



# American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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Our next meeting will be June 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend. Sandwiches and soda provided

## Important Upcoming Events

Our Post needs your help with these functions.

- Saturday 5/18/13 – Installation of **flags at our local cemeteries**. Breakfast at 8:00 AM at the Plaza Diner in Hopewell Junction.
- Saturday 5/25/13 – **Poppy distributions** at Stewarts on Lake Walton Road and at the Stewarts on Rte 376 in Fishkill Plains. Start time 8:00 AM
- Monday 5/27/13 – Our **Memorial Day Parade** and Ceremony. Parade line up at 10:30 AM at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Rte 82. Uniform of the day is white shirt, dark slacks and shoes, and Legion cap. Color Guard will also wear gold braid and scarf.
- Saturday 6/1/13 – **Remove flags** from cemeteries
- Friday 6/14/13 – **Flag Day Ceremony**, 7:00 PM behind the East Fishkill Library.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller



**Please come and help out.**

This event is NOT just for Bikers. You might want to check it out.

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## SALUTE TO VETERANS RIDE & EXPO

SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2013

RETURNING TO

~~2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Hangar, Stewart Airport~~

ROUTE 207, NEW WINDSOR, NY

RIDE REGISTRATION FROM 8:30 AM TO 10:30 AM  
RIDE DONATION \$20.00 PER RIDER \$10 PER PASSENGER  
NON-RIDERS WELCOME

RIDE ESCORTED BY **BLUE KNIGHTS** TO HIGHLAND FALLS FOR A  
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AND THEN BACK TO AIRPORT FOR  
LUNCH, ENTERTAINMENT, A MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAY, VENDORS  
AND MUCH MORE  
(FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR NON-RIDERS)

**HELP US HELP OUR LOCAL VETERANS AND TROOPS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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Post elections were held at our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and all current officers were reelected to another term.

**Officers for 2013-2014 are:**

Commander - James Reynolds  
1st Vice Commander - Neil Klock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Joe Green  
Adjutant - John Pizzuti  
Treasurer - Dan Briscoe  
Chaplin - Norm Dauerer  
Historian - Evert Munning  
Sergeant-At-Arms - Mark Baaden  
Membership Chairman - John Polasko  
Service Officer - Dan Oberhauser  
Homeland Security - Mark Baaden

**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)



**Good Of The Legion:**

**Donald Kellam's** name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Donald was not in attendance so the money is added to the Pot.





# ARMED FORCES DAY ON THE HUDSON

## MAY 19 • 12 – 5 PM

AND INTO THE EVENING

## WARYAS PARK • POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

## [AFDONTHEHUDSON.COM](http://AFDONTHEHUDSON.COM)

Navy Vessels, Military Trucks, Color Guard, Bag Pipers, Flag Ceremony, Veterans' Recognition, Food Provided by Italian Center, Kids Zone, Rock Climbing Wall, and more! Please bring a donation for Castle Point Food Pantry, who will be offering: Registration for VA Health Care, Eligibility, Women Veterans Health Care, My HealthVet, Returning Combat Veteran Program, Blood Pressure Readings, and The Mobile Clinic!

**Live Bands:** The Alexis P. Suter Band, 4 Guys in Disguise, Mojo Miles Mancuso, Monster, Derek Dempsey, E&G Acoustic (Both Veterans USMC, USN)

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE • FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY • BRING A LAWNCHAIR**

*Free parking on site (incl. handicap) • Steps away from Poughkeepsie Train*



## OUR PARTNERS

We are proud to partner with the Hudson Valley Rail Trail & Stride Wounded Warriors 4 Mile Race and 2 Mile Walk! May 19 — registration at 7:30am, race at 9, walk at 10. After the race, come over to Waryas park!



**The Department of New York is planning an increase to membership dues. The Departments portion of our dues would raise from the current \$11.00 to \$19.00. Our Post's dues would most likely increase from a total of \$30.00 to \$ 40.00 starting in 2014.**

**Below is an explanation from The Department of New York.**

Facts You Should Know About Your Dues Dollars

National Per Capita	\$13.50	Department Per Capita Breakdown
Department Per Capita	<u>11.00</u>	General Fund
Total	\$24.50	\$7.00
Plus County Per Capita	??.??	Rehabilitation Fund
Proposed Dues Increase: \$8.00		<u>4.00</u>
Department Per Capita Breakdown After Increase		Total
		\$11:00
		\$4.00 General Fund & \$4.00 Rehabilitation Fund

General Fund	\$11.00
Rehabilitation Fund	<u>8.00</u>
Total	\$19:00

The \$8.00 dues increase would take effect on January 1, 2014 allowing 5-1/2 months to pay 2014 dues under the old rate.

Forms would be sent out after the dues increase asking your post what rate you want on the dues notice after January 1, 2014. Department can't assume what rate each post will want to assess their members.

The last dues increase was nine years ago and took effect on January 1, 2005.

Department final membership in 2004 =	178,344
Department membership goal for 2013 =	<u>124,258</u>

Loss of membership in 9 years (if we make goal) = 54,086

By action of the Department Executive Committee on January 26, 2013 dues for Headquarters Post #1 members was increased from \$30.00 to \$40.00 starting at the beginning of the 2014 membership year.

Department Employee Breakdown:

Albany Office paid for out of the General Fund	8 Full Time Employees
Buffalo Office paid for out of the Rehabilitation Fund	4 Full Time 1 Part Time
New York Office paid for out of the Rehabilitation Fund	6 Full Time 1 Part Time
Total Employees	18 Full Time 2 Part Time

Employees have not received a pay increase in over 1-1/2 years and the last increase ranged between 2% & 3%