



## *Newsletter*

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*June 2004 Manny Bacon Post 1758*

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### **THANK YOU**

The commander and my fellow officers wish to thank all the members who participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies, Flag Day, or placing and retrieving the flags at the cemeteries. I know it gets a little hectic and the effort is appreciated. This year we got breakfast on the post the mornings we placed and retrieved the flags and I hope this is something we may continue down the road. Thanks again to all.

### **Corrections**

In the last newsletter there were several mistakes due to the rush to get it out on time for these events. I apologize for that; Commander Klock's home phone number is 227-6091

### **Walter Reed**

Moe Baxter, Amy Verissimo and I traveled to Walter Reed Army Hospital and made donations that totaled 3700.00. I want to thank everyone who helped sell Poppies, since that's where most of our share of the money came from. Donations also were from the DAV, VFW, Marine Corps League, post 203 and the Ladies Aux. Unit 203

### **2 Boy Scouts Honored**

The post awarded Gareth Trumpeto a certificate and a medal in recognition of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Brian Lagare will be getting his at the August meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended Gareth's Court of Honor.

### **American Legion College**

I just got back from 3 days of training at what is being called American Legion College. I highly recommend this course to anyone who wants to get involved with the Legion. The name is deceiving.

It **IS NOT an advanced Legion course!!!!** This is for **ANYONE**. It

teaches about our organization from the ground up. The cost was 150.00 and well worth it. Anyone who is going to be active in the Legion should consider going. We were the first class so the next should be even better. Let me know if you want in on the next class.

### **NO POST MEETING IN JULY!!!!**

That's right there is NO POST MEETING IN JULY. The Next Post meeting is August 10 at 8pm. Uniform is white shirt and dark pants. Visitation By past County Commander and Pictures.

### **New County Commander**

We have a new County Commander and his name is Mike Tokarz.

I was re-elected County Vice Commander.

Mike is a little younger than what we are used to seeing and brings a wealth of knowledge and Character to the position. I know we all wish him well.

### **SSSSSHHH.....IT'S ALMOST TIME.**

Just an early warning ...Very Soon you will start to see those renewal forms in the mail ....PLEASE....get those renewals in as soon as possible. One of the big reasons our post was so successful last year was you all got them in very quickly. It was a great effort on the part of the entire membership.

I know we can do it again !!!!!!! Lets be the first post to 100% in the county 2 years in a row!!! WE CAN DO IT !!! Let's keep the spotlight on Manny Bacon Post 1758.

### **1758 number 1 in New York State**

We did it ! I accepted the award at the convention on behalf of the post for being number 1 in NY by the 2004-convention call. I will bring it to the meeting. Dutchess County also won 2 other awards. Our new Department Commander is Paul Cortrite. Paul is a very down to earth kind of guy who I met while at Legion College. He was an instructor. I'm sure we all wish him well.

### **Members with over 30 years of service**

Members with over 30 years of service to Community, State and Nation. Lawrence Russel, John Parsons , William T Parsons, Nicholas M Russo David L Wood, Thomas F Lowery, Louis R Marrone, James F Colgan Jr , Vincent Richards Jr, Claude Wytack, William D Brooks. Well Done and a hearty thank you to all of you.