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Next Meeting

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

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.”

— Roy T. Bennett

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:

Fred Belanger's name was drawn at our April 12th meeting but he was not in attendance so the pot continues to grow.



Upcoming Activities

May 21st place flags on veteran's 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 Reformed Cemetery. Legion Cap.

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 be 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 Veteran's 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. John Polasko and Conrad Gagnon have volunteered but it would be nice if a couple of others would drop by for a while.

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 11:00 AM – Our Color Guard will participate in the Dedication Ceremony of the Town of Fishkill Statue of Sachem Daniel Nimham (the last Chief of the Wappinger). We will join the color guards of the Dutchess County Sheriff's office and the Fishkill Police Town Police. The dedication will be held at the intersection of Rte 52 and Rte 82. Uniform of the Day: White shirt, Legion Cap, dark slacks and shoes, gold braid and scarf.

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. Uniform of the Day: Legion Cap

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, gold braid and scarf.

Post Elections

Elections took place at our May meeting. The following officers will be sworn in at our June 7th meeting.

Commander - Jim Reynolds

Adjutant - Don Burns

Finance - John Call

1st Vice - Bill Meyer

2nd Vice - John Polasko

Chaplin - Jeff Miedowski

Sgt of Arms - Jeff Boes

Historian - Bill Kriebel

Judge Adv - Jay Livermore



On April 30th members John Polasko, Bill Meyer, Tom Masch and George Dickman traveled to the Horn & Thomes Funeral home in Pawling to pay last respects to post member Henry Baker who passed away on April 24th. They consoled the family, held a brief ceremony, offered a prayer and left remembrance poppys.

Thanks for representing Post 1758.

The Alphabet Soup of Army Rations

March 18, 2022 by [Jenny Ashcraft](#)

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between C-Rations and K-Rations? During WWII, US military officials had to find a way to feed the troops when they weren't near a mess hall. Rations were prepackaged meals, easy to prepare, and intended to be eaten in the field. The Unit History of the [63rd Infantry Division](#) breaks down some of the [different types of rations](#) that fueled troops and helped Allies win the war.

A-Ration: A-rations were the most preferred by US fighting forces and consisted of fresh, refrigerated, or frozen foods. The meals were prepared in [kitchens](#) or field kitchens and generally served in permanent [dining halls](#).

B-Ration: B-Rations were prepared by trained cooks in a [field kitchen](#) while on the move. Ingredients consisted of canned and dehydrated foods that did not require refrigeration. Thus, the food could be kept in a [truck or wagon](#) for months without spoiling.

C-Ration: Often called [C-Rats](#), these rations were designed for individual combat troops and consisted of [precooked food in tinfoil cans](#) that opened with a key. Initially, officials calculated that C-Rations would only be consumed for no more than three days at a time and produced just three varieties. As fighting forces relied more on C-Rations, they quickly tired from the lack of variety, and the military eventually expanded the offerings. C-Rations could be eaten cold but tasted better heated and included an entrée, such as pork and beans, or spaghetti and meat sauce. They also contained biscuits or crackers, gum or candy, and cigarettes. *Soldiers load trucks with rations 1944*

D-Ration: The [D-Ration](#) was a heat-resistant, [fortified chocolate bar](#) intended to provide high energy in a [small package](#) that soldiers could carry in a pocket. Formulated with help from Hershey Food Corporation, the 1,800 calorie D-Ration contained concentrated chocolate, vitamins, and other ingredients meant to sustain a soldier during an emergency. It did not taste appealing, preventing soldiers from nibbling on the bar unless necessary.

K-Rations

K-Ration: Originally developed for paratroopers by a University of Minnesota physiologist Ancel Keys, the [K-Ration](#) had lightweight but durable packaging. Three [K-Ration meals](#) provided 2,830 calories but proved inadequate for some soldiers who required more calories per day based upon their strenuous output. A sample supper ration included a meat product, biscuits, a chocolate bar or caramels, bouillon, coffee, sugar, wooden spoon, cigarettes, chewing gum, and a packet of toilet paper.

In addition to the rations above, the military had additional field rations and modified existing rations throughout the war. What stories have you heard about WWII military rations? .

\$1000.00 Donation to Castle Point

On May 3rd Post members Don Burns, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Jim Broughton and John Call presented \$1000.00 of ShopRite Gift Cards to the Castle Point Food Pantry. Shown here with Food Pantry manager Jim Mullen (far right)



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.



On Wednesday, April 27th several members spent time at Joe Ryan's house sprucing up his yard. Coordinated by Danny Oberhauser the following members participated: Jim Broughton, Bill Meyer, Bill Kriebel and Tom Masch. Thanks Guys! Good Job!

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>

Coin Drop/Poppys

The following members have volunteered at these locations for our May 28th solicitations:

Stewarts – Dan Bricoe, Len Hart, Dona Greenwood, and Jeff Boes

Convenient Mart -,John Call and Mark Graser

Flory's I – Bill Meyer, Mike Miller and Bill Kriebel

Flory's II - Don Burns, John Polasko, and Conrad Gagnon

We could use additional help especially at the Convenient Mart. **Please help out if you can.** It's a great way to spend time with other members, share experiences and get to know each other better.

M2A4 Bradley Fighting Vehicle First Army Unit Gets Modernized Bradley Fighting Vehicle

M2A4 Bradley Fighting Vehicle First Army Unit Gets Modernized Bradley Fighting Vehicle The U.S. Army has awarded BAE Systems a contract modification worth up to \$269 million for continued production of the M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV). The award for an additional 168 upgraded Bradley M2A4 Infantry Fighting Vehicles is part of the Army's combat vehicle 65 modernization strategy and helps ensure force readiness of the Armored Brigade Combat Teams (ABCT). The Bradley A4 is equipped with an enhanced powertrain that maximizes mobility and increases engine horsepower, providing rapid movement in reaction to combat or other adverse situations. Wide-angle Driver's Vision Enhancer, improved Force XXI Battle Command Bridge and Below (FBCB2) software integration improve friendly and enemy vehicle identification, enhancing situational awareness. The addition of a High-Speed Slip Ring, greater network connectivity and Smart Displays that simultaneously display classified and unclassified information also improve situational awareness. "The Bradley is one of the most critical vehicles in the Army's ABCT today because it allows the Army to transport troops to the fight, and provide covering fire to suppress enemy vehicles and troops," said Scott Davis, vice president of combat vehicle programs for BAE Systems. "Upgrading to the A4 configuration provides soldiers with more power to increase their speed and ability to integrate enhanced technology to ensure they maintain the advantage on the battlefield." Previously awarded funding for initial production of 164 Bradley A4 vehicles allowed BAE Systems to begin production. The award of this option brings the total production funding to \$578 million. It includes upgrades and associated spares of two Bradley variants: the M2A4 Infantry Fighting Vehicle and the M7A4 Fire Support Team Vehicle. A 3rd Infantry Division unit at Fort Stewart, Georgia, is officially the first to be equipped with and trained on the modernized M2A4 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, marking the end of a decade long effort by the Army to upgrade their Bradley Fighting Vehicles. The soldiers completed training on the new equipment during a series of events this March, the Army release stated. The Army plans to acquire more than 700 of the new M2A4 Bradleys through 2029. Each vehicle costs roughly \$4.35 million. The Army plans to continue providing field units with the M2A4 variant until the new Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle is produced, which will eventually replace the Bradley. "This Bradley variant will ensure that the platform maintains combat relevance now and for decades to come as we wait for the Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle platform to eventually replace it," said Brig. Gen. Glenn Dean, who leads Program Executive Office-Ground Combat Systems. "We fielded the most capable Bradley Fighting Vehicle to date, with the Bradley in service for three decades. Because the A4 variant has enhanced mobility and power generation, we'll be able to integrate new technologies." The last upgrade made to U.S. armored troop carriers came in 2002. The prototyping phase for the Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle will begin in fiscal 2025, and the Army is expected to select in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2027 one company to build lowrate production vehicles. Full-rate production isn't expected to begin until fiscal 2030, meaning most soldiers will be using the M2A4 Bradley for years to come. [Source: ArmyTimes | Rachel Nostrant | April 25, 2022 ++]