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Our next meeting will be March 10th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall, Rte. 52**, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend. We can fit a lot more members in!

### **Four Chaplains Day on U.S.S. Intrepid, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, honoring veterans and military**

Two members of our Post went down to the Intrepid to help commemorate heroism of the four Navy chaplains who gave up their life vests to other sailors after the USS Dorchester took a torpedo in 1943. Initially not awarded any medals, since they were not "KIA", the Legion was instrumental in overturning that in 2004. It was a beautiful ceremony, plus a great time reliving our days aboard ship. It's a fantastic museum!

## **Membership**

As of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 71 members who renewed their membership, plus one man who resigned, due to infirmity and lack of transportation. The 71 members are a welcome bit of news, and the resigning member will continue to get our newsletter, just so he stay up-to-date on our activities.

We are continuing our efforts to reach Post 001 members, as well as Veterans who may not be aware of how much we welcome their joining our ranks in the future. Anything we do in the Community and County is for all Veterans, members or not. We'd welcome everyone!

## Americanism

At the February meeting, a brief discussion was enjoyed by all 15 attending. It was planned as a familiarization of the Four Pillars. Since the idea is renewing an older concept, it's just getting its legs, so some wrinkles need ironing.

Being one of the four Pillars, it was as important in 1919 as in 1776...love of country, and helping the people in it.

We all know what America stands for, and what the Flag has meant to generations of Americans. The most important thing is to think about Americanism in the context that the American Legion defines it. Using the National Americanism Commission established in 1919, we have ideas about how to really practice Americanism.

Our Legion Constitution lists the challenges we must meet as Americans and as members of the American Legion. The challenges are our principles. Americanism fosters wide-range community service, youth development, religious emphasis (not very popular in a liberal America), and educational growth. Boy Scouts, Oratorical, Boys State are just a few of the program activities we need to be able to explain to members of our community at every opportunity.

## School Tax Veterans' Exemptions

Current events: the Beacon City School Board passed a tax exemption for Veterans! Two of our members went to a recent meeting, and addressed the Board. They may have swayed the vote! Thanks, gents.

The Veterans' School Tax Exemption in the Arlington School District has hit a major snag--- it's been blocked by their Board. The Wappinger Central School District passed it, as have other municipalities.

In a trip to the Wappinger Assessor's Office, it was found that a Non-Owner Veteran spouse can enable the owner to claim a discount (exemption) on school taxes. All required is a valid DD-214, a tax form from the Assessor's Office, and proof of residency.

## Good of the Legion

**Tony Marinaccio's** name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our February meeting. Tony missed the meeting, so the pot is now at \$30 !



### Post 001 Recruiting Effort

We've been talking about membership for a while now, and we're moving on the Post 001 activity. We've created a mail merge of the entire listing with a recruiting letter. We did a mini-mass mailing within the week.

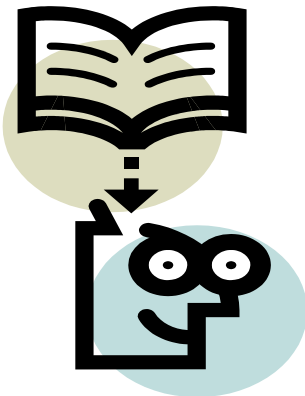


One of the Commander's neighbors mentioned a buddy having gotten a letter from us, so it's working!



### Training

"Let's pick one and talk it over a few minutes."  
Like what? How about expanding on Americanism. Yeah, that's the ticket. Let's see who knows what about Americanism, and maybe in the process, a new idea will pop up!

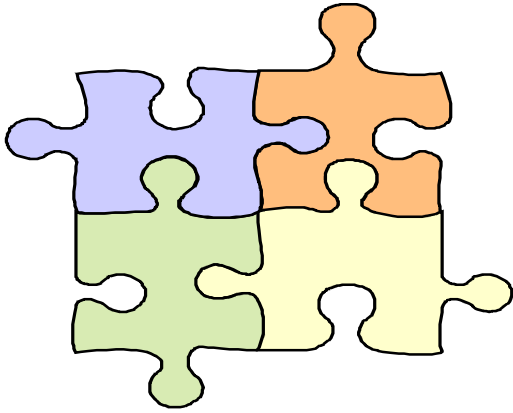


### Arlington School Tax Exemption

Mark Baaden, our Sergeant-At-Arms reports on the Arlington School Board and the Veterans Exemption w/r/t the school tax. We all need to act, now. The next ACSD meeting is 7PM on Feb.24, at Joseph D'Aquanni West Road Intermediate School. We all need to show up in large numbers, and represent all the ACSD veterans.

The email thread is rather long, so I won't mail it with this newsletter. Please trust that this is an urgent matter for us to attend to!

Working together, like parts of a puzzle !



**Near, but not IN the traffic !**

### Wake Brake

We will collect on I-84 west, between exits 16 & 17. Two dates we have are April 18 and May 9.

We have all the supplies for the two dates...we need bodies.

It will be a prime opportunity to recruit new members. If we have enough comrades (oh, the fun!!) we could work in shifts.

Plan on it. We will solicit your help next month for the 4/18 date.

Enclosed in the newsletter is a print out of everyone's name and address. The Post needs to know if there are any changes. If there's anything to note, make the correction, and mail the page to our PO Box 92 in Hopewell. Thanks.



### Volunteer Hours Report

For National Headquarters bookkeeping, we all need to log in our volunteer hours in the community. You'll find a letter in this mailing which talks about "volunteer data".

Take a few minutes, maybe even write on the same paper, what you come up with. We need you! Mail it to the Commander at our Hopewell PO Box.

### Helping the Vets and the Community



We donated to Castle Point on January 29<sup>th</sup>. One was 82 items of food from Adams Fairacre Farm in Wappinger, and the other was 2 large boxes of undershirts and boxersshorts, in the larger sizes. It broke down to 61 boxers, Med to 3XL; 63 undershirts, same size range. We found out that there was a real need for these...there will be some happy vets at Castle Point. In addition, there was a need for diabetic socks, and there were 48 pairs of these.

During the year, Adams allowed us to collect approx 1165 food items worth an estimated \$2565.

One of our members donated \$150 to an Albany Vets shelter called Veterans Miracle---beds and food pantry.

#### LATE NOTES:

By the way, St. Judes collection on March 7<sup>th</sup>, Stewarts on Lake Monfort&82, Florys on 82 at Taconic, MiniMart @ 82&52 juncture. Be there to meet & greet!

The Post has voted to fund Wreaths Across America \$75—two members added \$25 more!

We've formed a budget committee to analyze our finances and budget.

Dan Briscoe's okay after a brief visit to the hospital---YAAAAYY!

We're collecting worn-out flags at EF Town Hall until Flag Day.

\$100 donation received in thanks for work Dan Briscoe has done with the Scouts.

## The Dutchess County American Legion Family

### Presents: A Night at the Races



March 14, 2015  
Veteran's Memorial Building  
413 Main St. Beacon, NY 12508  
(Entrance Teller Ave)

### Doors open at 5:00 PM.

\$ 20.00 advance donation or \$ 25.00 at the door includes Food and Beverages.

For information and reservation please call:

845-569-1494

845-527-4010

or Legion Post 203 845-831-7750 (Leave message)

It is that time of year where we collect all the volunteer data to submit to National. They use this information to show our governmental representatives how much the Legion contributes to society.

Please provide me any volunteer information you have. Things that count are:

Blood donations

Hours at a VA Hospital or any hospital

Community Service Hours

boy/girl scouts

church officer/schooling/ushering

Our Air Rifle Team

Eagle presentations

working with seniors

meals on wheels

Knights of Columbus

Elks activities

coaching/managing sports teams

assisting seniors

service on a Board like school district, non-profit, credit union etc.

Any other volunteer work you do, pass it on to me. If I can use it I will. Please get back to me by April 5, 2014. Earlier than that would be sterling!

Mail it to PO Box 92 in Hopewell Junction. If it's easier, bring it to the next meeting.

One way or another, git 'er done!

Again, thanks.

Last	First	Init	Suffix	Address 1	City	St	Zip
Alfonso	Juan	R		25 Baker Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Aras	Anthony	J		173 School House Ln.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Ashburn	John	R	JR	33 Herring Dr.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Baaden	Mark	R		42 Frances Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Boes	Jeff	L		2513 Scarborough Lane	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Briscoe	Daniel	C		6 Crest Ct.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Broughton	James			19 Penn St.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Burns	Donald			186 Shamrock Hills Dr.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Carrozza	Theodore			308 3rd Rd. Hillside Lake	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Connolly	Francis	J		5 James Dorland Dr.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Croniser	Rick			40 Foster Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Dauerer	Norman	J		38 Frances Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Davis	Gary	W		34 Davis Hill Rd.	Stormville	NY	12582
De Matte	William	B	SR	192 Mennella Rd.	Poughquag	NY	12570
Dennerlein	Michael	V	-	9 Louise Ln.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Dickman	George			15 Pamela Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Dimilia	David	R		14 Marion Ave.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Dolan	Thomas	J		10 Neville Rd.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Donahue	Stephen	M		287 Baxtertown Rd.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Donovan	Andrew	J		168 Country Club Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Engel	Hale	T		10 Hausner Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Firth	Edwin	G	ESQ	193 Robinson Ln.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Green	Joseph	S	III	20 Tamarack Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Grimm	George			11 Helen Ave.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Harmonay	William			1433 Route 82, Apt A	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Hart	Leonard	J	JR	7 Nanuk Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Hathorn	Kevin	P		50 Carroll Dr.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Hertel	Charles			11 TerraNova Dr	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Idema	Peter		III	15 Doran Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Jarrett	Eugene	W		116 Sylvan Lake Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Johnson	Mark			95 New Hackensack Rd. Lot 5	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Kantrowitz	Edward			71 Wright Blvd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Kaufman	Simon			9 Southview Ln.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533



Kellam	Donald			8 Northview Ln.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Khuns	Edward	A	III	146 Susan Dr.	Poughquag	NY	12570
Klink	Thomas	J		108 Shirley Ave.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Klock	Neil	R		49 Mourt Ln.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Lalor	Kieran	M		105 Stony Brook Rd.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Lalor	Daniel	P		70 Brothers Rd.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Larsen	Scott			32 Rainbow Crest	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Livermore	Jay	R		1318 Rte 82	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Logan	Robert			89 Fishkill Rd	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Lohrfink	Fred			6 Veatch St.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Luciano	John	J		12 bannister Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Lyons	John	M		27 Elizabeth Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Marcello	Emiddio	D		15 Rolling Green Ln.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Marinaccio	Anthony			P.O. Box 382	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Masch	Thomas			150 Old Post Rd.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
McHoul	Douglas	A		P.O. Box 586	Vieques	PR	00765
McMahon	John	M		37 Circle Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Muller	William	F		83 Derick Dr.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Munning	Evert		JR	26 Highview Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Munning	Catherine	M		26 Highview Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Munson	Clarence		III	15 Candy Ln.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Napolitano	Cosimo			19 Deerwood Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Nolan	Martin			9 Deerwood Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Oberhauser	Daniel			29 Willow Rd.	Beacon	NY	12508
O'Sullivan	Michael	P		775 Huntington Dr.	Fishkill	NY	12524
Palmer	Donald	B		540 Van Wyck Lake Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Patton	Samuel	K		20 Woodcrest Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Paul	Michael		Sr	5 Pierce Arrow Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Pizzuti	John	M		19 Sunset Blvd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Polasko	John			26 Ridge View Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Rampe	Dennis			2 Jess Ct.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Reynolds	James	D		29 Zerner Blvd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Richards	Vincent	M	JR	79 Kensington Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Rompala	Lewis	J		15 Cayuga Dr.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Russo	Nicholas	M		P.O. Box 189	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Ryan	Joseph	P		59 Tanglewood Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Schwartz	Ralph	C		17 Kimball Rd.	Poughkeepsie	NY	12601

Sekhri	Sachin			39 Shepards Way	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Silva	Richard	J		170 Paw Print Trail	Murphy	NC	28906
Tomkovitch	Michael	J		7 Woodcrest Dr.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Tytlar	Ronald			11 Montfort Rd.	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
Vallee	David	E	SR	24 Honeywell Ln.	Hyde Park	NY	12538
Varacek	Joseph			5 Crest Ct.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
White	Paul	M		2825 Route 52	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Wood	David	L		401 Arbor Ln.	Loganville	GA	30052
Wuytack	Claude			176 Benton Moore Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533
Yeomans	Howard	E		190 Shenandoah Rd.	Hopewell Jct	NY	12533