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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, September 14, 2021, 7:00PM** at a place TBD. [Listen for the broadcast phone message.]

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight."

-Theodore Roosevelt

Good of the Legion:

William Hawlk's name was drawn at our August 10th meeting; unfortunately, he was not in attendance. The "pot" is now up to \$429.



VA News

Annual eye exams essential to Veterans' vision and eye health

WASHINGTON — August is National Eye-Exam Month and the Department of Veterans Affairs encourages all Veterans and their family members to schedule their annual appointments. VA is highlighting routine eye exams particularly among senior Veterans. Age-related macular degeneration is the leading cause of vision loss in adults over the age of 60 — a common condition which can blur the sharp, central vision people need for activities like reading and driving. A collaborative study involving VA researchers discovered a group of HIV medications known as nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors may help prevent AMD. For more, see: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5702>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thank you Post members Danny Oberhauser, John Polasko, Bill Meyer, and Jim Broughton for providing Flag Etiquette training to the East Fishkill Youth Day Camp this past July. [See photos, below.]
2. Congratulations to the following Post members who won Texas Roadhouse gift cards during a raffle held at this month's meeting: Dickman, Hart, Hines, Kriebel, Lyons, Meyer, Miedowski, Polasko, Reynolds, Sokol, and Spinillo.
3. Thank you Post member Kevin Hines for coordinating a new sign to display at Adams Fairacres Farm for the collection of donated food items for Castle Point VA. See photo, below. [Thank you JVS Graphics of Kingston, NY!]
4. Our annual Post picnic (joint with the local Vietnam Veterans' of America chapter) will be held Sunday, August 29, 2021 at the East Fishkill Recreation Center main pavilion. Hope to see you (and your spouse) there!
5. 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. Boes, Lyons, Hines (tent), Greenwood (shuttle).
6. Are you experiencing illness or bereavement? Please contact Post Chaplain Jeff Miedowski (miedowski@verizon.net or at 845-354-8073), coordinator for Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation.
7. Cancelled: The Vincent Martell Concert (a County-level event) originally scheduled for August 22, 2021.

Sign for Adams Fairacres Farm



Flag Etiquette Class – July 2021



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Post Picnic:	Sunday, August 29 th , 12:00pm (EF Rec)
Executive Officers' Meeting:	Tuesday, Sept 7 th , 7:00pm (EF Town Hall)
Post Meeting:	Tuesday, Sept 14 th , 7:00pm (place TBD)
East Fishkill Community Day:	Saturday, September 18 th

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

Spanish-American War –

Hostilities between Spain and the United States were halted on **August 12, 1898** following Spanish defeats in both Cuba and the Philippines and the Spanish fleets (in both places) destroyed. Negotiations then led to the signing (in Washington D.C.) of a Protocol of Peace between the two countries and, after over two months of difficult negotiations, the formal peace treaty, the Treaty of Paris, was signed in Paris on December 10, 1898 and ratified by the United States Senate on February 6, 1899, resulting in the U.S. annexation of Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam.

Depiction of the Battle of San Juan Hill

