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Food for thought:

“Anybody can become angry - that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way - that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.”

— Aristotle

Our next meeting will be January 12th, at 7PM, in the Old Town Hall. We should be seeing new faces there.

Happy Holidays to All Members !!

Veterans Appreciation Day in East Fishkill

Advertising and Scheduling have pushed this off to the Spring. We'll have to wait and see what the organizers come up with, but it's gonna be a good one. Hopefully, all the veterans within the township come out for this, even the crabby ones. A good time should be had by all.

Finance Officer

Our interim finance officer asked that we hold an audit in February. In addition, he made up a form for reimbursement of purchases of post items by members. Receipts must be added to the form. It's a good idea to be approved before you spend. And to submit on a timely basis for good accountability.

Pot of Gold

Dennis Rampe's name was drawn for the Pot of Gold, but he wasn't at the meeting to collect it. There's now a rollover of \$158.00 available for a 50/50 split with the next name drawn who's also at the meeting.

Our Post Programs

Oratorical—Amy Zhou from John Jay and one or two students from Ketcham, as yet to be named. Program literature never reached the Debate Forensics group, so we'll scramble to make the deadline. Oratorical application must reach County by 11/20.

Boys State: three boys are interested from Ketcham.

County News

Membership is moving along. Our numbers are unknown at this time. We're probably above 75%. We await the Adjutant's report at the January meeting.

There's something called the Red, White and Blue Award for businesses or individuals. DRA Imaging just received one for a donation to Operation Comfort Warrior for \$1,000. If you have any ideas, I have an application.

Flying an illuminated flag is an example of what qualifies.

Nov. 7th at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park was the 10th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day. It was as patriotic as you'd expect, and a lot of fun. I helped man the County booth, and signed up one young man. I'll see if I can get him to actually join the Post now.

Nov. 14th in Fishkill was a commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Naval Aviators' Crash into Mt. Beacon. The 15th saw a memorial on the Walkway over the Hudson.

Scouting News

Dan Briscoe reports an Eagle Court in LaGrangeville on 10/3, with Reese Ragusa being noted. The 26th had another court, but I didn't get the name. Included are two photos of earlier 2015 Eagle Courts: Dan Briscoe, in January, with Brian Kusior; Neil Klock with Eddie Miller.



More County News

The next county meeting is on Wednesday, 11/18, at the Rhinebeck Post. The 9th District meeting is the 22nd (52nd Anniversary of JFK assassination, 1963.) at Post 203 in Beacon.

We've set up a committee to look into employers hiring veterans. The goal is a minimum of 10% of the staff in a company having a DD214. Arnoff Moving and Storage is one example. If you know of any employers doing their part, let me know, please. I'm chairing the committee, so I'll be making the rounds in Southern Dutchess. I'll be working with Morea and Dechamp

Facebook Pages

Go to facebook.com (or just fb.com) and type in Post 1758. Presto, you're there. It's much easier if you have a Facebook id & password, but not required...

Leave a LIKE, a SHARE, a COMMENT ! Anyone can post photos to share!

Department Commander's Visit to Dutchess County

The Department Commander visited the county, and the dinner was on November 13th, at the Villa Borghese in Wappinger. Jim Yermas, Jan Mahoney, Charlene Mayville were there, and nearly every post in the county was represented.

Here are some photos. First is the Department Commander's cake...very tasty. Next, Mr. & Mrs. John Conto, from Post 1949. Also pictured are ladies from their Auxiliary and me.





Pictured above, Jim Yermas at the podium, and to his left are Jan Mahoney, the Department Auxiliary President, and Charlene Mayville, 9th District Auxiliary President. Dan Morea and his wife are pretty much centered in this photo. I knew pretty much everyone there, but knew few names.

Veterans Day summary

We collected at The Convenient Deli Mart (Danny, Jim B. and me); Flory's on 82 at the Taconic (Don, Bruce, John); and Stewart's at Lake Walton Road (Len, and Neil) Anyhow, it was a supreme effort, especially with the WINTER weather. You guys all done us proud. And Tom, Stewarts closed down a little early...sorry you missed it. Finally, we collected somewhere around \$1500. The poppys made a big difference, and it's a good thing Jim R. hung onto a bunch of poppys from 2011, so we almost had enough to last the day. The guys at Florys coulda used another bunch over there...

John, me, Don at Florys





John and Bruce at Florys

Honor the Vets in CT

Center Ave. School, Brookfield, CT...I went there for my grandson's school to honor about 40 of us vets...breakfast, songs, salutes, stories and smiles, too.



And here's the littlest cheerleader. Also, the top of my grandson's head...oh, well.



Below, it's Jim B. and Danny at the Convenient Deli Mart. When I got to Stewart's, Len and Neil were packing up, due to the merciless wind and bitter cold. And I forgot to have them pose for a photo. Sorry, guys.



Sorry for the short notice, everybody. The payment slip is on the very last page of newsletter

UPDATE Price change

Post 1758

2015 Holiday Party

Sunday 12/13/15

3:00 PM



The Blue Fountain

826 Route 376 Hopewell Junction, NY

Buffet Style meal:

Baked Ziti, Chicken Marsala, Beef Burgundy, Fried Calamari,
Steamed mixed vegetables, coffee, tea, dessert

*****\$29.00 per person + \$14.50 for Spouse*****

Tear off and return bottom portion

Name: _____

Number of Attendees _____ \$29 = _____

Spouse \$14.50= _____

Total _____

If NOT Paid By 12/1/15 Price is \$39 + \$29 for Spouse

Return with payment **by December 1 to**

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