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The American Legion

The American Legion's Purpose

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization aimed at advocating patriotism across the U.S. through diverse programs and member benefits. It was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide.

The National Organization

The American Legion is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is made up of State, U.S. territory, and overseas departments, and these are in turn made up of local posts. The legislative body of The American Legion is a national convention, held annually.

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

About Our Post



Welcome to the Manny Bacon Post 1758, Department of New York, of the American Legion. We normally meet the second Tuesday of the month, but check our [calendar](#) for changes. Meetings are at 7:00 pm., at East Fishkill's Old Town Hall next-door to the Police Station. The street address is 2464 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, NY.

Since our charter in 1949, our post has been welcoming VETERANS from all branches of our Armed Forces. Today, we continue to welcome all military personnel serving our country. Joining our Post enables you to continue serving your God, Country and Community. Our mission is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families embodied in our [preamble](#).

Our Membership

Our post currently has 100 members. Fifteen of them are paid-up for life (PUFL).

Our Website

Last year, our post initiated its own website, moving content previously maintained by Jim Reynolds on his personal space, and expanding it to include as much from the past as possible. It will maintain a continuing record of our current and future activities. It can be accessed at <https://al-ny1758.org>.

Our Newsletters

Jim Reynolds has taken on the task, previously performed by various other members, of producing a monthly newsletter to keep members abreast of post activities. Current and past newsletters can be accessed on our website at <https://al-ny1758.org/newsletters>.

About Manny Bacon

Charles Peter "Manny" Bacon was born November 29th 1920. Manny grew up in Hopewell Junction in a house near what is currently The Hopewell Inn on Route 376. He attended Elementary School in the Three Room Schoolhouse on Beekman Road. Manny entered Beacon High School in January 1934 and left March 10, 1937. After leaving school, he went to work for the maintenance division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. At that time, Manny was also a Lieutenant of Hopewell Hose. On April 15th 1942, Manny received his induction notice to report to the Memorial Building 446 Main Street in Beacon. On May 21st, 1942, he was accepted for military service at Fort Jay, NY. After basic training, he was shipped to Ireland and was part of the invasion forces to hit North Africa in November of 1942. Manny was a member of the 9th Recon Troop. On May 19th 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Bacon were notified that Manny was missing in action. Two weeks later, another War Department telegram informed them that he had been killed in action April 20, 1943. He was the first resident of Hopewell Junction killed in World War Two. He was first interred in the American Cemetery Beja, Tunisia (plot B, row 10, grave 3). After the war, his remains were returned to the United States and he was buried in the Long Island National Cemetery at Pinelawn in Farmingdale (LI), New York. His grave is located in Section J, grave # 14770. At the time of his death, he was survived by his parents Lewis (3/10/1897-5/1966) and Marcella (6/25/1902-8/23/1994) Bacon, one sister, Margaret, and two brothers, James and Lewis. In 1949, American Legion Post 1758 was created in Hopewell Junction and named in honor of Manny. Any corrections or additional information about Manny or his family would be greatly appreciated. Please contact: Post Historian, Manny Bacon American Legion Post 1758, PO Box 92, Hopewell Jct. NY 12533.

Data researched and collected by James D Reynolds 2003.

Thanks to George Bailey (charter member and Past Commander) and Doug McHoul whom Manny's Mother entrusted with memento's of Manny.



Charles "Manny" Bacon's Headstone

Our Executive Board

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

Commander

Jim Reynolds



Biography

After receiving his draft notice in November of 1965 Jim chose to enlist in the Army on December 21st. Between his basic training and his MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) course he spent his first year in New Jersey, first at Fort Dix and then at Fort Monmouth. On his two week leave between basic and the start of his electronics course he and his wife got married.

On December 16th 1966 he was assigned to the 125th Signal Battalion, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi, Vietnam. A year later he returned to the US and was assigned to the 11th Signal Brigade at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Then in October of 1968 their daughter Teresa was born at Fort Huachuca and Jim left the service in December at the end of his enlistment.

He then worked for AT&T until his retirement in 1998.

Jim has been Post Commander in 2012 and 2013 and from 2018 to the present. He was also the Post Finance Officer for six years and spent 15 years as Post Historian.

1st Vice Commander

Don Burns



Biography

Don joined the Navy in 1969 and trained as an Electronics Technician (ET). After boot camp and "A" school, he served aboard USS O'Callahan, DE-1051, off the coast of South Vietnam. In 1971, Don attended and graduated from the Navy Nuclear Power School and Nuclear Prototype training, and then was assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of USS California, DLGN 36, and served in the Reactor Control Division. Medals received: Good Conduct, National Defense and Vietnam Service.

Don worked at the University of Buffalo as a Sr. Reactor Operator, He also worked in sales and as a sales manager for several corporations. He was self-employed prior to retirement. He also participated in "Operation Gratitude," stuffing "Care Packages" for deployed troops.

Don Joined the Legion (and Post 1758) in 2009. He held the positions of Adjutant and Commander prior to First Vice Commander. He has also participated in various committees and organizations in support of veterans.

Adjutant

Lance Ashworth



Biography

Lance joined the Legion (and Post 1758) in 2015 and became Membership Officer in 2017. He served as a U.S. Army Field Artillery officer from 1991-1995 and in the Army Reserves from 1995-1996. Originally from Cleveland, OH, he now lives in the Wiccopee section of East Fishkill.

Finance

John Call



Biography

John served in the U.S. Navy from 1961-1965 in Naval Aviation. His service as a flight crew aircrewman special weapons took him to Alaska, Japan and Vietnam. After leaving the Navy, John went to work for Con Edison and retired in 2007. John has served as post finance officer since 2017.

Chaplain

Dan Oberhauser



Biography

Dan joined the Navy in 1961 and served until 1965. His first assignment was to the USS Boxer, LPH-4. He then went to "A" School at the Great Lakes Training Center to become a Radarman. His next assignment was USS Soley, DD-707, which was prominent in the Cuban missile crisis and trained for recovery of the Gemini space capsule. Service on the Soley took Dan to the Mediterranean, the Middle East and ports in Europe.

His final assignment was to USS New, DD-818, which took Dan back to the Mediterranean and Middle in a near repeat of his stint on the Soley.

Dan joined the Legion in 1992 and has been a member of Post 1758 for twenty years. He has served as Commander, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Chaplain and Service Officer.

Dan managed a hardware store in White Plains, was a carpenter, a construction foreman, an electronic technician and a hotel chief engineer. He also built houses and condos for 9 years.

Historian

Bill Kriebel



Biography

A Pennsylvania native, Bill joined the Navy in '65. He served aboard USS Guadalcanal (LPH-7) while waiting to go to Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, MD. After graduating NPS and prototype training in upstate New York, Bill was assigned to USS George C. Marshall (SSBN-654), making 6 patrols on the "Blue" crew. Bill finished his service aboard USS Fulton (AS-11), a submarine tender out of New London, CT and La Madalena, Spain. Bill left the Navy as MM1 (SS) and moved to New York in 1973, having married a year earlier. After being discharged,

he was hired by Consolidated Edison to work at Indian Point nuclear power plant. Bill became a licensed Senior Reactor Operator and eventually worked in the Training department as Simulator Coordinator. He retired from ConEd in 2000. He joined the American Legion in 2012 and transferred to the Manny Bacon Post a few years ago.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jeff Boes



Biography

Jeff is a Navy veteran who enlisted in 1984 and served for four years. After boot camp in Orlando and "A" school for Machinery Repairman, Jeff was assigned to USS Puget Sound, AD-38, and was discharged as Petty Officer Third Class (MR-3). He was awarded Sea Service and Battle Excellence Awards.

After discharge, Jeff went to work for Metal Container Corp. and has worked there to the present.

Judge Advocate

Jay Livermore



Biography

Jay participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom following his enlistment in the Marine Corps in 1998. For his six and a half years of service, he received the following awards: Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Iraq Campaign Medal, two Letters of Appreciation, two Meritorious Masts, and a Certificate of Commendation (Individual Award).

Jay has worked as a farmer, a horse trainer, in a grocery store, as a carpenter, as a mason and as a mechanic.

Jay's other volunteer work includes being PTA President (Noxon Road Elementary), being a youth soccer and basketball coach, and helping out at the VA.

Election of Officers for 2019-2020

At the May membership meeting, the incumbent executive board was unopposed for re-election. Adjutant Lance Ashworth cast a single vote for the entire slate (with the exception of Kevin Hathorn who had held the position of 2nd Vice Commander until he transferred to another post). The vote was

approved unanimously by the membership. Board members re-assumed their posts at the June 11 membership meeting.

Post Committees

Children & Youth: Norm Dauerer, Dan Briscoe

House matters: (Land, etc) Bill Meyer, Don Burns, Bill Kriebel

Membership: Lance Ashworth

Americanism: Dan Oberhauser

Scouting: Dan Briscoe

Venture Crew (shooting): Norm Dauerer, Dan Briscoe

Flag Day: Jim Reynolds

Oratorical: Dan Oberhauser

Boys State: Don Burns

Graves and Registration: Jim Reynolds

Media & Communications: Lance Ashworth

Poppys: Jim Reynolds

Memorial Day: Jim Reynolds

Veterans Day: Tom Masch, Jim Broughton, Don Burns

Social Activities (picnic): Joe Ryan, Jim Reynolds

Holiday Party: Lance Ashworth

Youth Programs

Oratorical Contests

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Our Post Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday, November 10th. We had two students show up at the Old Town Hall for the competition, a brother and sister, Bryce and Katelyn Albert.

Bryce is a senior at Roy C. Ketcham High School and Katelyn is a junior. Both were critiqued and suggestions made to improve their speeches. The Post voted to split the total award between the two.

Each will get \$75.00, normally 1st place is awarded \$100 and 2nd place \$50. They both moved on to the County competition on December 15th at Post 203 in Beacon.

Katelyn and Bryce went on to compete in the county contest held at Post 203 in Beacon on Dec. 15. Katelyn was declared the winner with Bryce taking second place. They were awarded prize money from our post (\$75 each) at the Dec. 19 county meeting in Hyde Park by Commander James Reynolds. The prize money for winning the county contest was \$200, with \$150 for second place.

Having won the county contest, Katelyn and Bryce went on to compete in the District competition. Finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively, they qualified to compete in Zone competition, where they finished 4th and 5th respectively.

Boys' State and Girls' State Programs

Two outstanding representatives from each of 49 Boys States are called upon to represent their state at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, DC. It is here that the young leaders, who had excelled at their respective Boys States, are introduced to the structure and function of the federal government.

Lance Ashworth, Jim Reynolds, and Don Burns recruited Frank Steinbuch of the Wappingers Post to assist with that post (#447) in sponsoring candidates from Roy C. Ketcham (RCKHS), including both boys and girls. (Post 1758 agreed to pay for at least 1 girl from RCKHS to attend Girls State 2019). Post 1758's runner-up candidate from John Jay High School for Boys State will be sponsored by Beacon Post (#203) while our post will sponsor the top candidate. Don showcased a prototype booklet describing the Post's Youth programs. Don attended an orientation meeting in Hyde Park on June 5.

Scouting, Venture Crew and Junior Shooting Sports

During the year, post members participated in nine Eagle Scout Courts for Troops 82 and 95. Dan Briscoe, Commander Reynolds, Dan Oberhauser, Joe Ryan and John Polasko variously represented the post at the ceremonies. The post awards Certificates of Honor at these ceremonies.

On Nov. 19, post members Dan Oberhauser and Kevin Hathorn gave a lesson on flag etiquette to Hopewell Junction's Cub Scout Pack 127 at Van Wyck Junior High School.

Dan Briscoe reported that the strength of the Rifle Team Venture Crew is at 5 which is the minimum needed to maintain the team. In terms of events, there will be a lull during the Summer which is when only a few matches occur.

At the February meeting, Dan reported that the Venture Crew shooting team had conducted a food collection drive and donated the collected food to the Castle Point VA Hospital.

Veterans Outreach

Volunteering at Castle Point

Our Post currently has a food collection box at Adam's Fairacre Farm on Rte. 9 in Wappinger Falls. Shoppers are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food and drink items for distribution to veterans at the hospital. Post members regularly pick up what's collected and deliver it to the hospital.

Members John Call, John Lyons Anthony Aras, Jeff Miedowski, and Jeff Dunay regularly volunteer their time at Castle Point, in the pantry picking up and distributing food, assisting patients in the hospital, and picking up veterans and driving them to medical appointments.

Post 1758 Donates Underwear at Castle Point VA Hospital

(Feb. 26, 2019)

At the February 2019 general membership meeting, Post 1758 members voted to donate \$600 worth of underwear to patients at Castle Point. On hand to deliver the goods were Don Burns, Caroline Pogge, Jim Reynolds and John Polasko. Post member John Call, who was helping in the food pantry, helped out by taking the photo.



Holiday Meals for Veterans

At the October meeting, the membership unanimously approved providing two meals for needy veterans at a cost of \$65/meal.

Texas Road House

Post 1758 has partnered with Texas Road House restaurant to provide gift cards to veterans. The restaurant solicits donation from its customers and converts them to gift cards, which our post then distributes. We received \$1000 worth and have distributed \$650 to date.

Wheelchair Games

At the October meeting, Commander Jim Reynolds announced receipt of a thank-you note from Post 1302 for our previous support for the games.

Remembrances

Paying Tribute to a Past Commander – Sep. 15

Neil Klock, who served as Post Commander in 2004, 2005, 2010 and 2011, passed away last summer, and although he left the post under less than honorable circumstances, members decided at the September meeting to memorialize him at the East Fishkill Veterans' Memorial. In attendance were John Lyons, Kevin Hathorn, Jim Reynolds, John Polasko, John Call, Joe Ryan, Cosimo Napolitano, Dan Oberhauser, Bill Kriebel and Vinnie Richards (playing Taps).



William Fidanza – Jan. 17

William Fidanza served in the Coast Guard during World War II. Our post was represented by John Call, Norm Dauerer, Dan Oberhauser and Commander Reynolds.

William Harmonay- Mar. 7

"Bill Harmonay joined our Post in 2014 and his membership lapsed in 2017. I did not know him. There was no mention in the obituary of military honors and no mention of being a member of the Legion." - Commander James Reynolds

Dana Townsend - May 29

Dana Townsend was a Navy veteran who served during the Korean War. A service was held at McHoul's Funeral Home in Fishkill. The Navy was unable to supply an honor detail, so our post stepped in at the last minute. Commander Jim Reynolds, Chaplain Dan Oberhauser and Bill Kriebel participated. Commander Reynolds gave a short send-off and Chaplain Oberhauser offered a prayer. Then Kriebel and Oberhauser folded the flag and Commander Reynolds presented it to Dana's next of kin.

Civic Events

Flag Day Ceremony

On June 14, Flag Day, post members joined with Boy Scout Troop 40 to ceremoniously dispose of discarded U.S. flags. Post members in attendance were John Call, Jeff Boes, Don Burns, Commander Jim Reynolds, Bill Meyer, Tom Masch, Ralph Schwartz, Joe Ryan, Len Hart, Kevin Hathorn, Bob Logan, Vinnie Richards, Dan Oberhauser and Bill Kriebel. (More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-civic-events#FlagDay>.)



Dutchess County Fair

Several members of the post rode in the "Warrior Wagon" at the Dutchess County Fair on August 22nd, coordinated by Commander Jim Reynolds. Joe Ryan, John Polasko, Kevin Hathorn, Dan Oberhauser and Norm Dauerer took the ride to call fair-goers' attention to veterans.



9-11 Commemoration Ceremony

On September 11, the post participated in memorial service for first responders and others who perished in the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. The ceremony was organized by the Town of East Fishkill and held at Town Hall. Prior to marching into Town Hall, the post color guard (Kevin Hathorn, Lance Ashworth, John Call Jim Broughton, and Tom Masch) did some marching drills led by Norm Dauerer. Others participating were John Lyons, Bill Kriebel, Dan Oberhauser, Bill Meyer, Joe Ryan and Len Hart.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-civic-events#9-11>.

East Fishkill Community Day

East Fishkill Community Day was Sept. 15, and the post participated in a parade from Trinka Lane to the town recreation area behind the Community Center. The town provided a booth for several groups which support our military and veterans. Members participating were Kevin Hathorn, Don Burns, Caroline Pogge, Bill Meyer, Dan Oberhauser, Bill Kriebel, Jeff Boes, John Lyons, Commander Jim Reynolds, Norm Dauerer and Tom Masch (Dauerer and Masch provided military vehicles).



More Photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-civic-events#CommunityDay>.

Year of the Veteran Parade

On Sep. 30, the City of Poughkeepsie hosted the “Year of the Veteran Parade”. One of the parade’s features was the horse-drawn “Warrior Wagon.” Commander Jim Reynolds and Chaplain Dan Oberhauser marched in the parade while post member Vinnie Richards rode in a horse-drawn farm wagon provided by the Dutchess County American Legion.



Gayhead School Second Graders Honor Veterans With Breakfast

The second-graders at Gayhead Elementary School honored local veterans with a breakfast on Nov. 5. The event was organized by second-grade teachers Mrs. Christine Allen and Ms. Kate Balogh. The kids served breakfast to the vets and introduced themselves, asking questions about our service. The morning ended with a couple of choral renditions by the children. State Senator Sue Serino also attended



After the children left, Kevin Hathorn presented a Blue Star Banner to Theresa who has a grandson serving in Bahrain.



Much more at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-civic-events#Gayhead>.

Veterans Day Ceremonies at Local High Schools

Members of Manny Bacon Post, accompanied by a few members of other local veterans' organizations, held Veterans Day Ceremonies at John Jay High School in East Fishkill and Roy C. Ketcham High School in the Town of Wappinger on Friday, Nov. 9. The ceremonies featured raising the flag, patriotic singing, and a short speech by our commander, Jim Reynolds. In attendance were Kevin Hathorn, Jim Reynolds, Jeff Miedowski, John Call, Dan Oberhauser, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, Norm Dauerer, Joe Ryan, Caroline Pogge and Bill Kriebel.

John Jay H.S.



Roy C. Ketcham H.S.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-civic-events#HighSchoolVetDay>.

Avalon Assisted Living Center

Commander Reynolds spent the afternoon of Sep. 15 at the Avalon Assisted Living Center for their annual picnic for residents and friends. Jim met a young man who attends college, works in their kitchen and just joined the Marines. He then closed out the afternoon with a WWII Vet. He also met a lot of other nice folks and got \$397.50 in donations to the Post.

Generations

At the Avalon Assisted Living Center
On the left Marine recruit and on the right WWII Vet



They invited Commander Jim Reynolds, Adjutant Lance Ashworth and Finance Officer John Call to join the residents for lunch on November 9th.

Putting Up Flags On Rt. 82 for Veterans' Day

After starting out bright and early at 7:00 am, a group of post members put up flags along Rt. 82 in the hamlet of Hopewell Junction. After their work was done, they all convened at Dunkin' Donuts where they enjoyed some camaraderie, coffee and donuts. Pictured left to right are Bill Meyer, John Polasko, Don Burns, Jim Reynolds, Len Hart, Kevin Hathorn, Joe Ryan, John Call and Bill Kriebel.



More Photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-civic-events#FlagField>.

A Seabee's Experience.

On January 12, 2019, our post hosted "Vietnam: A Seabee's Experience," a talk by Town of Clinton historian Craig Marshall who served in Vietnam in the Navy's Construction Battalion (Seabees) in Da Nang from 1966 to 1968.



More at <https://al-ny1758.org/2019-civic-events#Seabee>.

St. Patrick's Parade

Mar. 2, 2019 was the day for Dutchess County's St. Patrick's Parade in Wappingers Falls. Our post participated in the parade along with representatives from other posts. Post members participating were Lance Ashworth, Bill Kriebel, Dan Oberhauser, Jim Reynolds, Tom Masch, John Call and Dan Briscoe. After marching, some members gathered at Cousins Ale Works for refreshments and camaraderie.



St. Patrick's Parade draws thousands in Dutchess Co.

Jack Howland *Poughkeepsie Journal*
USA TODAY NETWORK

Thousands of people packed into Wappingers Falls on Saturday for the 24th annual Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A succession of floats, bagpipe troupes and marching bands headed down West Main Street beginning at around 1 p.m., as local residents gathered on the sidewalks to watch the parade pass by. There were roughly 1,000 marchers, according to organizers, and many threw candy into the street for

children to collect.

There was also the inaugural fun run along the parade route that went off about 15 minutes before the parade.

Wappingers resident Dan O'Callahan, along with his wife and two young children, watched the festivities right in front of their home along the parade route.

"It makes it the most local of local," he said.

Jack Howland: [jhowland@poughkeepsiejournal.com](#), 845-437-4870; Twitter: [@jhow104](#).



A scene from the 24th annual Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wappingers Falls. PHOTOS BY JACK HOWLAND/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL



Fishkill residents Cairra Marico, right, 12, and Jayden Wetzelsberger, 4, smile from a float in Saturday's Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade.



A scene from the 24th annual Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade.



From left to right, Derek Cogan, 8, Aubrey Cerone, 9, Braelynn Cerone, 7, Jaxxon Torres, 4, and Ryan Knapp, 5, watch as the Dutchess County parade passes. It included floats, bagpipe troupes and marching bands on West Main Street.

Fishkill Elementary School Flag-raising

The principal of Fishkill Elementary School invited our post to raise the flag in front of the school on May 10, 2019. In attendance were Caroline Pogge, Jim Reynolds, Dan Oberhauser, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, Bill Meyer and Bill Kriebel.



Caroline Pogge and Don Burns raise the flag

Honoring Veterans' Graves with Flags

On Saturday, May 18, post members met for breakfast at the Falls Diner, and then proceeded to the St. Denis cemetery to place flags on the graves of veterans. Upon completion, the crew went to the Hopewell Reformed Church cemetery to place more flags.



Post members participating: Jim Broughton, Bruce Coneeny, Jeff Boes, Bill Kriebel, Jim Reynolds, John Call, Don Burns and Len Hart.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2019-civic-events#FlagPlacement>

Flag Retrieval

Saturday morning, June 1 had post members retrieving the flags put out on May 18. Members present were Jeff Boes, Bill Meyer, John Polasko, John Call, Joe Ryan, Bill Kriebel and Commander Jim Reynolds.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2019-civic-events#FlagPickup>

Memorial Day Ceremony

A Memorial Day ceremony was held at the Veterans Memorial at the corner of Rt. 82 and Beekman Road, preceded by a short march from the East Fishkill Community Center. The post was represented by a Color Guard of Jeff Boes, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer Dan Briscoe and Ted Carrozza, and led by "Drill Sergeant" Norm Dauerer (who followed in his outfitted Army Jeep).

Post member Doug McHoul acted as Master of Ceremonies. Post Chaplain Dan Oberhauser rendered the opening and closing prayers, and Commander Jim Reynolds and Joe Ryan laid the ceremonial wreaths at the memorial. Members John Polasko, Hale Engel and former town supervisor Pete Idema also attended. Member Bob Logan assisted in traffic control.



More at <https://al-ny1758.org/2019-civic-events#MemorialDay>

John Jay High School Memorial Day Ceremony – May 22



On May 22, the post led a Memorial Day ceremony at John Jay High School. Post members arrived at the school at 7:00 am to see that students had placed 900 American flags all around the school property. The ceremony started with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem followed by playing of Taps and raising the flag from half to full staff. Commander Jim Reynolds then read a short speech on the importance of remembering those fallen to protect our freedom. The ceremony closed with some words from local dignitaries and singing of America the Beautiful. Following the ceremony, the school hosted us at a light breakfast in the school.

Post members participating: Jim Broughton, Bill Kriebel, Jim Reynolds and John Call.



Social Events

Post Picnic (July 22)

Our post picnic was held at the East Fishkill Recreation Center pavilion. The post provided hotdogs and hamburgers, with members providing other food items. A good time was had by all.

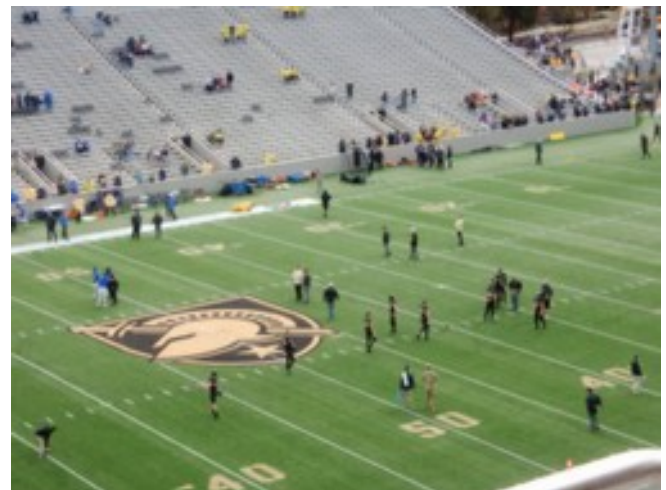


More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-social-events#PostPicnic>.

Army Football

On Saturday, Nov. 3, a group of post members went to West Point to watch the Army Black Knights take on the Air Force Falcons. The day started off miserably, with rain and fog, but by noon when the game started, the sky cleared and it turned into a beautiful fall day. That didn't make the mud in the parking lot any less slippery.

The game started off looking like Army was going to run away, taking a 14-0 lead into halftime. But Air Force made a game of it in the second half, coming back to a nail-biting 17-14 win by the Black Knights.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-social-events#WestPointOuting>.

Post Holiday Party (Dec. 15)

The Manny Bacon Post held its annual holiday party at Charlie Brown's Steak House in Fishkill. The food was excellent as was the camaraderie. Members and their guests enjoyed their choice of prime rib, parmesan crusted chicken or crab-stuffed flounder as well as a well-stocked salad bar. Following the dinner, Commander Jim Reynolds presented Past-Commander Don Burns with a Commander Award for his service from 2016-2018.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2018-social-events#HolidayParty>.

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