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Our next meeting will be August 9th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall, Rte. 52**, next to the Police Station.
Please try to attend.

Department Convention

The commander, service officer and adjutant (also County Commander) attended the 98th department convention and will be reporting what we learned at our next meeting.

The East Fishkill Veterans Appreciation Day came off without a hitch with the exception of the weather. Hope you all attended - if not, do make plans for attending next year!

Good of the Legion

Bob Logan's name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our June meeting. He was present and took home \$42. Congrats Bob !!



Boys State and Girls State 2015

Hopefully we will have some, if not all, five attendees at our August meeting to hear feedback.

Some local post sponsors that donated may also be attending.

2017 Election Results

The post elections:

Commander—Don Burns

1st Vice Commander— Danny Oberhauser

2nd Vice Commander—Joe Ryan

Finance Officer—Jim Reynolds

Adjutant—Kevn Hathorn

Service Officer—Danny Oberhauser

Sergeant at Arms—Jeff Boes

Chaplain—Norm Dauerer

Judge Advocate—Jay Livermore

Historian—Jim Reynolds

Parliamentary Procedure—Kevin Hathorn

From the 2016 American Legion Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies (page 8)

“The wearing of the cap and usage of the American Legion emblem, facilities and political donations

According to Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion, “The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.” The national charter, approved by Congress, also stipulates The American Legion as an organization is nonpolitical*, which has been interpreted by the national judge advocate as “nonpartisan” in modern lingo. Therefore, The American Legion as an organization is prohibited from contributing, helping or endorsing a candidate. However, a member – as a private citizen and not representing the organization – can employ whatever legal and ethical means to advance his or her candidate.

The Legion cap is considered the official Legion uniform (**see p. 42**). It is not an individual Legion member’s decision on the appropriate usage of the cap and emblem. If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with the emblem visible, should be removed so as not to imply endorsement by The American Legion. The problem is the assumption of endorsement by those who see the emblem or name worn at an improper location, such as a partisan rally.

When using post facilities to host candidates, the post should remove the emblem and Legion flag to avoid any impression of endorsements. Candidates for all parties must be presented equal opportunity at the same time to use the facilities on the same terms and conditions as other competing candidates.

If financial contributions are offered by candidates for political office, campaigns, political action committees or political parties, The American Legion should politely decline. Accepting these contributions may be perfectly legal, but The American Legion must avoid any perception of supporting any candidate or political party. The American Legion values its independence and effectiveness on veterans’ issues. This stance is best maintained by neutrality on individual candidates or political parties. The American Legion by legal definition is nonpartisan and supports only issues that impact the Four Pillars.

** This means “nonpartisan” in today’s society. The American Legion is allowed by Congress to lobby for veterans benefits and a strong United States of America (NJA, October 25, 2012).”*

Post real estate property



The commander and adjutant spend a day looking at a foreclosed 1 plus acre property in East Fishkill with a beat up house and garage. Located on Rte 376 and it could have been a possible post property, but we were too late and it sold for \$55,000.

This lead to the discovery that our real estate agent for our post real estate has left the business, our lots are not listed for sale at this time, and the post will need to find a replacement agent.

Membership

The watchword of our new state commander is membership. Membership and more membership. Ditto goes for our post commander! Let's all strive to bring in one new member between now and the end of the year.

So a Post Challenge Issued by the Post Commander

Free bottle of very good red or white wine to be delivered by the commander to the post member that signs up the most new paid (not transfers) members by the time of our post's holiday party! Usual time periods plus discharge requirements for Legion membership still does apply for new members.