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Our next meeting will be August 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

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Be courteous to all, but intimate with few;
and let those be well-versed before you give them your confidence.
George Washington

Cemetery Flags

We had a very good turnout on Saturday May 17th to place flags at our local cemeteries. This year we had a great group of scouts to help us. Many hands make light work. Thanks to the following members who led the charge:

Clarence Munson	Don Burns
Dan Briscoe	Jeff Boes
Marty & Agnes Nolan	Neil Klock
Tom Masch & son	Jim Broughton
Jim Reynolds	

Welcome

To new member **Scott Larsen**. Scott is a Vietnam Era Army veteran who just transferred to our Post from the Department of New York.

Farewell Comrade

We also say farewell to long time member Fred Niebler who passed away May 31st. Fred was very active in our post until his illness required him to slow down. He had 26 years in the American Legion and transferred to our post in 1996. Thanks to the members who were available to help with Fred's service at McHoul's Funeral Home.

Good of the Legion:



Pete Idema's name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our May meeting. Unfortunately Pete was not in attendance so the money gets added to "the pot".

Wake Break

Our last Wake Break of the year will be Saturday, June 28th. Again we will be at the East bound rest area on I-84. Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We need donated baked goods to offer the weary travelers. Each item must be individually wrapped.

Please plan on helping out. It's always a good day to share with your comrades and gives us an opportunity to get to know each other better. War stories optional.



New Officers for 2014/15

Our new officers were sworn in at our June 10th meeting. Serving for the coming year are:

Commander: Kevin Hathorn
Adjutant: Don Burns
Finance: Dan Briscoe
1st Vice Commander: Dan Oberhauser
2nd Vice: Tom Masch

Sergeant-At-Arms: Mark Baaden
Chaplin: Norm Dauerer
Historian: Jim Reynolds
Service Officer: Dan Oberhauser
Homeland Security: Mark Baaden

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



What a day! We had the largest contingency of members in our Memorial Day parade than we've had in recent memory. Jim Broughton and Dan Oberhauser carried our flags, Jeff Boes, Ted Carrozza, John Lyons and Marty Nolan handled the rifles, and Kevin Hathorn and Dan Briscoe carried our banner. Jim Reynolds and Cosimo Napolitano rode with Norm Dauerer in his jeep.

In addition Joe Ryan and Neil Klock guarded our Memorial display, Vinny Richards played taps (what would we do without him?), Bob Logan took pictures and Jay Livermore, Clarence Munson, Hal Engel, and Sam Patton were there cheering us on.

Tom Masch missed the parade but made it with his vehicle in time for the ceremony. And of course we had Doug McHoul emcee the ceremony for the 43rd year.

I apologize if I've left anyone out.

Great job by all.....thank you



Lifetime Liberty Pass

Governor Cuomo created a new Lifetime Liberty Pass to permit qualified New York State Veterans with disabilities discounted use of state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the Office Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) and the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Once issued, the Lifetime Liberty Pass will never have to be renewed! The Lifetime Liberty Pass benefits includes free vehicle entry to state parks and DEC-operated day-use areas, as well as numerous state boat launch sites, historic sites, arboretums and park preserves; free golf at 28 State Park golf courses; free swimming pool entrance at 36 State Park pools, and discounted camping and cabin rentals at all 119 State Park and DEC campgrounds.

To qualify for the pass, the Veteran must be a resident of New York State and provide State Parks with written certification from the United States Veterans Administration or the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is a war Veteran with a **40% or greater service connected disability** as certified by the United States Veterans Administration, or who has at any time been awarded by the Federal government an allowance towards the purchase of an automobile or who is eligible for such an award. Note: New York State Veterans with disabilities who currently hold a valid Access Pass may continue to use their pass for its duration. Prior to expiration, the pass-holder will only need to send in a new picture and a copy of their valid NYS driver's license or non-driver ID.

To apply for the Lifetime Liberty Pass, Veterans should submit a Lifetime Liberty Pass Application (attached) and indicate they are a Veteran using the Veterans Administration/Veterans Affairs certification. They will be issued their own distinctive Lifetime Liberty Pass. For more information, contact 518-474-2324 during normal business hours. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing of this application. - See more at:

<http://nysparks.com/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx#>

Poppy Distributions

On an "iffy" May 24th, 12 Post members helped distribute Poppy's at the Stewarts Shop and at the Convenient Mart on Rte. 52.

The rain threatened all day but actually held off until we finished up about 3:00 PM.

Stewarts was manned by:

Jeff Boes	Len Hart
Jim Reynolds	Neil Klock
Joe Ryan	Joe Green
Dan Briscoe	Bob Logan

The Convenient Mart was covered by:

Kevin Hathorn	Jim Broughton
Cosimo Napolitano	John Lyons

Together we raised over \$1200 for our programs.

Good Job and Thanks gang!!



I would like to take this time to thank the membership of our post for their support over the last two years. Our meetings have grown from an average of 8-10 members per meeting to 15-18 per meeting. Our membership during that time has also increased from 67 to 79. Other activities like our solicitations for St. Jude's, Poppy's and Veteran's Day have also seen improved participation. In addition, this year, thanks to Mark Baaden, we have had two "Wake Breaks" (with another one scheduled for 6/28) at which we have had a good turnout. We also have collected, to date, about \$750.00 of food for the Castle Point Food Pantry. All of these things make us a better Post and enable us to do more for Veteran's, service members and the youth of our community.

This year we've also added the traditional rifle, bayonet, helmet, dog tags and boots memorial to our annual Memorial Day display which should reinforce what the day is really about.

So after 6 years as Finance Officer and 2 years as Commander I am taking a little break. I will still attend the meetings and be an active member but need to step back from doing so much. A special thanks to John Pizzuti and Dan Briscoe for working so well with me in their respective jobs as Adjutant and Finance Officer.

Please continue to support the Legion and our new officers.

