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["Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."](#) — [James Conant](#)

Membership Dues

Don't forget to send in your 2014 dues before December 1st 2013 to avoid the increase. If you pay by 12/1/13 your dues are **\$30 for 2014**. After that the dues increase to **\$40.00** per year.

About 60% of you have paid already.

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Our next meeting will be November 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

East Fishkill Community Days

The weather on Community Day turned out fairly nice. Our Post had a very small turnout to march in the parade, only 5 participants out of our 80 members. Thanks to Dan Briscoe, Cosimo Napolianto, Dan Oberhauser, Ed Kantrowitz, and Jim Reynolds. We also had two Venture Crew members carry our banner and Tom Masch followed us with his jeep.

The day didn't generate much revenue for us. Donations for the coffee we offered was only \$23. We did sell two grave markers for \$24 (\$12 each) and collected \$55 from the flags and pamphlet handouts. So the total income was **only \$102.00**. The coffee was donated by Neil Klock but the other expenses: ice, milk, half & half, cups, sugar, stirrers and napkins have not been calculated yet. Neil was at the park with our booth from 10:00 AM when we set up until after 4:00 PM. Danny O., Jim R. and Tom M. also spent a good portion of the afternoon there.

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.

DD-214 requests

Thanks to Mark Baaden for providing this link for veterans to obtain their DD-214 and other records. Those who do not have access to a computer can contact me and I'll get a printed copy of the form for you. Mark will also have paper copies of the form at next month's meeting.

Here's the link for guys to get a duplicate copy of their DD-214, medical records, personnel file and replacement medals (written in the "other" box).

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>



Good of the Legion:

Francis Connolly's name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing this month. Unfortunately Francis was not at the meeting so the money gets added to the new pot.

NYS "Veteran" Drivers License

Also from Mark Baaden (apparently the first to request the new license)

All,

The DMV will now print "Veteran" on your Driver License if you want. I did this yesterday and the poor clerk was dumbfounded because she was unaware of this. After her check with two DMV Supervisors and her doubt remaining that the new DD-214's with digital signatures are valid or not (they are) I got it. It cost me \$12.50 for processing.

I don't know what exact benefit this is other than it looks cool on a license. However, my County intends to notify the chamber of commerce to accept the Veteran DL as proof for veteran discounts at stores that offer them.

Good luck,
Mark Baaden

Senator Gipson's Veterans & Family Fair

On September 28th NYS Senator Terry Gipson hosted a Veterans and Family Day at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill. There were over 60 vendors in attendance from healthcare providers, credit unions, banks, attorneys, the NYS Comptroller's office and more.

Honored guests were WWII veterans (Neil Klock from our post) and Veterans inducted into the 41st Senate Veteran's Districts Hall of Fame. Dan Briscoe from our post was inducted into the Hall Of Fame. A short bio of each Hall of Fame honoree was read by the Senator's staff and each had a photo op with the senator.

It was nice to see other members of our post in attendance. Thanks to Cosimo Napolianto, John Polasko, Don Burns, Marty Nolan and Jim Reynolds.



Neil Klock



Dan Briscoe



VA
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IN HEALTH CARE

Non-VA Emergency Care Facts

At some time in your life, you may need emergency care. This document explains what the VA might be able to do for you. When it is not possible for you to go to a VA Medical Center, you should go to the nearest hospital that has an emergency room. If you call an ambulance, the paramedics will usually take you to the closest emergency room.

What is an emergency?

A medical emergency is an injury or illness that is so severe that without immediate treatment, it threatens your life or health.

How do I know my situation is an emergency?

Your situation is an emergency if you believe your life or health is in danger.

If I believe my life or health is in danger, do I need to call the VA before I call for an ambulance or go to an emergency room?

No. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room right away.

When should I contact the VA regarding an emergency room visit?

You, your family, friends or hospital staff should contact the nearest VA medical center as soon as possible, preferably within 72 hours of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover. Provide VA with information about your emergency and what services are being provided to you. Ask VA for guidance on what emergency charges may or may not be covered so you can plan accordingly.

If the doctor then wants to admit me to the hospital, must I obtain advance approval from the VA?

- If the admission is an emergency—NO, although prompt notification of the VA is necessary.
- If the admission is not an emergency—YES

If a VA bed is available and I can be safely transferred, do I have to move to the VA hospital?

YES. If you want VA to continue to pay for your care. If you refuse to be transferred, VA will not pay for any further care.

If I am admitted to the hospital as a result of an emergency, how much will VA pay?

This depends on your VA eligibility. VA may pay all, some, or none of the charges. Some highlights are listed in the next column.

For service-connected conditions, what criteria must be met:

1. Care or services were provided by VA or another federal facility, and
2. VA or another federal facility was available, and
3. VA was notified within 72 hours of the emergency, and
4. Ask your local VA Medical Center for further eligibility guidance.

For non-service-connected conditions, what criteria must be met:

1. Veteran is enrolled in the VA health care system.
2. Veteran has received health care from VA or another federal facility within the previous 24 months.
3. Veteran has no other health care coverage.
4. Ask your local VA Medical Center for further eligibility guidance.

How do I know if I have a service-connected condition?

A service-connected condition is one that was incurred in or aggravated by military service and has a rating assigned by the Veterans Affairs.

How long do I have to file a claim for emergency medical care?

File your claim with the nearest VA Medical Center because time limits usually apply. If you seek emergency care, the time limit is 90 days. Ask your local VA Medical Center for more information.

Will VA pay for emergency care if I am not in the United States?

VA will only pay for emergency care if the emergency is related to a service-connected condition. For more information about care provided outside the United States, contact the Foreign Medical Program at (877) 345-8179, or go to the Foreign Medical Program website at www.va.gov/hac/forbeneficiaries/fmp.

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

Name: _____

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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