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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 **October 12, 2021, 7:00PM** at the East Fishkill Community Center. [Listen for the broadcast phone message.]

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“May God keep you away from the venom of the cobra, the teeth of the tiger, and the revenge of the Afghans.”

-Alexander the Great

Good of the Legion:

Ed Kantrowitz’ name was drawn at our September 14th meeting; unfortunately, he was not in attendance. The “pot” is now up to \$477.



Veterans’ News

Plans to require women to register with the Selective Service System for the possibility of a future military draft took another step forward after a key congressional panel backed the change as part of a must-pass military budget policy bill. The House Armed Services Committee approved the proposal by a 35-24 vote, with support from all Democrats and several Republicans on the panel. Supporters said the time to include women in cases of national emergency is long overdue. “The current male-only registration sends a message to women not only that they are not vital to the defense of the country, but also that they are not expected to participate in defending it,” said Air Force veteran and author of the amendment Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA). “It also sends a message to men that they, for some reason, are uniquely and perhaps unfairly depended upon. This needs to change.” Senate lawmakers included similar language in their draft of the annual defense authorization bill, making it likely that some version of the proposal will remain in the final compromise draft of the legislation. The authorization bill — which includes items such as the annual military pay raise and specialty pay authorizations — has passed each year for more than five decades.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thank you Norm Dauerer for leading the live firearms shoot (M1 Rifles) for Post 1758 members at held Whortlekill Range on Saturday, August 14th.
2. Thank you Bill Meyer and John Polasko for coordinating the annual Post Picnic held Sunday, August 29th at the Hopewell Recreation Center. Twenty-seven members and spouses attended and all contributed delicious food items. Commemorative beer steins and a bottle of wine were raffled as prizes along with a 50/50 cash prize. [See below.]
3. Thank you to following member who participated in the 9/11 Ceremony at the Hopewell Recreation Center: Bill Meyer, Dan Oberhauser, Kevin Hines and John Lyons (Color Guard); Vinnie and Richards (Musical Performance); John Polasko (flag handouts); Bill Kriebel (photos); Jim Reynolds, Claude Wuytack (attending) [See below.]
4. 1st Vice Commander Jim Reynolds has created a "QR Code" that when scanned, will take you directly to our Post website. [See below.]
5. On September 18th, multiple Post members participated in the annual East Fishkill Community Days, an event featuring a parade along Route 82 and an information table at the Hopewell Recreation Center. The raffle for \$30 worth of lottery tickets was won by Vinny Richards and raised \$131.00. [John Polasko generously donated the lottery tickets.] Our "donation box" brought in another \$110.49. Girl Scout Troop 10276 asked our volunteers if we would like the leftover cookies from their sale. They donated 5 cartons of Girl Scout Cookies which we will donate to Castle Point this week. A good turnout of marchers for the parade including Carl Eyler. One of our honorees from the 2019 Graduating Enlistees luncheon Liam Van Buren was home on leave and also marched with us. A couple of "volunteer" boy scouts carried our banner. The VA was represented and Adam Roche (County Veterans Affairs officer) along with John Polasko manning the VVA table joined us in the tent. Thank you Danny Oberhauser for organizing the Color Guard; Norm Dauerer and

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Tommy Masch for supplying military vehicles; Jim Reynolds and Don Burns for staffing the table; and John Polasko for organizing a raffle. [See below.]

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.

Annual Summer Picnic



9/11 Ceremony



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East Fishkill Community Days



UPCOMING EVENTS

Executive Officers' Meeting:	Tuesday, Oct 5th, 7:00pm (EF Town Hall)
Post Meeting:	Tuesday, Oct 12 th , 7:00pm (EF Comm Ctr)
Post Oratorical Competition:	Saturday, Oct 23 rd , 2:00pm (EF Town Hall)
Commander's Dinner:	Monday, Nov 8 th , 7:00pm (Grand Hotel)
	RSVPs due November 1 st ; cost \$55

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

Revolutionary War –

The most remarkable single ship duel of the American Revolution was between the Bonne Homme Richard commanded by John Paul Jones and the HMS Serapis. The duel took place on **September 23, 1779**. The Serapis was a 50-gun ship that outgunned the Bonne Homme Richard which was barely seaworthy.

Depiction of the Naval Battle

