



# American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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## HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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Our next meeting will be July 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

On May 31st a contingency of post members cleaned our "burn pit" in preparation for Flag Day ceremonies on June 14th. We weren't sure what to expect as it has not been cleaned out since it was built as an Eagle Scout Project several years ago. Thanks to Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, Len Hart, Bruce Coneeny and Jim Reynolds. We removed 5, 5 gallon buckets of ash from the pit.

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it".  
.....Norman Schwarzkopf.

**Special Notice:** If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call this toll-free number

**1-800-273-8255**

available 24/7, and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.



Photo...W Kriebel



On May 25th members of our post gathered to help students at John Jay High School honor the dead at a Memorial Day Service. Thanks to Don Burns, Kevin Hathorn, John Call, Jim Broughton, Jim Reynolds, and Joe Ryan for helping out.

Photo...John Jay Photography

May 24th found us at Roy C Ketcham High School to help them honor the fallen for Memorial Day. State Senator Sue Serino was on hand to help members John Call, Don Burns, Jim Reynolds and Kevin Hathorn.



**2018-2019 Officers were installed in at the June 12th meeting.**

Commander - Jim Reynolds  
 1St Vice Commander - Don Burns  
 2nd Vice Commander - Kevin Hathorn  
 Adjutant - Lance Ashworth  
 Finance - John Call  
 Chaplain - Danny Oberhauser  
 Historian - William Kriebel  
 Sergeant-at-Arms - Jeff Boes  
 Judge Advocate - Jay Livermore

**Post Picnic**

We have scheduled a Post Picnic for July 21st or the 22nd.  
 Location East Fishkill Recreation Park  
 More details as they are solidified.

# Picnic



**Good of the Legion:**

Harry Rodriguez's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Harry was not in attendance so the money is added to the Pot.

**West Point Football:** The following members and their guest have signed up for the West Point vs Air Force football game on 11/3/2018:

Oberhauser	4	Meyer	3	Kriebel	2
Burns	1	Broughton	5	Livermore	4
Reynolds,	1	Hathorn	1	Ryan	1
Call,	2	Ashworth	1(?)		





On June 2nd we honored Lawrence Michael Hughes, a Vietnam Veteran, author and columnist. His family did not have his military records so the Army would not provide a detail to fold the flag and play Taps. Vinny Richards played Taps and we performed a memorial service at the funeral home.

K.Hathorn, J.Broughton,  
W.Kriebel, D.Oberhauser,  
V.Richards, J.Call and  
J.Reynolds



We are adding a new section to our newsletter to celebrate members birthday's. We will announce upcoming birthdays by month and day only. Here are July's upcoming birthdays.

May this be one of the best birthday's ever:

- Henry Mack - July 18
- Donald Palmer -July 11
- George Dickman - July 14
- John Call - July 20

The National database does not have birthday's listed for the following members. Please contact Lance Ashworth or Jim Reynolds to have the database updated.

*Nicholas Russo*

*Clarence Munson*

*Daniel Oberhauser*

*David Dimilia*

*Joseph Varacek*

*Ralph Schwartz*

*Francis Connolly*

*Daniel Lalor*

*John Polasko*

*Robert Logan*

*Bruce Coneeny*

**This news is a few month's old but it was never shared with everyone in the Post so I thought I would do so now.....From the Military Times**

## Mark Richard Baaden



### Army Commendation Medal

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS  
DURING [Global War on Terror](#)

Service: [Army](#)

Battalion: 304th Civil Affairs Battalion

#### **GENERAL ORDERS:**

#### **CITATION:**

The Secretary of the Army of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V" to Captain Mark Richard Baaden, United States Army, for valorous achievement on 26 July 2003 in Karbala, Iraq. Captain Baaden distinguished himself when enemy forces engaged him and his team while also placing the lives of numerous civilians at risk. Captain Baaden returned accurate fire and exposed himself to heavy enemy fire twice by running across an open area to rescue an injured Iraqi child that was trampled by the fleeing crowd. Captain Baaden's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Multi-National Force Iraq and the United States Army.

## The 100th Annual Department Convention takes place in Rochester, July 19-21, 2018.

On Wednesday – July 18, 2018, the evening before the opening of Convention, the Department Organization will tender a dinner in honor of Commander Rena M. Nessler. The reception and dinner will be held at the Rochester Riverside Hotel 120 E. Main St. Rochester NY 14604 in The Riverview Ballroom. The reception is at 6:00 PM with dinner promptly at 7:00 PM.



Jeffrey Miedowski joined our post at the June meeting. Jeff is a transfer from the Thiells Post 130 in Rockland County. Welcome aboard, Jeff.

**The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be coming to Saugerties in July. If you've never seen it you might like to make plans to visit it while it's in the area.**

**THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL** ®

## Ulster County Honors The Wall

[← APPEARANCE SCHEDULE](#)

**Wednesday, July 18th - Monday, July 23rd (2018)**

**Location:** Cantine Memorial Field Saugerties NY

Escort TBA

**New Committees were established for the coming year:**

- Children & Youth—Dauerer, Briscoe (tentatively)
- House matters—(Land, etc) Burns, Kriebel
- Membership—Ashworth
- Americanism—Hathorn, Oberhauser
- Scouting—Hathorn, Briscoe (tentatively)
- Venture Crew (shooting) Dauerer, Briscoe
- Flag Day—Reynolds
- Oratorical—Oberhauser
- Boys State—Hathorn
- Graves and Registration—Hathorn, Reynolds
- Media & Communications—Ashworth (tentatively)
- Poppys—Reynolds
- Memorial Day-- Hathorn, Reynolds
- Veterans Day—Masch, Broughton, Burns
- VA & Vets Rehab— Chaplin - Oberhauser
- Social Activities (picnic)—Ryan, Hathorn, Reynolds
- Holiday Party—Ashworth

## Flag Day

At our June 14th Flag Day Ceremonies we recognized Caleb Verdue for his continued support of our Post's activities and all veterans. Caleb has been our bugler at many events over the last 4 years including Memorial Day and Flag Day ceremonies.



On Friday June 15th several post members met at Bowdin Park to enjoy a picnic sponsored by the Vet2Vet organization. Bob Logan, Tom Masch, Charlie Hertel, Joe Ryan, Jim Reynolds, and Kevin Hathorn were on hand to enjoy the festivities. Jim, Kevin, and Tom surprised 10 randomly selected guests that were each give \$50.00 in Texas Road House gift cards. Included were two WWII Veterans and one woman vet who served in the early 1970's. Should have gotten pictures but didn't!!!!



Our continued thanks to the local Texas Road House on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie for allowing us to distribute the cards purchased by their patrons. There were many shocked and smiling faces as we handed out the cards.