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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

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

Next Meeting

Our next will be **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00PM** at the **East Fishkill Town Hall**.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

-General George S. Patton, Jr.

Good of the Legion:

Harry Rodriguez' name was drawn at our July 13th meeting but unfortunately, he was not in attendance. The "pot" is now up to \$395.



VA News

VA awards \$418 million in grants to help Veterans and families at risk of homelessness

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$418 million in grants to more than 260 non-profit organizations in June, allowing low-income Veteran families around the nation to access services under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. SSVF grantees are authorized to use the funds to rapidly re-house Veterans who become homeless or to prevent Veterans from becoming homeless.

For more, see: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5689>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Children & Youth Committee member Dan Briscoe will be chairing an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on July 30, 2021. If interested in assisting, please contact Dan at danbriscoe@aol.com.
2. Honor Flights for WWII, Korean War Vets to Nation's Capital are set to restart on August 16, 2021. The organization announced it will resume full operations and participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide negative test results taken within 72 hours of departure
3. Our annual Post picnic will be held Sunday, August 29, 2021 at the East Fishkill Recreation Center main pavilion and will feature, by invitation, the local Vietnam Veterans' of America chapter which is contributing \$50 in food items to the event [More to follow at upcoming Post meeting.] Event organizers Bill Meyer (w.meyerjr@att.net) and John Polasko (845-226-7721) are looking for volunteers to bring the following items for an estimated 25 attendees:
 - a. Drinks (sodas, waters)
 - b. Plates, napkins, utensils
 - c. Chips, pretzels, tortilla chips (1 bag each)
 - d. Side salads (cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni salad) & serving spoon
 - e. Desserts (brownies, cookies) & knife/serving spatula**The Post will supply burgers, hot dogs, buns, cheese, condiments;
Please contact Bill/John with special dietary needs (i.e. vegetarian)
4. East Fishkill Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Our Post is looking for volunteers to march in the parade! If interested, please contact Color Guard organizer Danny Oberhauser at 845-831-4995 or dober523@hotmail.com.
5. Is your spouse interested in forming an **American Legion Auxiliary** to Post 1758? Interested parties should contact the commander at laashworth@optimum.net.

6. Several Post members have detected a “glitch” when renewing annual membership on-line at the MyLegion.org website. Please be aware that the renewal link may display an annual renewal fee of **\$30.00**, whereas the renewal page will ultimately charge your credit card the full **\$42.00** fee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Executive Officers’ Meeting:	Tuesday, August 3rd, 7:00pm (place TBD)
Car/military vehicle show:	Sunday, August 8 th (at Whortlekill G.C.)
Post Meeting:	Tuesday, August 10th, 7:00pm (place TBD)
Post Picnic:	Sunday, August 29 th , 12:00pm East Fishkill Recreation Pavilion (Note change in date!)
East Fishkill Community Day:	Saturday, September 18 th

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This month in U.S. military history...

The First Battle of Manassas, aka Bull Run, occurs in Northern Virginia, south of Washington D.C. It is here that Confederate General Thomas J. Jackson acquires his nickname "Stonewall" as General Bernard E. Bee reputedly calls to his men, "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians." This Confederate victory brings about the general realization that this conflict is not going to be short nor easy.



For more on the First Battle of Manassas, see <https://www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm>