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Hopewell Junction, NY



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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 [calendar](#) 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 <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

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 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

Bill Meyer



Biography

Bill joined American Legion Post 1758 in May of 2017. Prior to that, he belonged to American Legion Post 1 in Washington DC for a number of years.

Bill served in the Unified States Air Force from 1968 to 1972. he was an aircraft crew chief and in maintenance control on T-37's, T-38's, and F105's.

After his service in the Air Force, as a FAA licensed aircraft and power plant technician with inspection authorization, he remained in aircraft maintenance with major corporate flight departments involved with large aircraft and helicopters.

2nd 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, 1st 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 1st Marine Division Association and is president of the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America as well as other veteran community organizations.

3rd 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.

Chaplain

Jeff Miedowski



Biography

Upon graduating from Bayonne High School and completing one year at Pace University, Jeff was drafted into the army in April 1969. He did his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and his MOS of Combat Engineer at Fort Lenard Wood in Missouri.

He was then assigned to the 23rd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Division in Hanau, Germany. There he attended a 4-week training session where he completed the MOS for Atomic Demolition Specialist.

He was Honorably Discharged in April 1971 with a rank of Specialist 5. Upon his return from his tour in Germany, he married in 1973, moved to Pomona, New York in 1979, graduated from Saint Peter's University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Business and Marketing. In 1987 they had a son.

He took an early retirement after 33 years from AT&T and Lucent Technologies. He then worked an additional 11 years in the Security and Safety Department of the North Rockland School District until his official retirement in 2017.

He was a member of Leo Ladders Post 130 of Thiells, New York for 10 years and Post Chaplain for 6 of those years.

He and his wife downsized and moved to Wappingers Falls in May of 2017. He has been a Manny Bacon Post member since 2017.

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.

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

June

2023-2024 Officers were installed in at the June 13th, 2023 meeting



At the May 9, 2023 membership meeting, held at the East Fishkill Community Center, a new slate of officers was elected. As there was only one candidate for each position, Adjutant Don Burns cast a single vote for the entire slate. The vote was approved unanimously by the membership. Board members assumed their posts at the June 5 membership meeting held at the East Fishkill Community Center. Pizza was provided for all attendees by the post.

Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 14



June 14 was Flag Day. At 7:00 pm, American Legion Post 1758, along with Boy Scout Troop 40 and the Knights of Columbus held its annual flag retirement ceremony. Flags that are torn, faded or just worn out are collected at a collection box in Town Hall, and every year on Flag Day, these flags are retired by burning at the burn pit located behind the East Fishkill Library. In attendance were the town's supervisor and members of the town board, along with many town residents. Firefighters from Hopewell Hose were also on hand.

In attendance: Jeff Boes, Dan Briscoe, John Call, Conrad Gagnon, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Dan Oberhauser, Commander Jim Reynolds and Joe Ryan.

More photos [here](#).

Color Guard for Knights of Columbus Backyard Olympics - June 17



On June 17th members Bill Meyer, Jim Reynolds, John Polasko, and Dan Oberhauser provided an honor guard at the Knights of Columbus Backyard Olympics fund raiser. Over \$22,000 was raised to purchase hundreds of wheelchairs through the Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Initiative. These wheelchairs are distributed locally to individuals, to organizations such as Castle Point VAMC and the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, and to churches and schools. This year they were also able to make donations to the DC 10-13 Foundation, Hudson Valley Honor Flight, Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, CCD Programs, and the East Fishkill Fire District.

July

Scouts Receive Award

Post 1758 was presented with an award plaque at the NY State Convention for Scout Troop 8032, which our post sponsors, being named Scout Troop of the Year.

Castle Point Donation



On July 18th John Call, who volunteers at the Castle Point Food Pantry, reported that the Veterans Clothing store was in dire need of underwear. Commander Reynolds reached out to the Post Executive Board and obtained their agreement to spend \$500 on underwear which he ordered from Amazon. Jim delivered the 225 pairs of briefs to Castle Point on July 25th. Good job 1758!

August

Annual Post Picnic – Aug. 5



Saturday, Aug. 5 was a perfect day for our annual post picnic. Festivities began at noon with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the post, and many other dishes brought by post members. After

we all had plenty to eat, Commander Reynolds presented special recognition plaques to Tom Masch, Bill Meyer and John Polasko for their many contributions to the post. A good time was had by all.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2023;08;Post Picnic>

Whorlekill Car Show Fundraiser



Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club held its annual car and motorcycle show on Sunday, Aug. 6, and our post was invited to set up a fundraising tent and information booth. Members manning the booth were Don Burns, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, John Polasko and Commander Jim Reynolds. Not only did we collect a few dollars, we met some prospective new members.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2023;08;Car Show Fundraiser>

Passing of Sgt. Jacob Daniel Baker

It was with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of Sgt. Jacob Baker whom we had sponsored in 2017 to the Boys State Program.



A contingent of Post 1758 members attended the visitation on Aug. 8 to pay the post's respects. Members present were Don Burn, John Call, Norm Dauerer, Bill Kriebel, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, John Polasko and Commander Jim Reynolds.

Sgt. Baker's obituary is at <https://straubcatalanohalvey.com/tribute/details/1934/Jacob-Baker/obituary.html#tribute>.

Boy's State Participant Reports

Our candidate to this years Boy's State Seth Greenwood stopped by our August meeting to share his experience. A nice young man comfortable speaking in front of adults. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Boy's State, made many friends, and learned a lot about the way our form of government is supposed to operate.

The picture on the right is Seth and his Grandfather Dona Greenwood.



September

John Jay H.S. Girls Volleyball Honors Veterans



Tom Masch was honored at the September 7th John Jay Girl's Volleyball Match.



Doug Dellipoli was honored at the September 14th John Jay Girl's Volleyball Match.

East Fishkill 9/11/2001 Remembrance Ceremony

Our post had 11 members attend the 9-11 ceremony at the East Fishkill Community Center. The Honor Guard presenting the colors for the event consisted of John Lyons (rifle), Bill Meyer (American Flag), Dan Oberhauser (POW Flag), John Call (American Legion Flag), and Tom Masch (rifle). Also in attendance were Kevin Hines, Don Burns, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, John Polasko and Jim Reynolds.

A video of the entire ceremony can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOBuC8x6I-Q>

More photo's can be found on our website at: https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2023;09;9-11_Color_Guard



East Fishkill Boy Scouts Honored by American Legion and Town

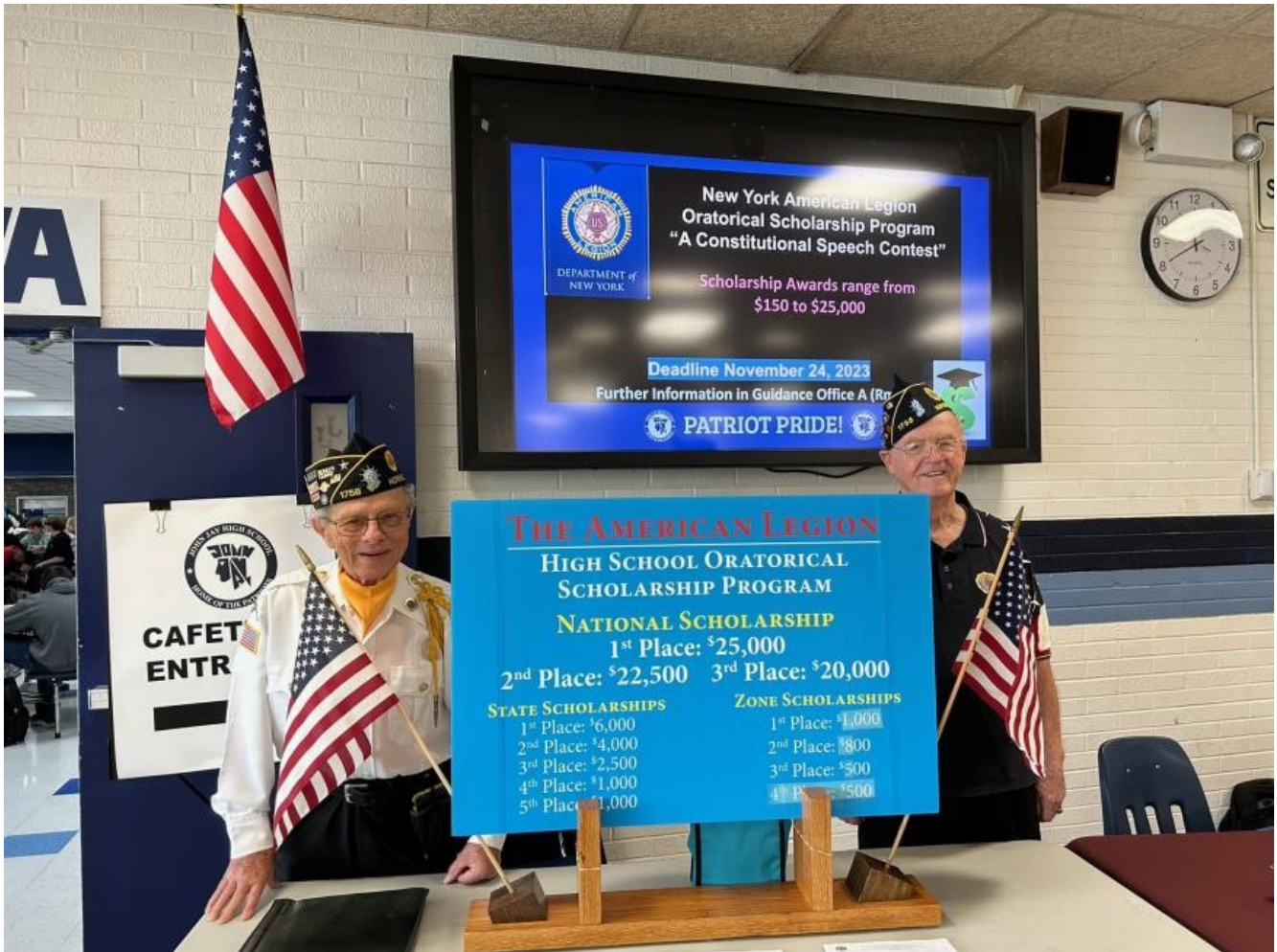


At its recent state convention, the New York Department of the American Legion named East Fishkill's Boy Scout Troop 3086 as New York's "Troop of the Year". On September 28, the award plaque was presented to the troop at the September East Fishkill town board meeting, by Jim Reynolds, commander of "Manny Bacon" Post 1758 which sponsors the troop, along with a proclamation from the town, honoring the troop's many contributions to the East Fishkill community, presented by East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro.

More photos (and video) at: <https://al-ny1758.org/scouting#TroopoftheYear>

October

Recruiting for Oratorical Contest at John Jay H.S. - Oct. 4



Dan Oberhauser and Conrad Gagnon at John Jay trying to recruit Oratorical contestants. Dan and John Polasko were there on two previous occasions.

East Fishkill Community Day – October 8.



Volleyball honors in the order they were recognized. From top left; Dan Oberhauser, Len Hart John Lyons, Bill Meyer, and Don Burns. This wraps up the season for this year. Thanks to all who participated.



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November

Veterans Day at John Jay H.S. - Nov. 8



Photo by Len Hart

The cold and breezy day began with a breakfast provided by the John Jay PTSA. After the repast, Post members assembled in the parking lot along with the Hudson Valley Bagpipers. Norm Dauerer and Tom Masch provided their Jeeps for the procession. Other Post members participating were Jim Broughton, John Call, Conrad Gagnon, Len Hart, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Bill Meyer, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko and Commander Jim Reynolds. The commander led the ceremony, attended by a large contingent of students. with a talk about the importance of the day.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2023-civic-events#JohnJayVets>.

Main Street Flag Placement – Nov 11



It was a brisk November morning, but that didn't stop post members from getting out bright and early at 7:00 am to place flags along the West side of Main Street in the hamlet of Hopewell Junction. The members participating were Jeff Boes, John Call, Rich Galdiero, Len Hart, Kevin Hines, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, John Polasko and Commander Jim Reynolds.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2023-civic-events#MainStreetFlags>

Veterans Day Fundraising – Nov. 11



Tractor Supply: Fred Beck, Tom Masch, Don Burns



84 Diner: Jim Broughton, Ed Morrison, Conrad Gagnon



Red Line Diner: Karl Sokol, George Dickman, Norm Dauerer



Stewarts: Jeff Boes, Jim Reynolds, Len Hart, Dan Brisco



Conv. Mart - John Call, Rich Galdiero, Dan Oberhauser



Flory's: Bill Meyer, Mike Miller, Bill Kriebel, John Polasko, Claude Wuytack

Veterans Day Breakfast – Nov. 12



After a busy week, we all got together for breakfast at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun club. But the week wasn't over just yet. After the repast, we went back to Main Street to pick up the flags we'd placed there the day before.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/https://al-ny1758.org/2023-social-and-fraternal-events#VeteransBreakfast>.

December

Holiday Party – Dec. 9



Saturday, Dec. 9, was the date for our post's annual holiday party. Members and guests gathered at 5:00 p.m. at the 18 North Grill in Fishkill for an evening of good food and great comradery. Commander Jim Reynolds presented a slide show of events from the past year, and a raffle produced some nice prizes for a few lucky guests. A great time was had by all.

Special thanks go to John Polasko who coordinated the event.

More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/https://al-ny1758.org/2023-social-and-fraternal-events#HolidayParty>.

Oratorical Contest

Our post held an oratorical contest for high school students at the East Fishkill Community Library on December 16. This year, there was only one contestant, Sarah Morgan.

Representing the post were Jeff Miedowski, Dan Oberhauser, Don Burns, Conrad Gagnon, John Polasko and John Call (photographer). Representing the Dutchess County American Legion were Kevin Hathorn and Nathan Grant (accompanied by his wife).

Sarah was accompanied by her parents and grandparents. Her grandfather is a Korean War veteran, and her father, John Morgan, was a previous oratorical contest winner. Due to a prior commitment, Sarah was unable to continue on to the District competition.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/2023-oratorical-contest>.

Owen Cottle's 100th Birthday

On December 14th Commander Reynolds had a call from Owen Cottle thanking the post for the giant birthday card and the birthday cake we provided for his 100th birthday party. We also arranged for a

proclamation from the County Executive naming November 17th 2023 as “Owen Cottle Day”. In addition the county assembly also sent him a certificate and their congratulations.



January

Oratorical Contest Award Presentation

At the January 9 monthly meeting, Sarah was awarded with a certificate and a check for \$200 for her participation. She was accompanied by her mother.



John Jay H.S. Basketball Honors Veterans

On January 3rd post member Len Hart was honored at the John Jay boys' basketball game.

January 11th saw Jim Reynolds honored.



Daddy O's Fundraiser

Sunday evening January 28th East Fishkill Officials were celebrity bartenders at Daddy'O's Restaurant with 10% of the proceeds being donated to our Legion Post. This resulted in a \$250.00 donation! The weather was terrible that evening with lots of hard rain but Daddy O's bar was hopping! Tom Masch and Commander Jim Reynolds were the only post members to venture out but we had a good time and met some nice East Fishkill residents.

Here is a photo of the mixologist for the night: Town Clerk Peter Cassidy, Town Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro, Highway Superintendent Kenny Williams, and Assemblyman AJ Beephan. Councilman Tom Franco is not in the picture, he was waiting on customers at the other end of the bar.



February

More Veterans Honored by John Jay H.S. Basketball Program

We wrapped up our 2024 John Jay Basketball Veteran Honors with Norm, Jim, and Kevin. Also honored was local veteran Ray Bravo

Norm Dauerer



Jim Broughton



Ray Bravo



Kevin Hines



Post Hosts American Legion Dutchess County February Meeting



Our post was well represented at the MarchFebruary Dutchess County American Legion meeting which we hosted at the East Fishkill Community Center. Thanks to Bill Meyer and John Call for setting up the refreshment tables with 2 - 3 foot heroes, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, bags of chips, soda, water, and cookies. Also thanks to Jeff Miedowski and John Polasko for help setting up the tables and chairs before guests arrived and to all our members present for help cleaning up at the end of the loooooong meeting. Besides those mentioned above other members in attendance were Don Burns, Dan Briscoe, Bill Kriebel, John Lyons, Tom Masch, Dan Oberhauser, Bob Spinillo, and Commander Jim Reynolds.

Passing of Post Member Ed Kantrowitz

Sadly, on Feb. 22, post member Ed Kantrowitz transferred to Post Everlasting after a long illness. His obituary is at <https://al-ny1758.org/2024-somber-events#EdKantrowitz>.

On Monday, Feb. 22, eleven post members gave a "Fairwell comrade" to Ed at his wake. Members attending were Fred Beck, Don Burns, John Call, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowsdki, Mike Miller, John Polasko, Commander Jim Reynolds and Bob Spinillo.

March

Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade – Mar. 2

It was a cold and rainy day, but the parade was on "rain or shine," so a few hardy comrades attended to represent the Dutchess County American Legion. Post 1758 members participating were Fred Beck, Don Burns, Conrad Gagnon, Tom Masch, Mike Miller, Dan Oberhauser and John Polasko.



Castle Point Donation - Mar. 25

Having been informed that there was a need for undergarments for female veterans at Castle Point, the post generously voted to provide \$500 to help fill the need. On Monday, Mar. 25, John Call, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer and Commander Jim Reynolds presented them to administrator Nicole Embry.



More photos at <https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2024;03;Castle%20Point%20Donation>

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Veterans Honored at Wappingers Girls Lacrosse Game

Post members were honored by the Wappingers Girls Lacrosse Team on March 25th. Members present were Tom Masch, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Bill Meyer, and Fred Beck. Polasko temporarily “stole” the competitions helmet.

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Donating to Nursing Home Veterans

We purchased over \$300 worth of supplies to give to veterans in local nursing homes. That enabled us to assemble 36 gift bags for the veterans. Included were tooth brushes, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, mouth wash, deodorant, and flag pins. On April 2nd Dan Oberhauser, Bill Meyer, John Polasko and Jim Reynolds delivered bags to veterans at The Pines in Poughkeepsie and on April 9th to the Luthern Care Center.



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