

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

We want to congratulate Robert and Dr. Kanasha Blue on the birth of their healthy baby boy Robert Edward Blue II who was born on 9/23/2023 at 8:41 am weighing 6 lbs 9 oz and measuring 19.25 inches. (See attached pic)

We had a very productive Post meeting on 9/27/2023 and County Meeting on 09/28/2023. ***Our Uniform for the National Commander Naval Park Visit and Dinner - Full Dress Uniform or Gray Slacks (Skirt), White Shirt, Black Shoes, Blue Sport Coat and Legion Tie.***

As indicated in our meeting here is the followup information and attached flyers for the various things that will be taking place within the next few weeks:

1. For the 10/13 National Commander Visitation to the Naval Park a quick overview of the morning's activities
 - Detailed Plan is to arrive at approximately 9:45 AM.
 - Walk from the Hanger to the African American Veterans Memorial - National Commander - Wreath Presentation and a few words.
 - Walk to the Hispanic Americans Veterans Memorial - National Commander - Wreath Presentation and a few words.
2. Ads, Boosters, and Reservations will be taken for the **National American Legion Commander's Dinner** honoring newly elected National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer on Friday October 13, 2023 at Niagara Frontier Post #1041. Reservations for dinner are \$35 per person and can be made by mailing in your payment to Erie County headquarters at 609 City Hall, 65 Niagara Sq., Buffalo, NY 14202. Payment must be received by Friday 10/6. There will be no payment at the door. Cash Bar refreshments starting at 6 PM, with a Meatloaf and Pork Chop Dinner starting at 7 PM.
3. The first district conference of this new legion year will be held Sunday, October 1, 2023, at ALLEGANY COUNTY, at the MORRISON-HAYES POST 702, 36 Jefferson Street, Wellsville, New York 14895. Please read the attached PDF for specifics.

The National Commander's Dinner tickets will be available for purchase, ALL Legionnaires are welcomed to attend this and all district conferences.

4. It has been many years since we have all come together socially to enjoy each other's company and at August Erie County American Legion meeting, a proposal was made and adopted, for All Erie County American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, Sons Squadrons, & Riders Chapters to join together at a Family Picnic/Social that would have a dual purpose of raising funds together for **Variety Club of Buffalo...**

As a result of this planning, I am very pleased to invite **ALL Erie County American Legion Family** to join us at:

2023 Oktoberfest Picnic Fundraiser:

Who: All Erie County Family (Posts, Units, Squadrons, Riders & Public)

What: Oktoberfest Family Picnic/Fundraiser for Variety Club

When: Sunday October 22nd from Noon-Until ?

Where: George F Lamm Post Grove, 962 Wehrle Dr, Williamsville, NY, 14221

Admission: \$10 Per Adult (13 & Over) Includes chance to win a Flat Screen TV

Food: German Brats & Hot Dogs \$5 Each (Included Salads) to support Variety Club

Dessert: Auxiliary Bake Sale to support Variety Club

Beverages: Cash Bar

Raffles: A Large Ticket Basket Raffle Sponsored by Zuba Zone & Regular Basket Raffle run by EC Auxiliary will be taking place to support Variety Club. (Basket Donations from each Post, Unit, Squadron & Chapter would be appreciated)

ENTERTAINMENT:

Music: Sound System will be provided by Tim Van Patten II

Football: Televisions will be showing Bills vs Patriots Game

Games: Please Bring, your Cornhole & Horseshoe Sets and any other Picnic Related Fun Items

5. With direction from Dept Cmdr Collmer. The month of Oct. will be declared as "Buddy Check" month for the Dept of New York.

Although we should always conduct Buddy checks on our comrades. We are concentrating on the month of Oct.

From Oct. 1-31 we ask all Posts to obtain a post roster and perform a Buddy Check.