# **American Legion**

Department of New York Manny Bacon Post 1758 Hopewell Junction, NY



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# Yearbook of Manny Bacon Post 1758 The American Legion Hopewell Junction, NY for 202x-202x

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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.

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### **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 at 7:00 pm, but check our <u>calendar</u> for changes.

We do not currently have a physical home. We normally meet at the East Fishkill Community Center located at 890 New York State Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. We also occasionally meet at Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533.

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 xxx members. xxxx of them are paid-up for life (PUFL).

#### **Our Website**

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 <a href="https://al-ny1758.org">https://al-ny1758.org</a>.

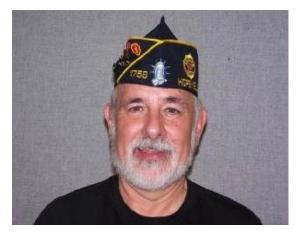
#### **Our Newsletters**

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 <a href="https://al-ny1758.org/newsletters">https://al-ny1758.org/newsletters</a>.

## **Our Current Officers**

#### Commander

#### Name



#### **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 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bill Meyer



Biography

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

#### John Polasko



#### **Biography**

John enlisted in the Marine Corps while a senior in high school in Ohio. Upon graduation he was sent to boot camp at Parris Island South Carolina, individual combat training at Camp Geigar, North Carolina and specialty schools at camp Pendleton California.

His next assignment was "brig chaser". Then he went to FMF, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division stationed at Hill 55 in Da Nang, Vietnam. He moved around to several other bases and Operations throughout I Corps during his tour.

John married his wife Mary Ann while stationed at Camp Lejeune North Carolina and when he left the service they moved to the Bronx. They have two children and two grandsons.

John first worked at Con Edison as a Plant Utility worker and then as a supervisor for the New York Power Authority.

He and his family have lived in Hopewell Junction for the past 44 years where John is an active member of American Legion Manny Bacon Post, a member of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association and is president of the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America as well as other veteran community organizations.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander and Adjutant



#### **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.



# 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.





**Biography** 

# 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**





#### **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 story, 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.

# Membership

#### **Kevin Hines**



#### **Biography**

Kevin enlisted in the U.S.Army and reported for basic training in July 1979 at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to E company, 6th battalion, 1st infantry training brigade. Upon graduating in October 1979 from infantry school as an infantryman - anti tank gunner, he then reported to the 2nd infantry division at Camp Hovey, South Korea where he participated in 63 combat patrols on the DMZ between North and South Korea. In October 1980, Kevin left South Korea and reported to C company, 1st infantry division, at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

He left active military service and reported to C company, 10th Mountain Division of the New York State National Guard in Leeds, NY. Kevin left the National guard in 1986 and remained with the U S Army ready reserve until 1992.

Kevin is a retired New York State corrections officer.

He is an active volunteer fireman for 41 years, 38 years with the Bloomington Fire Department and 3 years with the East Fishkill Fire Department Company 4 in Wiccopee. He is also an active member of American Legion post 1758 in Hopewell Junction.

# **Post Committees Children & Youth: House matters (Land, etc):** Membership: Americanism: Scouting: **Venture Crew (shooting):** Flag Day: **Oratorical: Boys State: Graves and Registration: Media & Communications:** Poppys: **Memorial Day: Veterans Day: Social Activities (picnic): Holiday Party:**

# **About Manny Bacon**

Charles Peter "Manny" Bacon was born November 29 th 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 15 th 1942, Manny received his induction notice to report to the Memorial Building 446 Main Street in Beacon. On May 21 st , 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 9 th Recon Troop. On May 19 th 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 Peter "Manny" Bacon



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.

# 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**

# **In Memoriam**

## The Year In Review

# Arlington High School "Charlie Johnson Awards" program – June 1



On June 1st John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, and John Call attended the Arlington High School "Charlie Johnson Awards" program. We were there to support Mary Ellen Mazzola who was the recipient of one of the awards. Mary Ellen often accompanied her mother who volunteers at the Castle point Food Pantry. Charlie Johnson was a graduate of the Arlington School District who was KIA in Korea and awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions. Each year the Arlington High School presents awards to students who

demonstrate Charlie's characteristics: leadership, concern for others, diplomacy, willingness to take on challenges, ability to honor a commitment, and understand issues clearly.

#### **Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Pickup - June 4**



Every year prior to Memorial Day, "Manny Bacon" Post 1758 goes to St. Denis and Hopewell Cemeteries to place flags on the graves of those who have served our country in the military. On the Saturday following Memorial Day, members assemble at the cemeteries to retrieve the flags.

Post members participating: Jeff Boes, Jim Broughton, John Call, Mark Graser, Dona

Greenwood, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Bill Meyer, Mike Miller, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds, Karl Sokol and Bob Spinillo.

More photos <u>here</u>. Video <u>here</u>.

#### Sachem Daniel Ninham Statue Dedication - June 11



On Saturday morning June 11, the Town of Fishkill dedicated a statue of Sachem Daniel Ninham, a Native American who died fighting the British in defense of Washington's army in the Revolutionary War. Post 1758 was invited to provide a Color Guard for the event.

Post members participating in the ceremony were Jim Broughton, John Call, Bruce Coneeny, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Mike Miller, Dan Oberhauser, Commander Jim Reynolds and John Polasko. Also present were Hal Brilliant and Tom Budington.

More photos <u>here</u>. Video <u>here</u>.

#### Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 14

We had a great turnout at our Flag Day Ceremony. Sixteen post members and a member of a post on Long Island that always joins us. If you can't make out the faces from the left is Jeff Miedowski, Ralph Schwartz, Guest, Dona Greenwood, Norm Dauerer, Dan Oberhauser, Bill Meyer, Jim Reynolds Jeff Boes, John Call, Kevin Hines, Don Burns, Vinny Richards, Len Hart, Conrad Gagnon, John Polasko and Bill Kriebel.

(Photo by E.F. Town Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro)



More photos at https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;06;Flag Retirement Ceremony.

# July

# **August**

# Post Picnic - Aug. 6



Bill Meyer and John Polasko organized the picnic this year, and they did a great job. John invited Jennie Angel, a singer/songwriter, to provide entertainment. She was a big hit and a great time was had by all.

More photos at <a href="https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;08;Post%20Picnic">https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;08;Post%20Picnic</a>.

# **September**

# 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony



It was a drizzly Sunday afternoon, but Post 1758 had a very good turnout to provide the color guard for East Fishkill's annual 9/11 commemoration ceremony. Members participating were Tom Masch, John Polasko, Contad Gagnon, Cdr. Jim Reynolds, Len Hart, Jim Broughton, John Call, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Bill Kriebel and Kevin Hines. Also present was Bob Spinillo. To see the entire ceremony, click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. More photos <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

## Passing of Evert Munning, Jr.



Long-time post member Evert Munning Jr. passed away on September 13, 2022 at the Putnam Ridge Skilled Nursing Center. Don Burns, John Call, Conrad Gagnon, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds, Vinnie Richards and Bob Spinillo assembled at McHoul's Funeral Home on Sunday, Oct. 2, to bid "Farewell Comrade" to Evert.

Read his obituary at <a href="https://al-ny1758.org/2022-somber-events#EvertMunning">https://al-ny1758.org/2022-somber-events#EvertMunning</a>.

# October

# **Whortlekill Car Show**



Sunday, October 9 featured a car show at the Whortlekill Rod & Gun club, and Post 1758 set up a tent to raise some much-needed funds. Manning the tent were Jeff Boes, Don Burns, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds and Bob Spinillo.

#### **November**

# Veterans Day "Coin Drop" - Nov. 11



This year, we expanded our fundraising beyond Flory's (#1 & #2), Stewart's (Rt. 82) and Convenient Mart, to include the 84 and Redline Diners in Fishkill. Despite being foreshortened by rain, we had a very successful day. We are very thankful to the aforementioned establishments for allowing us to fundraise on their property.

Post members participating: Santo Abbate, Jeff Boes, Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Don Burns, John Call, Bruce Coneeny, Norm Dauerer, Mark Graser, Dona Greenwood, Len Hart, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Mike Miller, Ed Morrison, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds, Joe Ryan and Karl Sokol.

More photos at <a href="https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;11;Veterans-Day-Fundraising">https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;11;Veterans-Day-Fundraising</a>.

#### **December**

#### **Post Holiday Party**



Saturday evening, Dec. 3, Post 1758 hosted its annual holiday party at 18 North Grill in Fishkill for post members and their guests. The night featured good food and fellowship, and raffles for some wine, poinsettia plants and gift cards.

In the course of the evening, Commander Jim Reynolds announced that the post had ordered a plaque for Tom Masch who, despite being employed full-time, goes above and beyond to participate in post activities, as well as doing other things for veterans, such as procuring and distributing electric scooters for veterans in need of them. Thanks for all you do, Tom! Unfortunately, the plaque was not ready for presentation as planned. Also, John Call, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel and Joe Ryan received "milestone" certificates for continuous membership in the American Legion.

Post members attending were Don Burns, John Call, Norm Dauerer, George Dickman, Conrad Gagnon, Dona Greenwood, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel, Jay Livermore, John Lyons, Tom Masch, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds, Joe Ryan, Karl Sokol, Bob Spinillo and Claude Wuytack. Dan Briscoe and Hal Brilliant were planning to attend but did not due to illness.

More photos at <a href="https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;12;Holiday%20Party">https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2022;12;Holiday%20Party</a>.

# **January**

# **February**

#### March

#### Saint Patrick's Parade



It was a chilly and damp Saturday, but Post 1758 members Dan Briscoe, Don Burns, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Kriebel, Tom Masch and Commander Jim Reynolds met at the parking lot behind Walgreens in the village of Wappingers Falls just before noon. Commander Reynolds and Tom Masch were going to drive their vehicles in the parade, so the rest got on board and proceeded to the North Street starting point. Step-off was 1 p.m.

Also present were Dutchess County Commander Dan Morea and Frank Steinbuch representing Wappingers Falls Post 427. Frank and Commander Morea led the parade carrying Old Glory and the American Legion Flag while the rest of the contingent followed in vehicles. Due to the length of the parade route, Commander Morea was unable to complete the march, so Bill Kriebel stepped in to carry the Legion Flag the rest of the way.

More photos here.

# **April**

#### **Passing of post member Sam Patton**



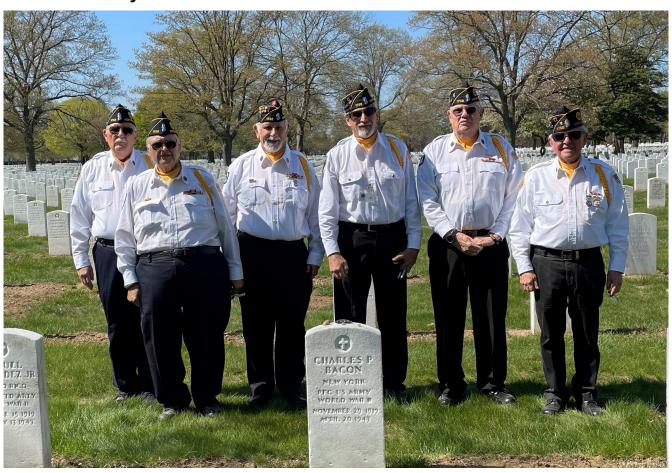
Samuel Kinnear Patton died peacefully on April 5, 2023 at age 93 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. He is survived by brother Finley, wife Stephanie, daughter Elizabeth, son William, granddaughters Sarah and Grace, and grandson Benjamin.

Sam Patton was a long-time member of our post and was former supervisor of the town of East Fishkill. His obituary is on the website of McHoul's Funeral Home.

On Monday, April 10, family and friends were invited to a visitation from 10-11am at the Hopewell Reformed Church. Post members John Call, John Lyons, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer and Commander Jim Reynolds

attended the visitation to pay the post's respects.

# Visit to "Manny" Bacon's Gravesite



On April 20, post members (left to right) Jeff Miedowski, Commander Jim Reynolds, Bill Kriebel, John Call, Norm Dauerer and (not shown) Conrad Gagnon, traveled to the Pinelawn National Cemetery

in Farmingdale, NY, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of our post's namesake, Charles P. "Manny" Bacon being killed in action (KIA) in North Africa during WWII. "Manny" was honored by a rifle salute and playing of Taps. More photos and a video of the event are on the post's <u>website</u>.

# May

## Flag Placement on Veterans' Graves - May 22



Due to forecast inclement weather on Saturday, flag placement was rescheduled to Monday, May 22. The day started with breakfast for the crew at East Fishkill Provisions Smoke Haus & Deli at 8:00 am. After filling up on pancakes, omelets, french toast, etc., they proceeded to St. Denis cemetery to begin flag placement on veterans' graves.

Post members participating where John Call, Bruce Coneeny, Conrad Gagnon, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski and Commander Jim Reynolds.

After covering the St. Denis Cemetery, the crew traveled to Hopewell Reformed Cemetery to complete their task.

More photos on the post website.

John Jay H.S. Memorial Day Ceremony - May 26

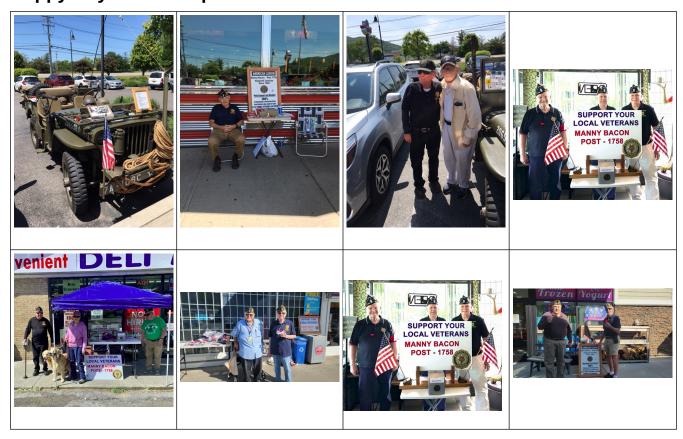


Friday, May 26 was our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at John Jay High School. This year started a little different from previous years in that we were invited to breakfast prior to the event, and the entire school was in attendance. Also, Hudson Valley Regional Police provided some "music" by two bagpipers and a drummer leading the procession. Norm Dauerer and Tom Masch followed with their Jeeps. Commander Reynolds spoke about the importance of the day, and commemorated four Wicopee area men who were World War II casualties.

Post members participating were Jim Broughton, John Call, Norm Dauerer (with Jeep), Conrad Gagnon, Dona Greenwood, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Tom Masch (with Jeep), Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds and Karl Sokol.

More photos at the post's website.

#### Poppy Day "Coin Drop"



Saturday, May 27 was the day "Manny Bacon" Post distributed "poppies" to patrons and collected donations at Flory's (North and South), Stewart's on Rt. 82 and the Convenience Mart at the intersection of Routes 52 and 82, 84 Diner in Fishkill and the Red Line Diner in Fishkill.

At Convenience Mart, it was John Call, Mark Graser and John Lyons representing our post. At Stewart's, Jeff Boes, Dona Greenwood, Len Hart, Jeff Miedowski and Joe Ryan manned the tables. Flory's South had Bill Meyer and John Polasko. At Flory's North it was Don Burns and Bill Kriebel. Norm Dauerer and Karl Sokol distributed poppies and took donations at Red Line Diner. At the 84 Diner, it was Jim Broughton, Conrad Gagnon and Ed Morrison,

At the end of our day, we had distributed hundreds of "poppies" in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives in service of our country. We also collected some "coins" to finance our veterans' programs. All in all, it was a very good day.

#### **Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony - May 29**



Left to right: Commander Jim Reynolds, Bill Meyer, Jeff Boes, John Lyons, Jeff Miedowski, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Kriebel, Norm Dauerer and Tom Masch. Also present were Bruce Coneeny, Don Burns and John Polasko.

East Fishkill's annual Memorial Day Ceremony started at 11:00 am at the Community Center with a parade to the Veterans Memorial Park. The post color guard assembled at 10:30 to get assignments and do a bit of practicing with flags and rifles.

After the parade arrived at the park, it was met by town residents that had assembled in a tent set up for the ceremony. Our post chaplain, Jeff Miedowski, gave an invocation followed by some patriotic music and remarks by Commander Reynolds and Col. Marchi.

More photos at the post's website.

#### **June**

#### Flag Retrieval from Cemeteries - June 5





June 3 was scheduled to be the day to pick up the flags that were placed on veterans' headstones on May 22, with breakfast beforehand at the Falls Diner in Wappinger. But a threat of rain forced rescheduling to the following Monday, June 5, and since the Falls Diner isn't open on Monday mornings, the breakfast had to be moved to East Fishkill Provisions. After downing their omelets, French toast, etc., the team headed out to St. Denis Cemetery, and after those flags were retrieved, it was on to Hopewell Cemetery at the Reformed Church.

Post members participating were Jeff Boes, John Call, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Bill Meyer, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds and Karl Sokol.

More photos at the post's website.

#### **Sheriff's Golf Tournament Color Guard - June 12**



On Monday, June 12th an honor guard consisting of Bill Meyer, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, and John Lyons presented the colors at Sheriff Kirk Imperati's golf tournament, After the ceremony our post members were chased down and presented with a \$240 donation from the tournament. John Polasko missed out on the photo op....I think he was at the breakfast bar!

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