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# American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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**Our next meeting will be August 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club. We'll be making plans for our participation in the East Fishkill Community Day to be held September 17<sup>th</sup> so it's important to have a good turnout at**



We had a good turn out for our **Memorial Day Parade** on May 30<sup>th</sup>. World War II reenactors John Cuatt and Shawn Tartaglione as well as active duty member Dan Contini joined us in the parade and ceremonies. As usual the jeep and  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton were big hits with the children who attended.

cannot command."  
[Benjamin Franklin](#)

**June 26<sup>th</sup> we will be soliciting funds for the Post at Walmart in Fishkill. We'll be there from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please come out and help for a couple of hours!**



### **Good Of The Legion:**

Emiddio Marcello's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Emiddio 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 877-424-3838**

**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.

*We had a good turnout on May 21<sup>st</sup> to place flags on the local cemeteries: Jim Reynolds and his granddaughter Olivia, John Lyons, Jim Broughton, Dan Oberhauser, Neil Klock, Joe Ryan, Fred Neibler and John McMahan were joined by several Boy Scouts in placing almost 500 flags on grave sites.*

*We had a good weekend soliciting money for Poppy's on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> thanks to Danny Oberhauser, Neil Klock, John Pizzuti, Joe Ryan and Ted Carrouzza. The two days brought in almost \$1500 to use for our Veterans and active military personnel. Job well done, Guys!!!*

*We plan on distributing more Poppy's on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Stewart's on Lake Walton Road.*

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

## Holiday Party

**Reminder: To take advantage of a reduced fee for your significant other to attend the Holiday Party you must participate in at least 4 activities with the Post this year. There are at least 7 activities scheduled for the remainder of the year: Meetings in August, September, October and November. As well as the fund solicitation on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the East Fishkill Day activities on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and the Poppy distribution on November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Flag Day ceremonies were held June 14<sup>th</sup> with the following members in attendance:

	Neil Klock
	Vinny
Richards	James Reynolds
	Jim Broughton
	Evert Munning
Jr.	Daniel
Oberhauser	Norm Dauerer
	Barbara
Verissimo	Daniel Brisco
	Fred Niebler
	John Pizzuti



**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**



## **Viet Nam War Statistics...**

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

Beginning at the apex on panel 1E and going out to the end of the East wall, appearing to recede into the earth (numbered 70E - May 25, 1968), then resuming at the end of the West wall, as the wall emerges from the earth (numbered 70W - continuing May 25, 1968) and ending with a date in 1975. Thus the war's beginning and end meet. The war is complete, coming full circle, yet broken by the earth that bounds the angle's open side and contained within the earth itself.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956.

His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

The largest age group, 8,283 were just 19 years old

3,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers on the Wall attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam..

In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

That's 2,415 dead in a single month.

## **F.A.V.O.R. Program**

**A reminder that if you haven't signed up for the Dutchess County FAVOR Program you can do so at the Veteran's Affairs Office located at 22 Market Street in Poughkeepsie.**

**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.**

**You can visit the web site at:**

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

**Your Post needs your help.  
Contact Commander Neil Klock  
at 845-227-6091**

### June 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		

8:00 AM  
Solicit  
Funds at  
Walmart  
8:00-3:00