officers and members who made our projects over the last year successful. PC Jake Schu brought up the point that 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 and we also need people to step up and assume officer positions. We are not asking for full time commitment. Our Poppy Days are a good example, the first weekend in May every year. If we get enough members to volunteer, we only ask for a two hour shift on Friday 0900—1700; and Saturday 0900—1200. Some have had to cover multiple shifts due to lack of participation.

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES

On **Monday, November 11, 2019**, Veteran's Day Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 67 Litchfield Ave. in Depew. the church at 0945. Church the Veteran's Day ceremony 1100.

The Lancaster Elks Lodge for all Veterans on **Monday from 1300 to 1800**. This includes food and beverages. **muster at the Elks at 1315**. Dress uniform/

ans cover of some kind is preferred. 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. This year, Post 1528 approved a donation \$250 toward this event to assist with the costs. Our own Bob Wilde is chairing this event again this year. The event is known as the Bob Sharpe Veteran's Dinner, as Bob chaired this event for many years. Bob was our 2nd VC and very active in our Post events as well as with the Elks.



Post members will muster at service at 1015, followed by ny outside of the church at

will again put on a Luncheon **day, November 11th** a totally free event and in- **Depew Post 1528 will 1300 and go in as a group** caps not required but a veter-

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.

VFW Post 7275 is holding a Veterans steak dinner from 12N to 4PM on Sunday, November 10th if anyone is interested. Cost is \$12/person.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES— BY MIKE JOHNSON, CHAIR

Brother Legionnaires of Depew Post 1528,

Department of New York has set a goal for our Post of 205 to reach 100% for this Legion Year and we are well on our way to reaching and possibly exceeding our goal, but we need your help! If you have paid your 2020 dues, thank you!! If you have not yet paid your 2020 American Legion dues, **which were due to our Post by September 1, 2019**, please either go to www.legion.org, click 'RENEW', enter your Membership ID and Last Name, and pay your dues online (which will process through within 24 hours); or a check or money order for \$41.00 made out to American Legion Depew Post 1528 and mail to our Post at:

American Legion Depew Post 1528
P.O. Box 301
Depew, NY 14043—0301

A reminder, the American Legion goes by fiscal year, so the 2020 Legion Year started on July 1, 2019 and will go to June 30, 2020 which is why your 2020 dues were due on September 1, 2019. If you paid for this Legion Year, your Membership Card would say 2020 on the top of it. If you have already paid your 2020 dues, please do not re-send payment. If you inadvertently paid twice for this year, we will apply your overpayment to your 2021 dues.

I would also ask you all to reach out to any fellow Veterans you know, whether it's family members, friends, or coworkers, ask them if they are a Member of the American Legion, and if they are not a Member, invite them to become a Member. All I need to get their application submitted is their full name, mailing address, E-Mail address, phone number, date of birth, date they entered active duty, their branch of service, and their date of honorable discharge (if they are not actively serving). We will also need a copy of their DD-214 with the SSN blacked out when the membership application is processed. Remember, you could qualify for recognition from Department of New York or Legion HQ for any new members you recruit! Thank you all for your continued Membership in the American Legion and our Post! I would ask that if you have any membership questions, please E-Mail me at: mjohnson@depewlegion.org or call me at (716) 570-1246.

2019—2020 LOTTERY BY RICH WALCZAK

Enclosed are three (3) tickets for our annual lottery drawing fundraiser. You get two numbers on each ticket and they are good for two months (February & March)

We ask that you purchase or sell all three tickets. If you need more, please contact Rich Walczak at 716-472-2591.



This is a very important fundraiser that helps your post support many functions throughout the year. Please help!

Please return your three ticket stubs and \$30.00 to:

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POST 1528 GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT— BY JACK BETZ, CHAIR

With help from my granddaughter, I have completed grave registration work on 4 of the 5 cemeteries under Post 1528's jurisdiction. This includes compiling cemetery records, fragmented and incomplete records that cover deceased Veterans from the Indian Wars to present service. In the past 4+ years since volunteering Jack has spent over 5,000 hours and has walked over 48,500 grave sites and identified and confirmed over 4,500 veteran's graves. As always, if you know of a veteran that may be buried in one of these cemeteries, please contact Jack so that he may follow up on that person and add them to our data base.

The following is a breakdown by cemetery:

LANCASTER RURAL: 100% complete 19,200 sites; 790 Veterans

St. ADALBERTS: 100% complete 20,100 sites; 2,161 Veterans

St. AUGUSTINES: 100% complete 5,330 sites; 602 Veterans

SACRED HEART: 100% complete 1,340 sites; 170 Veterans.

St. MARYS: 95% complete 11,500 sites; 768 Veterans.

DEPEW POST 1528 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party will be held at the Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave., Depew, NY 14043. Please note the change in location. The party will be held on December 5, 2019. We will have an open bar at 6:00PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00PM. The bar will reopen for one hour after dinner. The cost is just \$20.00 per member or \$40.00 per member and guest. Additional guests may come at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Gluten free meals are available and we must be notified of this as soon as possible. Please send your payment and reservations to the post. Reservations must be made by November 25, 2019. Call Rich Walczak for more information at 716-472-2591.

There will be prizes and much fun for all.

Send payment to:

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DEPEW JOINT VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

The Depew Joint Veteran's Committee (DJVC) met October 29th to discuss planning for Veterans Day. American Legion Post 1528 will be lead for services held. 2018 DJVC officers are:

Chair: Dennis Zimny, DAV

Vice Chair: Jim Taylor, AMVETS/AM. Legion

Secretary: Peter Riester Sr., AMVETS/AM. Legion

Treasurer: Don Schram, AM. Legion/AMVETS

Parade Marshall: Richard Bulman



SICK CALL

Please call Richard Bulman at 684-2969 or David Hajduk at 681-4939 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: Leo Rybak, Chester Zwolak, Ray Eisenhaur , George Frederick

Passed since April 2019: James R. Green, James D. Sheff

