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***Food for thought:***

***“If you don't like something, change it.***

***If you can't change it, change your attitude.”***

**— *Maya Angelou***

*Our next meeting:  
14 March 2017 @  
7PM, in the Old  
Town Hall.  
County meeting is  
in Post 203 for  
POST EVER-  
LASTING @  
6:30PM. Will be a  
GREAT meeting!*

***Our Meeting***

January's meeting had 15 of us there ! We had Tom Franco address the meeting, and tell us about the Hometown Heroes Project. More on that later. We sponsored the DCAL meeting, at the community center, with two heros from In & Out. Jim Reynolds brought cookies, and they were good! Total cost for the main meal was an even \$100.

## ***Pot of Gold***

The Pot of Gold got larger, and the winner was Tony Aras. But, Tony wasn't at the meeting, so \$15 stays in the pot, which should be \$61 now. That's great!

## ***Facebook Pages***

Go to facebook.com (or just fb.com) and type in Post 1758. Presto, you're there. It's much easier if you have a Facebook id & password, but not required...

We also have a Twitter account, and you can find it with "@AL Post 1758". We're publishing donors to our Boys and Girls State Programs.

## ***Newspaper Articles***

We've been published for the Sims Podiatry donation to Castle Point. A couple of photos are in the current issue of the Hornet. I think they've also been in the Journal and Southern Dutchess News. A Court of Honor last month will be in the next issue of the Hornet, and I don't know when in the other two. As much notoriety as possible.

## ***Our Post Programs***

### ***Oratorical Competition***

Anusha Nambiar and Jenna Drummond, our two Oratorical contestants represented the 9<sup>th</sup> District in Suffern on 15 February, and came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. At a 9<sup>th</sup> District meeting on 26 February, I learned that Anusha won \$900 and Jenna won \$600. They will be competing next in Albany, in the Department competition. This will be on 10 and 11 February. The awards will be in the thousands of dollars scholarships!

## ***Boys State & Empire Girls State***

We already have one entry for Girls State: Jenna Drummond, the Junior from John Jay, who's also in the Oratorical Contest. We await our two local high schools for Boys State candidates to interview.

### ***Service Office***

John Pizzuti's daughter, Melissa passed away on 10 February, and a group of us went to McHoul's to pay our respects. \$50 was donated to St. Jude's in Melissa's name, with Tom Masch adding more to that.

A former County Commander, Ted Bowles, passed away also on 10 February. Three of us from DCAL formed a firing squad, while another group of veterans joined the mourners at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Ted received a military burial.

### ***Advertising our Post***

There's an award to be had, at Department. Every time we have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Department wants to know. They track these things. I went to more than a half dozen last year, and submitted a number of articles, copying the Department BSA Chairman, who keeps track.

### ***Membership***

We all know how hard it is to get reliable numbers from National or Department, since their computer systems are hand fed. According to our Membership man, we're at 96% !! Our transfers from Post 0001 are still held up, with a Department promised that things will open up and get moving soon.

### ***Venture Crew***

Norm led a discussion of muzzle velocity and ammunition, as a possible cause of target shot deviations. Muzzle velocity is 1200 fps and the ammo used is different, at 1000 fps.

On 19 February, the Venture Crew competed in State, at Cicero.

### ***Boy Scouts***

Gabriel Flohl and Matthew Milliot are two of the latest Eagle Scouts to be honored by the Legion. An article on Gabriel will appear in the Journal as soon as I get all his info for a complete story. I will try the same for Matthew.

### ***Flags and Poppys***

2 gross of the 18" flags were ordered. They will not be used until necessary. 1000 poppys are received, and in storage. New Rubbermaid containers are approved for purchase, to replace old containers now in use.

### ***Parades***

Wappingers Falls is hosting a Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day parade, as is their custom. The County is signed up for it, and will be identified by a banner carried in the parade. It's 04 March, noon, behind the church and school. Danny Oberhauser is organizing the Legion members who want to march. There may be 2 Weapons Carriers...definitely one, and Norm's jeep. Let Danny know---845.831.4995---if you're marching or riding.

### ***Comedy Night***

Danny Oberhauser is organizing a Night at either the Poughkeepsie Elks or the Arlington Post 1302. It's proposed for September at a ticket cost around \$25. More information this coming meeting.

### ***Miscellany***

The Post has donated \$125 to American Legion's Children & Youth Program. For members of the post to know where their donation money goes, there will be a listing of C&Y programs available.

Our Springfield rifles were a discussion item, as far as keeping them or donating them to a cause. We'll keep them. Poppy fund is now \$1300.

The post is working toward establishing a 501 c (3), in order to solicit corporate donations.  
AND at Castle Point, we attended Veterans Week, complete with a USO show on 14 February.

### ***Coin Drops***

The meeting membership voted on 3 dates at our usual locations:  
27 May 2017 from 07:30 to 15:30  
04 July 2017 from 08:00 to 12:00  
11 November from 07:30 to 15:30

Arrangements need to be made at ACME. Their policy is one day per weekend per organization.  
Stewarts, Convenient Deli Mart and Florys North are all ok (Danny & John Polasko checked their spots, Don & I did Stewarts)

### ***The Land***

Don & I checked out 1.2 acres on Route 82 across from Foster Rd. It's selling for \$85K. The land is about 10-15 feet below road level.  
We discussed the need for a presentation of a set of items for any lots we think could work for the post.

### ***Hometown Heroes***

As addressed in last month's newsletter, the Hometown Heroes Banner project is ongoing. There was a presentation in late February at a Town Board meeting, as well as a meeting is planned at Town Hall for 01 March 2017.

COUNTY MEETING is at Post 203 in Beacon, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. It's called Post Everlasting, an annual tradition of seriously remembering our fallen brothers within the last 12 months.

15 FEBRUARY...6:30PM. Come on down!

