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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.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

-Mark Twain

Wake Break #3

We finished our year of Wake Breaks on June 28th. The weather was great, if not a little too warm and the rest area had quite a bit of traffic. We didn't fare too well, raising just \$300.00 the least of the three days. But \$300.00 is \$300.00! Thanks to all who helped out who helped out.

Membership

We ended 2014's membership with 80 members. That would be about 120% of our target. 2015 membership renewal notices will be out shortly. Remember that if you wish, you can renew on line at <http://www.legion.org/renew>

Flag Day

Our Flag Day ceremony was well attended again this year. Town Supervisor John Hickman joined us and spoke briefly to the crowd. We also had a large contingent of Boy Scouts that helped us retire the flags. As always we want to thank the EF Fire Department and Hopewell Hose for monitoring and extinguishing the fire at the end of the evening. Thanks to the members that participated: Marty Nolan, Dan Oberhauser, Kevin Hathorn, Jim Reynolds, Jeff Boes, Cosimo Napolitano and John Lyons. And of course Vinny Richards who played Taps.



Here is your chance- PORTOLA VALLEY, CALIF. — More than 80 tanks amassed by a Stanford University-trained engineer are set to go up for sale in the San Francisco Bay Area in what is being billed as one of the largest auctions of military vehicles ever.

The auction on Friday and Saturday in Portola Valley will also include gun parts and miscellaneous military equipment, including a nearly 42 ton surface-to-surface missile, according to Auctions America, the company handling the auction.

The tanks and other vehicles — part of one of the nation’s most extensive, historic, military vehicle collections — were among those amassed over decades by Silicon Valley engineer Jacques Littlefield, who kept them on his family estate up a winding, forested road above Silicon Valley. They span from World War I through the Gulf War, Hunter Chaney, a spokesman for The Collings Foundation, said.

Littlefield’s family donated the tanks and other equipment to the foundation after Littlefield’s death in 2009. The foundation hopes to raise \$10 million from the auction to help build a military vehicle museum at its Stow, Massachusetts, headquarters, Chaney said.

“This collection is very rare and very expensive,” he said.

Among the tanks up for auction is a World War II German Panzer IV tank, which is expected to fetch as much as \$2.6 million, and an M4 “Jumbo Sherman” Assault Tank, which could go for as much as \$1.6 million.

The foundation is holding on to the items with the greatest historical significance, including a World War I tank, Chaney said.

Good of the Legion:

Don Burns name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our May meeting. Don walked away with \$64.00 and next month we restart at "0".
Congratulations Don!



Selective Service Notices

No, the United States isn't trying to build a military force of centenarians.

It just seems that way after the Selective Service System mistakenly sent notices to more than 14,000 Pennsylvania men born between 1893 and 1897, ordering them to register for the nation's military draft and warning that failure to do so is "punishable by a fine and imprisonment."

The agency realized the error when it began receiving calls from bewildered relatives last week.

Chuck Huey, 73, of Kingston, said he got a notice addressed to his late grandfather Bert Huey, a World War I veteran who was born in 1894 and died in 1995 at age 100.

"I said, 'Geez, what the hell is this about?' It said he was subject to heavy fines and imprisonment if he didn't sign up for the draft board," he said. "We were just totally dumbfounded."

Huey said he tried calling the Selective Service but couldn't get a live person on the line. That frustrated him even more because he wanted to make sure the agency knew there had been a mistake.

"You just never know. You don't want to mess around with the federal government," he said.

The glitch, it turns out, originated with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation during a transfer of nearly 400,000 records to the Selective Service. A clerk [working with the state's database](#) failed to select the century, producing records for males born between 1993 and 1997 - and for those born a century earlier, PennDOT spokeswoman Jan McKnight said Thursday.

"We made a mistake, a quite serious selection error," McKnight said.

The Selective Service didn't initially catch it because the state used a two-digit code to indicate year of birth, spokesman Pat Schuback said. The federal agency identified 27,218 records of men born in the 1800s, began mailing notices to them on June 30, and began receiving calls from family members on July 3. By that time, it had sent 14,250 notices in error.

"It's never happened before," Schuback said.

The men are almost certainly all dead, given that the youngest would be turning 117 this year. Families of those men who received the notices can simply ignore them, he said. Their files will be deactivated and they shouldn't receive additional communications from the Selective Service. The agency also posted a notice and an apology on its website Thursday.

The state Transportation Department, meanwhile, said it had taken steps to ensure its mistake won't be repeated.

"We're really sorry," McKnight said. "We apologize."

Cemetery Flag Retrievals

On August 2nd we will be retrieving the flags from the local cemeteries.



Meet at St. Denis at 10:00 AM

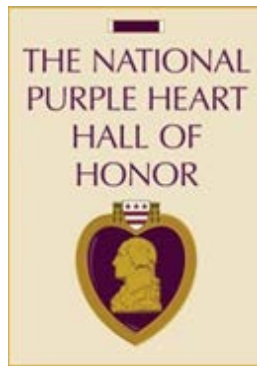
Please do not start removing flags until Commander Hathorn arrives. We want to make sure they are dry before we remove them. We also need to sort them and store the good ones for next year.

East Fishkill Community Day

Community Day is Saturday September 13th. Plans are underway to sell ice cream treats. Setup for our booth will be at 10:00 AM. Parade lineup for marchers at Trinkka Lane is at 10:30. Vehicles line up is on Palen Road.

Please come out and help and march. More information in the August newsletter.





SAVE THE DATE!

Purple Heart Appreciation Day
Sunday August 10, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m.

Join the Hall of Honor in commemorating the anniversary of General Washington's order that created the Badge of Military Merit, predecessor for the modern Purple Heart.

The program will highlight some of the men and women who have earned Purple Hearts.

More details to follow.

Free Admission

Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged.

Please call (845) 561-1765