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Our next meeting will be **Tuesday October 1st, 2019** at 7:00PM in the East Fishkill Old Town Hall, Rte 52, next to the East Fishkill police Station.

**East Fishkill Veteran's
Appreciation Picnic**

September 29th.

Hopewell Junction
Recreation Park

12N-2:00PM

Make sure you RSVP!

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. –Alice Walker

Special Notice: If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call this toll-free number

1-800-273-8255

available 24/7, and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.



Things are starting to come together for our West Point Football game against Tulane on October 5th. Tickets and parking passes will be available at the **October 1st meeting**. Lance will be notifying people who are attending to discuss meeting places and departure times. Should be a great day!



Good of the Legion:

Andrew Donovan's name was drawn at our September 10th meeting unfortunately, he was not in attendance. The Pot Of Gold continues to grow and is now \$138.00.

American Legion Manny Bacon Post, Hopewell Junction, NY



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Remember to visit our Post web site. There are many more pictures and other information there than could ever be included in the newsletter.

You can also find out a lot about the history of our post by browsing the site. See some of the things we've been involved with the past 60 years.

DUES

We've had a very good response so far from the members renewing their membership. If you haven't yet paid please consider doing so ASAP. We are currently at **57%**, 60 of 105 members have paid their 2020 dues. Our Post has done a good job for several years exceeding our membership goals. You can also renew online by logging in at Legion.org and selecting "renew".

SAVE THE DATE!!

Hudson Valley Hospice will be hosting its annual **complimentary Veterans Breakfast on Thursday November 14, 2019 at The Poughkeepsie Grand**. More information to come, but hope you pencil in the date...

Post Statistics

Some Post information you might find interesting.

105 Members

Branch of Service	Members	ERA	Members
USAF	13	WWII	2
USA	52	Korea	18
USN	24	Vietnam	68
USMC	11	Lebanon/Granada	6
Unknown	8	Persian Gulf	13

9-11

We had 11 members of our Post support the East Fishkill 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Town Hall on September 11th.

Thanks to Norm Dauerer, Jeff Miedowski, Jim Broughton, Bill Meyer, Dan Obehauser, Bill Kriebel, Jim Reynolds, Joe Ryan, Dan Briscoe, Tom Masch, and Don Burns (some of which are not in the photos).



The Department of New York Commander's Visitation Dinner information is below. It would be nice to have a table of our own at the dinner. **The Post is contributing \$110** toward the total purchase price for the dinners so each dinner will be somewhat less than the \$55.00 listed in the flyer below. The final cost will be determined based on the number of our Post members attending.



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To ALL Post Commanders:

Below is the information about the Commanders Visitation Dinner 11/04/2019. Please encourage your members to attend.

The deadline for this information is OCTOBER 28, 2019

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER VISITATION
TO
DUTCHESS COUNTY

- DATE: Monday, November 04, 2019
- DINNER: 7:00 PM. – 10:00 PM.
- PLACE: Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
40 Civic Center Plz, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
- MENU:
 - Drinks: Soda, Coffee, Cash Bar
 - Dinner: (Select One)
 - NY Strip Steak
 - Chicken Marsala
 - Fish – Tilapia
 - Desert
 - Hudson Valley Apple Crisp ala Mode

COST: \$55 per person (Make checks payable to DCAL)

For God and Country
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MOH



Britt K. Slabinski

Service: Navy
Rank: Chief Petty Officer
Conflict: War On Terror (Afghanistan)
Year of Honor: 2002
Born: North Hampton, MA

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while assigned to a Joint Task Force in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In the early morning of 4 March 2002, Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Slabinski led a reconnaissance team to its assigned area atop a 10,000-foot snow-covered mountain. Their insertion helicopter was suddenly riddled with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire from previously undetected enemy positions. The crippled helicopter lurched violently and ejected one teammate onto the mountain before the pilots were forced to crash land in the valley far below. Senior Chief Slabinski boldly rallied his five remaining team members and marshalled supporting assets for an assault to rescue their stranded teammate. During reinsertion the team came under fire from three directions, and one teammate started moving uphill toward an enemy strongpoint. Without regard for his own safety, Senior Chief Slabinski charged directly toward enemy fire to join his teammate. Together, they fearlessly assaulted and cleared the first bunker they encountered. The enemy then unleashed a hail of machine gun fire from a second hardened position only twenty meters away. Senior Chief Slabinski repeatedly exposed himself to deadly fire to personally engage the second enemy bunker and orient his team's fires in the furious, close-quarters firefight. Proximity made air support impossible, and after several teammates became casualties, the situation became untenable. Senior Chief Slabinski maneuvered his team to a more defensible position, directed air strikes in very close proximity to his team's position, and requested reinforcements. As daylight approached, accurate enemy mortar fire forced the team further down the sheer mountainside. Senior Chief Slabinski carried a seriously wounded teammate through deep snow and led a difficult trek across precipitous terrain while calling in fire on the enemy, which was engaging the team from the surrounding ridges. Throughout the next 14 hours, Senior Chief Slabinski stabilized the casualties and continued the fight against the enemy until the hill was secured and his team was extracted. By his undaunted courage, bold initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, Senior Chief Slabinski reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Vets Helping Vets



We pretty much finished our work on the hospitalized Vietnam Veteran's home on Saturday, September 7th. We created a GoFundMe Account and raised approximately \$2200 to help offset costs for materials. Thanks go out to Herring Sanitation for providing a Porta-Potty for the work crew and to William Tell Hardware in Hopewell for providing one 5 gallon bucket of roof covering (valued at \$112). Although things didn't go quite as planned...the Naval Reservists that contacted Councilman Tom Franco never showed up, nor did they call. So the work was left to eight of us but the job got done. The weather cooperated with a nice clear, 75 degree day.

After pressure washing the roof a second time and then sweeping and drying it with leaf blowers we put 5 – 5 gallon buckets of roof coating on the entire roof. We also removed 7 damaged metal window awnings, did a little painting and sanded and repainted their flag pole. The veteran's son-in-law came Saturday afternoon and helped with some painting.

Post members Len Hart, John Call, Bruce Coneeny and Jim Reynolds worked with 4 other volunteers from 8:00AM until 3:00PM. Then we went home and took naps! Jim returned with his trailer on Wednesday to remove the trash from the site.

The home owner was very appreciative of our efforts.





East Fishkill Community Day

Saturday September 21st

We will again be participating in the EF Community Day next Saturday. **We need members to march!** Please help out if you can. We want to reinforce our community participation and show the town folk that we are a viable organization. This is important when we solicit financial support from our community.

We will have a table in the Veteran's Tent and hand out literature and goodies. Seven other veteran organizations will join us.

Tom Masch and Norm Dauerer will have their jeeps in the parade along with another military vehicle.

Marchers will step off on Trinkka Lane (Hopewell Hot Bagels) at 2:00PM....again we need marchers! If you wish to park your vehicle at the town park you can get a ride back to Trinkka Lane in one of the military vehicles. The vehicle will pick marchers up at the Snack Bar in the Hopewell Recreation Park at 1:15PM and drop them at Hopewell Hot Bagels. Then you only have to walk (march) one way.

Please contact Jim Reynolds (845-221-7273 or reynoldsjamesd@aol.com) if you are available to march!

Bill Kriebel compiled a very nice yearbook for our post. Those in attendance at the July meeting had an opportunity to view it and six folks bought copies. More are available for \$15 each.

Our next meeting will be on the first Tuesday in October, October 1st, as Commander Reynolds will be away on the second Tuesday.