



American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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American Legion Post 1758,

PO Box 92,

Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Facebook: Manny Bacon/Post 1758

November 14th Meeting attendance

Reynolds, Hathorn, Burns, Meyer, Ryan, Dickman, Call, Hart,
Broughton, Kriebel, Logan, Briscoe, Livermore, Coneeny, Boes, Masch,
Ashworth, Oberhauser, Polasko

Next meeting

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

Attention: New (2017) Members to the post

We will be having Initiation services in January for all the members who joined us in 2017, as well as any other members who missed a prior initiation.

Veterans Day Activities

Coin Drop

Veterans Day coin drops were held at Stewart's on 82, Flory's on Route 82 and Route 9, and Convenient Deli Mart. There were three volunteers who helped: Brandon Scott from RCK; Michael Kiernan and his father Chris, also RCK; two other young ladies failed to show. We counted roughly \$1860 from this coin drop.

Veterans Flags and Blocks: On Route 82, between the Gyro Wagon and the liquor store, we used the "tree lawn", the area between the sidewalk and the street to plant 80 flags and blocks. When we find the fotos, we'll post them.

AL Post 1758 Annual Christmas Dinner

Who: AL Post 1758 members/guests
What: Annual Christmas Dinner
Where: Plated, [2425 NY Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY](#)
When: Sunday, December 10, 2017, commencing at 3:00pm
Cost: \$30 per person

Details: **Casual Dress...Jacket & tie preferred** ...No JEANS, No Cap.

Garden Salad (individual)
Rolls with Butter
Choice of 3 entrees (served family style at the table) - Chicken Parmagiana,
Penne a la Vodka and Grilled Salmon
Side of Broccoli (garlic and olive oil)
Coffee, Tea and Soda
Cash Bar

Please send checks to our P.O. Box address ASAP. No payment at the door. If you wish to attend and need extra time to pay then you must make arrangements with Kevin Hathorn or Lance Ashworth. Remember there's a few prizes to be won at this year's dinner and the more the merrier so let's have a great turnout.

Guests for our Holiday Party

Outgoing Town Supervisor John Hickman and his wife, plus his office assistant, Gina Grippo and her spouse have been invited to our Holiday Party. We hope they and their guests are available to attend. We have plaques made up for them, as they have served us well in their support.

Veterans Day Ceremonies

John Jay High School, 11/09/17



Singing the National Anthem

John Jay High School, 11/09/17



Color Guard returning to school building

Veterans Day at John Jay, Thursday, November 9: Color guard was made up of Call and Broughton Burns, Hathorn and Reynolds, as well as Jimmy Mertrando of Post 1467 and Castle Point volunteering. The volunteering students put out small flags on the sidewalks and highway in a show of Americanism.

In the crowd of hundreds were a singer and a trumpet player. After we hoisted the school's Colors, we led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Commander spoke about the origins of Veterans Day, then the student sang the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful. This was followed by Taps, played by a student trumpet player. State Sen. Serino was invited to address the crowd and did so. We marched off to a continental breakfast for all, supplied by Mr. Ambron, ceremony organizer.

Ketcham High School, 11/13/17

On November 13, 2017, a Veterans Day ceremony was held by the students and staff of Roy C. Ketcham High School, Wappingers Falls, NY.

The Color Guard from Manny Bacon American Legion Post 1758 was invited to display the Colors, as well as the POW/MIA Flag.

The ceremony started at 9:15 AM, after the circular memorial in front of the school was lined with small American Flags. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The Chorus sang the "National Anthem" and "America the Beautiful". The audience included State Sen. Sue Serino, several Civics and Government classes, as well as David Seipp, School Principal.

The Post Commander, Donald G. Burns, addressed the audience, the Colors marched away, followed by Taps

An informal continental breakfast was offered by the school, and enjoyed by all. Representing the American Legion were Kevin Hathorn, John Call, Donald Burns, Jim Reynolds, Jim Broughton and Bill Kriebel. The entire ceremony was arranged by Mrs. Kalah Boscia, Guidance Counselor at Ketcham.



The Audience

Ketcham High School, 11/13/17



Post 1758 Color Guard

Ketcham High School, 11/13/17



The Chorus

Texas Roadhouse, Route 9



Pictured are Maria D'Amelia, Customer Service, Texas Roadhouse Restaurant; Peter Plourde, Owner of Texas Roadhouse Restaurant; Kevin Hathorn, American Legion Post 1758; Julia Plourde, Marketing for Texas Roadhouse Restaurant; Tyler Krupa, Customer service, Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. On November 16, 2017, Kevin presented Julia and the staff of the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant with a Certificate of Appreciation for all that the restaurant does for Veterans. The latest act of kindness was providing Gift Cards of the Texas Roadhouse for customers to purchase, to treat area veterans to the great food and fare of the Poughkeepsie Texas Roadhouse.

Veterans Service Office retiring

Nelson Rivera is the Dutchess County VSO, and he will be leaving his position by year's end. A replacement has not been announced at this time.

From Vinnie & Althea and the Band, to the Community



*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW
YEAR*

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*You are cordially invited to join us for our
second annual family and friends' concert and
social.*

When: Sunday, December 10, 2017

Where: East Fishkill Community Center

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

*Please bring your Christmas Spirit and a finger
dessert to share*

Thanksgiving meal

Mr. Todd Bailey (USArmy) and his family send a very big “Thank You to Post 1758“ for the generous gift of a Thanksgiving Dinner from Hannafords. He has a 70% service connected disability and a family of four, 2 children. The VA hospital at Castle Point, Steve Cecern (eligibility representative) also say thanks for the generous gift and support of our veterans.

Acting for the post this year, John Call purchased the dinner and provided dinner option instructions that Mr. Bailey could select as part of the dinner. Hannaford's Deli Manager, Donna, said "Hello" to Jim Reynolds who ordered these Thanksgiving Day dinners in prior years. This is a long standing post function in support of local veterans.

Oratorical Competition

On Saturday, 11/18/2017, we had our post Oratorical contest. Assisting in the volunteer efforts were Jim Broughton, John Call, Debbie Burns, Sean Hathorn, Alice and Mike Athanas, Kevin Hathorn, with Danny Oberhauser as the emcee.

This year we had three contestants, Anushia Nambiar (4th place in 2017 Department contest), Jenna Drummond (Post 1st place, 2017), and Henry Litsky, a first time newcomer. Anushia placed 1st in this latest contest. All three contestants will move up to the Dutchess County Contest.

Guests included Elizabeth and Grace Gilroy, their mother Christine; Caleb Verdu and his mother Donna. The three students all brought their parents.

Thoughtful Mind

“Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't.”

– **Steve Maraboli**

Manny Bacon Post Meetings and Parking

We have been notified that the parking area to the south of the Old Town Hall is reserved for visitors to the EF Police Station. Our parking is on the next level parking area, also to the west of the building, and additionally across the street at the shopping plaza. One needs to exercise caution when using this additional parking, due to traffic.

We want all of our members to come to the meetings, and if transport is a problem, let one of the post officers know. We come from all over, so picking up a rider will always work. The same applies to Dutchess County American Legion meetings, which take place around the county.

Let Kevin or Don or One of the post officers know a day or two in advance. Never a problem.

Venture Crew

New member: Sean Farafro, not in Boy Scouts

Norm instructed on Nov. 12...looking good, Norm.

Membership

75 out of 103 are renewed. Let's see if we can move our friends to renew before New Years'.

Toy Donations

Commander Burns proposed a \$75 donation for ToyBox at EFPD next door. It passed. Will do.

Holiday Donation:

Tommy Masch made a motion, which passed, for a \$150 donation to Veterans Impact Program through Hudson River Housing.

Cannon Donation to Post

A Bofur 37MM European Cannon is to be donated to the post. It will be renovated by both our post member Tommy Masch and our Judge Advocate, Jay Livermore. Past Commander Jim Reynolds was the original contact person on this, and is working with the owner to take delivery ASAP.