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Our next meeting will be Sept 13th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station.

East Fishkill Community Day

The post will be marching in the Community Day Parade, uniform for marchers is Legion cap, white short-sleeve shirts, black pants and shoes. Honor Guard – also yellow shoulder cord, yellow scarf and white gloves.

The post will also have a table located in the town's big tent and we will be offering at \$5.00 each to place American flags with Veterans names out on Veterans Day. The flags will be located in front of McHoul's and will not be sold only displayed.

The town of East Fishkill will be holding a 9-11 ceremony at 6 PM on Sunday 9-11 at the Town Hall. The post will have an honor guard for the ceremony and other post members may wish to attend too. Honor Guard personnel should be there at 5:30 PM in the same honor guard uniform as for Community Day.

September 16th is POW/MIA Recognition Day No town ceremony is planned.

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Example of the wood block and flag the post will be offering for \$5.00



Dear Legion Member or Veteran Supporter,

It's an honor and a pleasure to serve as your new American Legion National Commander. As an organization, we have many priorities, but today I am writing to enlist your support for the highest priority for our future: **MEMBERSHIP.**

As veterans, we all share a desire to serve. We do community service projects. We help at our churches. We might lead Scout groups or help coach youth sports. For many of our nation's military veterans, however, it's a challenge to find a place that provides the same opportunity to fulfill missions and achieve goals as we had while wearing the uniform. That place can be The American Legion.

Today, I am asking you to take a pledge and recruit one new member. If each of us does this we could double the size of The American Legion. By Sept. 16, 2016 – the date The American Legion received its federal charter nearly a century ago – signify your pledge by becoming a part of my <u>Thunderclap</u>.

What's Thunderclap?

Thunderclap is a tool that allows thousands of people to share the same message at exactly the same time. People sign up on the <u>Thunderclap</u> website and give permission to share a single message on Facebook and Twitter at a specified time. Ours is located here:

#JointheForce Thunderclap Website

If you and enough others support our <u>Thunderclap</u>, we will reach thousands of people and let everyone know that a 'Legion' of veterans working together is a force to be reckoned with!

Our voice is strong, but it can be stronger. We are making an impact, but we can always do more. The only way we can make major differences for individuals, communities, our states and nation is to work together.

Please #Join the Force to make our American Legion bigger, stronger and better able to achieve our mission!

Sincerely, Charlie Schmidt National Commander



I. Place emphasis on the development of the qualities of COURAGE, HONOR, LEADERSHIP, PATRIOTISM, SCHOLARSHIP and SERVICE. II. Develop those ideals of Americanism among young people which will make them citizens of the highest type. III. Give recognition through the award of American Legion School Award Medals to the boy and to the girl who are deemed most worthy of the high qualities of citizenship and of true Americanism. I would like to see our post start to offer this program this year to our local high school senior class.

Good of the Legion

John Polasko's name was pulled for Pot Of Gold Drawing at our August meeting. He was not present and \$30 rolls over.

