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Our next meeting will be August 11th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. We will not have a July meeting, as is the custom.

Veterans Graves

Flags were removed from the graves in the two cemeteries on the morning of the sixth of June. It drizzled early, but quit by 10AM, so Bob Logan and I removed all the flags by 11AM. When I got them home, I weeded out the "tired and worn out" flags for use on Flag Day. I counted nearly 700 flags, which went back into storage. They were dry and tightly rolled. There were over a hundred flags for the burn pit out of the whole bunch.

Post Elections

The latest post elections:

Commander—Kevin Hathorn

1st Vice Commander—Tony Nicolis

2nd Vice Commander—George Dickman

Finance Officer—Kevin Hathorn, acting

Adjutant—Don Burns

Service Officer—Danny Oberhauser

Sergeant at Arms—Mark Baaden

Chaplain—Norm Dauerer

Judge Advocate—open

Historian—Vinny Richards

Parliamentary Procedure—Neil Klock

Good of the Legion

Bill Dematte's name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our June meeting. He was not present, so the \$34.00 in the pot gets rolled into the next Pot of Gold.



Flag Day

Flag Day is Sunday the 14th of June.

The ceremony will begin at 7PM. John Hickman will join us, and give a fitting speech.

Uniform is white (or Legion) shirt, dark trousers, and uniform cap,

Election Night

We had induction ceremony at the June meeting, followed by a couple of hero's and delicious tossed salad from the In & Out Deli on New Hackensack. Mark Oberhauser, you struck it rich with that meal! Thank you.

We had four guests: Mr. & Mrs. John Hickman, East Fishkill Town Supervisor and his lovely wife, Joanne; Wayne Southworth, Dutchess County Commander, and Althea Richards, one of our photographers for the evening. Bob Logan and Jim Reynolds also marked the evening.

Wayne performed the induction, and finished with a short talk. He announced that we would be hosting the County meeting in February, replacing Pawling as the February 2016 host. John told us how proud he is of our Post and the way we interact with the community. He remarked that we should be able to use the Community Center on Route 82 for that event.

There's a photo of the group at newsletter's end.

Finance Report

The 2nd CD will be removed from the M & T Bank, where the interest was lower than HVFCU. We will be moving that CD, as well as the balance of our checking account funds, to the HVFCU Credit Union.

I'm filling in as Finance Officer, as none was elected. I'll be subject to audit, as necessary. An updated budget is in progress.

Membership Notes

Two more members have agreed to pay their 2015 dues. And, at the June meeting, another new member paid his 2015 dues. I will be interviewing a member transferring from the Department, Owen Cottle, who lives off Merritt Blvd. We'll welcome him in August.

The NY Commissioner of Babe Ruth and Cal Ripkin Baseball would like to honor local veterans at two of their upcoming youth tournaments.

The tournaments will be held on Saturday June 27th at the Beekman Recreation Center - 29 Recreation Center Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY and Saturday July 4th at the Crown Heights Field - 85 Airport Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY(What a great way to celebrate Independence Day!!).

Photos

We have several photos to share. They'll also be sent to the newspaper. Memorial Day Weekend...



Memorial Day weekend Photos:

The top one is at Flory's on 82 at the Taconic, featuring Jim Reynolds, John Polasko and Dan Briscoe; the bottom photo is from the Convenient Deli Mart, on 82, near the 82/52 split. The table was manned by Cosimo Napolitano, Jim Broughton and Marty Nolan. Jim R. says he was all over the place that day, and never got a photo of Stewarts on 82.



copyright Bob Logan

Photo above is our Color Guard for the Parade.

Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans' Monument.



Flag Day Ceremonies

This year's Flag Day was a lot of fun, and drew quite a crowd. A little more advertising, and next year, you never know. All in all, there were close to seventy people at the Flag Retirement event at the burn pit behind the EF library. There were about 10 Legion members, maybe more; there were about 35 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, five firemen; I'd guess there were 20 to 25 "civilian" guests, mostly on the hill, watching. Many had contributions to make. Toni Huston (Claire's mom) mentioned that burning is not the best method of retirement for "plastic" or synthetic material flags. Another had an 8 foot wooden staff to give us...just in case there's a need somewhere. We had some very large flags, some MIA flags, and enough to fill three Rubbermaid tubs.

John Hickman and I discussed the placement of the "guest" bleachers next year...facing north. So that the ceremony is backdropped by the ball fields.

Here are some of Althea Richards' photos:



On the county level

I will be assuming a position in Area D, as a Vice Commander. Installation is at the August meeting, on the 19th, at Post 1302.

Scouting Taking Part in the Celebrations

Cub Scout Pack 127

Placing of Flags

Harrison Thomas
Jason Coghlan

Memorial Day Parade

Jason Coghlan
Aiden DiPalermo
James Gorman
Luke Jakob
Anthony Menichino
Noah Pace
Harrison Thomas
Aaden Wynne



Post Installation of Officers

Danny Oberhauser, Tony Nicolis, Kevin Hathorn, Don Burns, Vinny Richards, Neil Klock, Mark Baaden, and County Commander Wayne Southworth lined up following the installation. Missing was George Dickman, 2nd Vice. We had a good time with the food that night, too: two hero's, soda and salads to feed the troops. Page 3 has a bit more on that night.