



Newsletter

November 2002 Manny Bacon Post 1758

Veterans Day

The post raised \$578.12 selling poppies on Veterans Day. Thanks to all who took part and a special thanks to Stop and Shop and Cumberland Farms. Please give them your business.

Welcome Aboard

The post is happy to welcome our three newest members.

Daniel Oberhauser and Raymond Battista

They transferred in from post 203

Also welcome Neil Klock who transferred in from Carmel.

That's a total of 5 new members so far this year!!!!!!

Castle Point

Flu shots are being given at castle point on Mondays.

The commander worked very hard to get us into castle point. The post served the Veterans there dinner on November 15. Thanks to all who helped out in that. The commander has forms to get you an ID card if you would like to volunteer some time at the hospital. He also has info on what programs are available that you can help out with. Call John at 845-226-6018 if your interested.

VA Mobile Clinic

The VA mobile clinic will be at Post 178 Rte 44 Millerton on November 21st

County Meeting

The County meeting will be held at Montgomery Post 429, 30 Mill street Rhinebeck. Dinner at 7pm, meeting at 8pm.

Almost at 100 %

Come on guys we need 2 members to pay up for 2003 and we will be at 100%. The commander works very hard for the post and dedicates allot of time to it. Please show your appreciation by getting your dues in. For those that have paid I thank you.

New Members Are 1st Priority

The post will give any member who brings in 4 new members an American Legion Jacket with embroidered logos, post name and town, on front and back and your name on right front. These jackets go for about 100.00, I have one and can tell you they are really nice. You have till Sept 1 2003. I paid for mine. You can get yours for free. Can you do it?

M.I.A / P.O.W

Vietnam MIAS Identified

The Remains of four servicemen listed as MIA in the war in Vietnam have been identified.

They are Capt. Ronald Briggs

SFC Robert O'Hara and Maj. David Padgett.

They were lost on a resupply mission onboard a Huey in 1969.

The Remains of Capt. Larry F Lucas who was lost when his OV-1 was downed over Laos were also identified and being returned to the family for burial.

We are saddened by their loss but glad they are finally home.

Christmas Party

SEE YOU THERE

December 10th cocktails at 6pm dinner at 7pm Price is \$30.00 for members and spouse comes free. Greenbaum & Gahoolies (I know I butchered that) on Rte 9.

If you would like to RSVP Commander Lyons at 845-226-6018. Thanks to Larry for handling the arrangements.

On a related subject please do some of your Christmas Shopping at the on line mall at our web site, our post gets \$5.00 for every person who joins and shops plus a percentage of purchases made. So far my wife and I have raised over \$30.00. It's a very simple way to help out your post. It's a simple way to do your Christmas shopping and avoid the crowds at the Galleria. Just click the shopping bags on the links page.

Our web site address is

["http://americanlegion1758.tripod.com/index.htm"](http://americanlegion1758.tripod.com/index.htm)

Back Pay

If you or any one you know was a Marine or Navy P.O.W during WW2 you (or they) are due back pay. Congress recently passed a law correcting a long overdue error.

At the end of WW2 ALL P.O.W's were granted a one-grade promotion effective on their date of capture. Seems the Army was the only one who paid. Surviving spouses are eligible.

Navy vets should contact

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Remember there is no meeting in December for the post. Hope to see you all at the party or at the next meeting in January. The January meeting is going to be very important. I urge you to mark it off on your calendar now. January 13th 2003. Office space is available to the post in Fishkill.

This in **NO** way means were going to be abandoning Hopewell Jct.

The Post is growing. This same opportunity was unthinkable just 11 months ago. It is an opportunity to expand both our membership and our financial out look. If we decide to take the office space, we are only moving our base of operations. We would still continue to serve the town of Hopewell. This will always be the Manny Bacon post and our caps would still say Hopewell Jct. Our post would work out of Fishkill. It may be possible to do bingo. We will have an answer to that by Jan. If possible it would be a matter of time before the post could start to legitimately look for our own home or even build one. More at the Jan Meeting.