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Food for thought:

“We don't develop courage by being happy every day. We develop it by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity.”

— **Barbara de Angelis**

Our next meeting: 09 May 2017 @ 7PM, in the Old Town Hall.
[County meeting is at Post 1949 @ 6:30PM on Wed. 17 May. Will be a GREAT meeting in Pine Plains Dinner's served!](#)

Our Meeting

April's meeting had 17 of us there ! The meeting lasted the usual 90 minutes, and we covered everything a variety of topics. The issue of Land Management will be addressed on April 21st at a committee meeting.

Pot of Gold

The Pot of Gold got still larger, and the winner was. But wasn't at the meeting, so \$34 stays in the pot, which is \$112 now. That's great!

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... We also have a Twitter account, and you can find it with "@AL Post 1758". We're publishing donors to our American Legion Boys and Empire Girls State Programs.

Newspaper Articles

We're publishing the Ryan Van Coughnett and the Justin Leroy Hutchings Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. I'm just waiting on names and pictures.

Oratorical Competition (nylegion.net)

Jenna Drummond will be invited to our May meeting (Post elections that night as well) for her award for coming in first place in the local Oratorical Contest.

American Legion Boys State & Empire Girls State

We already have one entry for Empire Girls State: Jenna Drummond, the Junior from John Jay, who's also in the Oratorical Contest. The John Jay Junior is Jacob Baker, and he's ready for American Legion Boys State.

We're still canvassing the area for donations to help defray costs. To date, we have somewhere in the neighborhood of \$950.

Service Office

Our 2015 Boys Staters were Billy Smart and Sean Grogan. Sean recently passed away, and the Post and County American Legion were present at McHoul's on 18 April. I spoke to the parents, and they related how strongly they felt about our American Legion Boys State Program. There were hundreds of mourners at the wake that evening.

Membership

We received a certificate of Amazing-ness, since we surpassed our goal for the current year. Congratulations to us.

Venture Crew

Rifles:M540, Rugar. Rifles are inaccurate and not able to be sighted in. Norm may contact NRA since these rifles were donated to NRA by Ruger. Perhaps failed inspection and not able to be sold retail?

Membership notes: Crew needs new members : 14-21 years;

Rifles sent back to Rugar;

Crew has 4 Remington target guns, all right handed; 1 shooter left handed; order another weapon ?

Flags and Poppys

Flags to be handed out on July 4th: \$28 per 144 from Emblem Sales. Flory's North seems to have most traffic, needs 150-200 flags. 6 gross to be ordered comes to \$168 plus S&H. Email is going out for members wanting to order at this time, to save on S&H.

Joe Ryan is shopping for new Rubbermaid containers for the 23.5" flags, as the other containers are past their prime.

We'll have coin drops at the usual places next month: Convenient Deli Mart, Flory's North, Stewarts, 27 May, from 7:30 to 3:00

We'll also do the same on Saturday 11 November: same places, same time.

We'll also do the same on Tuesday, the 4th of July...8:00 to NOON.

You know where you go to help, so I don't think we need to list names.

Parades

We're having the Memorial Day Parade again this year. We expect to have some walkers, so let's see what we can do for a "saloon car" ...isn't that what the Packard used to be called?

Meet up at Trink Lane at 10:30 and be ready to step off at 10:45. Riders need to get over to Palen Road, where the car will be parked. Norm and Tommy will be at other parades, so we need to plan ahead!

I'm sending a Form to Paige Condon of the Journal, so we should be published for a few days before the Holiday.

By the way, I won't be at the parade this year, or the ceremony. We're visiting relatives upstate over the weekend. I'll miss the coin drops as well. SORRY.

Comedy Night

Comedy Night will be at the Poughkeepsie Elks on September 16th at 7PM. Tickets are \$20 for vets and \$25 for all others. There will be 3 comedians, including Gene Trifilo and Kevin Lee, and there will be food there, too. I've heard people say that Kevin Lee is a riot!! It'll benefit the DCAL. The Poughkeepsie Elks is on Overocker Road.

Coin Drops

The meeting membership voted on 3 dates at our usual locations:

27 May 2017 from 07:30 to 15:30

04 July 2017 from 08:00 to 12:00

11 November from 07:30 to 15:30

Arrangements need to be made at ACME. Their policy is one day per weekend per organization.

Stewarts, Convenient Deli Mart and Florys North are all ok (Danny & John Polasko checked their spots, Don & I did Stewarts)

The Land

Don, Danny and I met with Lance at Panera, discussing everything land-related. We have the minutes of the meeting, if you're interested. Maybe we'll have a Land Committee, like in the old days. Danny will be on it with Lance, and it'll be a pretty active group!

Hometown Heroes

As addressed in last month's newsletter, the Hometown Heroes Banner project is ongoing. There was a presentation in late February at a Town Board meeting, as well as a meeting is planned at Town Hall for 01 March 2017.

The Dutchess County monthly MEETING was at Post 178 in Millerton, on the 19th of April. It commemorated Post Everlasting, an annual tradition of seriously remembering our fallen brothers within the last 12 months. Catherine Munning was remembered graciously.

17 May 2017 is the next County Meeting, open to everyone...6:30PM. Come on down! It's at Post #1949 in Pine Plains.

16 May, we'll be having the Boys State and Empire Girls State Orientation. The night begins with Pizza. Why don't you join us? Jenna Drummond and Jacob Baker will be with us. It'll be at the Arlington Post, 6:45 PM.

