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Post 1758
Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Our next will be **Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill Town Hall.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain.”

— Maya Angelou,

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.

Good of the Legion:

Karl Sokol's name was drawn at our February 8th meeting and won \$64.00 which he generously **donated back to the post**. The “pot” is now stands at “0” and we build it up from here until another winner is in attendance.



Post 1758 Hosting County Meeting

On Wednesday February 16th our post will host the Dutchess County American Legion monthly meeting. The meeting will take place at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Rte. 82 in Hopewell Junction.

Set up time 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30. All post members are welcome to attend.

Certificate of Appreciation to Adams Fairacre Farm in Wappinger Falls.

On February 3rd John Call and Jim Reynolds presented a certificate to Adams for their continued support by providing a food donation spot for donations to the Castle Point food pantry.

John stops by every Tuesday to pick up the donations on his way to Castle Point.



DO WE HAVE YOUR NUMBER????

Our post does not have working telephone numbers for the following members. If you are listed below please respond to Commander Reynolds at <mailto:reynoldsjamesd@aol.com> with a valid number. Normally you will only get one call per month notifying you of our monthly meeting. But we also like to call once a year to do a "Buddy Check" and make sure all is well with you and your loved ones.

Please give us a number where we can reach you.

John **Berube**

Joseph **Valdina**

Andrew **Donovan**

William **Goss**

Fred **Lohrfink**

Michael **O'Sullivan**

Welcome

To new members **Conrad Gagnon** who transferred in from post 739 and **Anthony Triano** who transferred in from Long Island.

Welcome aboard gentlemen!



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Our post will be participating in the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wappinger Falls on March 5th, 2022.

We will meet in the parking lot behind Walgreens on Main Street, just off Rte. 9. At 11:30 AM. Hopefully we will have at least 4 hearty souls to march along with Dauerer and Masch's jeeps.

Sick Call

We have several members who are "under the weather", a couple due to the very dangerous ice we've had for the last few days. Both Hale Engel and Joe Veracek were victims of the ice.

Joe Ryan continues to recover from his surgery and Danny Oberhauser's wife is having lung surgery.

Handicap Ramp Donation

Post 1758 members were out on Saturday January 22nd, in the 15° weather, assembling and installing a handicap ramp for member Joe Ryan! Post 1758 purchased the ramp using funds from our GoFundMe account and 4 members assembled it. Many thanks to post members Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, and John Call who joined Jim Reynolds in his semi-warm garage to assemble the ramp. Then Tom of Momma's Towing moved the ramp to the veteran's home where the crew installed it. Joe and Sharon both require walkers to maneuver around and this will help them immensely.



MOH



Robert Joseph Pruden

Ranks and organizations: SSgt. U.S. Army Company G, 75th Infantry, Americal Division

Places and dates: Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam, May November 29, 1969

Entered service: 1967

Born: Sept. 9, 1949, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. S/Sgt. Pruden, Company G, distinguished himself while serving as a reconnaissance team leader during an ambush mission. The six-man team was inserted by helicopter into enemy-controlled territory to establish an ambush position and to obtain information concerning enemy movements. As the team moved into the preplanned area, S/Sgt. Pruden deployed his men into two groups on the opposite sides of a well-used trail. As the groups were establishing their defensive positions, one member of the team was trapped in the open by the heavy fire from an enemy squad. Realizing that the ambush position had been compromised, S/Sgt. Pruden directed his team to open fire on the enemy force. Immediately, the team came under heavy fire from a second enemy element. SSgt. Pruden, with full knowledge of the extreme danger involved, left his concealed position and, firing as he ran, advanced toward the enemy to draw the hostile fire. He was seriously wounded twice but continued his attack until he fell for a third time, in front of the enemy positions. S/Sgt. Pruden's actions resulted in several enemy casualties and withdrawal of the remaining enemy force. Although grievously wounded, he directed his men into defensive positions and called for evacuation helicopters, which safely withdrew the members of the team. S/Sgt. Pruden's outstanding courage, selfless concern for the welfare of his men, and intrepidity in action at the cost of his life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Don't forget that our Post web site (al-ny1758.org) has a wealth of information:

- *Meeting and executive board minutes
- *Newsletters
- Programs
- Photos

* For "members only" pages you need a logon which you can obtain from web master Bill Kriebel at Historian@al-ny1758.org or 845-226-6895.

The meeting minutes can be found here (requires login) <https://al-ny1758.org/docs>

Membership: Our Post has about 70% of the membership renewed for 2022. Remember you have an option of renewing your membership online. You can do so by clicking here: <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Membership-Renewal-Quick-Pay-Renewal>

Please submit your renewal ASAP! Thank you

Buddy Checks

The post is currently performing "Buddy Checks". We are reaching out to members to make sure they are doing okay and see if they need assistance with anything that the post can help with. Some of you will not be contacted as we have recently been in touch with you and know your status.

If you receive a call and it goes to your voice mail please just call us back and let us know you are okay.



and

Beacon VFW Post 666
would like to invite you
to
BREAKFAST



February 26, 2022
7am – 10am

Veterans and one guest

To RSVP

Call 845-473-2500 x1306

or email acarrion@mhadutchess.org

BY 2/18/2022