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Our next meeting will be June 9th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend. We're conducting post elections.

Veterans Graves

Flags were placed on graves on May 16th. Breakfast was at the Falls Diner on Myers Corner Rd. Many volunteers helped out, in many ways. In addition to about 8 Post members—you know who you are, and your work is superb---we were joined by Venture Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and several adults. Flag removal is scheduled for June 6th at 10AM, at St. Denis, as well as the Hopewell Reformed Church. (I know we should have all the names, as well as photos, but these all were unavailable at press time. I'll try harder next time----I apologize.

Memorial Wreaths

I got the wreaths back from Sabellico's at a cost of \$50. The price was well worth it, as the wreaths look as good as new new ribbons and floral repairs included. The were used for the Memorial Day service, and removed for storage on June 4^{th} .

Good of the Legion

Jim Broughton's name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our May meeting. He was present and gets half of the \$168.00 Pot of Gold. Congrats, Jim!!



Poppies and Collections

We used the usual three sites—Flory's, Stewarts at Lake Walton & 82, as well as the Convenient Deli Mart. On Saturday, May 23rd, beginning at 8AM. Thanks go out to: Joe Ryan, Neil Klock, Bob Logan, John Polasko, Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Marty Nolan, Cosimo Napolitano, Len Hart, Jim Reynolds. Jim apologizes if he left anyone out of this list. The total amount deposited into our new checking account was \$1975.00. I wish I could have helped...really.

Extras

Jim Reynolds sent out an email to the online membership, critiquing the Memorial Day ceremonies, so I won't add anything. I hope the same note went out to the members not enjoying being online, so you all have an idea how the morning went.

FlagDay is on the 14th, as usual. We'll meet behind the library at 7PM. Dark slacks, white shirt and uniform cap are the UOD.

Boys State and Girls State 2015

The May meeting at the Arlington Post showcase the 14 boys and 14 girls who are going up to the SUNY Morrisville campus. Jackie Perrotta is working out the travel and tuition arrangements for all the county posts. Thanks, Jackie.

Election Results

The latest post elections:
Commander—Kevin Hathorn

1st Vice Commander—open; person withdrew

2nd Vice Commander—George Dickman
Finance Officer—open; person withdrew

Adjutant—Don Burns
Service Officer—Danny Oberhauser
Sergeant at Arms—Mark Baaden

Chaplain—Norm Dauerer

Judge Advocate—Tony Nicolis

Historian—open; person withdrew

Parliamentary Procedure—Neil Klock

We will have an induction ceremony at the June meeting for the remaining elected officers. We will look to fill the open positions with the best possible candidates, so the post can continue to grow. The June meeting will be suspended, food will be available, and we will hopefully hear from our two expected guests: John Hickman, East Fishkill Town Supervisor; and Wayne Southworth, Dutchess County Commander.

Preparing for Flag Day

Flag collecting is going well. We have two boxes of discarded flags in the storage locker, one more in the Old Town Hall, and another in the new Town Hall. Flag Day is Sunday the 14th of June. Should be a pretty remarkable day!! Come see for yourself!

New Members to the post, plus a guest

Bruce Coneeny and Sal D'Angelo have joined us as new members. Stan Klepeis transferred to Post 1758 from 1302 in Arlington. I met with Bruce at Flory's, introducing him to the Legion as well as the directions our post is pursuing.

Lance Ashworth, President of the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot will be joining us at our June 9th meeting. I have invited him to join our post as a member. Attending the May Post meeting was prevented due to scheduling conflicts.

Signage to show we're here and we're active!

ON April 21st, I met with our Town Supervisor regarding signs for our post. One part of the plan is a three sided sign in front of the Old Town Hall...one side facing East on Route 52, one West, and the other at 376 where it meets Route 52. Typically, that's Routes 52 and 82, at either end of Hopewell, as well as where Route 376 enters Hopewell.

John Hickman was in favor of the idea, and the next meeting will include ideas for the sign in front of the Old Town Hall.

The feeling is that if we advertise, we can grow our membership. We can sponsor Community Activities, and be integral to the town. Stay tuned!



Cosimo Napolitano, Jim Broughton and Marty Nolan manned the poppies at the Convenient deli Mart on Saturday the 23rd.

Stewart's contributions totaled \$839, Flory's \$793 and the Deli Mart \$343...for a total of \$1975.



At Flory's Mobil Station out on Route 82, standing poppy duty were Dan Briscoe, John Polasko and Jim R.

Neither Jim nor Bob Logan got pictures of Stewart's.