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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 107 members. Nineteen 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

Commander Jim Reynolds continues to produce our 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>.

Our Current Officers

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 Wicopee 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.

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

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

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.

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, 2019.

Scouting, Venture Crew and Junior Shooting Sports

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join, as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors. Contact your local Legion post, Sons of The American Legion squadron or Auxiliary unit for information about affiliating as a club or individual.

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.

Welcome New Members

Cameron Burris

Cameron is currently serving in the Navy.

Clifton Chapman

Clifton is an Army veteran who served during the Persian Gulf conflict.

Jack Delbene

John is a Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam era.

Lydia Shishowski

Lydia is an Air Force veteran who served during the Korea conflict.

Karl Sokol

Karl is a veteran of the Coast Guard.

Irving Jacobson

Irving is an Air Force veteran who served during the Vietnam era.

Terence Woods

Terence is an Air Force veteran who served during the Persian Gulf conflict.

In Memoriam

Gene Garrett, R.I.P.

On November 7th Commander Jim Reynolds learned of the passing of Post member Gene Jarrett when he met Gene's wife at the Rte. 82 ShopRite. Gene passed away July 7th of this year. Jim presented a Veterans Flag holder for Gene's gravesite to Mrs. Jarrett.

Gene was interred at St. Denis Cemetery on August 2. Rest In Peace Comrade.

Bob Logan, R.I.P.



Robert J. (Bob) Logan, 74, a resident of Hopewell Junction for the past 7 years, died on December 6, 2019 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He previously lived at Hudson House in Ardsley-on-Hudson where he was the Building Superintendent for 36 years until his retirement in 2012.

Born in Long Branch, NJ on June 27, 1945, he was the son of the late Robert H. and Marion G. (Pasewark) Logan. On November 24, 1971 in Neptune, NJ, Bob married Carol (Rabb) Logan who survives him at home. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Stephanie and James Gray of Holmes and Craig and Jill Logan of Dobbs Ferry; his grandchildren, Isaac and Kennedy Gray and Lucy and Hannah Logan; his siblings, Michael Logan and Lynn Meyerson and her husband Tim; his mother-in-law, Gertrude Rabb; his brother-in-law, Hugh “Chuck” Porter; and many nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased by his sister, Carole Porter.

He served in the US Army and was a member of the Manny Bacon Post of the American Legion. Bob was a past member of Conqueror Hook & Ladder in Tarrytown. He was a member of Hopewell Hose Fire Company #1 of the East Fishkill Fire Department, where he also served with the Fire Police. He volunteered for the Dutchess County Office for the Aging’s Meals on Wheels program.

Michael Joseph Tomkovitch, R.I.P.



Michael Joseph TOMKOVITCH, age 72, of Las Vegas, Nevada passed away on Saturday May 16, 2020. Michael was born May 13, 1948 in Passaic, NJ.

Mike was a long time member of Post 1758 and maintained his membership even after retiring and moving to Las Vegas a few years ago. Mike also helped our post when we were having some of the restrictions removed on the deeds to our land. He was also an East Fishkill Judge for many years.

John M. Pizzuti, R.I.P.



John Pizzuti departed this world on June 13, 2020 leaving behind his wife of 49 years, Marge Pizzuti; his two daughters, Christine Hansen and Deanna Goetz; two quasi-daughters, Lisa Pantaleo and Kendra Heady; and his four grandchildren, Lorelei and John, Laila and Trey. He was predeceased by his youngest daughter, Melissa; and his son-in-law Anthony Goetz. He also leaves behind 4 siblings, Gail, Ethel, Phillip and Pamela; his Aunt Goldie; 4 nieces and numerous cousins. Born in Mt. Vernon, NY on Christmas Eve in 1943, he spent the last 43 years happily living in beautiful Dutchess County and thoroughly enjoying his retirement from Verizon since 2002. However, being a die-hard Disney fan, his dream was to win the Mega so his whole family could live in Disney World year-round.

As a teenager, he spent his summers helping out on his uncle's dairy farm in Delhi, NY and developed lasting friendships with some local residents with whom he continued celebrating reunions every November for over 50 years.

Back in the day, he was very active with the East Fishkill Girls Softball League during which time they won several championships. While he was the captain of a local APA Pool team, he led them to 2 first-place wins. He was a lifetime member of the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club serving for many years as a Ranger Officer. He was also a member of the Sons of Italy and the **Manny Bacon American Legion Post**.

He was very proud of his service in the Armed Forces. During the Viet Nam era, he was stationed in Panama protecting the Americas from any possible missile attack.

If desired, donations may be made in his honor to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

(Source: [McHoul's Funeral Home](#))

The Year in Review

June

D-Day Event

On June 6, an event was held at Freedom Park in the Town of LaGrange, sponsored by assemblyman Keiran Lalor, honoring World War II veterans. Post member Owen Cottle was among the fifteen veterans who were honored. Commander Jim Reynolds, John Call and Bill Meyer attended representing Post 1758.

Installation of Officers

At the May membership meeting, the incumbent officers were 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.

2019-2020 Officers were installed in at the June 11th meeting.

Children/Youth Programs

Dan Briscoe advised the post of two (2) recent Eagle Courts held on June 1st , June 8th respectively.

Helping a Hospitalized Veteran

At the June membership meeting, Commander Jim Reynolds reported that he had learned from the Town of East Fishkill of a local veteran in need: Colin Williams who served in the US Navy during Vietnam. Williams is at the Grand Rehab in Poughkeepsie and his working age wife has been left to care for their home which is out of compliance with the town. The Commander proposed a Post volunteer project with the goal of clearing downed brush and possibly a fence line. Lance and others agreed to document the effort in a piece for the media.

On Wednesday June 19, Commander Reynolds, along with John Call, Bill Meyer, Norm Dauerer, Tom Masch, Bruce Coneeny and Len Hart assembled at Commander Reynolds home and proceeded to the Williams residence and began cleaning up a large brush pile on the property. They loaded the brush on a trailer and transported 3 loads to the town drop-off point for brush.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – June 14

On June 14, Flag Day, post members joined with Boy Scout Troop 40 to ceremoniously retire U.S. flags. Post members in attendance were John Polasko, John Call, Don Burns, Commander Jim Reynolds, Tom Budington, Joe Ryan, Jeff Miedowski, Bill Meyer, Tom Masch and Bill Kriebel.



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

Welcome to John Jay H.S. Graduates Entering Military

On June 15, Post 1758 partnered with Semper Fi Parents of Hudson Valley to welcome and honor four John Jay High School graduates who will be entering military service after graduation. The new recruits are: Brandon McGimpsey who is enlisting in the Marine Corps, and Cameron Burris, Declan Ryan, and Liam VanBuren all going into the Navy. The families were given blue star banners, and the recruits given \$50 Texas Road House gift cards, American Legion coins, a certificate of appreciation, and a promise of paid membership in the American Legion upon completion of basic training. Semper Fi Parents also gave commemorative gifts to the recruits. Post members attending were Lance Ashworth, Tom Masch, Bill Kriebel, John Polasko, Joe Ryan, Don Burns, Dan Oberhauser, Jim Reynolds and Bill Meyer. Representing Semper Fi Parents were Joanne Petersen, Gail Buckle and Lisa Kriebel.



Photo courtesy of Kerstin Ryan.



Photo courtesy of Jim Reynolds

July

July 4th Event – Hyde Park Parade

Norm Dauerer represented Post 1758 by participating (with his WWII era Jeep) in this event.

Children/Youth Programs

Norm Dauerer advised that shooting continues at Whortlekill Range each Sunday despite other summertime activities for the kids. Norm motioned that the Post replace the tattered American Flag at the range which it supplied to the same in 2018. Burns seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The Cdr requested that Norm provide the size of the flag so that it may be purchased.

Post Picnic

Sunday, July 28 was the day for our post picnic at the Hopewell Rec. pavilion. John Polasko organized the event, Lance Ashworth acted as grillmaster serving up hot dogs and hamburgers, and other members brought dishes and other essentials. Many post members turned up with spouses and guests. A good time was had by all.



Photo courtesy of Jim Reynolds

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

September

Children/Youth Programs

Shooting practice has been moved to Friday evening and participation is strong. Dan Briscoe participated in a BSA Court of Honor on Saturday, September 14, at Troop 82 in LaGrangeville.

Over the years, Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club has opened its doors to our post, providing meeting facilities and welcoming our junior shooting sports activities. When Norm Dauerer noticed that the flag flying over the clubhouse was becoming tattered, he requested that the post provide a new flag to show our appreciation. This was approved at our July meeting.

On September 5, Commander Jim Reynolds, along with Dan Briscoe and Norm Dauerer, presented a new flag to the club. Club president Mike Nunes and Karl Sokol are shown receiving the flag.



Photo courtesy of Bill Kriebel

EF Vietnam Veteran Assistance

The next phase of the project occurred Saturday, September 7th, which included resurfacing the entire home's roof. Commander Reynolds recapped the issues surrounding partnering with the town and recommended that, going forward, we lead all such service projects. \$800 of the GoFundMe money was used for supplies not donated or obtained by the town. Commander Reynolds, John Call, Len Hart, Bruce Coneeny and 4 other non members helped. The last segment of the project involved erecting the flagpole which, during the recent phase, was lowered, sanded, and painted. The Post replaced the U.S. flag.

Avalon Family and Friends Picnic

On September 15th, Norm Dauerer and Jim Reynolds visited the folks at the Avalon Assisted Living Center. Norm took his WWII jeep which was a big hit, and Jim took his 1966 Mustang. Both enjoyed interacting with the residents and had a delicious meal with them.



East Fishkill Veterans Luncheon

On Sunday, Sep. 29, the town of East Fishkill and the Hudson Valley Veterans Alliance hosted a luncheon for the town's veterans. Music was provided by the Hudson Valley Council Band and the Dotted Half Notes Chorus. Numerous local dignitaries spoke. Post members in attendance were Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, Hal Brilliant, John Call, Bruce Coneeny, George Dickman, Hal Engel, Ferg Foley, Mark Graser, Charlie Hertel, Bill Kriebel, Bob Logan, John McMahon, Bill Meyer, Dan Oberhauser, Sam Patton, Caroline Pogge, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Vinnie Richards (with the band), Harry Rodriguez and Joe Ryan.



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

Post 1758 paid for a "Hometown Heroes" banner for Richard Robert Smith who was killed in action in Vietnam. Commander Jim Reynolds presented the banner to the town at the East Fishkill veterans' luncheon held at the Recreation Center pavilion on Sep. 29.

Don Burns discovered that there is one name on the Vietnam Memorial Wall from Hopewell Junction. Richard Robert Smith was killed on August 16th, 1967. Commander Reynolds did some follow up

research and was able to locate Richard's remaining family, a brother William, who still lives in the family home in the Wiccopee area. Jim met with Bill and obtained a photo of Richard and a little background.

Richard and Bill were the only children in the family, Richard being the oldest, born October 19, 1946. According to Bill, Richard was always interested in the military. He graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School in 1964 (John Jay H.S. didn't exist yet) and shortly thereafter joined the Marine Corp. Richard served with Company C, 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. He reached the rank of Lance Corporal and died through hostile action with multiple fragmentation wounds in Thua Thien Province on August 16, 1967. The province was known as an area of heavy fighting during the Vietnam War, as it was the second-most northerly province of South Vietnam, close to the North Vietnamese border (DMZ) at the 17th parallel. More U.S. soldiers died in this province than in any other province in Vietnam (2,893). Huế is the capital of the province and was the location of some of the bloodiest fighting during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

Technically the Smith's do not live in East Fishkill but in Fishkill. The border between the two towns runs down their street. But the mailing address is Hopewell Junction which is what Richard used as his "Home of Record" when he enlisted. Bill remembers the day the military knocked on their door to notify the family of Richard's death. He recalls running upstairs to his room in tears. Bill said his mother was devastated by Richards death and wore black most of her remaining days and usually had her Gold Star pin on whatever outfit she wore.

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

Once again, our post was asked to provide a color guard for the East Fishill 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony held at town hall. The color guard consisted of Jeff Miedowski, Jim Broughton, Bill Meyer, Dan Oberhauser and Bill Kriebel, with Norm Dauerer acting as drill sergeant. Also attending were Dan Briscoe, Don Burns, Tom Masch, Commander Jim Reynolds and Joe Ryan.



Community Day

Saturday, Sep. 21, was East Fishkill Community Day. The day started with a parade on Rt. 82 ending at the town recreation fields where a tent was set up for various veterans organizations. In the parade were Caroline Pogge and Jeff Boes as color guard, Norm Dauer and Tom Masch with their Jeeps, and Bill Meyer riding with Norm.

The tent was manned by Commander Jim Reynolds, Don Burns, John Polasko, Vinnie Richards and Bill Kriebel. Also present were Dan Briscoe and Jim Broughton. Many youngsters were delighted by having their pictures taken in Norm's Jeep.



October

Oratorical

Danny Oberhauser and Don Burns visited with the Principal and an English teacher John Jay H.S. to discuss the Oratorical competition. Laurie Nettles of the Wappingers' School District received the paperwork on the competition.

Army Football Outing

Oct. 5 started with attendees meeting at the Dutchess Mall parking lot. Bagels and cream cheese were provided by Bill Kriebel. The procession proceeded to the Thayer Hotel gate at West Point, and then to the Provost Marshall's parking lot where a tailgate party was organized. Lance provided a small gazebo which presented some challenges to the engineers. But they finally got it up and Jay arrived with a small gas-fired grill for the hot dogs and hamburgers.

The game started well for Army with them scoring first, but it went downhill for Army after that. Their defense couldn't seem to stop Tulane's offense, and by the middle of the fourth quarter, it was clear that the cadets weren't going to prevail. There was some excitement at half-time when three members of a parachute team tried landing on a target in the middle of the field. We were all seated in the south end-zone, and the jumpers came right over our heads, coming mighty close to the top of the goal posts. The final score was Tulane 42, Army 33.

Post members in attendance were Lance Ashworth, Don Burns, Mike Dennerlein, Mark Graser, Bill Kriebel, Jay Livermore, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Dan Oberhauser, Caroline Pogge (a Tulane alumna) and Joe Ryan. Also in the party were some guests brought by members.



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

November

Department Commander's Dinner

The Commander's Dinner for the Department of New York was held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel on Nov. 4. Post members John Call, George Dickman, Commander Jim Reynolds and Dan Oberhauser attended. Jim and George attended with their wives.



Dan Oberhauser presented a check from Post 1758 for \$100 to the department's new Commander, Mike McDermott.

John Jay High School Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, Nov. 8 was a busy day for Post 1758, starting at 7:00 am at John Jay High School. But it started even earlier for a group of students who arrived before dawn to line the driveway and front of the school with hundreds of American flags.

The ceremony began with the post's color guard presenting the colors and a student singing the National Anthem. Then post member Caroline Pogge raised the flag while a student played Taps. Commander Jim Reynolds gave a short speech on the service and sacrifice of veterans, followed by a couple of other dignitaries, and then another student sang "America the Beautiful". Following the ceremony, the contingent retired to a classroom where refreshments were provided.



In attendance: Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, John Call, Norm Dauerer, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Don Muller, Dan Oberhauser, Caroline Pogge, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds and Joe Ryan.



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

Gayhead Elementary School Veterans Breakfast

We left John Jay about 8:30 and headed over to Gayhead Elementary to have breakfast served by Mrs. Olivares and Mrs. Allen's second grade class. Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, John Call, Norm Dauerer, Len Hart, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Don Muller, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Vinnie Richards, Joe Ryan and Ralph Schwartz enjoyed a great breakfast and entertainment provided by the students.



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

Noxon Road Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony

On Friday, Nov. 8, Noxon Road Elementary School held a Veterans Day Ceremony to honor students' parents and grandparents who are veterans. Post member Jay Livermore, a parent of a Noxon Road student, suggested that Post 1758 provide a color guard for the event. And so, provide a color guard we did.



In attendance: Lance Ashworth, Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, John Call, Norm Dauerer, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, Jay Livermore, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Don Muller, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Joe Ryan.

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

Hudson Valley Hospice Breakfast for Veterans

Our Post provided a color guard at the Hudson Valley Hospice Breakfast on November 14th. Thanks to Bill Meyer, John Call and Norm Dauerer for representing us so well.



Oratorical Contest

The post's 2019 oratorical contest was held on November 23 at the East Fishkill Community Library. Only one student, Iseabaila Hewitt, a senior at John Jay High School, participated this year.



Shown left to right: Bill Kriebel (Historian), Dan Briscoe (Tabulator), Tom Budington (Judge), Iseabaila Hewitt (Contestant), Jim Reynolds (Commander) Don Burns (Time Keeper), Caroline Pogge (Judge) and Bill Meyer (Judge)

Photo Courtesy of Nicole Williams, East Fishkill Library

More photos and information at <https://al-ny1758.org/2019-oratorical-contest>.

December

Bob Logan Memorial

On Dec. 11, many post members attended the memorial service for departed comrade Bob Logan. It was held at Mill Creek Caterers in Hopewell Junction.

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party started at 6:30 pm on December 7 at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Fishkill. The event was organized by post adjutant, Lance Ashworth, who did a great job. The occasion was marred somewhat by the passing of post member Bob Logan who transferred to Post Everlasting the previous day. We also welcomed our newest member, Lydia Shishowski, an Air Force veteran who served during the Korean conflict.



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

February

Dutchess County American Legion Meeting

On February 19, Post 1758 hosted the February meeting of the Dutchess County American Legion at the East Fishkill Community Center. The post provided dinner of ziti and meatballs, sausage and peppers, salad, rolls, drinks and cookies. Members in attendance were Commander Jim Reynolds, Lance Ashworth, Joe Ryan, John Call, Bill Meyer, Dan Briscoe, Don Muller, Bill Kriebel, Norm Dauerer, Don Burns, Hal Brilliant.

At the meeting, the Dutchess County American Legion honored two high school students who competed in the American Legion Oratorical Competition. Shown here are Kevin Hathorn, Dutchess County Oratorical Chairman, Katelynn Albert from Roy C. Ketcham High School, James Reynolds Post 1758 Commander, and Isebailla Hewitt from John Jay High School. Both young ladies represented Dutchess County in the 9th District of New York State competition which includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester and Bronx Counties. Isebailla moved on to the New York Zone competition where she placed 3rd.



Buddy Check

On February 17, 2020 (President's Day), AL Post 1758 initiated its first "Buddy Check" operation. Of the Post's 107 members, 57 were named for contact based on several factors including, but not limited to recent contact with the Post and meeting/event attendance.

Post members Jim Reynolds (Commander), Lance Ashworth, John Call, Joe Ryan, Dan Briscoe, Norm Dauerer, Bill Meyer and Bill Kriebel participated in the "buddy-check". Contact was attempted both over-the-phone and in-person. When calls and knocks on doors went without response, Legionnaires left phone messages or flyers indicating that a Buddy Check was underway. Of the total members named, 49 were successfully contacted with very positive feedback received from those Post members that were contacted. While AL Post 1758 had intended to complete the remainder of the Buddy Check in-person (home visits) due to lack of active telephone contact numbers, the Corona Virus pandemic of 2020 derailed those plans in March

March

Shooting Team Gets NRA Grant



In the photo (left to right): Nicolas Magnano (shooter), Dylan Boniello (shooter), James Nix (shooter), Bill Griffiths (RSO), Stella Nix (shooter), John Wellman (scout leader/crew advisor), Luke Jakob (shooter), Evan Jakob (shooter), Norm Dauerer (coach). Not pictured is Dan Briscoe the American Legion rep and crew committee chair. (Photo by Richard Jakob - Mar. 1, 2020)

We also have several members of the shooting crew that could not be in attendance on Sunday but who have already achieved their initial levels of qualification. They are: Lily Graves, Conner Graves, and Conner McGlynn.

The kids in the photo are holding this year's NRA Grant Recipients sign. NRA Grants have been a major support for our shooting team for the purchase of the vast majority of our equipment, including our target rifles, mats, kneeling rolls, slings, pellets, shooting gloves, spotting scopes, etc., etc., etc.

The shooting crew exists under auspices of the American Legion / Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew program. Our American Legion Post 1758, known as the Manny Bacon Post of Hopewell Junction supports this endeavor through the donation of countless volunteer hours through the administrative and coaching support required to run the program. In addition, the Post has provided

financial support for the purchase of the qualification awards for the kids, such as patches, medals, and certificates.

The Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club is also a major supporter of the shooting team in that they donate the use of the range, free of charge, throughout the year and have done so for well over 10 years. In addition, the club has recently seen fit to donate zippered hoodie sweat shirts that double as shooting shirts and are embroidered with the club logo. These are awarded to the kids as they achieve their initial qualifications through the Winchester/NRA Air Rifle qualification program. The kids are free to attach the qualification patches to the shirts as they achieve them.

Saint Patrick's Parade in Wappingers Falls - March 7

Post 1758 members Bill Meyer, John Call, and Bill Kriebel marched along with Frank Steinbuch and 2 others (sorry I didn't get the names) from Post 427, and Nathan Grant from Post 37 represented the American Legion well. Norm Daurer and Tom Masch brought their always popular jeeps which transported Commander Jim Reynolds and Dan Oberhauser. Tom also towed our Bofers 37mm anti-tank gun.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2020-civic-events#StPatrickParade>

New Commanders' Plaque

On the left is Norm Dauerer holding the past commander's plaque that he coordinated. On the right a larger view of the plaque.

Thanks, Norm, for all your work on this project!



Covid-19 Pandemic Restrictions

Due to restrictions put in place by the Governor of New York in response to the Wuhan Flu pandemic, most of our activities were put on hold. That meant all meetings, fundraising and non-essential activities were canceled from March until at least the end of the Legion year (June). We could not hold a post election in May as we normally do.

May

Carlo J. Cantarella, R.I.P.

Carlo Joseph Cantarella, 93 of Wappingers Falls, NY went peacefully to be with the love of his life on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

The oldest of seven children, Carlo was born November 21, 1926 in the Bronx, NY to Anthony and Marion Cantarella. Growing up through the Great Depression he went on to proudly serve as a gunner in the US Navy during WWII. A private service was held for Carlo Cantarella on May 4 in Wappingers Falls. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the public, including veterans, were excluded, but in order to honor his military service, Legion and other veterans organizations participated in a roadside salute as his remains were transported to the cemetery.

Post 1758 members participating were Commander Jim Reynolds, John Call, Caroline Pogge, Bill Meyer, Tom Masch and Bill Kriebel.



More photos (by John Call and Bill Kriebel) at <https://al-ny1758.org/2020-somber-events#Cantarella>

Cemetery Flag Placement - May 16

On May 16, Post members assembled at St. Denis Cemetery to place flags next to the headstones on veteran's graves. Caroline Pogge, Norm Dauerer, Tom Masch, Don Burns, Bill Myers, John Lyons, Kevin Hines, Lance Ashworth, Jim Broughton, Bill Kriebel, Dan Briscoe, Jeff Boes, John Call and Jim Reynolds participated. Also participating were members of our EF community: Sue Gartner, Cathy Reynolds, Olivia Parker, Grace Sestito and Jacob Call. After completing their work at St. Denis, the party proceeded to the Hopewell Reform Cemetery.



Memorial Day Activities

Monday, May 25 was Memorial Day, but the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions dampened normal activities. Post 1758 held a limited ceremony at the East Fishkill Veterans Memorial. Caleb Verdu served as bugler. Later, a Dutchess County-sponsored vehicle convoy, including the vehicles of Norm Dauerer and Tom Masch, passed through the village, past the memorial, and on to further circumvent the county via Beekman Road.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2020-civic-events#MemorialDay>

Flag Retrieval from Veterans' Graves

Saturday, May 30, post members assembled at St. Denis Cemetery to collect the flags we had placed on the grave sites of departed veterans. Members participating were: Jim Broughton, John Call, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Bill Meyer, Caroline Pogge, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds, Joe Ryan and Karl Sokol. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to meet socially prior to the task as we usually do.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2020-civic-events#FlagPickup>

June

A visitation for departed John Pizzuti was held on Thursday, June 18 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Post members John Call, Bill Meyer, Norm Dauerer, and Jim Reynolds represented the post at the viewing and performed a Legion memorial service honoring John.

Flag Day Ceremony

Sunday, June 14, was Flag Day, and our usual practice is to hold a flag retirement ceremony in coordination with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This year, because of the restrictions placed on us as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, our ceremony had to be small, so we did it alone. Members attending were: Lance Ashworth, Dan Briscoe, Don Burns, John Call, Norm Dauerer, Mark Graser, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Don Muller, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds and Ralph Schwartz.

Usually, we retire flags collected from collection boxes at various locations, which is a lot of flags, so the fire department attends because of the large conflagration created. To limit the number of people in attendance, we eliminated the fire department, meaning we could only retire a few flags. Those remaining are to be delivered to the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency which has the resources to properly dispose of them.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2020-civic-events#FlagDay>

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