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Our next meeting will be October 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend.

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

- Edmund Burke

### Cemetery Flag Retrieval

On August 2nd we retrieved the flags from the local cemeteries. Thanks goes out to: Marty & Agnes Nolan, Jim Broughton, John Lyons, Jim Reynolds, Kevin Hathorn, Bob Logan, Dan Gately BSA, Troop 86 & Chris Allen.

### Membership

We received an award ribbon for having 105% of our 2014 membership target. Now the 2015 membership renewal notices are out and let's all try to add a new member this year.

Remember that if you wish, you can renew on line at <http://www.legion.org/renew>

Several bib scarfs and shoulder cords purchased by the post and lent out for parade use have not been returned. Please return these to the post or if the recipients wish to purchase them the cost is \$7.00 for the scarf or \$8.00 for the cord. If in doubt, see post treasurer Dan Briscoe to see if you've paid for these items.

## Special Military Social Security Rate

Under certain circumstances, military veterans who served between 1940 and 2001 can be credited for **special extra earnings** for Social Security purposes.

These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Depending on the length and time frame of military service, some veterans may find that the benefit increase may be minimal. These special extra earnings are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings are **not** granted for inactive duty training. Note: Social Security cannot add these extra earnings to your record until you file for Social Security benefits.

### Here's How It Works

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from 1940 through 2001. This program adds to your overall income factor and may have little effect on your actual monthly Social Security benefit, as the increased earnings does not equate to an equal increase in monthly benefits. Here's how the special extra earnings are credited:

#### Service in 1978 through 2001

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

#### Service in 1957 Through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay. **Note:** The increased earnings does not equate to an equal increase in monthly benefits.

#### Service in 1940 Through 1956

If you were in the military during this period, including attendance at a service academy, you did not pay Social Security taxes. However, your Social Security record may be credited with \$160 a month in earnings for military service from September 16, 1940, through December 31, 1956, under the following circumstances:

- You were honorably discharged after 90 or more days of service, or you were released because of a disability or injury received in the line of duty; or
- You are still on active duty; or
- You are applying for survivors benefits and the veteran died while on active duty.

You cannot receive credit for these special extra earnings if you are already receiving a federal benefit based on the same years of service. There is one exception: If you were on active duty after 1956, you can still get the special earnings for 1951 through 1956, even if you're receiving a military retirement based on service during that period.

#### Contacting Social Security

- <http://www.ssa.gov/ww&os2.htm>
- Call the toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.
- "TTY" 1-800-325-0778.
- Call or visit your local Social Security Office.



### **East Fishkill Community Day**

Community Day was Saturday September 13th. Thanks to all that came out and helped or marched