



American Legion
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Newsletter

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PO Box 92,

Hopewell

February 13th Meeting attendance:

Burns, Oberhauser, Aras, Reynolds, Call, Ryan, Rodriguez, Dickman, Kriebel, Hathorn, Boes, Trinidad, Logan, Kantrowitz, Ashworth, Meyer, Lyons, Masch, Briscoe, Livermore, Eyer (I counted 22...who didn't sign in?)

Dinner at the Post

Danny Oberhauser and In & Out Deli donated a hero to meeting, plus water. Meeting suspended to allow for meal. Strangely, meeting attendance was a tad higher...

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be March 13th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend. Otherwise, there will be a lot you will miss out on! We'll have a short Post Everlasting Ceremony for our members late of 2017.

National Commander's Dinner

National Commander's Dinner at ANTUN'S Restaurant in Springfield Gardens on April 13th, 2018. This is one of LIFE'S GREAT EXPERIENCES! Good times, good food, get to meet the first female national commander in history! Good music and dancing. \$65 a head. Let me know..I'm on the committee. I'M COLLECTING, RIGHT NOW!

Thoughtful Mind

“Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself.”

— **Robert Green Ingersoll**

Oratorical Competition

3 students competed at the Zone Level, in New City, Rockland County:

First: Anusha A.Nambiar District 9
Second: Jenna Drummond District 9
Third: Charles Varenne District 1

Danny Oberhauser started the discussion on oratorical medals and pins for oratorical contestants/winners. No action taken at this time. Other awards were also discussed.

The Department Oratorical Competition will be at SandCreek Middle School in Albany, on March 3, 2018. Anusha will represent Zone 1. Best of luck, and I think she can win!.

There was discussion of recognizing students at the High Schools. This would be in terms of students who went to Empire Girls State and NY Boys State, as well as those who competed in the Oratorical Contest. It was noted that both John Jay and Ketcham do this on a daily basis thru their public address systems. Students in both schools share a lot of this information.

The BOFORS Cannon

Tom Masch submitted bill of ownership for BOFOR cannon, to be stored on his property, to be returned to the post if necessary. He will be performing maintenance on, and caring for the transport of the cannon to and from, special events.

Tony Aras suggested insurance for this cannon, and Tom Masch said he already uses historical insurance for all the equipment on his property. The idea of the post using general insurance was briefly discussed.

New Vans for Castle Point

Recap from last month: Chapter 144 Commander Tom Wohlrab of the DAV came to the December County meeting to report on an effort to replace several Castle Point vans, used to transport vets to Montrose and Castle Point as West Point (for lady vets care). Don proposed a \$1000 donation to help the DAV take advantage of the matching donation for new vans.

Recently: Three of us from Post 1758 attended the DAV Chapter 144 meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room at Castle Point, where Don presented Tom with the \$1000 donation check. I submitted the photo of Tom and Don and the check, and the Hudson Valley Hornet already printed it in the 2/23/18 issue. I also sent the same to the Poughkeepsie Journal, and it will go in one of the Good Life columns. Good show!

Upcoming holidays

Memorial Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day

The idea of collecting for St. Jude's was discussed, and discussion arose that we would be wearing out our welcome by collecting a 4th time. We seem to have plenty of volunteers, so we should not be stretched too thin. A major reason to do it in coordination with WRWD is the 100% matching offer.

Also stressed differentiating WHAT we are collecting for. We could wear veterans' hats and not legion caps. It was suggested postponing St. Jude's until later.

We collected 1 other time last year, namely July 4th was not very lively, so we will have to discuss this holiday in the next couple of post meetings.

Post Picnic

The Post held a picnic last June at the East Fishkill Town Recreation Park. If the membership votes on a 2nd annual picnic, we will have it again. Last year, we had almost 20 people show up and enjoy festivities. We played horseshoes, and it was great fun. We used the large gas grill that the post has had for a decade or so. This year, maybe we'll move it a little bit south to be near the creek, adding to the scenery. Maybe I'll bring my Jenga blocks, so we can have

a little high stress, low exertion fun. Horseshoes are little more exertion, and low stress.

Sick call

Cosimo, Joe and Don got fruit baskets, but Joe is back at Vassar Brothers for gall stones. Hurry back, Joe.

More fuel for our fires...

Manny Trinidad, new member, introduced to post. Been in Legion 1 year. In USMC 1995-2011. Welcome aboard, Manny. We're glad to have you. And, thanks for your service.

Venture Crew

4 primary shooters registered with VC, and 4 more with Scouts. Legion age requirements are from 12-21 years. Venture Crew is from 14-21 years. 5 new bb guns were received from NRA last year. The spring is a busy time of year for shooting matches. There are several going on within New York State right now. Our teams travel to many matches and tournaments. Elizabeth Gilroy, last year's VC star, has won several medals thus far.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Last year's parade in Wappingers Falls was a success and a lot of fun as well. It was colder than heck, but possible, all the frigid weather is done for this year, and mid March will be reasonable. We had about a dozen American Legion members marching and riding last March. Afterwards, we retired to Handshakes for spirits. Join us, one and all! *We're registered for March 3, Noon line up !!*

The new Post 1758 website

Carl Eyler is planning on using “WordPress” software. Personal (officers) email will be provided for and updated as needed. A phone number will be provided with wireless service. The “4ever66” website will be archived and brought into new website.

Carl plans for website to be secure as well as easily transferrable to a new Webmaster in the future.

February County Meeting

Dinner was served, and it was free. And it was good. We had about 25 members there. The two Oratorical ladies were there, Anusha and Jenna. They each gave us their ideas on the competition and what it meant to each of them. We also had Julie Diddell, President of the Friends of Griffin’s Tavern, and Dan Miccio, her assistant. She explained the history and meaning of the Tavern, as well as the restoration efforts.

The more you know, the more you like. The next meeting is in Beacon, on the 21st of March. We will commemorate Post Everlasting, recognizing members late of 2017. It’s a very touching ceremony.

Babe Ruth Baseball

They have two divisions- 13-15 yr olds and 16-18 yr olds
Season starts about April 1st with a Saturday Opening Day Parade through Hopewell

Season ends in early June

They play across 11 fields throughout EF

Each team plays 12-14 games and have many practices

Sponsors:

- have their name on the uniforms

- Get a banner ad on the web site

- Get a team picture and plaque

Cost is \$350 to Sponsor

FYI...

Boy Scout Eagle Courts—there have been 6 to date, 2018. All have had American Legion commendations read.

Post 37 attends many Jr. ROTC events. In May is an upcoming Jr. ROTC Ball, a formal Ball. It would be something to see, maybe get a ticket to.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting involved 3 Jr. ROTC Students.

Legionnaire of the Year essays are due to Carl Rennie by March 1st. Carl does not use a computer.

Clove Creek Dinner Theatre

By calling 845-202-7778 for a reservation, you and a guest will get a 3 course dinner and see a dinner show. For free. The Clove Creek Dinner Theatre is in Westage, down the street from Charlie Brown's. This for all local veterans.

American Legion Education Institute

For \$4.95, you can sign up for a computer course. It's basic American Legion Theory, but it covers every phase. If you complete the course and pass the final exam (just take notes), it's actually free. Plus, you can continue to log on and research AL theory for ever.

American Legion Family College

This is the 2nd step in getting an American Legion Education. It costs \$225, and is refunded by the post. Post 1758 refunded my \$225, and it only depends on you staying all three days, June 1,2 and 3, completing the evaluation and maybe an exam. The course is given at SUNY Morrisville, and there's still time to register. You have until 4/1/2018. It's a great opportunity to work with gals and guys from around the state. And you will run into these folks as you attend events, meetings and conventions. It's almost guaranteed, that once you complete the course, you'll know more than you thought possible.