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Post 1758
Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Our next will be **Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill Town Hall.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“Do what you feel in your heart to be right – for you will be criticized anyway” – Eleanor Roosevelt

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 (again) at our March 8th meeting and he won \$15.00 The “pot” is now stands at “0” and we build it up from here until another winner is in attendance-



Post Finance Committee

The Executive Board created a committee of three people to investigate the possibility of investing some of the post's funds in something other than a bank account or CD's. Don Burns, Bill Kriebel and Kevine Hines volunteered to look at alternatives.



The Beacon Memorial Building has a new tenant. **Guardian Revival** is a New York State 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit chartered to support our guardians. They address guardian mental health through animal ownership & outdoor recreation, and provide training & equipment to guardians at no cost. You can check out their web site at <https://guardianrevival.org/> In addition to help find service dogs for military and first responders they provide a year's worth of food, professional training sessions, veterinary coverage, pet insurance, food, toys, leashes, and other essential care equipment for up to a year (See fund raiser at the end)



Post Everlasting

The March 16th meeting of the Dutchess County American Legion will be held in the Beacon Memorial Building, at the corner Main Street and Fishkill Ave. Follow Rte. 52 to the center of Beacon, building is on left, you can't miss it.

At this meeting we will honor and remember Dutchess County Legionnaires who have passed away in 2020 and 2021. Our post lost 8 members..... Joseph Guarino, Donald Kellam, Daniel Lalor, Robert Licurse, John McCarney, Clarence Munson, Lawrence Lange and Martin Nolan. I think it would be nice for some of our members to attend this meeting and memorial. If you never been to a Post Everlasting service you should see it at least once. **And you get a free meal!** Dinner at 6:30 and meeting starts at 7:30.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

We had a good turnout for the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade. Tom Masch and Norm Dauerer both drove their jeeps and were joined by John Polasko, Don Burns, Bill Kriebel, Conrad Gagnon, Don Greenwood, and Jim Reynolds. John Call, Bill Meyer, Carl Eyler and Jeff Miedowski participated in the Color Guard.





Three “Keeping the Promise “, “Fulfill their Trust” and “No one left behind” are several of many mottos that refer to the efforts of the Department of Defense to recover those who became missing while serving our nation. The number of Americans who remain missing from conflicts in this century as of FEB 2019 are: World War II 73,025 of which over 41,000 are presumed to be lost at sea, Korean War 7665, Vietnam War 1589 (i. e. VN-1,246, Laos-288, Cambodia-48, & Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7), Cold War 111, Iraq and other conflicts 5. Over 600 Defense Department men and women -- both military and civilian - - work in organizations around the world as part of DoD's personnel recovery and personnel accounting communities. They are all dedicated to the single mission of finding and bringing our missing personnel home. For a listing of all missing or unaccounted for personnel to date refer to <http://www.dpaa.mil> and click on ‘Our Missing’. Refer to <https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories> for a listing and details of the 141 accounted for in 2005. If you wish to provide information about an American missing in action from any conflict or have an inquiry about MIAs, contact: Public Affairs Office, 2300 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20301-2300, Attn: External Affairs Call: Phone: (703) 699-1420

Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band

A note from long time member **Vinny Richards**: My good friend Jari Villanova (music arranger, composer, and retired Air Force Bandmaster) has e-mailed the Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band a copy of the Ukranian National Anthem for us to use as we see fit at some of our ceremonies and concerts. We will be practicing it at our coming rehearsals and patriotic ceremonies. We also put in for a Dutchess County grant that our political friends can help us get. We will know if we get the grant by May. The grant will help us afford new music, pay for our insurance, uniform shirts, and possibly new instruments for those in the band that could not afford them. Please let the Post know that we are looking to participate in future ceremonies with them.
Vinny

A side note: Vinny's wife Althea will be entering Vassar Hospital on March 10th. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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>

Post Elections

Elections will take place in May. Anyone wishing to run for office should make your desires known to Adjutant John Polasko or Commander Jim Reynolds. How about a new Commander? If Reynolds can do it, anyone can!

Buddy Checks

The post completed our "Buddy Checks" during February. We tried to reach every member that we don't normally get to see. Unfortunately, in today's world Robo calls are a problem and some folks don't answer their phone unless they can identify who is calling. That meant we were not able to speak to many of you. In each case where we reached an answering service, we left a message asking for a simple call back telling us that you are okay. We did not get many call backs! Communication is a two-way street. Buddy Checks are not meant to bother or annoy you. They are used because we care. We do not use Buddy Checks to pressure you for donations or to solicit more involvement in post activities. I hope that when we do future checks that you will keep that in mind and respond.

Post Picnic

This year's picnic is scheduled for August 6th, starting at 12 noon and ending at 5:00pm. It will be held at our usual location: The pavilion in the Hopewell Recreation Park. More details later.

Spread the word about our Youth Shooting Team



American Legion Manny Bacon Post 1758

Hopewell Junction, NY

Youth Shooting Sports for 14-20 year

olds. Join our Venture Crew shooting team.

Practice and competition every Sunday afternoon at 1:00PM at the Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club in Hopewell Junction.



Contact Dan Briscoe at 845-226-6937 or at Danbriscoe@aol.com

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition.

For more information go to <https://www.legion.org/shooting/participate>

Donations to Ukraine

Dutchess County, in partnership with the Afya Foundation, will be hosting a humanitarian supply collection site to gather items to help those affected by the invasion in Ukraine, including wounded soldiers, civilians and refugees. Donations will be collected at the former JCPenney location (lower level) at the Poughkeepsie Galleria at 2001 South Road (Route 9) in Poughkeepsie over the next two weekends.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "This is a horrifying and heartbreaking time for Ukraine, and I know many people in Dutchess County are anxious to help. The generosity of our community has always been strong, and there are specific needs we can help meet. Knowing the heart of this community, let us all come together to help the people of Ukraine, donate what you can and pray for peace."

Donation collection schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, March 12th from 9am-1pm
- Friday, March 18th from 1pm-5pm
- Saturday March 19th from 9am-1pm

No appointment is necessary and Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers will be on hand to assist those bringing donations.

Afya has provided a specific list of needed items. Only new, unopened and non-expired goods will be accepted from the list below. No other supplies are being collected at this time. Needed supplies are as follows:

- Flashlights and Flashlight batteries
- Baby and Adult Diapers
- First Aid Kits
- Face Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Personal Hygiene Kits (Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Deodorant, Shampoo, Razors and shaving cream)
- Basic Health Supplies (Aspirin, Acetaminophen, Cough medicine, Oximeters, Ace bandages and Compression bandages)

The Dutchess County Departments of Emergency Response and Public Works will assist at collection site operations, including transporting donations to Afya's Yonkers location. Afya is working in partnership with US-Ukraine-Foundation and others to support the Ukrainian medical community and refugees seeking aid.

Proceeds to benefit Guardian Revival Boots & Paws which provides Veterans in need with working dogs, fully trained with a care package and vet coverage and food for one year.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SEMPER FIDELIS

PROUDLY PRESENTS

ALL STAR COMEDY NIGHT

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

AMERICAN LEGION

“CRAZY” GENE TRIFILO
FROM THE IMPROV ---

JEFF NORRIS
FROM THE BORGTA & ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISELINE

\$30.00 PP INCLUDES AND APPETIZERS
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT BEACON VETERANS CHARITIES

MEMORIAL BUILDING 413 MAIN STREET BEACON NY 12508
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM SHOWTIME IS 8PM

FOR TICKETS AND INFO CONTACT **845-337-6509** SCAN ABOVE