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Rick Deubler & Bob Shuta working our Monti Carlo!
Owego Fire Co and Chapter 480 held a Monty Carlo Night at our VFW in Owego on March 24th. Almost 240 people attended and the VFW and Fire Co members stated that it was the best they've had in many years. Thanks to all of the members and volunteers that showed up to make this event a success. I hope we will be doing it again next year. Thank You!.....Jack



Johnny Sims "Door Security"

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VA INFORMATION

If you have a VA Disability rating of 10% or more you are eligible to receive Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses at the VA Hospital. However, in certain circumstances you may still be eligible without a disability rating.

Aid and Attendance Benefit!

The Veterans' Administration offers a Special Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefit that is largely unknown. This Special Pension allows for Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing, undressing or taking care of the needs of nature to receive additional monetary benefits. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisted living facility also qualifies. Many families overlook this most important benefit for Veterans or surviving spouses who need additional monies to help care for ailing parents or loved ones. This is a "pension benefit" and is not dependent upon service-related injuries for compensation. Most Veterans who are in need of assistance qualify for this pension. Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, nursing home or assisted living facility. A Veteran is eligible for up to \$1,470 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$945 per month. A couple is eligible for up to \$1,743 per month*. For more info go to:

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Our "New Riders of the Purple Sage" concert DVD/CD sets are in now!!!! To order a DVD/CD go to our website and download an order form at:

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On April 3rd we held Chapter Elections! Here is a list of our Officers:

- Jack Hartzel-President**
- Ronald Traue-Vice President**
- Ken Wolf-Treasurer**
- Rick Deubler-Secretary**
- Bob Shuta-Board of Directors**
- Johnny Sims-Board of Directors**

Our new Chapter Officers were installed by NYSC Central District Director John LaManna who attended our meeting along with his wife Melanie. It was very nice to get to meet them both!

COMING EVENTS & FUNCTIONS

Mark this on your Calendar!!!

On May 5th we will be participating in the Owego Little League Parade and opening Day Ceremony. We will be meeting at the VFW at 7:30 am. We will be stepping off at 8am in front of the Owego Police station. This is our first parade of the year.



On May 28th we will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at the Owego Veterans Memorial. We will meet at the VFW at ????. We will be stepping off at ????. from in front of the Owego Police Station. I will let you know!



Our 12th Annual Catfish Derby will be held on June 2nd and 3rd at Hickories Park at Pavilion II and we

need all the help we can get. So give me a call or e-mail me if you're interested in helping. Last year our only drawback was the "Monsoon Rain" that kept our crowd home. I've assembled a crew that is smart, always smiling and they work their butts off. Starting in April we will be meeting every Tuesday at 7pm until the Derby! See you there!



We have been asked to march in the Warren Center PA Field Day's Parade for the first time ever on June 16 stepping off at 7 pm. We will meet at the Warren Center General Store at 6:30 pm and we will park right in front of the Warren Township Building.



We will be putting American Flags at Cemeteries in the area sometime during the week of May 21st. I will give you more info as I get it!



We have been asked to March in the Rome, PA Parade on August 4th stepping off from in front of the Methodist Church at 6:30pm.



We will be marching in the Nichols Parade on September 3rd of this year. I'll give you more info as I receive it!



Our next meeting will be on May 1st at 7pm at the Owego VFW Post 1371, Upstairs Hall! Some of you gentlemen out there might try attending our meetings again! There are many new faces and we average from 7 to 12 members every meeting. We now have 85 members and we are growing fast! I hope to see you at our next meeting!



Thought for the Day

"A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious, but it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is formidable, for he is known and carries his banners openly against the city, but the traitor moves among those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through the alley and heard in the very halls of government itself. He rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist.".....Cicero



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