



Newsletter

September 2003 Manny Bacon Post 1758

WE DID IT !!!!!

The post has achieved 100 % of its membership goal for 2004. I want to personally thank all of you who responded and got your renewal in. Thanks to you my job at County will be a little easier and Commander Ryan can stand a little taller. You should all be proud of yourselves for helping to keep our post in a good light. We still are looking for 10 more renewals so you 10 guys are still on the hook. Help get us over the top. Please stay with us , please get them in. Also at the county meeting ,1758 was singled out for outstanding membership percentage . Again thanks to all of you. **EVERY MEMBER HELPED IN THIS !!!!**

Community Day

WOW!!!! You guys came through big time for this one !!! Outstanding effort by all involved and a heart felt well done . I heard several people remark that the guys who marched looked sharp! Despite the bad weather the post made \$190.00 in outright sales and another \$109.00 on 50/50. We sold all but 5 of the blinking hats and if the weather had been better we would have sold out. Good job and thanks to all who helped out. Special thanks to those who donated there time and convertibles.

Pot Of Gold

We Goofed !!!(again) There was no drawing last meeting. Pot stands at \$ 44.00 . Next month we will start to have a coffee can at the front table Anyone who wants in on the pot, place your 2 dollars in the can before the meeting starts . This will expedite things at the end of the meeting .

Welcome Aboard

We have 5 new members. Please welcome Dennis Casey, Thomas Monroe, Thomas Klink, Anthony Ciulla, and Cluad Wuytack.

M.R.I (HUMOR)

A major research institution (MRI) has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest chemical element yet known to science. The new element has been tentatively named "Governmentium".

Governmentium has 1 neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons, and 11 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of governmentium causes one reaction to take over 4 days to complete when it would normally take less than a second.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 3 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause some morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to speculate that governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "Critical Morass". You will know it when you see it.

As part of a secret experiment, a minute amount of governmentium was released into the Veteran Administration (VA) system in 1957. Since that experimental release the number of assistant neutrons, deputy neutrons and assistant deputy neutrons in the VA system has quadrupled three times. This has resulted in many Veterans being forced to wait over 4 years for something that could easily have been completed in less than a day. This once again demonstrates the government's willingness to use Veterans as guinea pigs for experiments, and their refusal to admit what they have done and take care of the Veterans or fix the problems created by the governmentium they created.

The only known substance that can permanently eliminate governmentium is known as "Common Sense". However, the Federal Government has prohibited all federal employees from bringing "Common Sense" into any government facility. They have also been instructed to reprimand any of the new peons and morons that are caught attempting to apply "Common Sense". This will undoubtedly result in governmentium causing problems for many, many more years to come.

200 Club Raffle

I have "200 Club" Raffle Tickets that are being sold by County.

Anyone who would like a ticket please see me at the meeting.

Price is \$20.00 . Top prize is \$1000.00

2- \$200.00 3-\$100.00 4-\$50.00 4-\$25.00. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

We also have calendars left for \$5.00

Oratorical Contest

Daniel Oberhauser & John Boyle will be getting the post back into the Legion Oratorical Contest. Danny brings a wealth of knowledge on this subject gleaned through his years with post 203. This contest provides high schools students an opportunity to win scholarship money as well as experience in public speaking. Good luck to you both !!



HERO TO BE LAID TO REST

On 06 October, 2003, at 1300 hours, the remains of United States Coast Guard Lt. Jack Columbus Rittichier will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Jack was the first Coast Guardsman killed in action in Vietnam, and the only one who remained unaccounted for after the war's end. The crash site of the Jolly Green 23 was discovered on 09 November 02, and the remains of the four crew members were repatriated on 14 Feb 03; positive ID was confirmed to Rittichier's brother (Dave) on 11 August 03.

Maggie and Dave Rittichier are allowing the funeral to be an open one, and would very much like to see a large crowd present. If you are able to make it, please attend the funeral. Jack will be buried at Coast Guard Hill, in an area normally reserved for the top officials; a Commandant gave up his spot for Jack. My wife and I will be attending. My wife has worn the LT's MIA bracelet for about 5 years. She wants to give it to his brother Dave. Vice-Commander Klock has gotten a local florist to donate a wreath for the services. Thanks Neil.

Lt. Rittichier was shot down while trying to rescue a downed Marine Pilot. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal with V device.



Get Well Soon Alec

Please keep our treasurer Alec Koleda in your hearts and prayers. Alec has been Hospitalized with circulatory problems. Hang in there Alec were thinking of you.



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. After spending 2 ½ years at Beacon High 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 Farmington (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.



Our post will be attending this BBQ. Price is \$10.00 a head . We will meet at the community center and travel in a group to the BBQ. You need to be at the community center no later than 2pm. This is what we all joined for guys. A veteran needs our help. I have contacted other posts in the area and hopefully they will be there as well. Please make every effort to attend and dont forget your hat . A copy of the E-mail I recieved is below.

To: ALL VETERANS
From: NYSCOBA

Richard Connolly was a Correction Officer for 21 years and a member of CERT during that time as an officer. He also served in the military for 17 years. He was a Sergeant of the U.S. Army 20th Special forces-Airborne Unit. On September 08, 2001 while on a live night fire exercise at Fort Drum he was accidentally shot in the head with a M-16. Miraculously he survived this ordeal. Later after September 11, 2001 his unit left for Afghanistan without him but they always remained in contact. Since that tragic night a family tries to rebuild, while a father learns to walk again. On July 03, 2003 Officer Connolly was terminated by NYSDOCS. Now he, his wife and 4 children struggle through Government Red Tape. Any Donations will be appreciated and can be sent to P.O. Box 199, Glenham, NY, 12527 and Attn. R. Connolly Family. (Checks payable to same)

On Oct 4, 2003 we are having a benefit BBQ and raffle to raise money for Richard and his family. The QWL building is located on Red school House Rd in Fishkill, NY. All are welcome to attend. The benefit will start at 2PM until?. A donation of \$ 10.00 per person will be collected at the door. In addition a \$5 raffle will be held for 5 pet. 4 computers as well as tickets to the giant/jet game to be held on 11-2-03.

Red schoolhouse Rd is located between Fishkill and Beacon. If you r coming through Fishkill you would take rt 52 through Fishkill. When you pass the bowling alley on your right. Red school house Rd would be the next right. The qwl building is on your left. It is just before the underpass to rt 84. If you pass downstate prison. You went to far .

Any help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your time
Sgt. James McKenna