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A Salute to all Veterans

Our Veterans Day Ceremonies will be held Friday, November 11, promptly at 11:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Monument in Outwater Park. Those who are not working are asked to show their allegiance and attend. Last year attendance was nearly 600 people and has been growing each year. A lunch and open house will be held at the post immediately following the ceremony.

Auxiliary Education Committee

We are most appreciative of the continued participation of the Lockport Schools in our Veterans Day tradition of **Partnership in Patriotism**. Plans for this year have been underway since August. Rehearsals shall begin soon. Other plans have also been in the works to make this a particularly memorable Veterans Day weekend, so please save the time and date. Saturday, November 12th* Musical *Memories II*, a tribute to our American Veterans. This concert will be dedicated to the memory of Niagara County Commander, Gordon Sandstrom.

Musical Memories III will be presented by the Lockport Community Band & the

Festival Chorus at the Historic Palace Theatre Saturday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 presale and \$12 at the door; \$9 for Seniors/Veterans.

Afterglow reception to follow [presale only]. Concert and Afterglow reception tickets are \$20. Tickets available at the Palace Theatre, Mills Jewelers, AAA and Halls Apple Farm.

Renee Knight, Chairperson
Auxiliary Education Committee

American Legion Band

Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 p.m. the Legion Band of the Tonawanda's will be having a concert at Lockport's Historic Palace Theatre. Donation is \$8 at the door.

Disposal of unserviceable Flags

The Legion along with Troop 410 will be conducting a ceremony for burning of unserviceable flags on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. Those wishing to participate please meet at Cold Springs Cemetery promptly.

Members and the general public are encouraged to drop worn and torn flags off at the Legion. Pass the word to your neighbors and area businesses.

Commanders Message

This year continues to offer many challenges. The two of the most important is the declining membership and the non-sale of our building. As of date, there has been no offer on our building. With the non-sale of our building, we will continue to struggle as long as membership and participation remains at an all time low.

Currently, a new generation of Lockportians who answered our nation's call to arms from the Willow Street Armory are returning home through this autumn season. Also, many of our airmen and airwomen have been recalled for the third time to support our forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. Like so many members of our post who fought before them, today's local veterans deserve the due respect of a grateful community. In addition to placing yellow or red, white and blue "Support Our Troops" magnets on our vehicles, I ask you to consider sponsoring a returning service member for their first year membership in the B. Leo Dolan Post 410 for the 2006 year. This would be a great way to show your support! Your sponsorship would trigger a spike in membership among our 20 or 30 something age veterans. The outcome could be that the nominee may be willing to become community and post involved, having a feeling of acceptance into the American Legion and promote growth in B. Dolan Post 410. What an investment that would be! He brave men and women returning home from far off regions of the world must feel welcome and needed here at the Dolan Post if we are to continue to excel. Remember, active membership is the key to success.

In Comradeship,

Michael F. Lombardi

1st Vice Cmdr. David Knight

As of October 20th we have received 375 renewals of membership for 2006. Approximately 67%. I would like to remind people that you may get a second notice after you have paid. That is because there is a period of time to process and the second or third notice may go out from national headquarters before your payment is recorded. Please look at bottom of dues notice in red where it states: **"Please disregard if you have already paid your 2006 dues"**. If you get a second notice, please check your records if you think you have paid previously. If so, regard notice. Also, for people paying at the bar; please bring your dues notice with you and pay by check if possible. Cash will be accepted. Let's try to get all dues in before December 15th. All qualify as early birds.

2nd Vice Cmdr. Pierre E. Pelletier

Congratulations to Donald Ruberto and John Babis who have received a "Certificate of Recognition" for their military service from our State Congressman Thomas Reynolds this past May. Congressman Reynolds also presented Don with the State of New York Medal for Merit. Along with these prestigious awards Commander Lombardi presented Don with a 50 year membership plaque, and from the Legion Color Guard, he was given a military award display case containing his Marine Corps Service Medals. John Babis for his 28 years of dedicated service to Post 410 was awarded an American Legion Post Medal of Merit.

3rd Vice Cmdr. Nelson Hughes

Our annual turkey party is coming up soon. This year's date has been set for November 18th, the Friday before Thanksgiving, at 7:30 p.m. We have printed this year's tickets to save printing costs and to allow more chances for you to win at a discount price. For those of you who have attended the party in the past, you can attest that some of our secondary door prizes are worth more than the main drawings. By attending you have the advantage of participating in the 50/50 split raffle, usually two, worth over \$100 each. The multiple second chance drawings are very popular and awarding. For those who would like to volunteer to help at the party please sign the roster sheet located at the Grill. Hoping to see you there.

Post Adjutant/Treasurer – Bill Burnette
Having been elected as New York State Department Vice Commander, I have been in and out of town since June of this year. My duty in this position requires me to do much traveling throughout New York State. I and Laura attended the National Convention in Hawaii this summer and have met with our State and National Commander of the American Legion to discuss post and veteran's issues and to determine what our goals will be for the year. Veteran's Benefits and membership will take top priority. To keep abreast of these issues, consult your monthly Legion Magazine.

Chaplains Report

Robert McCollum, Michael Harris, Allen Huntington, Daniel Sheehan, Luther Stebbins, Marc Lambert, Duane Bruning and Mary L. Taylor have been transferred to Post Everlasting since my last report. May these past soldiers and sailors souls forever rest in peace.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to be placed on the notification list for funeral calls when one of our members has deceased. 433-6960

Let us not forget the sacrifices our young men and women who have given all for the fight for freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Charles Leavitt

Ladies Auxiliaries

Auxiliary members please remember that our meetings are held at the Post, 42 Niagara Street, the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We need members to attend our meetings and also are in need of Officers. Please feel welcome to attend.

The Auxiliary is having a 50/50 split Raffle to benefit our Veteran Program on November 11, Veteran's Day. The drawing will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the legion hall. Please help support this fundraiser by selling \$1.00 tickets. They are available at the Grill. Our out of town members may make a cash may make a cash contribution by mail addressed to me. For each dollar sent a ticket will be purchased for you. Make checks payable to:

Dolan Post Unit 410

Thanking you in advance,

Dorothy Graig

Auxiliary Unit 410 President

Color Guard Raffle Grand Prize Winner

was Michael & Brenda Walker. I wish to thank Bonnie and Ray Mack, Mike and Debbie Vanderbeck for helping to maintain the Legion Park at Summit and South Transit streets. Our annual chowder sale will be held the Saturday before Superbowl Sunday in January, 2006. All Color Guards are requested to attend Veterans Day ceremonies on November 11, 2005. We will prepare in the grill at 10:00 a.m. for the 11:00 ceremony.

Don Ruberto,
Color Guard President

Post Historian

Our 2004-05-06 Post History Album is available for viewing in the Grill Room. It contains a picture portrait of each elected officer of the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion, Committee Chairpersons and committees. Newspaper articles relating to our post activities and pictures of many post functions we have throughout the year. My goal is to obtain a picture of each Legion member belonging to the post. Please do not shy away when asked to pose.

Pierre E. Pelletier

The Dolan Post Legionnaire of the Year Award

Nominations for this award have been received and turned over to the Awards Committee. Voting for the candidates will commence on Tuesday, November 1st and will continue through November 17th at the Grill. The ballot box will be closed and sealed at 5:00 p.m. on that day. To be eligible to vote you must be a Legion Post member in good standing. The winning candidate's name will be forwarded to the Niagara County American Legion Awards Committee as a nominee for District Legionnaire of the year, then to Department.

Army/Navy Football Game

This year's host will be the Dolan Post. All are welcome to attend and watch the game. This has been a tradition for several years now.

Exercise your right to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th.

Lockport-NY.com is back! Bob Rooney has recuperated enough to continue his webmaster duties on a limited basis.

Sandwich, Soup, Clams

Every Thursday from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. our innovative bartender James Dempsey will be serving a nutritional cuisine [his choice] at the grill. Stop down before supper or for that 8:00 snack. Take outs available.

The Grill

Barb Annalora is one of our new bartenders at the post. She along with Beth Thrall, Alice Shaw, and Jimmy Dempsey will be your Host while visiting the Legion Hall for refreshments. We will all miss Ruthann as she has taken a full time job as a bartender at the Navy-Marine Club here in Lockport. We wish her the best of luck at her new position.

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Our Fall and Winter hours have been in effect as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Monday 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tues. – Fri. 2:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. during football season.

2:00 – 7:00 p.m. after Super Bowl Sunday

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Hall for rent? Having a wedding or special occasion? Kitchen and catering service arrangements. Contact the Grill Stewart, Tom Shaw, for available dates and time at 434-5066.

Grill area \$75.00

Small hall \$125.00

Large hall \$250.00

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### **Scheduled Entertainment**

Brick House Band – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm – 12:00

Flying Blind Band – Wednesday, November

23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 pm – 11:00

CRS Band – Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00

pm – 12:00

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Fundraising Meeting

On November 5th at 2:00 pm the post is presenting, in the grill, information on a fundraising program. The presentation should take about one hour with a question and answer period to follow. Your presence is required to evaluate this program. As many Board Members as possible are urged to attend.

Editors Notes

I wish to announce the New York State American Legion; Eighth District has awarded two certificates to the **Dolan's**

Newsline for a post publication. #1 was 1st runner up for most original paper, #2 was for best multiple page paper. This is a great honor bestowed upon us considering there are 132 American Legion Posts in this district. I wish to thank all of the Committee Chairpersons, Officers, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion for submitting their articles for publication.

Legion Breakfast

On the second Sunday of each month beginning November 13, 2005, through May of 2006 the post will be offering a full service breakfast at 8:00 am until 12 noon. The menu consists of many combinations in which to choose from. This Breakfast is open to the general public, so invite a friend or neighbor.

Limburger cheese party

Back by popular demand

Once a month on a Saturday from 3:00 pm until 5:00 this growing group of individuals gather to consume different varieties of cheese and assorted crackers. Onions and mustard garnish the aromatic cheese. Everyone welcome!

Check for dates posted at the grill.

Buffalo Bills Football Party

Watch the televised games on our big screen T.V. Bring the family, invite a guest, all welcome! Bring a dish to pass. Half Time activities.

Wishing Well Raffle

One of the posts master craftsmen, Al Lynch, has built and donated a 5' tall Wishing Well as a prize for this year's Veterans Day activity program. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Available at the grill.

Sons of the American Legion

Currently our membership dues for renewal in 2006 look very promising. Just a few of our members have not yet paid but I have full confidence in their continuous support and participation in Squadron 410. I know of a local AMVETS Post that is considering starting a Sons of the AMVETS Squadron. That only proves that there are a lot of individuals in the community that are willing and eligible to join our S.A.L. Approach your fellow workers and friends and inquire if either one of their parents were on active duty in any of the armed forces, invite them to a meeting as a group we can show them how we are involved in the community and the American Legion cause.

The meeting on September 28th did produce some possible ideas that are on the table for discussion regarding a Spring Gun Raffle or a Golf Equipment Raffle in the near future. A committee was formed and hopefully enough information will be presented to the membership at our next meeting, October 28th at 7:00 pm, so we may act on this proposition.

Shawn Hughes

Bell Jar

Bell jar sales are down ever since we discontinued bingo. This, along with the annual summer decline in grill patrons, has dramatically affected the Bell Jar account. Electric and gas plus other utilities including insurance premiums are slowly depleting this cash reserve. I am optimistic that the sale of tickets will escalate as more patron traffic increases during our Buffalo Bills football parties on Sunday afternoons. The new monthly scheduled Bands hopefully will give us that proverbial "shot in the arm". Spend that money put aside for your gambling entertainment at the post and we both win. And of course, as the saying goes, "you cannot win if you do not play".

Chuck Hinton – Bell Jar Chairman

Janitorial Staff

Hats off and a pat on the back are due for the post janitors - Al Lynch and Herb Dietz. These two hard working gentlemen, under the direction of the Grill Stewart Tom Shaw, have gone beyond the call of duty and their obligations preventing substantial damage to our hall during the recent flooding due to heavy rainfalls. SALUTE!

Scholarship Fund

The Dolan Post 410 has an active scholarship program, "The Gene Garlock Memorial Fund", for our Legion Family's children. This scholarship is funded with the help of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and other community contributions. If you are interested to make a contribution to this program, and assist a student to fulfill his or her academic goal, contact the Post Adjutant Bill Burnett or the Auxiliary Education Committee Chairperson Renee Knight. They can also assist you I creating a Scholarship Memorial fund with a contribution and bequeathing a portion of your assets in your "Last Will and Testament" to that fund.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a spaghetti Dinner on January 12, 2006 at the B. Leo Dolan Post 410. Serving time is set for 4:00 pm until 7:00. Donation is \$5.00. Assorted desserts will be available.

Press Release

As leaves began to fall, Western N.Y.'s autumn beauty reminds us that the holidays will soon be upon us. With the excitement of Halloween and the approach of Thanksgiving, please don't forget that Veterans Day is only weeks away. The Holiday Season is a festive time of joy for those most fortunate. However, for many others holidays are punctuated with sadness. Let us not forget our valiant deployed soldiers, whose loneliness is greatly intensified at this time of the year. Meanwhile their anxious love ones back home find family gatherings tinged with bittersweet memories. For others, the tragic pain of loss has become permanently etched in every sunrise. For the complete version of this press release go to: Lockport-NY.com

Dates to Remember

- October**
- 26 S.A.L. Squadron 410 meeting: 7:00 p.m.
 - 28 National Commanders Dinner, Matthew Glad Post
 - 29 Brick House Band at post: 8:00 p.m. – 12:00
 - 31 Halloween
- November**
- 5 Fundraising Meeting at post: 2:00 p.m.
 - 8 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
 - 11 Veterans Day: Ceremonies at Outwater Park, 11:00 a.m.
Post 410 open house
 - 12 Musical Memories III at Palace Theatre: 7:30 p.m.
 - 13 Sunday Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. till noon
 - 16 Legion County meeting: 8:00 p.m. @ LaSalle
 - 17 Dolan Post and Board meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary County meeting: @ Wheatfield 7:30 p.m.
 - 18 Dolan Post Turkey Party: 7:30 p.m.
 - 23 Flying Blind Band at post: 8:00 p.m. – 11:00
 - 24 Thanksgiving Day
 - 30 S.A.L. Squadron 410 meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- December**
- 3 CRS Band at post: 8:00 p.m. – 12:00
 - 7 Pearl Harbor Day
 - 11 Sunday Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. till noon
 - 13 Ladies Auxiliary Dinner meeting: time & place TBA
 - 15 Dolan Post and Board meeting: 7:00 p.m.
 - 21 Legion County meeting: 8:00 p.m.
 - 25 Christmas
 - 28 S.A.L. Squadron 410 meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- January**
- 1 New Years Day
 - 8 Sunday Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. till noon
 - 10 Ladies Auxiliary meeting: 7:30 p.m.
 - 12 Auxiliaries Spaghetti Dinner: 4:00 p.m. till 7:00
Desserts available. Donation \$5.00
 - 18 Legion County meeting: 8:00 p.m.
 - 19 Dolan Post and Board meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary County meeting: @ Tonawanda Post 7:30 p.m.
 - 25 S.A.L. Squadron 410 meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Additional announcements

A short note from the adjutant

To all post members: be sure to notify me of any change of address. Some important notifications have been returned because of no forwarding address. Also, all active service members whose status has changed, I will need to know if you have been transferred from active to reserves or for some vice versa.

The next Newslines publication will be sometime in late February or early March. Check website for any additions or updates: WWW.PartnershipInPatriotism.com