Depew Post No. 1528 American Legion

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Post Meetings

Post meetings are held at 1900 on the **third 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.

Depew Post Officers

Commander	Jack Betz
1st Vice-Commander	PC Tom Johnston
2nd Vice-Commander	Bob Aranyosi
3rd Vice-Commander	Mike Zalikowski
Adjutant	PC Jake Schu
Finance Officer	PC Richard Walczak
Chaplain	PC Don Schram
Sgt.-at-Arms	Dick Chudzinski

Special points of interest:

- *Commander's Report*
- *Veterans Day*
- *Post Lottery*
- *Membership*

Post News

Commander Jack Betz is currently our Membership Chair and is also our Graves Registration Chair. PC Fr. Mike Johnson is co-chairing membership.

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.

1st VC PC Tom Johnston is our Quartermaster and has numerous items for sale. Contact him at (716) 480-9691. 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 ort 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."

We offer nylon or commercial grade polyester flags at very reasonable prices and in various sizes.

We now have four (4) M1 Garand rifles and a Color Guard/ Firing Detail.. We are looking for volunteers for this. If you are interested, contact PC Jake Schu at 716 440-3302 or email: jacobschu3@gmail.com.

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COMMANDER'S REPORT— BY JACK BETZ

It's indeed an honor to have been elected to serve as Post Commander for the 2026-2027 Legion Year. I appreciate your confidence in me and will do my best to serve our Post well. We will be taking part in Veterans Day activities coordinated by the Depew Joint Veterans Committee on Wednesday, November 11th at St. John Lutheran Church. All are welcome to join us as we thank all those who have served our Nation. Our Post has lost one of our fellow Members in July, Eugene Kociemski.
Our Post 1528 Christmas Party is coming up and I highly encourage all to attend with your family. As always, I encourage you as a member to support our post by attending meetings and volunteering to help with post projects. If there is anything I can do for any of you or if you have any ideas of how our Post can better serve you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

3RD ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT— BY PC TOM JOHNSTON

This year we will again honor members longevity. We will recognize members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50 years of continuous years of American Legion Service. We plan on presenting award at our January 21, 2027 meeting .

Quartermaster report: We sold three (3) flags and have reordered replacements.

VETERANS DAY SERVICES

On **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**, Veterans Day services will again be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Depew. The church service will be at 1015, followed by a service outside of the church. This event is organized by the Depew Joint Veterans Committee (DJVC). American Legion Depew Post 1528 Commander Jack Betz is the 2026 DJVC Chair. We will look forward to having the Post 1528 Color Guard and firing detail attend. Please arrive at the church by 0945. We will gather in the lobby area and enter the church at 1000.

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POST LOTTERY BY PC RICH WALCZAK

Enclosed are three (3) tickets for our annual lottery fundraiser. The Lottery runs for February and March, 2027 and will follow the numbers from the NYS evening daily lottery.

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. Especially since M&T Bank will no longer allow us to do our Poppy Drive at any of their locations. Please help!

Please return your three ticket stubs and payment to:

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DEPEW JOINT VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

The Depew Joint Veteran's Committee (DJVC) discussed planning for Veterans Day. If attendance and participation from our Post members does not improve, it will necessitate discussion for dissolution of the DJVC. The DJVC is responsible for coordinating the Memorial Day services and Veterans Day services. American Legion Post 1528 will be lead for services held. 2026 DJVC officers are:

Chair: Jack Betz AM. Legion

Vice Chair: Mike Zalikowski, AMVETS/AM. Legion

Secretary: Jake Schu AM. Legion/AMVETS

Treasurer: Don Schram, AM. Legion/AMVETS

Parade Marshall: Dennis Zimney DAV 203

POST 1528 GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT— BY JACK BETZ CHAIR

I continue to develop the post database, which today contains 4,881 known deceased veterans. We have added 17 new deceased Veterans since September 2025, our post database is available for viewing at depewlegion.org. please contact Jack if you know of a veteran not on the list. The database covers Lancaster Rural, St. Augustine, St. Adalberts, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart cemeteries.

POST WEBSITE

You can now view deceased Veterans located at the five (5) cemeteries listed above. Just go to post 1528 home page and click on Veterans Graves Master List. There you can view any of the Veterans that have been located at the various cemeteries. If you know of others that are not shown, follow the directions at the top to have them added.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES BY JACK BETZ CHAIR

Department of New York has set a goal for our Post at 122 members for 2026-2027; we are at 82 (67%) paid into our new year! If you have paid your 2026-2027 dues, thank you!! If you have not yet paid your American Legion dues, **which were due to our Post by July 1, 2026**, 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 send a check or money order for **$47.00** made out to American Legion Depew Post 1528 and mail to our Post at:

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SICK CALL

Sick: None

Passed since April 2026: Eugene Kociemski

Please call Jack Betz at 716 481-3569 or Jake Schu at (716) 440-3302 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: Don Schram