

American Legion  
**Post 1758**  
Newsletter



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Our next meeting will be **Tuesday March 10th, 2020** at 7:00PM in the East Fishkill Old Town Hall, Rte. 52, next to the East Fishkill police Station.

"The difference between a successful person and others is not lack of strength not a lack of knowledge but rather a lack of will." – **Vince Lombardi**

**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.

## Sick Call

Don Burns had a pace maker implanted on February 6<sup>th</sup> and is home recovering. He is doing well but has some restrictions for the time being, no driving, etc. The post sent him an Adams fruit basket of which he was very appreciative.

Please keep Don and all those suffering in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Officer Elections

**Thinking about running for a post officer's position? Do you want to recommend someone? It's not too early to start thinking about May elections!**



### Good of the Legion:

**Donald Palmer's** name was drawn at our February 11th meeting and unfortunately, he was not in attendance. After having a winner last month, the Pot starts out anew this month with \$35.00.

## Welcome

To **Kevin Hines**, our newest member who transferred to our post from post 01. Kevin is an Army veteran and neighbor of Adjutant Ashworth. Welcome Kevin!

It was also great to see **Harry Rodriguez** and **John Lyons** at the February meeting.

## BUDDY CHECKS

As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans.

Some of you do not attend meetings or other Post activities. **That is okay, you do as much as you want and are able to do.**

Adjutant Lance Ashworth has put together information for our use in contacting members. On President's Day, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at the Old Town Hall at 12 noon to organize this campaign and to start contacting people.

We will be contacting members **who we do not see or communicate with very often**. If you are not contacted, don't be offended as you have been in touch with us, either by email or a phone call.

If the post can assist you in any way do not hesitate to contact Commander Reynolds at 845-221-7273 or via email at [Commander@AL-ny1758.org](mailto:Commander@AL-ny1758.org)

## Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's parade will be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we will be marching as a unit and encouraging other posts to join us. Parade lineup is at 12 noon and step off is at 1:00PM. Please wear your legion cap, shirt, dark slacks and black shoes.

We will have a couple of vehicles available for those who cannot march.

We will be in the Second Division and line up on McCafferty Place. We should be in about 14<sup>th</sup> place in this division and be behind BSA Drum and Bugle and in front of Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union marchers.

At the conclusion of the parade we plan on meeting at Cousins Ale Works in the rear of the strip mall in front of Home Depot.



## Oratorical

Isebailla moved on to the 9<sup>th</sup> District competition where she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> which qualified her for the Zone competition.

Last Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Haverstraw she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Zone.

Congratulations Bella!

She will be recognized at our County meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>.



Isebailla Hewitt

## MOH

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Organization:** U.S. Army

**Company:**

**Division:** Combined Joint Special  
Operations Task Force - Afghanistan

**Born:** 3 October 1981, Boerne,  
Texas

**Departed:** No

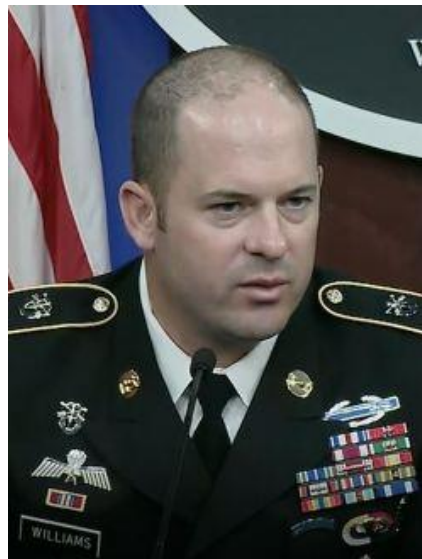
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Province, Afghanistan, 6 April 2008



### Mathew O. Williams

Sergeant Williams was part of an assault element inserted by helicopter into a location in Afghanistan. As the assault element was moving up a mountain toward its objective, intense enemy machine gun, sniper, and rocket-propelled grenade fire engaged it. The lead portion of the assault element, which included the ground commander, sustained several casualties and became pinned down on the sheer mountainside. Sergeant Williams, upon hearing that the lead element had sustained casualties and was in danger of being overrun, braved intense enemy fire to lead a counter-attack across a valley of ice-covered boulders and a fast-moving, ice cold, and waist-deep river. Under withering fire, Sergeant Williams and his local national commandos fought up the terraced mountainside to the besieged element. Arriving at the lead element's position, Sergeant Williams arrayed his Afghan commandos to provide suppressive fire, which kept the insurgent fighters from overrunning the position. When the Team Sergeant was wounded, Sergeant Williams braved enemy fire once again to provide buddy-aid and to move the Team Sergeant down the sheer mountainside to the casualty collection point. Sergeant Williams then fought and climbed his way back up the mountainside to help defend the lead assault element that still had several serious casualties in need of evacuation. Sergeant Williams directed suppressive fire and exposed himself to enemy fire in order to reestablish the team's critical satellite radio communications. He then assisted with moving the wounded down the near-vertical mountainside to the casualty collection point. Noting that the collection point was about to be overrun by enemy fighters, Sergeant Williams led the Afghan commandos in a counter-attack that lasted for several hours. When helicopters arrived to evacuate the wounded, Sergeant Williams again exposed himself to enemy fire, carrying and loading casualties onto the helicopters while continuing to direct commando firepower to suppress numerous insurgent positions. His actions enabled the patrol to evacuate wounded and dead comrades without further casualties. Sergeant Williams' complete disregard for his own safety and his concern for the safety of his teammates ensured the survival of four critically wounded soldiers and prevented the lead element of the assault force from being overrun by the enemy. Sergeant Williams' actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Command Central, and the United States Army.

## Boy's State

We have two young men who want to represent us at Boy's State. Adjutant Ashworth will be interviewing them in the next week or two. We expect to send both boys and will seek another Dutchess County post to sponsor one of them. If another post doesn't volunteer, we will send both.

## Hosting County Meeting

On Wednesday evening February 19<sup>th</sup> our post will be hosting the monthly County Meeting. The meeting will be held at the East Fishkill Community Center on Rte. 82. Dinner is at 6:30PM and the meeting starts to 7:30. All members are welcome. Please wear your uniform cap.

We have to arrange the room and set up the tables and food. Help would be appreciated starting at 6:00PM.

The two young ladies that participated in the County Oratorical contest will be recognized.

## Membership

Post 1758 is looking good!

Let's get those last few members renewed!

NYPOST 0037	LAFAYETTE	0	14	6	30	50	50	88	56.82
NYPOST 0178	MILLERTON, INC.	1	22	13	71	107	107	153	69.93
NYPOST 0203	BEACON, INC.	0	25	21	38	84	84	138	60.87
NYPOST 0215	HASLER-KAMP	0	5	1	22	28	28	43	65.12
NYPOST 0426	SHACAMECO	1	0	2	27	30	30	51	58.82
NYPOST 0427	J. MORRIS GORING-WILLIAM KURTZ	1	3	6	42	52	52	61	85.25
NYPOST 0429	MONTGOMERY	4	13	29	101	147	147	184	79.89
NYPOST 0524	HARRIS-SMITH	0	3	4	40	47	47	60	78.33
NYPOST 0739	PLEASANT VALLEY - MILLBROOK	0	20	7	44	71	71	95	74.74
NYPOST 1302	ARLINGTON-TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE	4	38	45	209	296	296	359	82.45
NYPOST 1303	HYDE PARK, INC.	0	2	5	24	31	31	39	79.49
NYPOST 1466	JOHN LIVINGSTONE	2	7	2	21	32	32	49	65.31
NYPOST 1467	STAATSBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
NYPOST 1758	MANNYBACON	2	19	31	43	95	95	98	96.94
NYPOST 1793	LEROY CAMPBELL	0	1	2	6	9	9	11	81.82
NYPOST 1949	MASIERO-WINSHIP-WYMAN	0	13	11	32	56	56	68	82.35

## Vietnam Veterans Day March 29



National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history.

It was on March 29, 1973, when combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. Generations later, Veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given upon their return. Involving five U.S. presidents, crossing nearly two decades and 500,000 U.S.military personnel, it left an indelible mark on the American psyche.

Returning Veterans did not always receive respectful welcomes upon their arrive on American soil. There were 58,000 killed, never to return. National Vietnam War Veterans Day recognize the military service of these men and women who answered the call to service their country when she needed them. They didn't make the decisions to go to war.

On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we recognize the service and duty rendered by all servicemen and women of this era.

### **National Commanders Dinner April 17, 2020**

**Location: ANTUNS, 96-43 SPRINGFIELD BLVD, QUEENS VILLAGE, NEW YORK**

THE TICKETS ARE \$65.00

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO AMERICAN LEGION DUTCHESS COUNTY OR ALDC

IN THE MEMO SECTION WRITE COMMANDERS DINNER

Cocktail Hour : 7:00 - 8:00     Dinner: 8:00 - 12:00

Dress will be Coat and Tie, Tuxedo Optional

We only have 12 tickets it is first come first serve

I can get more tickets if we book more than 12

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS AND YOUR ADDRESS TO ME AT

PAUL M. DAVEY JR  
310 CRYSTAL HILL LN  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603

## Fund Raising Committee

At our February meeting it was suggested that we increase our fundraising efforts beyond the coin drops. Bill Kriebel volunteered to lead that effort. If you have suggestions for fundraising please let Bill know. You can contact him at [Historian@AL-ny1758.org](mailto:Historian@AL-ny1758.org) or 845-226-6895



Prominent federal buildings and national war memorials will now fly the iconic POW/MIA flag alongside the American flag throughout the year thanks to legislation signed into law in November.

The proposal is designed to help highlight the continued sacrifice of military families whose loved ones are still unaccounted for overseas, estimated at about 82,000 individuals. President Donald Trump finalized the measure on November 7th.

Veterans advocates praised the move as an important message to the entire country.

“The daily display of the POW/MIA flag at all prominent federal properties now serves as a daily reminder that these heroes, and their families, are forever etched in our DNA,” said Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander William Schmitz in a statement.

The flag — created in 1972 for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War — has been flown at numerous federal properties over the years, but typically only on special occasions and holidays.

Mandatory raising of the flag had only been required on six days each year: Armed Forces Day in May, Memorial Day in May, Flag Day in June, Independence Day in July, National POW/MIA Recognition Day in September, and Veterans Day in November.

The law applies only to a specific set of federal buildings, including the White House, U.S. Capitol, the Pentagon and Department of Veterans Affairs headquarters. Every post office throughout the country will also be required to fly the POW/MIA flag.

In addition, display of the flag will be required at every major U.S. military installation, every national cemetery, and numerous high-profile war-related sites like the World War II Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

**A Marine officer who had his moving truck stolen with all of his personal possessions** in its trailer managed to retrieve at least one sentimental item that was among the extensive list of lost goods: His father's ashes.

Joshua Nobles was temporarily staying at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in San Antonio, Texas, last month when his U-Haul — and the personal vehicle that was attached to the moving truck — was stolen from the hotel parking lot.

The prior enlisted Marine was in the middle of a move from Quantico, Virginia, and was looking for a permanent living space for his wife and two children — the family welcomed their second child just two weeks earlier — when he came out to the parking lot and discovered nearly all his family's possessions were gone.

“It just sucks to happen to anyone,” [he told KENS 5 news](#).

“But, because of my situation with my newborn, and my family moving here and (being) new to the area, not knowing the right places to be — that kind of sucks.”

Among the truck's contents were Nobles' wife's wedding ring, his Marine Corps awards, plaques, and an estimated \$3,000 worth of uniforms, he told KENS 5. But like most moves, there were also a number of irreplaceable items.

“The things inside aren't so much as important as the pictures of my family and my dad's ashes,” Nobles told KENS 5 in the aftermath of the heist. “Those are the most important things. If I could get those back, that would be ideal. ... I feel like no one would want those as bad as me and my wife would want those back.”

Surveillance footage captured the moment the truck was stolen, but no arrests have been made in connection. Fortunately for the Nobles family, recovery efforts were expedient.

First, the moving truck was discovered one day later and found to be empty, aside from two uniform items. The community of San Antonio wasted no time in stepping in to help. Items were donated and a [GoFundMe page](#) created that has already generated over \$33,000 to help the family replace lost items and settle into their new town.

“Whoever did this to them does not represent us,” Vanessa Rodriguez, a member of the nonprofit organization Social Donations, told [KENS 5](#). “It is not who we are. We are Military City. We are here to lend a helping hand.”

One day later, Nobles notified local news that his personal vehicle had been located. In it were his father's ashes.

“Noticing everything was gone was a little overwhelming, but getting the support from so many people is even more so,” Nobles told KENS 5.

“San Antonio has helped me appreciate people more than I have before.”