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Post 1758
Newsletter



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Our next meeting will be **Tuesday January 12th 2021** at 7:00PM. The Old Town Hall is located at 2468 Rte. 52, next to the East Fishkill Police Station. *There is a good chance this meeting will be canceled due to COVID-19.*

You will be notified via a call out message.

“Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.”
— Roy T. Bennett

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.

Don't forget that our Post web site (al-ny1758.org) has a wealth of information:

- *Meeting and executive board minutes
- *Newsletters
- Programs
- Photos

* For “members only” pages you need a logon which you can obtain from web master Bill Kriebel at Historian@al-ny1758.org

The meeting minutes can be found here (requires login) <https://al-ny1758.org/docs>



Good of the Legion:

Vinny Richard's name was drawn at our November 13th meeting and unfortunately, he was not in attendance. The "pot" is now up to \$236.00.

Welcome

Don Greenwood contacted Commander Reynolds and asked about transferring to our post. He has been a member of Post 203 in Beacon for a number of years but is actually a neighbor of John Calls and Jim Reynolds.

Welcome to Post 1758

Post Elections

Our officer elections, normally held in May each year, had been postponed in 2020 due to the COVID restrictions and the lack of meetings. Current officers agreed to maintain their positions until elections are held. We expect to formalize those positions with an election at the January 2021 Post meeting.

All officers except Dan Oberhauser (Chaplin) are seeking to maintain their position until June 2021. John Lyons is seeking the Chaplin's position.

In May of 2021 we will hold elections for the new year and those officers will be sworn in at the June 2021 meeting.

Sounds good...unless the meeting is canceled by COVID-19!

MOH

Rank: CORPORAL

Organization: U.S. ARMY

Conflict: WORLD WAR I

Division: COMPANY H, 131ST
INFANTRY, 33D DIVISION

Date of Action: AUGUST 9,
1918

Place: Vera CHIPILLY RIDGE,
FRANCE



JAKE ALLEX

CITATION

At a critical point in the action, when all the officers of his platoon had become casualties, Cpl. Allex took command of the platoon and led it forward until the advance was stopped by fire from a machine-gun nest. He then advanced alone for about 30 yards in the face of intense fire and attacked the nest. With his bayonet he killed five of the enemy, and when it was broken, used the butt of his rifle, capturing 15 prisoners.

-Sick Call

Danny Oberhauser had his shoulder surgery and is recovering at home. There was more damage than originally thought and the surgery took 4 hours.

John Jackson who fell and broke his femur and hip back in late August is home after a couple of months in the Lutheran Care Center.

Cosimo Napolitano is doing pretty good and sends his best to everyone.

Mark Graser continues to rehab at home after knee surgery.

\$1000.00 DONATION

Thanks to the efforts of **Bill Meyer** the Gay family donated \$1000 to our post.

Every year, Tim Gay and his family open their front yard to visitors from the Hudson Valley and beyond. Visitors to the Gays' home in LaGrange are invited to drive through the world's largest residential display of lights. The record was certified by the Guinness Book in 2014 when Tim flipped the switch to turn on 601,736 lights. Since then, the Gay family has added even more to their display.

The Gay family allows the Union Vale Fire Company to collect donations as people pass through the light display. The Fire Company Community Support account is used to assist community-based needs. Mr. Gay contacted the Fire Department and recommended our post be a recipient.

Bill Meyer, Jim Reynolds, Tim Gay and John Call





\$100.00 Donation



Jeanne Controneo Darrow

Our friends at East Fishkill Living magazine donated \$100 to our post besides all the great publicity they've given us during the last year!



Lauren Fitzgerald

Shirt order

Members have ordered 24 shirts that are being made and should be ready in a week or so. Norm and Caroline have done a great job working with Supply Captain in Marlboro. Shortly we will have an "online store" created by Supply Captain where members can order additional items like hats, mugs, shirts and more.

The post receives no funding from this but gets us out of being the "middle man". Members can order and pick up items at the store or have Supply Captain ship the items.

East Fishkill Veterans Park

The East Fishkill Veterans Committee has been discussing the prospects of a new Veterans Park for a couple of years. At the November 17th meeting Town Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro agreed to approach the Town Recreation Advisory Board for \$50,000 to use for the study and design of the new park. The Advisory Board met on December 7th and approved the request. The Town owns 100 acres across Route 376 from the Town Hall and some of that land will be set aside for the new park. Post members Jim Reynolds, Don Burns, Bruce Coneeny, and Ferg Foley are members of the East Fishkill Veterans Committee.



We've never experienced a year quite like 2020. Last year at this time we were enjoying holiday parties, traveling, gathering with loved ones and friends and enjoying all that the Holiday Season offers. Oh yeah, and probably lots of in person shopping at all our favorite stores.

This year is quite different. One thing remains the same and that is my best wishes for all of you, your loved ones and your families.

Hopefully the vaccines get rolled out and COVID disappears and life can get back to some normalcy.

Jim

