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No December Meeting! Our next meeting will be January 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club.

Arlington Cemetery interactive map

On October 22, Arlington Cemetery administrators announced an interactive map available through its website and through a free smartphone app detailing the gravesites of the roughly 400,000 people buried there. It uses geospatial technology to hone in on specific graves and can also be searched by name. When a name is called up, a viewer can see when the person was buried and the dates of their birth and death. Photos of the front and back of the headstone can also be viewed. Monuments and memorials that commemorate the service of specific military units are also included in the database.

Cemetery officials built the database over the last two years to verify the accuracy of their records brought into question by reports of misidentified graves. Prior to 2010, the cemetery used paper records and maps to track who is buried where. The database and app can be accessed through the cemetery's website www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

Holiday Party
December 9th
see attached Flyer

""A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

~ Mike Jones

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



Veteran's Day Solicitation

The Post had a very successful weekend of fund raising on Veteran's Day weekend November 10th and 11th. Saturday at Adams in Wappingers turned out to be a problem as our group was delegated to the side door which doesn't get much action. But I'm proud to say that the crew of Kevin Hathorn, Tom Masch, Cosimo Napolitano, and Jim Broughton hung in there and did a commendable job.

*On Sunday we were at the Stewarts Lake Walton store and had a bright, sunny day. **The number of members on hand is something I've only dreamed about.** We had 11 members participate and I don't think there was a time when there wasn't at least 6 of us there. It's hard for the public to miss that many old farts standing around in Legion caps and jackets. People were generous and donations were great. The following members were on hand to help out: John Pizzuti, Niel Klock, John Lyons, Cosimo Napolitano, Joe Green (looking great after his surgery), Len Hart, Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Vinny Richards, Carlos Baez and Jim Reynolds. Thank you all for a great job. It was good to see members Claude Wuytack and Rich Silva who dropped by while they were running*

Depression, Anxiety and PTSD

Depression and anxiety are flip sides of the same coin because they often occur simultaneously. Loss of control causes anxiety for the post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sufferer. On the flip side, depression results from not being able to regain that control. People with PTSD feel detached or disconnected from friends and family. They find little pleasure in activities they once enjoyed. They may even have difficulty experiencing positive emotions such as joy and happiness. Isolation develops as they avoid engaging, particularly in activities that might trigger memories of the traumatic event or event that triggered the PTSD. Get help on the [Military OneSource website](#). If you or someone you know is in a crisis, call the Military Crisis Line 24/7 at 1.800.273.TALK (8255).

For more family support resources for PTSD, visit the [Military.com Family Center](#).

WWII Game on Sale

The [National World War II Museum in New Orleans](#) has created a new edition of a classic board game to educate younger generations about World War II. "Monopoly: America's World War II: We're All In This Together" replaces railroads with supply routes, hotels with camps, and board spaces with World War II events. To purchase "Monopoly: America's World War II: We're All In This Together" for the price of \$39.99, visit the [National World War II Museum website](#).

2013 COLA Military Retirees and Vets

The 2013 cost-of-living adjustment for military retired pay, SBP annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 1.7 percent. The COLA will go into effect on December 1, 2012. The January check will be the first to reflect the increase. Retirees who left the military in 2012 and those who took the REDUX retirement package will not see the full 1.7 percent increase next year.



Good Of The Legion:

Joe Ryan's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. This was the second time in recent months that Joe's name was picked. His share of the pot was won \$24.00 this time.

Did You Know?

Our Post retains \$4.50 of your yearly dues. The remaining \$25.50 goes to The National Headquarters and the Department of New York. The Post mails out 10 or 11 Newsletters every year at a cost of between \$11.50 and \$13.75 per member. As you can see, this is a losing (but vital) benefit the Post provides. That is why it is important to let us know if you have an email address that we can use to distribute the Newsletter to you in hopes of alleviating some of this monthly Post expense.

	10 Newsletters	11 Newsletters
Postage	\$.45	\$.45
Duplicating	\$.70	\$.80
Monthly Total	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.25
Yearly Total	\$ 11.50	\$ 13.75
Amount of Dues retained by the Post	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
Yearly loss per mailed member	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.25

If you have an email address that you have not given us please email a note to ALPost1758@aol.com.

Thanks

Thanks to member **Mark Johnson** donated \$25.00 to the Post in remembrance of Dan Oberhauser's brother who passed away earlier this year. It was a very nice gesture on Mark's part.

Interesting facts (or not)

- Did you know that 49,500 veterans served in *both* the Vietnam Era and the Gulf War eras?
- Do you know what states have the highest concentration of veterans?
 - o New York
 - o Pennsylvania
 - o Florida
 - o Texas
 - o California
- 8.1 % of Veterans are women
- 11% of the adult civilian population are Veterans
- How many served in each of these wars:
 - o WWI – 4.7 million
 - o WWII – 16 million
 - o Korea – 5.7 million
 - o Vietnam – 7.8 million
 - o Gulf War – 2.3 million
 - o OIF/OEF – 2.3 million

Source: VA and US Census

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 PREVENTION 1-800-273-TALK
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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

Sick Call

Best wishes got out to Dan Oberhauser who is under the weather. We miss you at our functions, get well soon.

Also please keep Vinny Richards wife, Althea, in your prayers as she progresses through chemotherapy treatments.

Medals/Citations from the State of New York

You may be eligible for medals from the New York State Division Of Military & Navel Affairs.

You can go to this link to check on possible awards. Most, if not all, are dependent upon a military award you may have received. Like this example if you have the MOH, DSC, NC, Bronze Star etc you can get the Conspicuous Service Cross from the State.

<http://dmna.ny.gov/awards/awards.php>

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

To whom awarded:

- Current New York State citizen or
- New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty, and
 - A current or former full-time military person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes other than training since 1917; Active Guard/Reserve-AGR (Title 32 USC) personnel excepted and
 - Who is currently serving under honorable conditions or who has been honorably discharged from active duty.

Criteria. The Conspicuous Service Cross may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was honorable subsequent to the time of receipt of the citation while serving in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or in the Army female nurse corps, and who has received a personal decoration issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The Conspicuous Service Cross may also be awarded to any citizen of New York State, who while serving with the allied forces, received a personal decoration published in order issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The award of the Conspicuous Service Cross is based on prior award of at least one of the following military decorations:

- Medal of Honor
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Navy Cross
- Air Force Cross
- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Distinguished Service Medal (Army)
- Distinguished Service Medal (Navy-Marine Corps)
- Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force)
- Distinguished Service Medal (Coast Guard)
- Silver Star
- Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- Airman's Medal
- Coast Guard Medal
- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- Air Medal

This is a partial list to save space. Check the web site for more information. *Based on my DD-214 records*

Membership Renewals

Renewals for 2013 have done fairly well but have dropped off recently. So far about 86% of the members have renewed for 2013. It would be great to get the rest of your renewals by December 1st. If you can please send them in ASAP so your magazine subscription and other benefits don't lapse. You can mail your renewal to the post or renew online at: <http://www.legion.org/renew>

Thanks for being a member and for your support.

Reminder Veteran's Concert

Dear Veterans,

West Road School celebrates Veteran's day in a special way each year. Once again, our 3rd graders will be leading a patriotic "sing-a-long" for you, our very special Veterans.

If you know of any veteran who might like to come to our performance to be honored, please extend this invitation to them. Invitations were sent to local American Legions, VFW posts and various other Veteran organizations, but I want to extend the invitation to ALL veterans. Please invite any veteran you may know to our tribute.

DATE: NOVEMBER 16th

TIME: 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

PLACE: WEST ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL- Gymnasium Pleasant Valley, New York 635-4310

We will also be constructing a red brick paper "wall of honor" with the names of the veterans we know. This will be displayed in the back of the gym.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th!



Manny Bacon Post 1758 2012 Holiday Party



Sunday, December 9, 2012

CASH BAR

JT's Manor

31 Route 376 (1/4 mile north of Route 52)

3:30 PM

Served Dinner: Salad, Choice of Asian Beef Medallions, Roasted Red Pepper Chicken, Roasted Salmon, or Pasta Primavera. Soda, Coffee & Tea. Apple Crisp

\$33.00 per member

***\$17.00 significant other**

****\$33.00 significant other**

Anyone not paid by 12/3/12 will not be allowed to attend as we have a deadline with the restaurant and payment must be made by that date.

Tear Off and return below portion by 12/3/11

Name: _____ Number in Party _____

Select Entrée:

<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Beef Medallions	<input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Red Pepper Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera

** If the member has not attended at least 4 meetings OR participated in either EF Community Day, Memorial Day Parade, Solicited Donations or helped with Poppy Sales your significant other must pay full price.

Amount Included with reservation: \$_____

Make Payment to: : **American Legion Post 1758**

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