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Post 1758

Newsletter



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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 **February 8, 2022, 7:00PM** at the East Fishkill Town Hall.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“War is the remedy that our enemies have chosen, and I say let us give them all they want.”

William Tecumseh Sherman

Good of the Legion:

Frank Greco’s name was drawn at our January Post meeting and he was not in attendance. The “pot” is now at \$89.



Veterans’ News

VA designates flexible funding to support homeless Veterans

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs disbursed \$20 million in American Rescue Plan funds, Dec. 21, 2021, to VA Medical Centers to provide critical and life-saving emergency assistance to Veterans experiencing homelessness or those enrolled in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program during the coronavirus pandemic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Post 1758 wishes to welcome new member Richard Galdiero, friend of John Lyons and transferee from NY Post 1!
2. Operation Buddy Check: Post Member Bob Spinillo has volunteered to coordinate a “Buddy Check” operation to occur in either February or March of this year. Please consider joining the effort; more to follow.
3. Change of Command: Due to the overseas job transfer of Lance Ashworth, 1st Vice Commander Jim Reynolds has agreed to serve-out the remainder of Lance’s term. [Elections will be held in May 2022 with installation of the new commander the following month.]
4. Membership Renewals: Approximately 30% of Post 1758 has not renewed membership for 2022. Payment (\$42 annually) may be made via U.S. Mail (P.O. Box 92, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533), online at www.legion.org/renew, or in person (to Post Membership Officer Kevin Hines) at any upcoming Post meeting.
5. Post Members Serve as Honor Guards: On December 9, 2021, Bill Meyer and Jim Reynolds folded and presented the flag at the funeral for 92-year old Richard Haines a WWII Vet. Later, on January 9, 2022, Bill Kriebel, Bill Meyer, and Lance Ashworth provided a color guard at the funeral service for a 54-year old Air Force Veteran Brian Beigert. On behalf of Post 1758, thank you for honoring these veterans!
6. Poker-Themed Shooting Competition: Please contact post member Norm Daurer for more information on a poker-themed pistol shooting competition being held at Whortlekill Gun club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Executive Officers’ Meeting: | Tuesday, Feb 1st, 7:00pm (EF Town Hall) |
| Post Meeting: | Tuesday, Feb 8th, 7:00pm (EF Town Hall) |
| Dutchess County Meeting: | Wednesday, Feb 16 th , 6:00pm – 9:00pm (EF Community Center; includes dinner) |

This Month in Military History

January 1944 Soviet Forces Lift the Siege of Leningrad

Although Soviet forces managed to open a narrow land corridor to the city one (1) earlier on January 18 1943, the Red Army did not lift the German Wehrmacht's (and Finnish Army's) siege of Leningrad until January 27, 1944, a full 872 days after it began. The blockade became one of the longest and most destructive sieges in history, and it was possibly the costliest siege in history due to the number of casualties which were suffered throughout its duration. In the 21st century, some historians have classified it as a genocide due to the systematic starvation and intentional destruction of the city's civilian population.

