

American Legion

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

available 24/7, and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.

Next Meeting

Our next will be **Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill **Community Center**.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“Don’t waste your time in anger, regrets, worries, and grudges. Life is too short to be unhappy.”

— Roy T. Bennett

Good of the Legion:

William Goss’s name was drawn at our April 12th meeting but he was not in attendance so the pot has started to grow after Karl’s Sokol’s win last month.



Sick Call

Membership Chairman **Kevin Hines** is going in for exploratory surgery for issues he is having. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Jim will be handling membership issues for the time being.

Joe Ryan is awaiting hip surgery. He has to get his GP and cardiologist approvals before scheduling.

Welcome

New member **Mike Miller** joined our post on March 12th. Several of us know Mike from our VVA Chapter. He is a Marine Corps veteran and lives in Wappinger Falls.

Congratulations to Claude Wuytack and John McMahon both of which are celebrating their **50th year** as American Legion members.

Claude with
Commander
Reynolds



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>

Upcoming Activities

May 10th – Monthly Membership meeting – **Post Elections**

May 21st place flags on veterans graves. Breakfast at the Falls Diner 8:00AM. Start at St. Denis Cemetery on Beekman Road at 10:00 AM. Then we will move on to the Hopewell Cemetery.

On Friday, May 27th at 7:00 AM Post 1758 will join the students and faculty for a Memorial Day Service at John Jay High School. Uniform of the Day: White shirt, legion cap, dark slacks and shoes, gold braid and scarf.

Saturday May 28th we will distributing poppys and accepting donations from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Members will be at the following locations; the Stewart's Shop at the corner of Rte. 82 and Lake Walton Road, the Convenient Mart on Rte 52 near the Rte.82 intersection, and both Flory's Markets on Rte 82 near the Taconic Parkway. Uniform of the Day: legion cap and a legion golf shirt if you have one.

Saturday June 4th at 11:00 AM – Retrieve flags from cemeteries.

On Memorial Day, Monday May 30th, Post 1758 and the Town of East Fishkill will host a Memorial Day Parade and service. The parade will step off at 10:45 AM at the East Fishkill Community Center and march up Route 82 to the Veterans Memorial at the corner of Route 82 and Beekman Road. The Memorial service will start at 11:00 AM. Uniform of the Day: White shirt, legion cap, dark slacks and shoes, gold braid and scarf.

Sunday June 5th - Food collection with the Southern Dutchess Kiwanis at Dutchess County Airport from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Tuesday June 7th at 7:00 PM – Our June Post meeting at the Town Hall....**NOTE that this is a week earlier than normal as our normal meeting day the 14th is Flag Day.**

Saturday June 11th at 1:00 PM We will be recognizing graduating seniors from John Jay High School who are entering military service after graduation.

Tuesday June 14th at 7:00 PM – Flag Day ceremonies at the burn pit behind the East Fishkill Library. Uniform of the Day: White shirt, legion cap, dark slacks and shoes ...**no gold braid or scarf.**

Post Picnic

This year's picnic is scheduled for August 6th, starting at 12 noon and ending at 5:00 PM. It will be held at our usual location: The pavilion in the Hopewell Recreation Park. The Post will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, soda and water. Members will bring a dish to share.

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! At our April meeting no one seemed interested in stepping up to the Commander's position but there may be someone else who couldn't make the meeting that is interested. **Jim will stay as Commander if no one else volunteers.** John Polasko is stepping away from the Adjutant position and Don Burns will be running for that position. That leaves the 1st Vice Commander's slot open and Bill Meyer has agreed to seek election for that position. The other officers will remain in their current positions; John Call, Jeff Boes, Jay Livermore and Jeff Miedowski. Bill Kriebel will continue as post Historian and webmaster.

Tom Masch, always watching out for his fellow veterans, found an electric scooter for Joe Ryan. Tom cleaned it up and made sure it was in good operating condition....battery good, horn, headlight, backup beeper all working properly. Good Friday morning Tom and Jim Reynolds surprised Joe with the delivery. Joe took the opportunity to buzz around his neighborhood.



You think Joe was a little happy????

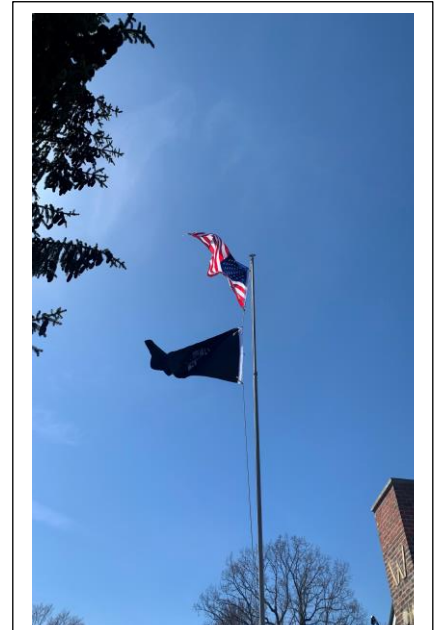
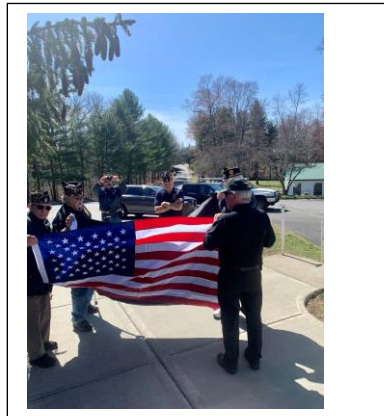


Vietnam War Veterans Day

At the March 24th East Fishkill Town Board Meeting Town Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro proclaimed March 29th as Vietnam War Veterans Day in East Fishkill. Post members John Lyons, Bill Kriebel, Don Burns, George Dickman, John Polasko, Dan Briscoe and John Call attended the meeting and were properly recognized. (Photo by John Call).



On Saturday April 2nd some post members presented new American and POW Flags to **Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club** in appreciation for their support of our Youth Shooting Team. Post members in attendance were John Call, Norm Dauerer, Bill Kriebel, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds and Karl Sokol.



Local Law No. ___ of 2022

(A Local Law Increasing Veterans Tax Exemptions)

Section 1: Legislative Intent

The Supervisor and Town Board have tremendous gratitude for the service of our Veterans. Recently, the State authorized local municipalities to increase the Tax Exemptions provided to Veterans. The Town honors its Veterans with events, memorials, and banners alongside roads and in Town Hall. It will now extend the Veterans Tax Exemptions to the maximum permitted under Section 458 and related sections of the Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2: Increase in Veterans Tax Exemptions and Text Amendments to Section 168-13 of the Town Code

The language in **bold** shall be added to Section 168-13 of the Town Code, and the language that is ~~stricken~~ shall be removed:

- A. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed ~~\$24,000~~ **\$75,000** or the product of ~~\$24,000~~ **\$75,000** multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
- B. In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection A of this section, where the veteran served in a combat theater or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed ~~\$16,000~~ **\$50,000**; or the product of ~~\$16,000~~ **\$50,000** multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ratio, whichever is less.
- C. In addition to the exemptions provided by Subsections A and B of this section, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veteran's administration or from the United States department of defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed ~~\$80,000~~ **\$250,000** or the product of ~~\$80,000~~ **\$250,000** multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less. For purposes of this subsection, where a person who served in the active military, naval or air service during a period of war died in service of a service connected disability, such person shall be deemed to have been assigned a compensation rating of 100%.

Dutchess County to Host Veterans Services Town Hall on Saturday, April 30th

Poughkeepsie... Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro with the Division of Veterans' Services will be hosting a live Veteran's Town Hall forum on Saturday, April 30th at 12:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 29 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie. The forum will include a panel of knowledgeable individuals including Dutchess County veterans program managers, members of the VA, and representatives from other local veterans' services who will discuss county and national resources and support available for veterans and their loved ones. Light refreshments will be served, and veterans and their families are encouraged to attend. Registration is not required.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "Connecting veterans to services and resources available to them on both a local and federal level is very important. Whether that's finding housing, employment services, or getting the mental health services they need to deal with post-traumatic stress or other issues our Division of Veterans Services and other veteran service programs can help. This forum is meant for veterans to have direct contact with veteran services as well as other veterans to make sure these heroes are getting the proper care and help, they deserve."

At the town hall, veterans will learn about resources available for them and their families, including new programs the VA provides and local services provided by Dutchess County veterans organizations. Representatives from Mental Health America (MHA) and Hudson River Housing will also be on hand to provide veterans information on programs such as Vet-Tap, H.E.R.O, Vet2Vet, and VetZero. There will also be a discussion about the VA's recently released Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) report and its recommendations for the Castle Point Medical Facility. Veterans can learn more about the public input process on this matter.

Following the panel presentations, there will be a question-and-answer period between service providers and attendees. Veterans and families are encouraged to ask questions and share their stories and experiences in a safe space surrounded by other veterans and those who work in veteran services. This period is meant to be informative and cathartic for all that need it.

Dutchess County Division of Veteran Services' Director Adam Roche said, "It is our mission to give these honorable men and women the time and attention they deserve. This event will provide veterans with the most up-to-date resources and services to ensure their wellbeing in all facets of life."

For those unable to attend in person, the entire event can be seen on Facebook live beginning at 12pm on April 30th and can be viewed on the "Dutchess County Government" Facebook page. A link to the stream can also be found on dutchessny.gov. Information and tools for veterans can also be found on the Dutchess County Division of Veterans' affairs website at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

NORTHERN DUTCHESS ROD & GUN CLUB VETERANS SPORTSMAN'S DAY 2022



PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO DISABLED/WOUNDED VETERAN'S**EVENT LIMITED TO 25

WHEN: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

WHERE: NDRGC, 140 ENTERPRISE ROAD, RHINEBECK, NY, 12572

TIME: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**EVENTS: ARCHERY, FISHING, TRAP SHOOTING, .22 WOODS WALK
TRADITIONAL RANGE, BLACK POWDER RIFLES**

- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND COMPLIMENTARY BARBEQUE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

CONTACT: DANNY LOVELAND TO PRE-REGISTER (845)332-0788

EMAIL: ndrgcvetevent@gmail.com

TO OBTAIN REGISTRATION FORMS: www.ndrgc.com

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND EVENT

RAIN OR SHINE!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!



**Car Show to benefit
American Legion Post #1466
June 4, 2022**

(Rain Date: June 5, 2022)

Cash Bar - 50/50 - Music - Raffles - Food

Trophies Based On Class

Fee \$15

**American Legion Post 1466
50 Legion Road. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(Off Rt 9 Across From Planet Fitness)**

10am - 4pm

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