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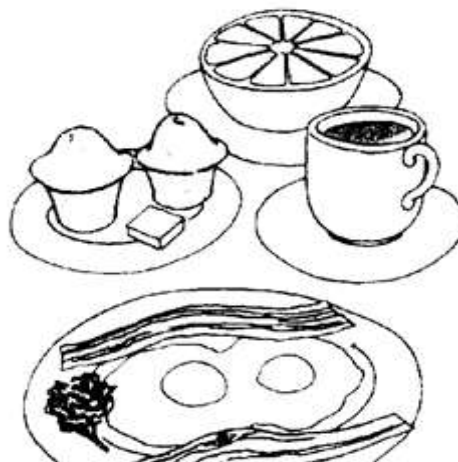
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Our next meeting will be November 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club. In addition to regular business we'll be discussing plans for our upcoming Holiday Party so it's important to have a good turnout at this meeting.

Veteran's Breakfast at Rolling Greens Country Club - to pay tribute to our community's veterans for their sacrifice. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

**Your Post needs your
help. Contact
Commander**

Neil Klock at 845-227-



"Our greatest glory is not in
never falling, but in getting up
every time we do.



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



Good Of The Legion:

Kevin Hathorn's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Kevin was not present at the meeting so the total amount was added to the Pot Of Gold fund. The Pot is now at \$211.00.

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

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:

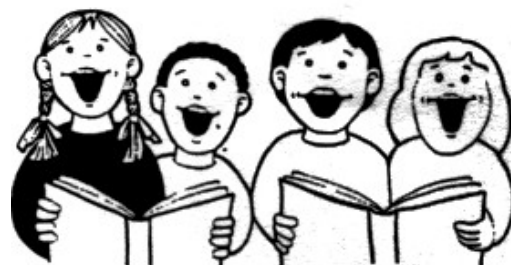
<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/CountyClerk/19397.htm>

Veterans Concert - A Grateful Nation Remembers

The 3rd Grade Classes at West Road Intermediate School will again perform a patriotic "sing-a-long" for Veterans. This is always a tremendous event. Please try to make it, you won't be disappointed and will be impressed by the children's enthusiasm.

Date: November 18th

Time: 9:30 am...arrive early for parking is limited



American Veterans Traveling Tribute 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.

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 Gipsy Trail Road
- follow Gipsy Trail Rd. for 1 mi. and turn left into Park

The mission of American Veterans Traveling Tribute is to travel the nation to honor, respect, and remember men and women who have served, and to pay specific tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country. The mobile nature of the AVTT tribute allows people around the country to honor, respect, and remember veterans and active military personnel without having to travel great distances.

AVTT presents a comprehensive Cost of Freedom tribute which includes numerous memorials and exhibits. The centerpiece being the Traveling Wall, an 80 percent scale version of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. Across its 370-foot length, the wall lists the name of every American casualty from the war; etched on its surface, just as the original. The memorial is eight-feet tall at its apex and is the largest Wall replica traveling the USA. AVTT is also the only tribute event which includes the one of a kind Gold Dog Tag display representing the fallen from the Global War on Terror.

The Cost of Freedom Tribute includes:

- **The Traveling Vietnam Wall** – 80% replica (largest replica) of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in DC. 380 ft long end to end. With all 58,253 names. This wall is current up thru the additions and deletions to 2009. Additionally, all corrections know were made at the time of its construction.
- **The Gold Dog Tag Display** to all those members of the armed forces who have given their life in the Global War on Terror. Each tag has, full name, rank, branch of service, date of casualty, and location of casualty.
- **A 9/11 tribute** with the names of all 2984 casualties organized by where they were located at the time of death.
- **A series of A frames depicting the actual statistics** from every war/conflict that the USA has been involved in.
- **A series of World War II panels** which portray the entire timeline of events and numerous graphics and photos.

American Legion? Give them the application on the next page and urge them to join our Post.

- A **Korean War tribute** consisting of 8 panels with the entire timeline and battle maps with numerous photos.
- **A series of Vietnam facts** and figures.
- **The Vietnam War timeline** of events.
- **Art display** from a Vietnam Vet artist.
- **A display of USA founding and significant historical documents.** Constitution, Declaration of Independence and other relevant documents.
- **Panels for honoring Law Enforcement and Firefighters** with pictorial display.
- **A panel memorializing the casualties at the Ft Hood 2009 shooting.**
- Panels displaying the pictures of each of our commanders in chief throughout history.
- **Displays honoring all those who fell in military hostile action between the end of Vietnam and the 9/11 attack.** Each conflict is represented with facts and each casualty is recorded



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.



Our Post will be distributing Poppy's at the Stewarts Store at Lake Walton Road and Rte 82 on Veteran's Day, November 11th. Hours are 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

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*