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Our next meeting will be October 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club. In addition to regular business we'll be discussing plans for our upcoming Holiday Party so it's important to have a good turnout at this meeting.

East Fishkill Community Day

This Saturday (9/17/11) is East Fishkill Community Day. As usual we will be marching in the parade and have a booth at the town park. Please come out and help, or at least march with us. We need to show our support for the community that supports us and make ourselves more visible. Parade lineup is at 1:00 PM on Trinkka Lane.



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

"The consequences of today are determined by the actions of the past. To change your future, alter your decisions today." —
Author unknown

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



Mark Baaden

Mark makes mention of “your old division” meaning the 25th Infantry that I was with in Vietnam. The 25th has units all

From one of our own serving in Afghanistan

I had an email from Mark Baaden who is stationed at Kunar, Afghanistan. He sends greetings to all. He says he sees “shattered and dead kids come off birds every week at my FOB because we have a Forward Surgical Team at my location. Everyone on our small FOB has had to donate blood at least once to aid our injured comrades. Our OP was hit and we were attacked by 50 to 60 and we killed 13 before they decided to retreat. I'm surrounded by US heroes every day. You should be proud of your old division. They took back Death Valley in the Pech.” Mark has some reservations about the ability of Afghan Army to control of it. “We have captured Arabs, Pakistanis, Chechens and every other Muslim lowlife that wants to take a crack at the great satan that is holding their ground in Kunar.”

MAJ Mark Baaden
PRT Kunar
FOB Wright - Asadabad
APO AE 09310

Discounts

Coming to East Fishkill - the F.A.V.O.R Program

Our Post is working with County Legislator Marge Horton and Nelson Rivera to bring the necessary equipment for veteran's to obtain a FAVOR id card to East Fishkill. If you know of any Veteran who would like this free discount card please let them know. They do not have to be a Post member but do have to live in Dutchess County.

Date is Wednesday October 26 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the East Fishkill Community Center Rte. 376

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.

Currently there are over 50 merchants participating in this program, from attorneys to dry cleaners, restaurants, home improvement and more.

You can visit the web site at:

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

Good Of The Legion:

Ron Kille's named was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Ron was not present at the meeting so the total amount was added to the Pot Of Gold fund. The Pot is now at \$191.00.



9-11 Memorial Remembrance

Several of our members participated in the East Fishkill 9-11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Service hosted by the young men and women of the "Children Of The American Revolution". The service took place on the front lawn at Town Hall with these members in attendance: Jim Broughton, Sam Patton, Neil Klock, Joe Ryan, John Lyons, Jim Reynolds and Dan Oberhauser. The young folks did a commendable job as did the Dutchess County Council Band

To view the entire 4 page U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Enhanced-Use Lease Public Hearing Fact Sheet for Castle Point click on this link:

<http://www.4ever66.com/legionpost1758/id30.html>

or copy and paste the link in your browser.

There will be a public meeting at Castle Point to discuss making land available develop independent senior housing and other housing for senior Veterans at risk of homelessness.

It would be great to have members of our Post there!!!

HEARING DATE AND TIME:

September 20, 2011 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

LOCATION:

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System
Castle Point Campus
Building 13
Route 9D
Castle Point, NY 12511

IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED:

The Castle Point Campus of the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System is located in Castle Point, New York. The campus consists of approximately 119 acres, 32 major buildings, and some smaller auxiliary support buildings. Under the EUL proposal, an approximate 18 acres is available and is located near the northwest corner of the VAMC. The parcel is bordered by Castle Point Park and woodlands to the north, South River Road to the west and south, and a water plant to the east.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PROPERTY:

VA seeks to select a lessee for the proposed EUL opportunity, to lease and improve underutilized land on the Castle Point Campus, and develop independent senior housing and other housing for senior Veterans at risk of homelessness. To view the entire Veterans Affairs notice click on the link to the left.

Nothing surprises me anymore but this one takes the cake!!!!

I received this from Hale Engel

"Last week I was up in Vermont on vacation and read in the local paper (Bennington) that 2 local cemeteries had thefts of bronze plaques (Veteran Plaques). In the past, I encouraged Veteran's families to order the granite marker instead of the cast bronze. The granite would be of no use to anyone, whereas the bronze can be melted down. Just something to think about."



BRONZE MEMORIALS



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 a veteran. All calls are confidential.

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 4 activities scheduled for the remainder of the year: Meetings in October and November. As well as the East Fishkill Day activities on September 17th, and the Poppy distribution on November 11th.

I ran into member **Joe Green** last week and learned he is waiting for back surgery. The plan is to insert two plates and 4 screws in his back. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joe and hope this procedure alleviates the pain he has been enduring for many years.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to members **Catherine and Evert Munning** who are both under the weather as well as our adjutant **John Pizzuti**. Hopefully all will soon be back on their feet.

next page and urge them to join our Post.

Membership: ..You should have gotten your membership renewal forms for 2012 in the mail. **Thank you to the 51 members who have already paid.**

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.

Benefits Booklet

Below is an outline of Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors. You can find and download a copy of this booklet (135 pages) in PDF format by visiting our Post web site at:

<http://www.4ever66.com/legionpost1758/>

and going to the Newsletters Page.

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Your Post needs your help. Contact Commander



Vinny Richards reports that The Vietnam Moving Wall will be at Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park from October 12th through the 23rd. They are organizing a large closing ceremony on the 23rd.

If you've never been to "The Wall" in Washington or seen The Moving Wall you should try to visit it while it's in the area. You don't have to be a Vietnam Veteran to be touched by it.

From I-84:

- take exit 19 Carmel and turn right onto Route 312
- follow Route 312 to the end, turn right onto Route 6 towards Carmel and follow it for about 2.5 miles
- at the intersection with Route 52 turn right and follow 52 for 0.25 miles (next traffic light)
- turn left onto Route 301 and follow it for about 1 mi.
- after crossing the reservoir causeway turn immediately right onto Gypsy Trail Road
- follow Gypsy Trail Rd. for 1 mi. and turn left into Park

Living space available for Veteran in need. *Do you know a homeless Veteran? Commander Klock has room in his home and is willing to take in a Veteran. Contact Neil at 845-227-6091*

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