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Depew, NY 14086

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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	Jack Betz

## POST NEWS

Nominations for 2015—16 Officers were held at the April 09, 2016 meeting and elections will be held at the May 14th meeting.

Nominations were held and made for the following positions:

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

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 has a website and can be found at the following URL: <http://eriecounty.org>

Post 1528 will continue to support an American Legion Baseball Team for 2015.

The Post again held our annual Lottery, starting in February 2015. We thank Richard Walczak for again chairing this important function. Please check your e-mail frequently, as we are now e-mailing meeting minutes and newsletters to those that have them This saves postage

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Nominations and Elections
- Commander's Report
- Memorial Day
- Depew Veterans Park 3" Gun project
- Membership
- Baseball Report

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and printing costs. If you have email and have not notified us with it, please send it to Jake Schu at Jschu@depewlegion.org.

The Post has been redecorated with the help of some dedicated volunteers, lead by 1st VC Dick Bulman. Walls have been redone, spackled and painted. Displays are being redone and we are looking good.

I thank 2nd VC Bob Sharpe for his continued attention to the updating deceased members plaque and 3rd VC Chet Pawlowski for having provided food at our meetings.

It is most always the same members that get involved and make things happen. Most of these efforts are transparent to the rest of our membership and things just seem to happen. 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. Specifically, we need help with:

- Someone to be willing to be Quartermaster. This position will keep track of flags on hand, Order food for our meetings, make sure the refrigerator is stocked and that we have coffee and other such duties. This would probably take only an hour or so per month but would be a great help.
- Membership always needs help
- Graves registration could use help
- Fund raising events always need help
- Work parties need a few more people. Most of the time, we rely on our retired members but we will be more than willing to schedule some efforts when those who are working can attend. Call us.
- Help with the semi-annual newsletter (i.e. an Editor)

## COMMANDER'S REPORT— BY JAKE SCHU

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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:

- Altamont Homeless Veteran's organizations in Buffalo — supplies and clothes drive. We are continuing a clothing and donation drive for Altamont, 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.
- 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.
- I have attended all but a couple of Erie County meetings and will attend the county convention in June as a delegate along with Don Schram.
- At several special requests, I have created and now maintain web sites for the Erie County Legion, ECAL Veterans for Veterans organization and Hamburg Post 527, in addition to our post web site and four others. I do a total of nine Pro Bono sites as a give back to the community and their organizations.
- I will be the Parade Marshall for the Memorial Day parade. Please turn out and spend part of your day honoring those who have fallen.

## POPPY DRIVE

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Our annual poppy drive days are May 15th and 16th this year. We need volunteers for both days and will again be doing four banks. Shifts are 0900—1100, 1100—1300, 1300—1500 and 1500—1700 Friday; and 0900—1200 Saturday. To fill all of the shifts with one person at each location, we need at least 16 Friday and 3 Saturday. Last year, several members did multiple shifts to cover all slots. If we can get more people, we can shorten shifts and expand to additional locations. **Thank you** to 2nd VC Bob Sharpe for chairing this committee again 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

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On Saturday, May 23, 2015 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 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 Sunday May 24, 2015, we have been asked to lead a flag raising ceremony at Westwood Park for the Lan-

caster/Depew Baseball league. We did this last year and this year will be even bigger. Please plan to attend if you can.

On Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, there will be a combined service at 0930, at the Vine Wesleyan Church, followed by a parade to the Veteran's Park. Assemble at 1015 at the Post after the church service, 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.

## MEMBERSHIP & DUES— BY MIKE JOHNSON

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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. Thanks to Don Schram and Commander Schu for their assistance.

I am happy to report that our Post has reached and is looking to exceed our Membership goal for 2015! We currently are at 156 Members which is 100.65% of our goal! We are poised to match our achievement of 105% of goal this year. Thank you all for making this possible through your diligence in keeping your dues current.

Another very important piece that made this possible was recruitment of new Members for our Post. Welcome to all the new Members who have joined us! We hope you will be as active as you can in supporting our Post's and the American Legion's missions. We have a lot of current military members who have joined us. We thank them all for their continued service to our Nation!

Fellow Legionnaires, please keep recruiting! Remember, if you recruit just one new Member before the end of June, you will earn the Department Commander's Pin for Recruitment. I know that you all probably know of at least one fellow veteran or active service member who is not a member of the Legion that you could recruit. Get an application to them and have them join us!

## POST 1528 DEPEW VETERAN'S PARK 3" M5 GUN PROJECT

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We are leading a project with the Depew Joint Veterans Committee (DJVC) to relocate the 3" M5 Gun from its current location by the old VFW to Veterans Park. Our post committee, Dick Bulman, Bob Sharpe and Jake Schu, did the survey work and layout last year. What we need now, is the donation of concrete for the pad and possible volunteer help to frame and finish that pad. However, after discussing this with the new mayor, he told me the local residents around the park have offered objections to this move to him. I told him we would like to discuss this further and he agreed. So, for the time being, we are on hold. If anyone knows any of those local residents well enough to speak with them about it, please do and keep our committee informed. It could be there is simply a misunderstanding of where it would be, etc. The whole pad only takes up 180 square feet (10' x 18').

If anyone has any information that may be pertinent, please contact:  
Dick Bulman at: 716 684-2969, email: [rbulman@depewlegion.org](mailto:rbulman@depewlegion.org); or  
Bob Sharpe at: 716 683-7284, email: [rsharp@depewlegion.org](mailto:rsharp@depewlegion.org); or  
Jake Schu at: 716 440-3302, email: [jschu@depewlegion.org](mailto:jschu@depewlegion.org)

## POST 1528 GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT— JACK BETZ, CHAIR

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We welcome long time member Jack Betz as our new Grave Registration chair. Jack has been very busy redoing the records for five cemeteries that reside within our membership area. This a huge task, as the electronic records we had were fragmented, repetitive and somewhat inaccurate. St. Adalberts has no electronic records and St. Augustine's gave us printed hard copies that had to be reentered. Our Commander's wife did the initial entry but that then needed to be consolidated.

This info will be shared with AMVETS and the VFW when complete. He has contacted the local cemeteries and has made great progress in this effort. **Thank you** to Jack for stepping up!

If anyone has information that may be pertinent, please contact:  
Jack Betz at: 716 684-5526, email: [jxb73@hotmail.com](mailto:jxb73@hotmail.com); or  
Jake Schu at: 716 440-3302, email: [jschu@depewlegion.org](mailto:jschu@depewlegion.org)

## FLAG DAY

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Just a reminder that Flag day 2015 is Sunday, June 14th. Depew Post 1528 will again be assisting the Lancaster Elks Lodge and Boy Scouts 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. Our 2nd VC Bob Sharpe chairs this event for the Elks and we are fortunate to have numerous Post members who are Elks. The Elks and American Legion work closely with each other on numerous veterans projects and we thank them for their continued support.

## DEPEW JOINT VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

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The Depew Joint Veteran's Committee (DJVC) met March 10th and again April 14th, to discuss planning for Memorial Day events. The next meeting was be April 14th at Depew Post 1528. The next meetings are May 5th and May 19th at AMVETS Post 14. This year, AMVETS Post 14 will be lead for services held. 2015 DJVC officers are:

Chair—Tom Nowak, AMVETS

Vice Chair: Dick Bulman, AM. Legion/AMVETS

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

Treasurer: Don Schram, AM. Legion/AMVETS

Parade Marshal: Jacob Schu, AM. Legion/AMVETS

The DJVC also has a new logo, designed by Jake Schu and approved by DJVC. It will now be used for joint efforts between the American Legion, AMVETS and DAV. The DJVC will also join forces to relocate the 3" M5 gun and the new DJVC logo will be displayed on the dedication plaque.



## LEGION BASEBALL— BY WALLY WAISS

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Post 1528's baseball team will again play in 2015, as voted on by the membership at our February meeting. Wally Waiss has agreed to again handle team management for 2015, along with Head Coach Tony Sekuterski.

**Thank you both!**

Check the calendar on our web site for the schedule as it becomes available. There was a team fund raiser on Saturday, March 14th, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM, at The Transit Tavern, raising \$865.00 which will offset the cost to our Post. This event was organized by our baseball team. Tentative opening day will be Saturday, May 30th, against the Lamm Post in UB Stadium. Game time is 3:00 PM. The next scheduled baseball league meeting is on Tuesday, May 19th. The baseball schedule has not yet been set but will be on our website hopefully by the end of April. Our season will have an 18 game schedule this year, with home games played at Dawson Field, at Columbia and Lincoln streets in Depew. Most of last year's team has returned and our coach needed seven replacements. Tony told us at our April meeting he has five already and needs the remaining two. Last year we made the playoffs and hopefully will do so again this year.

## 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 on our web site.

Sick call:

George Kaczmarek  
Gary Wyzykowski

Passed since October 2014:

Casimer Cybulski  
Raymond Hohl  
Richard Musielak  
Norman Smith

