

Newsletter

May 2003 Manny Bacon Post 1758

Rally was a great success

This was a great event , There were local politicians , girls and boys scouts, local law enforcement , the Fire Dept. and Ambulance corps with apparatus, the band , VFW , Marine Corps League and a fair contingent of the citizens of Hopewell Jct. Some brought pictures of there sons and daughters who are serving .

The post was represented by about 10 members . I know some of you were sick and some out of town. But for those that chose to stay home , you missed a moving ceremony and a big thank you from the Hopewell Community. The boys and girls scouts wrote essays and we presented a medal to the boy and girl with the best one. Our Sgt at Arms , Rich Silva represented the post in the presentation of colors. Thanks to all who attended.

Veterans graves honored by Post

Flags placed on over 500 graves .

We had a great turn out this year and we were done in record time . I have some pictures up on the web site . The Date for the post to recover the flags has been set for May 31st at 10 am starting with St Denis's on Beekman rd. Come on and help recover the flags for next year..

Officers for 2003-2004

Elections were held at the last post meeting .

Commander: Joe Ryan 845-226-6807
Vice Commander: Neil Klock 845-227-6091
Adjutant: Dana Verissimo 845-226-8246
Treasurer: Alec Koleda 845-226-2395
Chaplain: Daniel Oberhauser 845-831-4995
Historian: Jim Reynolds 845-221-7273
Sergeant at Arms: Richard Silva 845-227-6130
Service Officer: John Lyons 845-226-6018
Membership Officer: John Boyle 845-226-6114

Congratulations and good luck to all !!!!

Post Selling POPPIES

Yup that time of year again. The post will be selling poppies after the flags are recovered on the 31st of May . I have secured the Stop and Shop on Beekman Rd and Joe Ryan secured the Cumberland Farms on 376 .

If you cant make the flag recovery at St Denis's in the morning then you can just go to either location and help out selling poppies in the afternoon. You will need your hat and a chair.

Flag Day Ceremonies June 17th 7pm at the police station 376 & 52.

Uniform will be white shirt dark pants caps.
We should have quite a few flags to retire this year.
Come down and help out .

Pot Of Gold

There is \$26.00 in the pot . Name drawn was Donald Kellam Sr.
Unfortunately Donald wasn't Able to be at the meeting so the pot carries over to next week.

Must be that Memorial Day spirit

The following members contributed to the Building fund last month.

Thanks to:

John Boyle , Dana Verissimo, Neil Klock Amy Verissimo
Paul White , Edwin Smith, William De Matte, Douglas Mchoul
Daniel Briscoe, James Reynolds , John Sullivan, Lois Marrone ,
Paul White , Ralph Schwartz , Raymond Jurina, Richard Silva

I Think this was our best month yet as far as member donations,
Neil Klock and Doug Mchoul made large donations so extra thanks to
you two . I would like to thank everyone who is giving what ever they
can. Members donations total \$860.00
Thanks to everyone who donated so far this year.

Sick Call

Keep Joe Ryan in your and prayers Joe had back surgery .
He should be with us again soon.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Lets get a good showing for this one guys. You will be done by 1230.
Meet at the community center 1030 am. We start Parade at 1045.
A trolley is being provided for those who cant march.
Uniform is white short sleeve shirt, cap, dark blue or black pants, dark
shoes. (if you don't have a cap you can still march)

Just a reminder that the post gets money for used printer ink and toner
cartridges. We will take any brand or model. If you or your wife work in
any banks, schools , office buildings, Govt.offices , any place that uses
printers , postage, fax machines, or computers, then get them to save the
cartridges for us. Just throw them in a plastic bag and bring them to the
meetings . I will take it from there. Last batch I turned in we will be
getting about 60.00

High School Diploma for WW2 and Korea Vets available

Operation Recognition applies to all WW2 and Korean War veterans who did not receive their High School diploma .

Any WW2 or Korean war veterans who left school to serve in the military can now get their diploma . This applies to deceased veterans as well.

Here are qualifications.

Left High school before graduation to serve in WW2 or Korea

Served in the military during WW2 or Korea

Honorably Discharged.

If you are interested please call Michael Scheff at the Wappingers central school district 845-298-5000 X 159

There are no tests to take . You will simply be awarded your diploma.

National Personnel Records Center on line.

We now have a link on our web site for anyone who needs something from their military records , you can now make the request on line .

The Link is on the links page.

The address for our web site is

"<http://americanlegion1758.tripod.com/index.htm>"

According to the Legion Dispatch Sen. Clinton and Schumer have not as of yet endorsed the flag protection amendment.

It has been endorsed by Congress Woman Sue Kelly.

You may want to contact our reps to voice your opinion.

Lastly I want to thank John Lyons. John Lyons took the job as commander to give John Boyle a break since John Boyle had been doing it for several years in a row. It took a lot of guts to step into a job that nobody else wanted to do. Thanks John.

See you all Monday the 26th Memorial Day 1030am at the community center.

The next post meeting is June 10th. Swearing in of officers.