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Hopewell

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The world is full of willing
people, some willing to
work, the rest willing to
let them.

Robert Frost
*US poet (1874 -
1963)*



Special Notice: Our next meeting will be June 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club. The date has been changed because of Flag

Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 30th. We will meet at the East Fishkill Community Center (rte 82) at 10:30 AM in preparation for the parade at 11:00. Uniform is cap, white shirt and dark slacks. Please come support the Post and help pay our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice!

Upcoming important dates -the Post needs your help!

May 21st Flag placements on cemeteries. Meet at Hopewell Diner (Rte 82 next to Rite Aid) at 8:00 AM for breakfast. At 9:00 AM we'll leave for St. Denis Church and then proceed to Hopewell Reformed Cemetery.

May 28th we'll be distributing Poppy's at the ShopRite in Fishkill from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

May 29th we'll be distributing Poppy's at the Stewart's Shop on the corner of Rte 82 and Lake Walton Road from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

June 4th we'll be removing the flags from the cemeteries starting at St. Denis at 10:00 AM

June 14th Flag Day Ceremonies at 6:00 PM behind the East Fishkill Library.



Good Of The Legion:

Clarence Monson's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Clarence was not present at the meeting so the total amount was added to the Pot Of Gold fund.

The VA offers a wide array of special programs and initiatives specifically designed to help homeless veterans live as self-sufficiently and independently as possible. Call 877-424-3828

Membership: In July you will start receiving membership renewal forms for 2012 in the mail. The Post processes the renewals within 30 days of receiving your check. Some are held for a couple of weeks so that a trip to the bank isn't necessary each time an individual renewal is received. However the process through the Department Of New York and National seems to take an extraordinary amount of time. You may receive another notification that your dues are due when you have actually paid them. If you check your latest membership card and it is for 2012, you have already paid your dues.

Historian	Evert Munning
Service Officer	Dan Oberhauser
Compliance Officer	Dan Briscoe
Judge Advocate	Dan Briscoe
Membership Chairman	Barbara Verissimo

The following officers were elected during the May meeting to serve the 2011-2012 term.

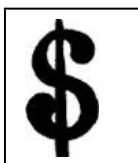
Castle Point is always looking for volunteers in a variety of positions. Call (845) 831-2000

VA Health Care

Do You Qualify? There are many ways that a Veteran may qualify to receive top-notch VA health care at over 1,400 medical centers and clinics across the nation. The VA has highly trained physicians and clinicians that allow the VA to address many specialties. You may also be able to receive assistance with prescription medication. VA health care is portable. Once enrolled, you may receive care at your home facility as well as the nearest VA facility while traveling. If you are a Veteran, and you want low-cost, high-quality health care, you may want to take a moment to see if you qualify.

VA National Income Thresholds

with	Veteran	Free VA Prescriptions and travel benefits (maximum allowable rate):	Free VA Health Care: (0% service connected {noncompensable} and nonservice-connected veterans only):	Medical expenses deduction (5% of maximum allowable pension rate from previous year):
0 dependents		\$11,830 or less	\$29,402 or less	\$592
1 dependent		\$15,493 or less	\$35,284 or less	\$775
2 dependents		\$17,513 or less	\$37,304 or less	\$876
3 dependents		\$19,533 or less	\$39,324 or less	\$977
4 dependents		\$21,553 or less	\$41,344 or less	\$1,078
For each additional dependent add:		\$2,020	\$2,020	5% of maximum allowable pension rate
Medicare Deductible:		\$1,132	Income & Asset Net Worth: \$80,000	



Home Depot's response to Veteran's discount query:

I am responding to your recent e-mail to Home Depot's Customer Care Department regarding our Military Discount.

The Home Depot is dedicated to supporting and honoring our men and women in uniform through our business practices, recruitment efforts and corporate contributions. I have copied the Military Discount policy below. If the policy has been misrepresented in any way, please let us know.

Effective March 1st, 2010 we began offering, when asked, a year round 10% discount, up to a \$500 maximum, to all active, reserve, retired or disabled veterans and their family members with a valid military ID. All other military veterans will qualify for a 10% discount during normal holiday events (e.g., Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Independence Day).

Customers must have one of the valid IDs listed below

- Active Duty Military ID card with a picture
- A retired Military ID card with a picture
- VA Card (Department of Veterans Affairs) - MUST have the words SERVICE CONNECTED under picture
- Active Military and Retired Military ID card for spouse/dependants

A retired veteran must have qualified and gone through retirement with the Military. Disabled Veterans should have a Veteran's Identification Card (VIC) that is given to them from the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The VIC and their Driver's License should be sufficient identification to get the everyday Military Discount.

I am terribly sorry if the terms of the Military Discount policy do not permit everyone to utilize the discount year round. We certainly do not mean for the policy to offend in any way. We offer this discount to thank our soldiers for their outstanding service to this nation.

Sincerely,

Adrian Easterling
Resolution Expediter ?Store Support Center - Email Team
The Home Depot | 2455 Paces Ferry Road | Atlanta, GA 30339

Special Notice: If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call this toll-free number 1-800-273-8255, available 24/7, and tell them you are



F.A.V.O.R. Program

As part of the "*RETURN THE FAVOR*" Discount Program, the County Clerk's office will issue eligible county residents an I.D. card, identifying them as a qualified, honorably discharged veteran of any of the U.S. Armed Forces. Any honorably discharged military veteran residing in Dutchess County may get their FAVOR card by bringing his or her Military Discharge Papers or DD214 to the Veterans Services Office, located at 22 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. After processing they will be able to obtain their official card at the County Clerk's Office.

Dutchess County Clerk Kendall encourages local businesses and merchants to participate in this program. Under the program, participating business and merchants will provide a discount to a U.S. Veteran who presents his or her FAVOR card. The discount is established by the participating businesses and/ or merchant. Examples of possible discounts could include a percentage off the total bill, a discounted service fee, a limited time free subscription to a particular service, etc. The business owner will establish what your participation level will be. For more information please call 845-486-2195, or email bkendall@co.dutchess.ny.us

You can visit the web site at:

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/CountyClerk/19397.htm>

See the application form on next page.

As of May 9th, 2011 there are over 50 local merchants participating....more then we have room to list in the newsletter but here is a summary:

AUTOMOTIVE - 1
DRY CLEANERS - 2
HEALTH SERVICES - 3
HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES AND SUPPLIES - 4
LEGAL SERVICES - 5
MISCELLANEOUS - 6
OFFICE SUPPLIES - 7
PERSONAL SERVICES - 8
PET SERVICES - 9
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND FOOD - 10

If you do not have access to the internet and want a list of Participating Merchants you can contact me and I'll read you off a list. Or come to our Post meeting and I'll give you a copy. Jim Reynolds

**Dutchess County
Return the F.A.V.O.R
Find & Assist Veterans of Record
Discount Program**

PLEASE PRINTPLEASE PRINT

Last Name		
First Name		
Middle Name		
Social Security Number		
Branch of Service		
Current Address		
Current City		
Current State		
Current Zip Code		
Area Code & Telephone Number(s)	Home: ()	Cell: ()
Date of Birth		
Sex	Male	Female

Would you like to be added to our veterans e-mail group?

Yes: _____ E-Mail: _____

No: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

- DD214
 ID CARD
 OTHER _____

AUTHORIZED BY: _____

<p>Your Post needs your help. Contact Commander Neil Klock at 845-227-6091</p>

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

8:00 AM Poppy's at Stewart's Lake Walton Rd until 2:00 PM

10:30 AM Memorial Day Parade, met at EF Community Cntr, white shirts, dark slacks, cap

8:00 AM Put Flags out at Cemeteries. ..Meet for breakfast at the Hopewell Diner..rte 82

8:00 AM Poppy's at ShopRite Fishkill until 2:00 PM

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 10:00 AM Remove flags from cemeteries, meet at St. Denis
5	6 7:00 PM Post Monthly Meeting...Whortlekill	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:00 PM Flag Day ceremonies, retiring flags, behind the EF Library	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		