



# American Legion Post 1758 Newsletter

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May 8th meeting attendance:

Burns, Hathorn, Call, Oberhauser, Ashworth, Livermore, Kriebel, Ryan, Polasko, Richards, Logan, Meyer, Brilliant, Dauerer, Eyer, Lyons, Reynolds, Aras, Coneeny, Hart

Graves

For Memorial Day, flags were placed at the St. Denis Cemetery and the Hopewell Reformed Church Cemetery on May 12.

Flags will be pulled in on June 2, beginning at 9:30AM.

We would like to thank the post members that turned out, in the rain, to place flags on veteran graves. We first met at the Falls Diner for a hearty breakfast and then on to St. Denis and then Hopewell Reformed. Jim Reynolds and John Call then went on to several small cemeteries in Wiccopee.

### **List of post members who turned out to help:**

Jeff Boes  
Don Burns  
John Call  
Bruce Coneeny  
Len Hart  
Kevin Hathorn  
Bob Logan  
Bill Kriebel  
Bill Meyer  
Jim Reynolds



At St. Denis, May 12, putting out the flags on graves. Here is Bill Kriebel, Bruce Coneeny and Bill Meyer.



At St. Denis on May 12, pictured are Len Hart, Bob Logan, John Call, Jeff Boes and Jim Reynolds. Bob was the smartest one...he brought his own wagon.

#### Next meeting

Our next meeting will be June 12th at 7:00 PM at the **Old East Fishkill Town Hall**, Rte. 52, next to the Police Station. Please try to attend. New Officer Installation MEETING!! And dinner will be served.

Elections were conducted:

Commander - Jim Reynolds  
1st Vice Commander - Don Burns  
2nd Vice Commander - Kevin Hathorn  
Adjutant - Lance Ashworth  
Finance - John Call  
Chaplain - Danny Oberhauser  
Historian - William Kriebel  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Jeff Boes  
Judge Advocate - Jay Livermore

Committee Chairman positions - TBD by new Commander/Executive Board

#### Thoughtful Mind

“I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed.”

(Problem there is that you may be the only one who appreciates the magnitude of that feat...)

— **Robert H. Schuller**

#### Veterans Activities

The event below will be Saturday, June 9th with a rain date of Saturday, June 16th. Sign-in on June 9th will begin at 9:30AM with coffee and donuts and ceremonies begin at 10:45AM, flag raising is at 11:00AM and we board the boats at 11:15 to go to West Point. Upon return to New Hamburg there will be a BBQ lunch for everyone.

**We ask that participants be residents of Dutchess County and have served or are serving in any branch of the military.**

**RSVP to Dutchess County Veterans Service 845-486-2060 as soon as possible, as space is limited.**

**Julie R. Leslie**  
**Veterans Counselor, Division of Veterans' Services**  
**Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health**

*3rd Annual*  
*Boat Rides for Dutchess County Veterans*

*departs from*  
White's Hudson River Marina  
**SATURDAY JUNE 9**



**SUKHOTHAI**  
BEACON, NY

*Friendly Honda*  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

**SCOTT HARRISON**  
*Photography*

A. COGAN PHOTOGRAPHY

My Brother Bobby's

**SALSA**

*Natural-No Preservatives*



Wappinger Rural Cemetery, 5/9 for Ronald Sherwood burial. Attending were Jim R., Don Burns, John Call, Kevin Hathorn, Bill Kriebel, as well as two ladies from the Avalon Nursing home. Sgt. Sherwood had been a resident there for 6 years, showing off an array of medals and ribbons, presented to the post for display and information purposes. An ice cream social was discussed for the remaining veterans at the home, and will be set up by the home.

### Memorial Day festivities

There are 5 wreaths to be placed during the ceremony: --Wreaths: American Legion, VFW, EFFF, Blue Star Mothers, Children of the Revolution

--Community Center Line Up at 10:15; step off at 10:45

--UOD: Short Sleeved Shirt, Braid and scarf

We are reaching out to several organizations to see if representatives can work with us at the ceremony.

The Parade forms up at the Community Center around 10:15AM, kicking off at 10:45. As much as possible, timing is being confirmed. We will have Caleb Verdue for taps, as well as our Firing Squad. We should have enough marchers from the post.

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

Tom Masch will be involved with other communities, so he will get the Bofors Cannon to Norm to be attached to the jeep in the parade.

### Memorial Day High School Ceremonies

#### Roy C. Ketcham High School

Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May is set aside for this school's holiday ceremony. There will be the choir and their own trumpeter. The ceremony is scheduled to step off at roughly 9:20AM, after the morning announcements. Mrs. Kalah Boscia, School Guidance Counselor has made all the arrangements, including a continental breakfast afterwards. Mrs. Boscia is responsible for implementing Empire Girls State, Boys State, the Veterans Day and Memorial Day school ceremonies, as well as Veterans in the Classroom...in Ketcham High School.

We will take part, as the centerpiece, with as many Legionnaires as possible.

#### John Jay High School

Mr. Michael Ambron, Economics Teacher here, is entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of sponsoring these ceremonies at Jay. The Memorial Day ceremony at John Jay will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7AM. There have been hundreds of participants every year, and more are expected this year. The students arrive in the dark to place small American flags along the sidewalks prior to the start of ceremonies. We are also treated to a continental breakfast, sponsored by ACME Supermarket and Dunkin Donuts, and we are also treated to time with the students.

### Veterans Appreciation Picnic

Vet 2 Vet picnic is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Bowdoin Park, at Pavillion#5. It will run from 4:30 to 8:30PM. The food is great, and there's plenty of it. You'll need to call 473-2500, ext. 1306 to reserve. Call by the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. It's free.

### The Department Convention

On Wednesday – July 18, 2018, the evening before the opening of Convention, the Department Organization will tender a dinner in honor of Commander Rena M. Nessler

The reception and dinner will be held at the **Rochester Riverside Hotel**  
**120 E. Main St. Rochester NY 14604 in The Riverview Ballroom.** The reception is at **6:00 PM with dinner promptly at 7:00 PM.**

### Warrior Wagon

The Dutchess County Fair is August 21-26. Jim Reynolds was asked to sponsor 12 Veterans to ride on the Warrior Wagon one day (to be determined) during the Dutchess County Fair. The Veterans will receive two free tickets for entry to the fair that day. However only the Veterans will ride in the Wagon. If you are interested in participating and did not sign up at the April meeting please contact Jim.

### 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

Don Burns will attend the Legion College June 1-2-3, at SUNY Morrisville. The post will reimburse the \$225 cost upon completion.

### Used cell phones

Jim Broughton is collecting any sort of used cell phones. They will be set up with phone cards for use by overseas military folks.

### Boys State & Empire Girls State

We have two boys sponsored for Boys State, both from Ketcham. I have interviewed Bryce Albert and Armin Kermani the candidates, ensuring that the students are aware of what the programs entail, regarding appearances, both at a post level as well as a DCAL level. The young lady for Empire Girls State, Puneet Dhaliwal, is as exceptional as the boys, and understands her responsibilities to the American Legion after her week at Girls State. We had orientation on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ready to go on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

It looks like November 3 at \$34 a head is a good game coming up...against Air Force.

### County American Legion Convention

Everyone is invited to our Annual Dutchess County American Legion Convention, on June 10<sup>th</sup> this year. It will be held at the East Fishkill Community Center in Hopewell Junction. The main feature will be County Legion Elections, and will be the end of my two years as County Commander. We will also be filling seats on the various committees, which are one way we keep the county organization ticking.

Lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00PM.