

Assembly Resolution No. 293

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COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Dionne
Rumble VFW Post 7227 of Carthage, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States of America, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227 of Carthage, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227 was chartered on May 10, 1946, thanks to the efforts of World War I veteran Orville LaQuary and World War II veteran Joseph Gondusky; and

WHEREAS, Orville and Joe wanted a VFW Post in Carthage and set out to make it happen; meetings were held at the American Legion, the Odd Fellow Hall and the Opera House; at each meeting, more and more veterans seemed to be interested; and

WHEREAS, A petition was sent to the VFW National Headquarters and a Charter containing 151 names was issued on May 10, 1946; and

WHEREAS, In an unbiased selection of names of veterans from the towns of Wilna and Champion who were killed in World War II, the names Joseph T. Dionne and Francis L. Rumble were chosen as the Post name; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the Post was instituted, the members voted to add an Auxiliary; the ladies came together to clear their applications to make sure the information and discharge papers were in order; a few days later, officers were elected for the newly organized Auxiliary of the Dionne Rumble Post 7227 and were installed in November of 1946; and

WHEREAS, On December 8, 1946, they were instituted by higher officers at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carthage, and received their Charter; their meetings were held upstairs over Gaffney Sweet Shop until March of 1949; and

WHEREAS, By June of 1947, they had three officers in County Council, and by July of 1949, several ladies were going to the State Convention; and

WHEREAS, From May of 1946 until April of 1949, the Post held their meetings over Teator's Store, which today is the Carthage Savings and Loan building; in March of that same year, together the Post members and the ladies Auxiliary held a meeting regarding the purchasing of the

8-room dwelling at 668 West End Avenue; they decided to buy it and made their first payment; at this time, they had approximately 185 post members and 70 auxiliary members; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1976, ground was broken for a 40`x 60` addition onto the back of the building; this addition housed a new kitchen with a large meeting/banquet room; in the Spring of 1984, another addition was started, measuring 30`x 96` on the East side of the building; and

WHEREAS, A mortgage was taken out on November 30, 1951, for this Post and was paid off; the "Mortgage Burning" was held on January 13, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Currently, under the exceptional leadership of Commander Joseph Martel, the Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227 has 296 comrades and the auxiliary consists of 293 sisters; these men and women are always available to support veterans and their families in times of need; they are a symbol of military heritage, community and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of its proud and honored history, the Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227 celebrates with just pride and true honor, its 75th Anniversary of service to its community and the needs and values of veterans across the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the devoted leadership of the Post's outstanding Commanders, both present and past, and the absolute commitment of its many proud members, noting the role played by this extraordinary organization and recognizing the significance of the contributions and sacrifices of the membership of the Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227 of Carthage, New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227 of Carthage, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Commander Joseph Martel, Dionne Rumble VFW Post 7227, Carthage, New York.