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Too Much To List!

Our next meeting will be November 14th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend. We're making plans...

Blue Star Banners

At Community Day, the Commander arranged for SignUp sheets for Blue Star Banners. These Banners are roughly 12" by 18", and may be hung by military families in honor of a family member. It's an American tradition to display a Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home when a loved one is proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. As Americans support troops deployed overseas in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Blue Star Service Banner is a reminder that war touches every neighborhood. The American Legion also offers Blue Star Banner Corporate Flags for corporations and government organizations wanting to show support for employees actively serving in the National Guard or reserve.

The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry. Queisser's two sons served on the front line. His banner quickly became the unofficial symbol for parents with a child in active military service.

Blue Star Service Banners were widely used during both world wars, but were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with the same enthusiasm. The American Legion rekindled that spirit of pride in our military men and women following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by providing banners to military families across the nation.



AL Post 1758 Annual Christmas Dinner

- Who: AL Post 1758 members/guests
- What: Annual Christmas Dinner
- Where: Plated, [2425 NY Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY](#)
- When: Sunday, December 10, 2017, commencing at 3:00pm
- Cost: Between \$25 - \$35 (dependent on final menu choices) for choice of 3 entrees : chicken, fish, roast beef, pork loin, or pasta, sides, salad, soda/coffee/tea
Family style (serve yourself) or choose-ahead menu format (i.e. not a buffet)
- Details: \$100 deposit (hold) made on 10/4/17 (by Lance)
Owner/manager: "Angela"
Side room (with private bathroom) holds 30-50 persons; back room holds 50+
Minimum of 30 attendees to hold the side room as private; will setup tables
For 10-12 persons
We can bring-in our own cake at no additional expense
Cash bar available and located adjacent to party room
Final headcount needed by Monday, 12/4/17

Meeting attendance: Reynolds, Hathorn, Burns, Meyer, Bergamini, Cosimo, Dickman, Call, Richards (2), Broughton, Kriebel, Logan, Briscoe, Livermore, Lyons, Eycler, Coneeny

Veterans Day Coin Drop

Coin drops are scheduled for Stewart's on 82, Flory's on Route 82 and Route 9, and Convenient Deli Mart:

Briscoe & Lyons are to be at Stewart's
Call, Cosimo and Danny are to be at the Deli Mart
Coneeny, Polasko and Kriebel should be at Flory's on 82
Broughton, Hathorn and Meyer will be at Flory's on 9

Veterans Day at John Jay, Thursday, November 9: As usual, we should be there at 6:45 AM to begin the High School Veterans Day Commemoration.

Veterans Flags and Blocks: unknown at this time. Suggest posed to set them up along Rte 82 sidewalk.

Student Assist: Request to be made at RCK for 1-2 students per location. The school has been most helpful in in this regard.

Texas Roadhouse, Route 9

Efforts continue to redeem beer bottles on a weekly basis. Average redemption is \$8.50 per week, on Tuesdays.

To date:

October 12, \$10.00

Three weeks prior, Oberhauser reports about \$6.50 weekly

September 5 & 12, about \$8.00 each date

August, \$25.00 total

Following the pickup for w/e 10/27, a check will be made out to the post for \$51 plus this week, and given to Finance Officer.

Labor Day Coin Drop

At Texas Roadhouse, from Noon to 8PM, about \$655 was collected. Attending were Don Burns Danny Oberhauser, Jim Broughton, Kevin Hathorn, Dan Briscoe, Norm Dauerer. The purpose of the collection was for the National Emergency Fund, with Hurricane Harvey in mind. A motion was made at September meeting to increase donation to \$1000. The donation will be made at the Department Commander's Dinner on November 3, at Coppola's in Hyde Park. Many thanks to all who played a part in the Manny Bacon American Legion Post 1758 at Community Day.

Sick Call

John Lyons suggested contacting Nelson Rivera as to why Marty Nolan was denied a place at th Montrose VA Veterans care long term care. It was discovered subsequesnt to this that only veterans with 70% service connected disability are admitted there.

Norm Dauerer is having open heart surgery on November 26. We all pray for a rapid recovery. Sandy Hathorn was in Vassar Brothers Medical Center for Endoscopic removal of gall stones. She's recovering from Monday's (10/23) procedure, and she's back home. The prayers worked.

Oratorical Competition

I have been addressing Study Halls at John Jay, in order to alert students about our programs, particularly Oratorical. Lori Muttum is Secretary to the Counselors, and she has all the latest info on the contest. I spoke to several hundred students in the Cafeteria over the last 10 days, and more than a dozen expressed interest. In several study halls, I spoke about the Venture Crew as well as Boys State.

I will be speaking to Kalah Boscia, counselor to one or more grades at Ketchum High School, this week. It is she who supplies the students to help us at our coin drops.

Jr. ROTC

I presented the information on Air Force JROTC to two counselors at John Jay last semester. One of the two is out for Open Heart Surgery, and the other is investigating costs involved.

I will be in touch with this person, Paul Albanese, as it was his interest that got me compiling enough information to present to the school.

Member Safety

Hurricane Harvey hit the Caribbean pretty hard, but Puerto Rico especially. We were all on pins and needles for the safety of the McHoul family. Thankfully, everybody is safe and sound. Rebuilding things down there will surely take a while.

New Members to the post

Ed Berganini has joined us from a post down south. And under the new member agreement, we plan to order him a hat from Flag & Emblem. If he attends 6 out of the next 12 events, it's free! *We have an app for that.*

Ed served in the Navy from 1961 to 1963, and lives in Wappingers. In fact, we met Ed at the Falls Diner during an Executive Session. I guess it pays to talk loudly and often... Welcome aboard, Ed!

Back in June, Caroline Pogge, Lt. Col. On active duty in the Army joined us after talking to Vinny and Althea. They worked with Caroline when she was in the band. Good to have Caroline join us.

You're joining us at a great time in the Post's life, and I'm sure you'll make a difference.

We will be having Initiation services in January for all the members who joined us in 2017.



Volunteer Hours Report

The hours are logged on the sign in sheets, and will go off to National in time for accounting. The CPR is important to show Legion strength and impact.

The Burn Pit

On the next page is a photo of Anthony D'Amico, in front of our Burn Pit, behind the library. He approached me about his Eagle Project, and I spoke with John Hickman for ideas. One idea came to light, about improving the area around the Burn Pit, making it more attractive for our Ceremony on Flag Day. Thanks to Anthony!

Anthony pitched the improvement idea, and the Boy Scout Council approved it. I met with Anthony on October 25th, and he gave me the card and photo. The handwritten card expresses his gratitude at our support.

Dear Mr. Hathorn,

Thank you for the suggestion of the patio as my Eagle Scout Project.

It took a lot of planning, but thanks to the generosity of many people, including the town of East Fishkill, the project went very well.

I hope this patio serves you and the American Legion well in the future.

- Anthony D'Amico



The Year of the Veteran

There's a new project in the county. It's called "The Year of the Veteran", and it will be fully developed in 2018. Thanks to a young man finding hundreds of 'glass plate negatives' in his grandparents' attic in Stanfordville, there's incredible interest in the first World War. This highlights 1918, when Poughkeepsie had parades to commemorate Dutchess county sending off dozens, maybe hundreds of young men and women to aid in the war effort, as well as to defend the country.

The project will be presented to the County at the Wallace Center at the FDR Library, in Hyde Park on November 4th. There is a call for memorabilia of any type from that time. Whatever is offered to the project, even newspaper articles, will be copied and returned. All the information will be presented on a series of panels. There will be a "Mobile History Van" offered by Bard College, which will offer displays almost upon community demand.

Groups involved are The Dutchess County Historical Society, Dutchess County Executive, The Division of Veteran Services, Dutchess County Department of History, Bard College, Local Historical Societies, the FDR Presidential Library and Museum.

Signage to show we're here and we're active !

On CR28, Old Hopewell Road, we have an American Legion sign announcing our post, location and meeting hours. It's been there a few years now, and was difficult to read. The emblem on the sign was a NAVY blue, and I replaced that with a sign whose Legion emblem was more of a ROYAL blue. I also whited out the post phone number, which was costing us a monthly expense, but fielding only spam phonecalls. I will replace the one out past the St. Denis cemetery before Thanksgiving.



Honor Guard Duty in Southern Dutchess

From the left is Harold Delamater, Beacon VFW, John Call (1758), Charles Wilson (203) Jim Reynolds (1758), Don Burns (1758), Vince Herring (203), Dan Morea (203) and Bill Kriebel (1758) at funeral service for Greg Daw, at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 14 October, 2017. Thanks everybody! It was a great effort. Photo taken by Kevin Hathorn. After the ceremony, we all went to the Falls Diner at Degarmo Hills Plaza for a bit to eat. Jim Reynolds did the treat! Thanks, Jim!

Thoughtful Mind

“...keep the heart unwrinkled, be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent--- that is to triumph over old age.”

Thomas Bailey Aldrich



The Storage Locker Cleanup Crew, from left: Dan Briscoe, Joe Ryan, Don Burns, George Dickman, Jim Reynolds, Bill Kriebel, Carl Eyler, John Call. Thanks for coming out to help with the locker. It was a great effort!
Photo taken by Kevin Hathorn.



**VVA present at Fishkill Rural Cemetery
for Greg Daws Burial**

This is Jimmy Lynch and John Polasko at Fishkill Rural Cemetery on 14 October 2017. They represent the Dutchess County Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America at the funeral for Gregory Daws. Thanks, guys!

More on our Honor Guard

On September 29th, there was another funeral at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, and Jim Reynolds, John Call, Don Burns, Bill Kriebel and Norm Dauerer represented the Post to pay tribute to another local vet.

Dutchess County Veterans Appreciation Day

Our 12th Annual Dutchess County Veterans Appreciation Day is right around the corner, we are looking forward to seeing you at this annual Veterans gathering. This year's event takes place on **Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10:00 am until 1:00pm** and will once again be held at the **Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, New York.**

This free event provides important resources to veterans and their families. In addition it connects you with organizations that specialize in meeting the unique needs of veterans and their families. **I hope that you will mark your calendars and join us in making this another great event.**

Manny Bacon Post Meetings and Parking

We have been notified that the parking area to the south of the Old Town Hall is reserved for visitors to the EF Police Station. Our parking is on the next level parking area, also to the west of the building, and additionally across the street at the shopping plaza. One needs to exercise caution when using this parking lot, due to traffic.

We want all of our members to come to the meetings, and if transport is a problem, let one of the post officers know. We come from all over, so picking up a rider will always work. The same applies to Dutchess County American Legion meetings, which take place around the county.

Let Kevin or Don or One of the post officers know a day or two in advance. Never a problem.

American Legion Auxillary

Barbara Corker, Department Secretary in the American Legion Auxillary came to our September meeting to discuss the importance of the Auxiliary in the Legion Family, and remind us that we still hold a charter for a unit in our post. Within the last 25 years , our post had a unit, and we are entitled to start another. I will put together a presentation for the post, as a result of Barbara's visit, to see if we can interest 10 women in our family to renew our unit.

Upcoming events

November 3: Department Commander's Visitation and Dinner. At \$40 per person, at Coppola's Italian Restaurant, Hyde Park. Pay at the door.

November 4: Veterans Appreciation at Wallace Center, FDR Library, Hyde Park. While admission to the center is ongoing, the Veterans ceremonies are from 10AM to 1PM.

November 4: MISSION 18; Hudson Valley Honor Flight, Stewart Airport, 7AM

November 9: Early morning ceremony at John Jay High School. Students decorate sidewalks with small flags; Post 1758 Honor guard marches to flagpole; Pledge of Allegiance; short speech by Post Commander; students sing National Anthem, America the Beautiful; student trumpet blows taps; breakfast in teachers' lounge.

Nov. 10: Veterans Smile Day... See letter on following pages

November 11: We've already read about the Veterans Day Coin Drop. We've added Flory's on Route 9.

November 13 or 14: Roy C. Ketcham High School may have a Veterans Day Ceremony, around 9AM. A decision has not been made, but word will go out.

Nov. 18: Post Oratorical Contest, 10AM; Old Town Hall, 2464 Rte 52, H.J.

December 18: Dutchess County Oratorical Contest, Post 37, 131 Hudson Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY

Community Day Celebration

September 16, 2017 was EF Community Day. Marching in the Parade were Bill Kriebel, Danny, Jeff Boes and Don Burns. Vinny and Jim Reynolds manned the table under the Big Tent, joined afterwards by Don and Bill. Bob Logan helped out later in the afternoon. Tommy Masch brought his personnel carrier, which attracted many children.

Many thanks to all who played a part in the Manny Bacon American Legion Post 1758 at Community Day.

Veterans Smile Day

The Dental Profession is honoring your sacrifices made in service to our country!

On or around Friday November 10th, 2017, many dental offices throughout the Hudson Valley region will open their doors to veterans and their immediate family members (spouse/children 22 and younger) for free dental care! The treatment is limited and only free that day unless a referral is made to a dental specialist. The type of dental care received that day is at the discretion of the dentist and depends on what is possible to do in that timeframe and what your dental needs are. It is a great opportunity for you or your family member to be sure you or they have good oral health which has been shown to impact your overall health. Maybe you have been putting off for too long that trip to the dentist's office or establishing a dental home and this could be a great start. If you or your family members have been experiencing a dental problem, this is the perfect time to get it taken care of, so we hope to see you soon. If you and your family have a dentist, ask your dentist if they are taking part in this Veterans Smile Day. If not and they want to take an active role, have them call the dental liaison member for their county.

If you are interested or have any questions, contact the dental liaison member at the number/email listed below (email is preferable if possible) and mention it is in reference to the Veterans Smile Day. We thank you for all you have given defending the freedoms we all share!

Dutchess— Dr. Tamara Kroboth: tamarak219@gmail.com 631-836-3997 or
Dr. Lina Angiolillo: Lina.angiolillo@gmail.com 845-705-7204

Sponsored by the Ninth District Dental Association (a component of the American Dental Association) and the New York State Dental Foundation.

Nelson Eddy Rivera, USN (Ret)

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Stars & Stripes” Flag Raising on the Walkway

The next “Stars & Stripes” Flag Raising on the Walkway is scheduled as follows:
Just a reminder for all of you, the next Flag Raising will be Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 12:00 Noon. We will meet on the Highland side of the Walkway Park @ 11:30 and walk out to the Center or ride out for those who need to ride.

This is the date we’re waiting for:

New Flag Ceremony 12:00 Noon-**Flag to be Retired November 19th, 2017**

Flag Donor/Contact: Jacque Perrotta

Honoring: Michael Dimisko, US Navy, Fireman 1st Class, WWII

Flag Source: Flag will be provided by the ‘Stars & Stripes Veterans
Flag Program