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# American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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Reminder: there is no meeting in December. Hopefully we'll all be together at our December 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party (see the flyer at the end). Our next meeting will be January 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club.

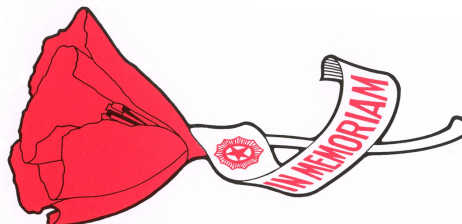
Several members attended the Veteran's Breakfast at Rolling Greens Country Club and reported that it was an outstanding event. Thanks to Hospice Inc. for being such great hosts.

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

**Neil Klock at 845-227-**

*" The most important asset  
of your organization is, and  
always will be, your people.*

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



At our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting we voted to give the Castle Point Food Bank \$250 toward the purchase of turkeys for Holiday Meals. We also agreed to provide two deserving families with Thanksgiving Meals from Hannafords.



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

Eighty three Veteran's were able to sign up for their FAVOR discount cards on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Our Post is worked 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. The Veteran's Administration was also on hand to register Veterans for health care.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>

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



My wife and I were able to visit the **American Veterans Traveling Tribute** at the Putnam County Veteran's Memorial Park on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>. We were unable to attend the large closing ceremony on the 23<sup>rd</sup> but Vinny Richards reports that it was a great event. He and the Dutchess County Council Band entertained the crowd with patriotic music.



**Do you know a Veteran who would like to join the American Legion? Give them the application on the next page and urge them to join our Post.**



***There are plenty of organizations that are celebrating and honoring Veterans on Veteran's Day. From free meals to car washes, concerts and more. See the end of the newsletter for some of the celebrations.***

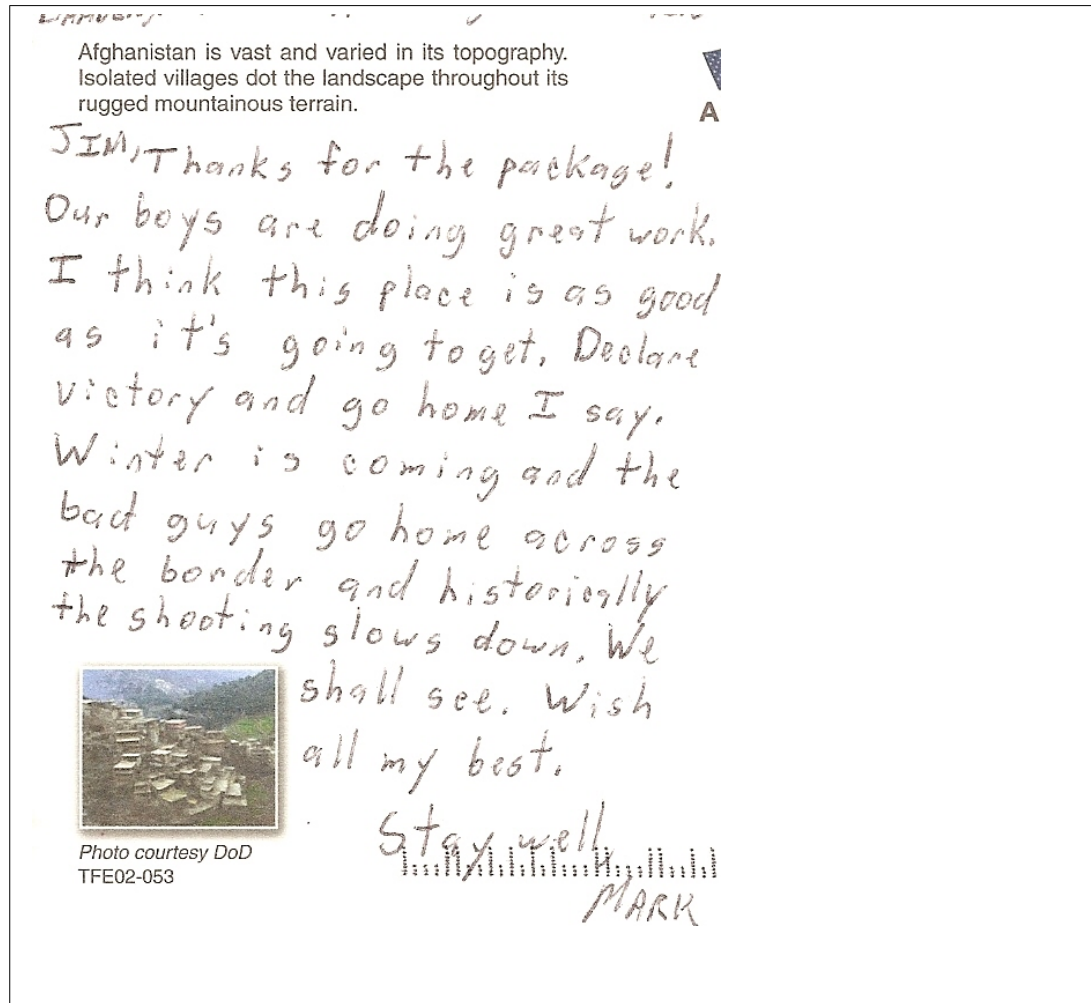
**Special Notice:** If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help **RIGHT NOW**, call this toll-free number **1-800-273-8255**, available 24/7, and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.

**SUICIDE 1-800-273-TALK**  
PREVENTION [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

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

**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*

Mark Baaden, who is currently serving in Afghanistan had asked the Post if we would send him a POW/MIA Flag to be flown over their Base. We agreed to do that and I mailed the flag and a few goodies to mark on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He replied thanking us via email and by post card. Hopefully you'll be able to read the post card here:



Getting the heck out of there sounds like a great idea. Seems like what could be done, has been done, so let's get the troops home!!!!!!