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Our next meeting will be April 10,
2012 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill
Rod and Gun Club.

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

Neil Klock at 845-227-

The real leader has no need to
lead--
he is content to point the way.
Henry Miller

At our April Meeting we will be familiarizing members with our new Ceremonial M1's. The M1's magazine, loading, and safety are different then our old Springfields. Members are encouraged to attend so they are familiar to the rifles that we'll be using in upcoming events.



The VA offers a wide array of special programs and initiatives specifically designed to help homeless veterans live as self-sufficiently and

We've ordered a Memorial Brick to be placed at Schlathaus Park in Wappingers Falls. Scout Joseph Geraci is updating the Park as his Eagle Scout Project. In addition to adding a 38' x 7' brick patio, Joseph will be re-mulching and extending the plant beds around the Memorial, and planting new shrubs.

The brick will be an everlasting memorial to our Post.



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

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.



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*

The Post has purchased a park bench which will be installed on the Dutchess Rail Trail. The bench will be inscribed "In Honor of Veterans, Legion Post 1758 Hopewell Jct.". We have requested the bench be installed on the "Veteran's Mile" section of the trail between Rte 376 and Diddell Road. A similar bench is shown at the right





Project Appleseed at Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club June 9th and 10th 2012

Project Appleseed Rifleman Course is designed to awaken the spirit of liberty and personal responsibility in the heart and mind of the American Citizen. By honoring the events of April 19, 1775 we are able to reconnect with the vision and sacrifice our Founders gave to this Republic. Through rifle marksmanship we will turn America back into a Nation of Riflemen.

If becoming an American Rifleman is something that interests you, then please join us at the next scheduled event. You can check <http://appleseedinfo.org/index.html> where you will find information on how to sign up, what equipment to bring and the fee to attend a shoot. Project Appleseed is a two day marksmanship instructional clinic run by the Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA1 a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. All across America our credentialed volunteer instructors are teaching a unique combination of fundamental rifleman skills and American Revolutionary War history.

Minimum age is 12

Good Of The Legion:

Tom Masch's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Tom was in attendance and **generously donated his half of the Pot back to the Post.**

Tom is one of our newer members and it was very gracious of him to make this donation!

The Pot has started anew at





March 29 has been designated as "**Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day**" by a resolution of Congress, thanks, in no small measure, to the efforts of Senator Richard Burr, Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Representative Linda Sanchez in the House. However belated the recognition of the service and sacrifice of those of us who served in Southeast Asia during the years of what was then America's longest war, it is appreciated.

For far too long, citizens of all political persuasions blamed those who served for the failures of those led, those officials whose military as well as political policies failed. Returning veterans were not welcomed by a grateful nation; instead, many were ignored at best, scorned at worst. The psychological issues faced by many Vietnam vets can be traced not simply to what they experienced in Vietnam but to their experience on their return home.

Perhaps America has grown up. Today, Americans embrace those who have volunteered for military service and have placed themselves in harm's way – whether they agree or disagree with the mission in Iraq or Afghanistan. These newly minted veterans and those who continue to serve, despite deployment after deployment, are offered a variety of opportunities and events across the nation by Americans who want to say in some way, Welcome Home, and Thank You for Your Service.

Americans are belatedly embracing Vietnam veterans as well, having come to the realization that those who served fought as well as their fathers and uncles did in World War II and in Korea. As we approach 50 years since the beginning of that ill-fated venture, events are being planned nationally as well as locally to honor those who served, and to remember those who were lost to the war. "Better late than never" may be a cliché, but it is never too late to say Thank You for Your Service, and Welcome Home.

CEREMONIAL OBSERVATION.....Saturday, March 24, 2012

12:00 Noon ~ 4:00 PM.....55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041

- Lobby Promenade -*Adjacent to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza*

Presentation of commemorative proclamation

Awards Ceremony Honoring service to our Vietnam Veterans

Memorial Wreath Laying

Reading of Names of the 1,741 lost in Vietnam from New York City, as well as New Yorkers who have made the ultimate sacrifice since 9/11/2001.

Recognition of Gold Star Family Members

Refreshments & Reunion

Speakers and performances

Department of Defense -Vietnam War Commemoration

Paul Bucha *Medal of Honor Recipient, U.S. Army, Vietnam*

John Rowan *National President, Vietnam Veterans of America*

319th U.S. Army Band

United We Sing *Patriotic Musical Troupe*

Post Procedures for Funeral Ceremonies

At Funeral Home, Chapel or Home

The uniform is [dark] or grey pants, a black or dark jacket and dark necktie, with the legionnaires cap.

The Sgt. Of Arms (or designated person) will lead the Legionnaires down the right side of the chapel or Home. When reaching the front right of the Chapel or home, the designated person will order "to the left march". When lined up across the casket, the order "halt" will be called by the designated person, and then call "right face". When all are lined up to the casket, the order of hand salute will be called. Then the order "about face will be called. Now the Legionnaires will be facing the mourners. The commander or designated person will say, "another legionnaire has been called to the high command, and has gone to the commander of us all."

"We come to honor the memory of the one whom offered their life in the service of our country. He/or she is now enrolled in the spirit army of the great commander of us all. It is because of them that our lives are free and our nation lives in freedom. May this service honor his/or her sacrifices.

If it is present, a post everlasting citation (75228) is given to the next of kin. (available through National Emblem sales) by the commander or designated person.

The Chaplin will say "uncover", and say "let us pray". He will then recite "the memorial poppy, which is the national symbol of the flower at Flanders Field in Belgium that embodies the sacrifices of men and women who served and died for their country in all our wars or conflicts." He recites a prayer "we now leave this poppy with you in your honor and an eternal reminder of the binding comradeship we feel for you."

A designated person, places the poppy on the chest of the departed legionnaire at the end of the chaplain's words.

The Sgt. Of arms (or designated person) will call "cover", and will say "farewell to our friend, our legionnaire and comrade". A hand salute is called. He then will say "Two, right face."

The legionnaires march to the right corner of the casket when the order "to the right march" is called. Then everyone marches out.



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Dear Post Commander:

LIU Hudson with campuses in Orangeburg, Purchase, and West Point, NY is proud to provide educational services and support to both our military personnel and our veteran students. LIU Hudson offers graduate programs which gives them a chance to enhance their careers or prepare for new ones.

In addition, Long Island University's Hudson Graduate Centers offer partial scholarships to military students and veterans. Through the Post -9/11 GI Bill many students can cover up to 100% of their tuition and fees. This is an opportunity too good to miss by our military and veteran students.

To inform the military personnel or veterans in your organization about these benefits and the broad educational opportunities provided by LIU Hudson, please place this poster in a public area where it can be seen. With the poster, we have provided postage-paid information cards that can be returned to us.

Together, we are working to help our military personnel and veterans receive the quality education they deserve and the opportunity to advance into a good civilian career.

Thanks.

Peter Reiner
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St. Jude's

On Saturday, March 10th the Post collected donations for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We collected over \$1100 manning our stations in front of Stewarts and the Fishkill Shop Rite! Thanks to Tom Masch and Norm Dauerer for bringing their jeeps, and to Commander Klock, Joe Ryan, Dan Oberhauser, Jim Reynolds, and Dan Briscoe for their

