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Our next meeting will be September 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

Loss....

In early July we lost one of our own. John Boyle passed away from pancreatic cancer and a heart attack at the age of 73. John was a 21 year member of our post and served as Commander from 1998 through 2001. At the time membership had dwindled and John was instrumental in keeping our post alive and rekindling efforts to rebuild our post. He also served as Finance Officer for several years after being Commander. Due to declining health his involvement in Post activities were limited the last few years but without his work in the late 90's our Post might not exist. John's family wished to have a quiet "family only" service and those wishes were respected.

“ Leadership means getting people to think, believe, see and do what they might not have without you. It means possessing the vision to set the right goal. It means being aware of the fears and anxieties felt by those you lead even as you urge them to overcome those fears. ”

- former senator and basketball star Bill Bradley



On Sunday, July 28, 2013, eight members of our Post met at St. Denis Cemetery to remember John Boyle. Fate seemed to have intervened and made arrangements for John's daughter to be there at the same time. She was truly appreciative that we organized a memorial for her father and thanked us for the service and the grave marker and flag. In attendance were Norm Dauerer, John Pizzuti, Marty Nolan, Jim Broughton, Kevin Hathorn, Jim Reynolds, and Dana Verissimo (who thinks he transferred to another post but will always be one of us).

On Wednesday, 7/31/13 I received an email from John's family. *"Hi Jim, thank you for the pictures of my Dad. We appreciate you sending these to us. Also, thanks to you and all the other men who came to the service on Sunday. I am glad I was there. It was a very nice service for my Dad. He would have been very touched by all your kind words and everyone coming out to honor him.*

*God Bless you all!
Geraldine and family"*



Most of us are too old for this but you may have friends or relatives who would be interested in a career in law enforcement.

The New York State Troopers are hiring. The application deadline is 08 SEP 2013 for exams to be conducted in October 2013. For more information go to the website at: <http://www.troopers.ny.gov/>



On Friday, July 26th, the Post presented Wayne Poole, the manager of the Lake Walton Stewart's Shop with a new American Flag. Wayne has been very hospitable to us over the years allowing us to collect thousands of dollars for Veteran services.

Pictured is Adjutant John Pizzuti, Commander Jim Reynolds, Wayne Poole and Vice Commander Neil Klock.

SUICIDE PREVENTION 1-800-273-TALK
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Special Notice: If you are a veteran in an 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.



Good of the Legion:

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

Sick call

Danny Oberhauser missed the August meeting as he was in the hospital for some surgery. Hopefully it is only a one night stay and all went well.

The Last U.S. Army Calvary Charge

In March of this year a gentleman by the name of **Edwin Price Ramsey** passed away quietly in Los Angeles and his passing may have gone unnoticed except for a couple of interesting facts.

In the early days of World War II Edwin Price Ramsey was a First Lieutenant in the US Army serving with 26th US Calvary/Philippine Scouts. When the US surrendered the Philippine in April 1942 Lt. Ramsey and a few officers fled to the hills and there began recruiting Filipino guerrillas into an organization known as the "East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area." By the war's end he commanded a force of 40,000 fighter and despite numerous attempts by the Japanese to capture or kill him, he survived.

While this is an exceptional story there is one more thing that puts Lt. Ramsey in the history books:

Quoting from an article in the July 29, 2013 Providence Journal by George W. Reilly:

"In the midday heat on the west coast of the Bataan Peninsula in January 1942, 27 horsemen picked their way along a narrow dirt road toward the coastal village of Morong. As the trees and brush cover subsided near the edge of the town, the US Army cavalry commander, First Lieutenant Edwin Price Ramsey, sensed danger and ordered his men to draw pistols and form as "foragers," a straight-across line of cavalymen with weapons at the ready. Ramsey's senses were aroused by the lack of village natives outside to greet his men along with a few perceptible movements deep within the village. Shots rang out. One of Ramsey's men snapped back in his saddle and clung desperately to his horse, severely wounded. Ramsey instinctively raised his pistol and yelled "Charge!"

The US cavalymen spurred their horses forward and rode into the village, firing from their saddles. As the galloping horses rounded the corners of buildings near the town church, the soldiers confronted the advance guard of a Japanese infantry regiment that was about to occupy the town. The startled Japanese, taken by surprise and unprepared for this sudden onslaught of whooping, firing cavalymen, broke and ran. Ramsey's men pursued the Japanese to the Batalan River. As the Japanese soldiers scrambled into the water and hid along the riverbank. Japanese reinforcements poured out of the jungle across the river. The cavalymen jumped off their horses and formed a defense line along the riverbank and held the Japanese back for five hours until their own reinforcements arrived to take over.

Ramsey and his men, all members of the U.S. 26th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts, had successfully conducted the last horse-mounted cavalry charge in U.S. military history."

On June 28, 2013 the body of 1st Lt. Edwin Price Ramsey was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery including a rider less black horse to commemorate the

Plans for East Fishkill Community Day on September 21st are set. Line up for the parade will be 11:15 by Hopewell Hot Bagels, step off time is 11:30 am. We will be offering coffee for free, hoping to generate donations. We will also be giving away small flags and flag brochures as well as selling cemetery grave plaques.

We need volunteers to march!!!

Local Art Scholarships

Keep this in mind for next year.

MILITARY FAMILIES RECEIVE GIFT of ARTS CAMP FROM MILL STREET LOFT

Children in four military families, with parents both retired and on active duty, will be attending Dutchess Arts Camp this summer, courtesy of Mill Street Loft. Full scholarships (valued at over \$2,000) were given to six young people from four families, who will attend the camps in Poughkeepsie, Millbrook, Red Hook, and Beacon.

Mill Street Loft changes lives through the arts. For more than 30 years, Mill Street Loft has served the Hudson Valley, using the arts to bridge cultural and economic differences and empower children and adults of all ages. Our programs include our award-winning Outreach Programs for Youth, Arts for Healing, a year-round Art Institute, our four regional Dutchess Arts Camps, and monthly art exhibits. All of our programs foster self-expression and support economic development, offering inspiration and opportunity to our ever-expanding audience.



Post member **Mark Baaden** receives his Purple Heart from Brigadier General Dwayne Edwards during ceremonies held August 4, 2013 at the National Purple Heart Hall Of Honor.

Mark suffered traumatic brain injury when a suicide car bomber attacked the Ramadi, Iraq, camp where he was stationed for his first deployment Dec. 11, 2003,