



Newsletter

April 2004 Manny Bacon Post 1758

Spring 2004 Fund Raiser Winding Down

I want to thank all the members who brought or sold the post raffle tickets. Drawing will be at next meeting.

The Big One

Yes its that time of year again , time for that big May meeting . The meeting will be held May 11th at 8pm East Fishkill Community Center (as always). This is probably the biggest meeting of the year . If you only can make one meeting a year this would be the one to come to. On the agenda, **Elections:** Ritchie will be stepping down this year as Sgt at Arms after many years of faithful service. Still looking for someone to step up and take over. All positions are still open for nominations. The nominations thus far are, Neil Klock -Commander Danny Oberhauser- Vice Commander , Dana Verissimo- Adjutant Dan Briscoe - Chaplin, Moe Baxter -Service Officer , John Boyle - Treasurer/Membership, James Reynolds -Historian. Also if anyone wanted to take over membership from John that would be great so John wouldn't have to wear 2 hats.

Choosing dates: dates will be selected to sell poppies, place flags on Veterans graves, flag burning ,ect.

Memorial Day parade and ceremonies: Planning of same.

Choosing Delegates: Delegates will be selected for the County and Department conventions.

Pizza will be served, try and be a little early so we can get a head count and get the order in.

MEMBERS DOING GOOD !

We have quite a few members going above and beyond lately, Moe Baxter and James Reynolds made up name tags and worked on getting magnetic placards for the parade vehicles, thanks to you two for that , Moe was honored by Castle Point as the Volunteer Of The Year. Congrats for that outstanding achievement Moe. Neil Klock made a \$200.00 personal donation in the posts name to a play ground fund. Dan Briscoe went to Boy Scout troop 95 and they are planning to do a coffee break on I84 with proceeds to the wounded at Walter Reed Medical Center. Neil Klock and myself represented the post at a court of honor for Eagle Scout Mike Scott. We presented Mike a medal from the post. Well Done to all of the above.

MIA REMAINS NEXT-OF-KIN SEARCH

The Army Casualty Unit, Department of Defense, is searching for "Next of-Kin" for Second Lieutenant John F. Green, WWII Serviceman, Serial #0206458, reported Missing in Action. He entered the service from New York State. Contact: Geri Yates, Army Casualty Unit at 1-800-892-2490

POT OF GOLD

Name drawn was Ed Firth. Not present so nobody won. Pot stands at \$240. Half of that could be yours at the next meeting but ya gotta be there to win!!

MANNY BACON STILL NUMBER 1

Manny Bacon is still listed as being number on membership percentage of quota with 159% . The 2 posts behind us are at 133 and 132. It is the post at 132 that concerns me since they came out of nowhere. There's still one more award to be had at the department convention but we have to keep bringing in those new members and stay out in front to get it. Keep an eye out for any new members.

WW2 Memorial Dedication

If you cant make it to Washington DC on May 29th for the dedication ceremonies , the American Legion is staging something of a block party in times square in NY City.

The festivities start at 11am and will run till 4 pm , it will be held from 42nd St all the way to 47th . If you are planning on gong I would leave early since I anticipate a large crowd. The back of this page lists what department has planned. You may also want to go down to Washington before memorial day, the memorial is now open to the public but will not be dedicated till the 29th.

5th Annual Vietnam Vets Reunion

July 30 2004 - August 1 2004

It will be held in freehold NY about 35 miles south of Albany
Hotels are available for those who don't wish to camp. The reunion offers live entertainment-nightly campfires -free camping-a barbecue.

A memorial service will be held Sat. July 31st at 12 noon and The Moving Wall - The Wall That Heals 29 July through 1 August. This event is open to ALL veterans . For further info please call John Kellegher 518-634-2897 or Jim Sill 518-966-5295 or Mark Manley 863-465-0163

That's it for now hope to see you all at the meeting on the 11th.
I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Ritchie Silva for his years of service as Sgt at Arms. He will be missed. Hope you still pop in once in awhile Ritchie. Don't be a stranger.

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED EVENTS -SA TURDA y -MA y 29, 2004

Dedication Ceremony: The WW II Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, DC at precisely 2:00 pm EST. From 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, there will be live entertainment (Big Band, Swing, and Military Bands, etc.), video images and newsreels of the WW II era, and wartime remllliscences.

Live entertainment from Military Bands and Big Band music will be provided in Times Square by the USO Metropolitan NYC Troupe. At 2:00 pm, we will broadcast the entire dedication ceremony from Washington. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we again "go live" from NYC and proceed with our show.

The other major components to be considered.....

.Securing Times Square for the "main event."

.Transporting WW II veterans and special participants to and from the "staging" and "event" areas.

Key points to consider are:

.Weather (reports will be obtained from US Coast Guard, NYC) .Screen/projectors/sound system needs

.Should the event be held inside or outside?

.What is the contingency plan for inclement weather?

ACTIVITIES PLANNED :

.A special morning mass for WW II Veterans at Saint Patrick's Cathedral

."Live from Times Square" outdoor festivities -12:00 noon unti12:45 pm- ."Live from Times Square" military and big band music.

.Seating for all WW II veterans and family members attending with blocked off areas for the general public similar to what is used for New Year' s and other events held in Times Square.

.Large viewing screens throughout Times Square for watching the DC dedication ceremony.

.Attendance and speeches by City and State officials (i.e., Mayor, Governor, and those political/civic/corporate leaders who are allies of the veterans).

.Our own NYC dedication ceremony to WW II Veterans to include the unveiling of a plaque and wrath laying service-

.Active duty and ROTC/JROTC Drill team presentations.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE A V AILABLE:

.V A Services Reps will be on hand to provide information on veterans' resources and benefits-

.An exhibition on the planning and building of the WW II Memorial in Washington, PC.