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Our next meeting will be October 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

Boys State

At our September meeting, Aaron Finch joined us and provided feedback on his Boy's State experience.

He had a great time and learned a lot about the inner workings of our government. He said he made several friends that he keeps in touch with and sees once in a while.

He thanked the Post for sponsoring him and giving him the opportunity to attend Boys State.

Aaron would like to attend West Point.

“ The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. “
Martin Luther King, Jr.

East Fishkill Community Days

EF Community Day is Saturday, September 21st. We will be marching in the parade which lines up at 11:15 on Trinkka Lane, across from Hopewell Hardware. As usual we will also be “manning” a booth at the town park. Help is needed for both events. Set up for the booth will be at 10:00 AM. The Day wraps up at 5:30. Come join us.

DUTCHESS COUNTY VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

Veterans who have honorably served in the Armed Forces and their families are invited to Dutchess County's 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day. The event will take place on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Wallace Center, located at the Roosevelt Home and Library, Route 9 in Hyde Park. This event is an opportunity for veterans to be honored for their service as well as learn about the programs and services available to them.

9-11 Ceremony

On September 11th six brave and hardy members of our Post participated in East Fishkill's 9-11 Ceremony. The young people from the Highland Pass Society, Children of the American Revolution, did another terrific job hosting the event. Thanks to Len Hart, Jim Broughton, Joe Ryan, Marty Nolan, Norm Dauerer and Jim Reynolds for representing our Post and suffering through the 94 degree temperature.





Good of the Legion:

Jim Broughton won the Pot Of Gold Drawing this month. His share of the pot was **\$108.00**. Congratulations Jim!
Next month the Pot starts at **Zero**

Welcome

Please welcome new members **Charles Hertel** and **John Luciano**.

WELCOME

Senator Terry Gipson's Veterans & Family Fair

September 28, 2013

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Ramada Inn, Rte 9, Fishkill

Featuring vendors offering information and services such as healthcare, housing, employment, education, business support and much more.

Come and celebrate Veterans Hall of Fame honorees and recognition of our WWII Veterans.

Refreshments will be served.

A very big **Thank You** to **Tom Masch** who donated **\$250.00** worth of signs to the Post. Two of the signs will be made into an A-Frame to put outside our meeting hall. Other signs are for our solicitation tables.

New IRS Rules for American Legion Posts

Week of August 19, 2013

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) now requires American Legion posts to maintain dates of service and character of service records for all members. Review the examination procedures for auditing veterans' organizations on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/irm/part4/irm_04-076-026.html. You will have to scroll past the table of contents to reach "Veterans' Organizations 4.76.26." The penalty for not having the required proof of eligibility is, apparently, \$1,000 per day. Please note that references to social members do not apply to The American Legion because they are prohibited in the American Legion organization.

4.76.26.12 (01-27-2011)

Field Examination Guidelines

1. Review the following to determine the composition of membership of the organization:

- A. Articles of incorporation, charter, bylaws, and meeting minutes,
- B. Membership applications, DD Forms 214, or other discharge documents,
- C. Membership cards and master member lists if they designate status as veteran, non-veteran, auxiliary, or other membership class, and
- D. The dues structure for the classes of membership.

Note:

The organization must maintain members' military service dates to establish that contributions to the organization are deductible, if a war veterans' organization under IRC §170(c)(3).

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

2013 Holiday Party

Sunday December 15, 2013

4:00 PM

Seasons II 1545 Route 52 Fishkill

(in front of Ocean State, across from Blue Seal)

\$30.00 per person

Cash Bar

Includes salad, bread, and dessert

And Choice of

- 14oz Prime Rib, baked potato & vegetable
- Stuffed Filet of Sole with seafood stuffing and rice pilaf
 - Chicken Marsala with choice of starch
- or
- Penne Pasta with sautéed shrimp, fresh broccoli and tomatoes in garlic cream sauce

Fill out the form on the next page and return with payment by

December 1st to

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2013 Holiday Party

Reservation form

Number of Attendees _____ times \$30 = _____

Entrée Choices

Fill in number of each

____ 14oz Prime Rib

____ Stuffed Filet of Sole

____ Chicken Marsala

____ Penne Pasta with Sautéed Shrimp

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