**American Legion** 

## **Post 1758**

### Newsletter



**June 2021** 

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**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.

#### **Next Meeting**

Our next will be **Tuesday, July 13th**, **2021 at 7:00PM** at the East Fishkill Recreation Park Pavilion.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

The more sweat in peace the less blood in war."
- Lord Palmerston

### **Good of the Legion:**

A member's name was drawn (not recalled) at our June 8th meeting but unfortunately, s/he was not in attendance. The "pot" is now up to \$360.



#### **VA News**

VA plans expansion of benefits for disability claims for conditions related to certain toxic exposures; new evaluation process to be applied in identifying future presumptive condition

VA will begin implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), adding three conditions to the list of those presumptively associated with exposure to herbicide agents, more commonly known as Agent Orange. Those conditions are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism. For more, see: <a href="https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/89496/breaking-news-va-plans-expansion-benefits-disability-claims-conditions-related-certain-toxic-exposures/?utm\_source=VRfeature&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=VetResources</a>

# **RECENT POST ACTIVITIES**

Memorial Day – May 31, 2021









Pictured (clockwise from top-left): Post Color Guard practices prior to the event; Post member Tom Masch's Jeep (for display); Post member Doug McHoul celebrates 50 consecutive years as event emcee; Attending Post members.

### Installation of Post Officers – June 8, 2021

The following new/returning officers were installed in June; executive board members denoted by \*:

Commander	Lance Ashworth *	Adjutant	John Polasko *
Finance	John Call *	Chaplin	Jeff Miedowski *
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Jim Reynolds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Don Burns *
Membership	Kevin Hines *	Historian	Bill Kriebel *
Sat at Arms	Jeff Boes	Judae Adv	Jav Livermore



Pictured: Post
Officers are
sworn-in (R);
Outgoing
Commander
Reynolds passes
the gavel to new
Commander
Ashworth (L)



# Eagle Scout Court for Derek Garcia – June 13, 2021 (Adjutant John Polasko, Member Tom Masch presiding)





### Flag Day Ceremony – June 14, 2021 East Fishkill Recreation Center Burn Pit





M1 Rifle Cleaning and Maintenance – June 18, 2021 Held at Member Norm Dauerer's Residence (Post members at left; Exec Officers, Town Supervisor, Public at right)





## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Executive Officers' Meeting:

Post Meeting:

Post Picnic:

Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm (place TBD) Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

East Fishkill Recreation Pavilion

Saturday, August 28th, 12:00pm

East Fishkill Recreation Pavilion