



American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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March 13th Meeting attendance:

Burns, Oberhauser, Reynolds, Call, Ryan, Dickman, Kriebel, Hathorn,
Logan, Masch, Briscoe

Celebration at the Post

Joe Ryan was honored for his 50th anniversary with the American Legion.

Paesano Bakery provided a really delicious Irish cheesecake.

Lewis Rompala, recently deceased, was also honored for his 50th anniversary with the Legion. A framed certificate will be presented to his wife as soon as possible.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be April 10th 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!

By the way, the next Dutchess County American Legion meeting is in Beacon, March 21st, this coming Wednesday. It will be a commemoration of the Post Everlasting, which is a way of bidding farewell to all the County Legion members who passed in 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

Colin Powell

Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.

Oratorical Competition

5 students from all over the state competed in the Department Oratorical Contest in Albany, NY. Anusha Nambiar, representing Zone 1, came in 3rd and won \$2500 in scholarship money, adding to her more than \$2000 won last year, and Zone moneys won this year and last.

The Department Oratorical Competition was be at SandCreek Middle School in Albany, on March 3, 2018.

We will have the next 6 months off, with respect to Oratorical, and begin canvassing the two high schools and the home school community, for students willing to compete. A good knowledge of public speaking and the Constitution are necessary to succeed in this program.

Manny Bacon Post 1758 Land Status

The real estate agent representing the post in its efforts to sell the land on Prout Lane addressed the post at the March meeting. The 3 parcels of land, totaling over 7 acres, were donated to the post in the late 1990s, and the post is seeking to sell them and begin planning on a permanent post home. We are about to post the land publicly.

The particulars of the discussion are on file, and are available upon request.

Upcoming holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day. We will have 3-4 coin drop sites each holiday.

St. Jude's

The idea of collecting for St. Jude's was discussed, and tabled at the February meeting. I found that WRWD (iheart Radio station) held the annual radiothon with N&S Plumbing Supply on the last weekend in February, and that we missed it. What was important about it was that WRWD would have broadcast our efforts, had we collected on that same weekend. But I found out too late. (Our collection site posters indicate that we are in sync with the WRWD that weekend, so it's important to know in January, which weekend they will be having the radiothon. Otherwise our display posters are bogus.)

Post Picnic (reprint...)

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

We don't know of any Manny Bacon Post 1758 members ailing or being in the hospital. Hopefully, everyone's fit as a fiddle, long time.

Venture Crew

The crew is meeting regularly every Sunday except holidays at Whortlekill. Come by and check it out.

They recently attended the American Legion Junior Olympics up in Cicero, NY. Because of the snow, only two athletes from the crew were able to attend.

Campbell Wellman earned a silver pin for his overall score of 456.

Elizabeth Gilroy earned a gold pin for her score of 519, finishing #6 in overall competition.

She finished first place and earned Gold medal for her age group.

Elizabeth finished first place and won Gold medal for standing and kneeling, with a silver medal in prone shooting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade was *March 3, 2018*. There was a hitch or two, but a good time was had by all. Several marchers retired to Handshakes at parade's end.

We DO have a problem accounting for bibs, scarves and gloves. If you have any extras laying around, bring them to the next meeting..

The new Post 1758 website

Nothing new.

A death in the Post Family

Edmond Modugno, 2 year Post member, passed away on March 7th after a brief hospital stay. Don, Kevin, Bill and John attended the wake on March 13. Don, John and Kevin attended the burial ceremony at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley on March 14.

Related to this: "I got an e-mail Thursday night asking me to play Taps at Fishkill Rural Cemetery for a WW2 Air Corps. SGT. Paul Kefor was 96 years old . Please add this Post participation in our post count of what we do for the community. thank you, Vinny". Vinny is a main Taps bugler, and serves all over the area.

Babe Ruth Baseball

Cost is \$350 to Sponsor. We acted late, but we'll jump on sponsoring a team in January next year.

Boy Scout Eagle Scout Court of Honor

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor is scheduled for March 24th for Kyle Van Coughnett at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Lagrangeville. Kevin will represent the Legion.

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.

Julie's Jungle

At the EF Town Recreation area on Old Lime Kiln Road. It's a modern playground, and is kid friendly to the point that everything is padded. A 4x4 brick is available for the post to buy for \$50, and have the post's name printed on it. It was voted on and approved. I'll put in the order on March 19th. I'll let everyone know when our brick is installed.

Flag Fly Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate was awarded to the Fishkill KFC/A&W in early March, and Dan Briscoe printed one up for East Fishkill Provisions on Old Hopewell Road. The certificate will be framed and presented during the 3rd week of March. The photo will be placed in the local pubs.

BoysState & Empire Girls State

Donations deposited include \$300 from Chris Bellantoni at Healey Hyundai, as well as a \$250 check from Mary Ann at Mc Houli's in Hopewell. The photos will be placed in the local pubs. I have interviewed the candidates at Ketcham High School, ensuring that the students are aware of what the programs entail, regarding appearances, both at a post level as well as a DCAL level.

EF Veterans Committee

Don and Jim attended the meeting in the New Town Hall on 3/14. It was the inaugural meeting, and many things were discussed and will carry over to their next meeting.

West Point Football Games

The 2018 season schedule will be researched, and a sign up sheet made for interest in going to the Army football home games, as many as possible.

50/50

Dennis Rampe's name was drawn, and he was absent. The total kitty is \$444.