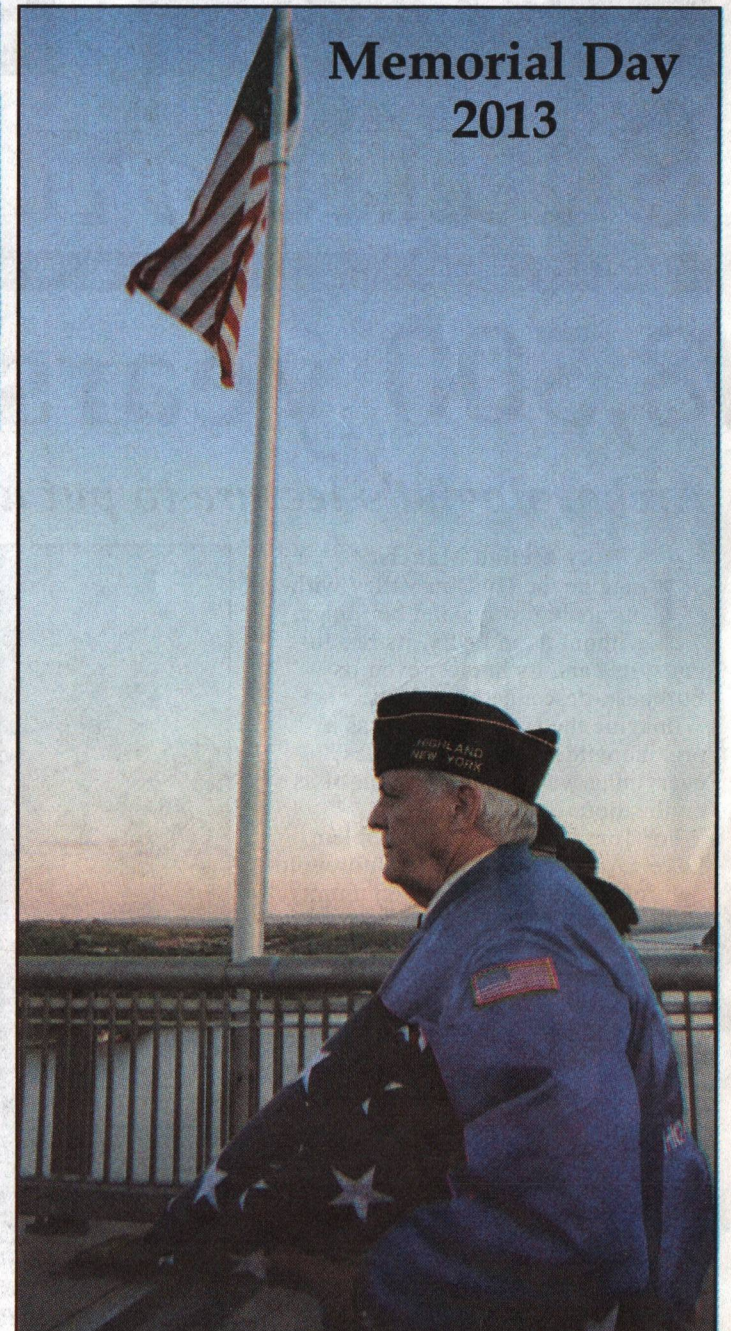


Ceremonies across region honor sacrifices



Clockwise from top left: Kevin Mackey of the New York Military Academy plays Taps on Walkway Over the Hudson during ceremonies held Sunday evening; Veterans John Pizzuti, left, and Vincent Richards, right from Manny Bacon Post 1758, attend the annual East Fishkill Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday; a member of the Highland VFW marches on the Walkway Over the Hudson at sunset; members of the New Hackensack Fire Department change the American flag at the World War II Memorial at Schlathaus Park in the Town of Wappinger; Fishkill resident Bruce Rutty and his son Sebastian, 8, hold American flags during Memorial Day ceremonies in the Village of Fishkill.

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Memorial Day ceremonies planned this weekend

East Fishkill

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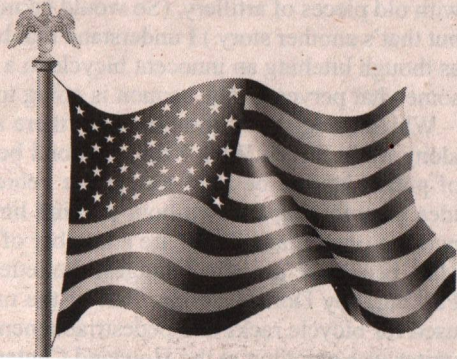
The annual Memorial Day Parade and Service will be held in East Fishkill on Monday, May 27. The parade kicks off at 10:45 a.m. at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, and travels to the Veterans Memorial, corner of Route 82 and Beekman Road, in Hopewell Junction. The remembrance service will begin at 11 a.m. The parade and service are hosted by American Legion Post 1758 and the Town of East Fishkill.

“Our post was established in 1949 and to the best of my knowledge has held a Memorial Day Parade every year since 1950. I have some photos of the parade from the 1950s,” said James Reynolds, who is with American Legion Post 1758.

Among the organizations and groups that will be taking part are The American Legion Post 1758, the East Fishkill Fire Dept, The East Fishkill Police Department, town officials, and The East Fishkill Chorus, according to Reynolds.

Reynolds said, local resident Doug McHoul is scheduled to emcee his 41st Memorial Day Ceremony. East Fishkill Supervisor John Hickman will also take part in the service.

“East Fishkill has grown tremendously in the last 60 years but our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony retains a small-town atmosphere. There is no political agenda simply honoring the men and women who have sacrificed everything in service to our country,” said Reynolds.



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National Guard facility meeting

The New York Army National Guard proposes to construct and operate a Combined Support Maintenance Shop located at 516 Route 216 in Stormville. A public informational meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, in Hopewell Junction. Residents and interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Strawberry Festival scheduled

East Fishkill Historical Society will be holding its Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site, 68 N. Kensington Drive (off Palen Road) in Hopewell Junction. This event is free although donations will be welcome. For further information call 845-227-5374 or look at the website <http://www.east-fishkillhistoricalsociety.org/>.

American Legion to hold flag ceremony

On Flag Day, Friday, June 14, American Legion Post 1758 of Hopewell Junction will retire unserviceable flags in a ceremony at 7 p.m. behind the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, in Hopewell. There is a drop off box at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376.

Depot to hold open house

Visit the Hopewell Depot Open House to Celebrate New York's Path Through History, 36 Railroad Avenue (off Rte 376, at the Hopewell Junction end of the Rail Trail) in Hopewell Junction on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free tours of the new museum exhibits will be offered. The restored building is now ready with exhibits of railroad history and life in Southern Dutchess County. Learn how the railroad changed lives. Families are welcome. For more information, email

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There will be seasonal vegetables, fruits and plants for sale. Baked goods, local honey, ethnic foods, cheeses, and specialty items will be available. Information: 845-897-4430.

Greek Festival, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church, Hellenic Center Grounds, 140 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Admission and parking are free. Come enjoy Greek food and drink, pastries, music and dance, vendors, children's activities and more. Information: 845-452-0772, info@kimisisny.org or www.greekfestivalpoughkeepsie.com.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14:

Thrift Shop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop, 2578 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls. The shop is open every Friday and Saturday. Information: 845-297-0217.

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Dutchess County Singles Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight, Mercury Grand Hotel, 2170 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie. Dutchess County Singles Dance every second Friday of the month. There will be a wide range of music by DJ Johnny Angel and a light dinner buffet with dessert and coffee. Admission is \$15. There will be door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Information: <http://www.dutchesscountysingles.org> or <mailto:dcsingles28@yahoo.com> or dcsingles28@yahoo.com.

Flag Day Ceremony, 7 p.m., behind East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction. American Legion Post 1758 will retire unserviceable flags. Drop off box at East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376. Public is encouraged to participate.

Book sale sponsored by Friends of Poughkeepsie Public Library District, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Poughkeepsie Business Park, Route 44 (approximately one mile east of Adams). 200,000 gently used books and AV materials at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$2, as well as special area of individually-priced rare books. Information: 845-473-1464.