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Our next meeting will be May 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club. At this meeting we will hold elections for 2012-2013 Officers. Refreshments will be available. Please come out and

Your Post needs your help. Contact Commander

Neil Klock at 845-227-

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others. -Audrey Hepburn



LTC Mark Baaden, on the right, returned home from his year tour in Afghanistan last month. Mark donated a POW/MIA flag to the Post that had flown over their base in Asadabad. It was great seeing Mark again and knowing that he is home safe. He looks forward to once again getting involved with the Post.

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

On May 19th we will be placing flags on Veterans' graves at our local cemeteries. We will meet at 8:00 AM for breakfast at the Plaza Diner in Hopewell Junction. About 9:00 AM we will depart for St. Denis and then the cemetery at Hopewell Reformed Church. This involves placement of about 500 flags. Your help would be greatly appreciated. A long screwdriver or other device is handy to make a hole in the ground for the flag.



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*

At our April meeting we welcomed John Polasko to membership in our Post. Some of us know John through our membership in the local Vietnam Veterans Of America Chapter. John is another resource that knows his way around the VA and Veterans' Issues. Welcome John!



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 26th. We will be distributing Poppys at Stewarts on Lake Walton Road and ShopRite in Fishkill. We need help manning the locations. You don't need to spend the entire day, just two hours would be a great help. Hours are from 8:00 AM until about 3:00 PM.

Sick Call. Members Walt Goers and Carlos Baez are a little under the weather and we hope by the time they get this newsletter they are both feeling better.

Evert Munning has spent a few days in the hospital but should be home by now. He's been having quite a bit of trouble with his knee after surgery. Hopefully they can pinpoint the problem and get Evert back to his jovial self.

John Lyons thanked everyone for their prayers for his granddaughter. She's had a tough start in life with several problems and has had a couple of surgeries. Please continue to keep her, John and their entire family in your prayers.

Good Of The Legion:

Joe Ryan's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. This was the second month in a row that member in attendance's name was pulled.

Joe's share of the "pot" was \$13.00

The Pot has started growing at



Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of
Temple Hill Day:

May 28, 1932 – May 28, 2012

at the

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor

&

New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site

Monday May 28, 2:00 p.m.

Join us in us in commemorating the 1932 ceremony that
awarded the

Purple Heart to 138

veterans

Of World War I, here at Temple Hill

Activities include:

- Performance by the U.S. Army Hellcats

- Awarding of a Purple Heart

Reservations are strongly recommended

please call: 845-561-1765

Homes for Veterans Program



SONYMA, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Veterans' Affairs, is pleased to offer the Homes for Veterans Program that will enable more U.S. military veterans and active duty U.S. military personnel to buy their first home (or move to a different home if you are a U.S. military veteran). A change in Federal law enables SONYMA to waive the first-time homebuyer requirement for any veteran (and their spouse or co-borrower) who:

- Served in active military, naval, or air service.
- Has been discharged or released from their military duties under conditions other than dishonorable.

Or any first time homebuyer may take advantage of the program benefits if they are:

- Is a U.S. military personnel stationed in New York State (regardless of discharge status).

[Features and requirements of the Homes for Veterans Program.](#)

[Current interest rates for the Homes for Veterans Program.](#)

Down payment assistance is available for the Home for Veterans Program. Learn more about [Down Payment Assistance Loan \(DPAL\)](#).

SONYMA offers a mortgage product that finances both the purchase and renovation of a home in need of improvements or repairs.

- Learn about SONYMA's [Own it, Fix it New York! Home Mortgage](#).
- 800-382-4663

If you are a customer of Royal Carting (who isn't) and have a FAVOR Card you can get a 5% discount from Royal. Drop by their office and they'll help you out.



Marine Corps bans audible farting in Afghanistan

Posted Aug 25, 2011 by [Kim I. Hartman](#)

The United States Marine Corps has banned audible farting in Afghanistan because it is culturally offensive to civilians working with the military and members of the Afghan National Army.

The Military Times Marine Corps blog, [Battle Rattle](#) recently posted the news that "audible farting has been banned for some Marines downrange because it offends the Afghans."

The ban has caused a stir among former and current members of the military who question the reasoning behind the decision which has ignited a firestorm of comments from readers and fellow bloggers of Battle Rattle. Military soldiers have already been required to obey regulations ordering them to not curse around members of the Afghan army or the civilians they encounter while on patrol. They are also under orders to not discuss women or politics with people from Afghanistan. But for now, breaking wind could earn them an appearance before their superior officers.

For the military that means no more gas blasters, bean bombers, flame-throwers or anal acoustics at night. The roar of morning thunder, air biscuits or flatulence by any name will no longer be tolerated. Anything but an inaudible passing of gas could get you in trouble if it's within earshot of an Afghani, according to Battle Rattle.

Blogger Gina Cavallaro [writes](#) about the ban on the offensive behaviour: They're not supposed to cuss because it could be misunderstood (that one goes out the window a lot). And they stay away from talking about politics, religion or girls because those topics could escalate into major disagreements (they can't communicate anyway because of the language barrier).

But farting? That's practically a sport. Ok, it's not soccer, but a good contest could open the door for cross-cultural exchanges, jokes and other gallows humor.

Jim Campbell expressed his outrage over the decision by senior military officials and [wrote](#): "So now we understand that Muslims in Afghanistan are offended by the sound of anal gas explosions but are quite comfortable with, beheading, stoning, female genital mutilation, pedophilia, amputations, and hanging or burning homosexuals."

A few commenter's asked, "What would [Chesty](#) think of this ban on farting?" Referring to Lieutenant General Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller, the most highly decorated Marine in the history of the Corps. Puller, who was [known](#) a marine's Marine, had a no-nonsense attitude when it came to military conduct. He is known to every Marine who ever came out of Parris Island and served in the Corps.

Dian5 said, "Is this perfectly normal human function offensive only when it escapes from the body of an American? Are the natural born Afghanistan people immune from this digestive dilemma? If we are at the point in our relationship where this has become too offensive to ignore, then perhaps we have worn out our welcome and should immediately withdraw our