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Our next meeting will be August 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

A Great Memorial Day

On a beautiful Monday morning, the town of East Fishkill turned out to honor our fallen comrades. The fire department brought their color guard and a large contingency of marchers as well as a couple of trucks and their antique engine. The fire police also aided the police department with traffic control along the parade route. For the first time in many years we had a Gold Star Mother march with us, along with many of our town officials. Members of our Venture Crew carried our post banner and several girl and boy scouts joined us in the parade. The East Fishkill Choir led us in several patriotic songs with the crowd joining in.

I think we had our largest turnout in many years :

- 2 flag bearers – Broughton, Hathorn
- 4 riflemen – Briscoe, Nolan, Carrozza, Lyons
- Sgt Of Arms - Baaden
- Commander - Reynolds
- Two jeeps with 5 members
 - o Dauerer, Ryan, Klock
 - o Masch, Napolitano
- 2 members that drove themselves from the Community Center – Pizzuti, Polasko
- Bugler – Richards
- McHoul - Emcee

Thank you all for making it a great Ceremony.

Apologies if I've forgotten anyone.

Happiness resides not in possessions and not in gold; the feeling of happiness dwells in the soul.

Democritus

Gold Star Mother Renate DeAngelis with Jim Reynolds



Thanks to the following members for giving up their Saturday morning to place flags at our local cemeteries. Nothing is more important than honoring our deceased veterans.

Agnes & Marty Nolan

John Pizzuti

Neil Klock

Dan Briscoe

Len Hart

John Lyons

Joe Ryan

Don Burns

Jim Reynolds



We were joined by a couple of members of our shooting venture Crew and their parents.

Good job by all!

We had an outstanding turnout for **Poppy distributions** during the Memorial Day weekend. On a misty Friday morning Jim Broughton, John Pizzuti, and Jim Reynolds solicited funds at the Convenient Mart on Rte 52 by the junction of Rte 82. They hung in there from 7:00 AM until about 10:15 AM when the wind and rain became unbearable.

On Saturday we endured another rainy day at the Stewarts Shops in Hopewell Junction. Neil Klock, John Pizzuti, Joe Green, Len Hart, Joe Ryan, Cosimo Napolitano, and Jim Reynolds manned the Lake Walton location. Assemblyman and post member Kieran Lalor also joined us for an hour out of his busy schedule. The Rte 376 Stewarts shop was manned by John Polasko, Dan Briscoe, Marty Nolan and Don Burns. Both crews broke up about noon as the wind and rain picked up again. John Polasko went back out on Sunday to Flory's Mobil and got rid of the remaining poppies left over from the Rte 376 Stewart's.

Our local citizens were as generous as usual in supporting our cause.

Here is A **Big Thank You** to the entire crew. Your work allows us to continue to support active duty, veterans, and children's programs for another year.

Recently a couple of us were having a discussion about our membership, how many from which era and how many from each branch of service. So FYI, here is a breakdown of our current 80 members.

Era

WWII - 1
 Korea - 15
 Vietnam - 46
 Lebanon & Grenada - 4
 Panama - 0
 Persian Gulf/War on Terrorism - 6
Unknown - 8 would like to fix this!!!

Branch of Service

Army - 29
 Marine - 3
 Air Force - 11
 Navy - 17
Unknown - 20 - sure would like to fix this!!!

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



Good of the Legion:

Michael O'Sullivan's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Michael was not in attendance so the money is added to the Pot.

Notice: Special meeting of the Executive Board will convene on Tuesday July 9th at 7:00 PM. Location EF Old Town Hall. At this meeting the newly formed “Sign Committee” consisting of Claude Wuytack, John Polasko, Don Burns, and Tom Masch will present their recommendation for a sign outlining our financial support of Veterans. Executive Board members are present post officers and past post commanders.

Welcome new member **Jay Livermore** a USMC Veteran of the Gulf War. Jay visited us at our June meeting and joined us that night. Great to have you aboard, Jay.

Sick call

Actually the news here is good. Danny Oberhauser, Evert Munning and Fred Neibler all attended the June meeting. Great to have you all

*Tentative plans for **East Fishkill Community Day** which is September 21st are to participate in the parade which steps off at another new time: 11:30 AM and set up a booth giving away coffee, flag brochures and selling 18” flags and cemetery grave plaques.*

*We're co
donations*

Dues Increase. At the June meeting we voted to establish a new yearly dues fee of \$40.00. An increase was necessary due to The Department of NY increasing their portion from \$11.00 to \$19.00 for 2014, which would bring the mandatory minimum to \$38.00. Our membership voted to raise our posts dues to \$40.00 which will increase our portion from \$4.50 per year to \$6.50 per year. Last month’s newsletter included an analysis of the Departments need for an increase. 2014 dues paid in 2013 will remain at \$30.00 as long as the payment is received by National before the end of this year. Renewals for 2014 should start arriving at your home starting in July. This is the first change in dues since January of 2005.

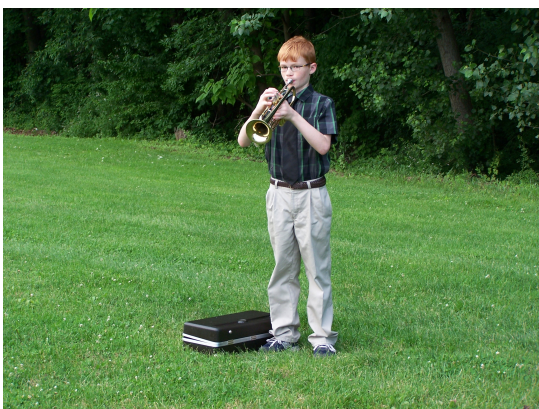
Eagle Scout Court of Honors Schedule – Listed here are upcoming Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. If you would like to attend any of these please contact Dan Briscoe at 226-6937.

Date	Time	Troop	Eagle	Location	Address
6/24/13	7:00 PM	86	Michael Gately and Thomas O'Donnell	Knights Of Columbus	339 Rte 82 Wappingers Falls
6/29/13	12:00 PM	95	Louis Alexander Masi	Our Savior Luthern Church	1400 Rte 52 Fishkill
7/21/13	2:00 PM	40	Ryan Loehr	St. Columba Church Hall	835 Rte 82 Hopewell Jct
7/27/13	12:00 PM		Robert Julian Haughton	Our Savior Luthern Church	1400 Rte 52 Fishkill

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC) is a nonprofit organization serving low-income homeowners through home repairs to return them to a warm, safe, dry, and independent environment. All of their repairs are done with volunteers on two rebuilding days in April and October.

They are currently accepting applications for their 2014 Rebuilding Days. If you would like a brochure and application please let me know or call RTDC. You may also download a copy off their website at www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org.

Please remember that they are not an emergency repair or modification program. Since they accomplish their work with volunteers, their program selection process is lengthy. **Applications are accepted from March through September, and they encourage interested parties to apply as quickly as possible. Applicants are qualified, reviewed, and selected October through March for the 2014.**



Kailib Verdue did an outstanding job playing TAPS at our Flag Day Ceremony.

Flag Day – Turnout at our Flag Day Ceremony was somewhat disappointing this year. We only had 8 post members in attendance; Joe Ryan, Cosimo Napolitano, Neil Klock, Tom Masch, John Pizzuti, Jim Broughton, Ralph Schwartz, and Jim Reynolds. Good job by those present. Maybe we should have served food!

Thanks also to John Hickman, Boy Scout Troop 40, and Hopewell Hose for their assistance.