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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

“We never know the quality of someone else's life, though we seldom resist the temptation to assume and pass judgement.”

— Tami Hoag, [Dark Horse](#)

Special Notice: If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call

988 and press “1”

or 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:

Lewis Keehner's name was drawn at our September 13th meeting but Lewis was not in attendance so the pot continues to grow. Now at \$192.00



Upcoming Activities

Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00 PM – Evert Munning Funeral at McHoul's Hopewell Jct.

Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM - Post monthly meeting at the East Fishkill Community Center

Tuesday, November 1st at 7:00 PM - Post monthly meeting at the **East Fishkill Town Hall** – note **this is a week earlier than normal** due to unavailable rooms on the 8th which is Election Day.

Friday, November 11th at 7:00 AM – **Veterans Day** - Place flags along Rte. 82 in Hopewell Junction and Coin Drop/Poppy distributions at Flory's 1 & 2, Stewarts, and Convenient Mart.

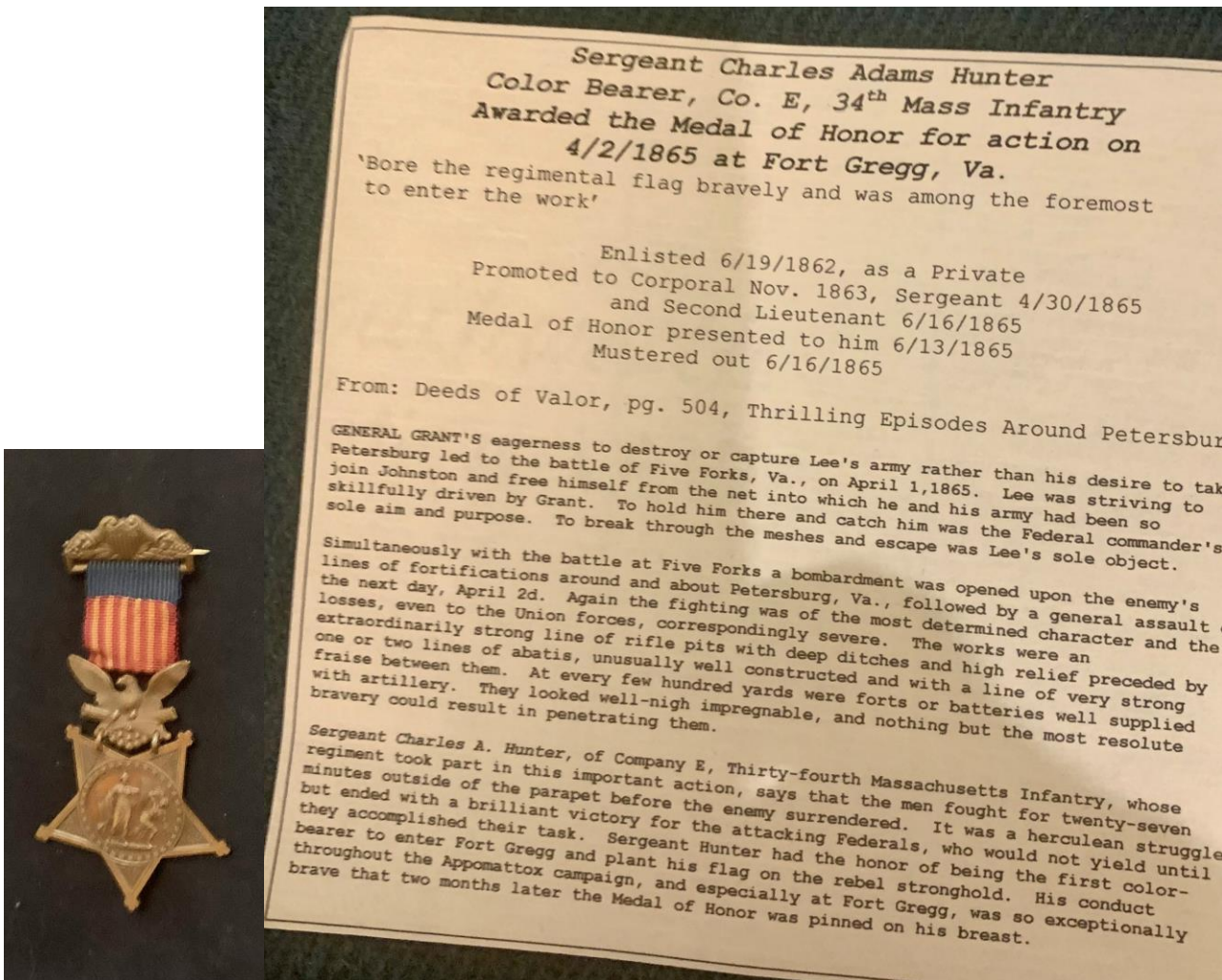
Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM – Post Holiday Party at the 18 North Grill



Mike Miller, Don Burns, Jim Reynolds and John Polasko manned our booth at the **Whortlekill Rod and Gun Car Show** on August 14th from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. George Dickman kept us company for the last hour. We raised a couple of bucks for the post and saw some great vehicles. Tom Masch and Norm Dauerer both had their jeeps in the show as well as one of Tommy's cars.

Civil War Memorabilia

John Call had an opportunity while attending a Catholic War Veterans National Meeting to view some memorabilia from the Civil War. No touching allowed but he was able to get some photos. Pictured below is the first Medal of Honor and the citation given to Charles Adams Hunter. I tried to get Sgt. Hunter's citation from the MOH web site but they don't have the complete write up, just that he was awarded the MOH.



Renew your American Legion membership online

Members can go to www.legion.org/renew and click "Renew Now" to safely and conveniently pay their dues. Once a member enters the information requested, he or she can set the account for automatic annual renewal, as well as select the option to receive email renewal notices instead of notices through the mail. If the membership is current, he or she may still choose to sign up for automatic annual renewal and/or to receive renewal notices by email only. Automatic renewal can also be set up by calling the toll-free American Legion customer service line at (800) 433-3318.

Don't have a MyLegion.org account? Sign up now to manage your American Legion membership profile and benefits. To register, visit www.mylegion.org. It is important to know that all MyLegion.org accounts are registered with the email on your membership record that National Headquarters has on file.

East Fishkill 9-11 Ceremony

On a rare drizzly Sunday afternoon Post members Tom Masch, John Polasko, Conrad Gagnon, Cdr. Jim Reynolds, Len Hart, Jim Broughton, John Call, Bill Meyer, Jeff Miedowski, Bill Kriebel and Kevin Hines participated in 9-11 Remembrance Service at the Hopewell Junction Recreation Park. Also present was Bob Spinillo



Coming soon

If all goes according to plan Post 1758 will soon have an affiliated American Legion Auxiliary. Several members of an existing Auxiliary Unit wish to transfer to a new unit associated with Post 1758. They live in and around East Fishkill and currently travel a great distance to attend meetings and events in Westchester County.

The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans.

While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The American Legion Auxiliary is made up of the male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion. Let your families know!



East Fishkill Community Day

The weather was fantastic for this year's Community Day. Thanks to the gang that marched: Jeff Boes, Jim Broughton,

Bill Kriebel, Kevin Hines, and Bill Meyers. Norm Dauerer and Tom Masch also had their jeeps along with passengers John Polasko, Dona Greenwood, and Claude Wuytack. The winner of our 50/50 Raffle was ticket #058266 bought by **Christina Jourdy** of Hopewell who graciously **donated her \$114 share to our post!** Thanks to all who helped us out at the tent...those above plus Don Burns, Mike Miller, and Jim Lynch (VVA and potential Post member). Conrad Gagnon also participated in the parade but missed his jeep ride due to some miscommunication. The donation box also brought in \$35.00.

The John Jay Volleyball Team's Veterans Recognition Program started with their first home game on September 9th.

Below are pictures of Norm Dauerer's ceremony on September 15th and Caroline Pogge's on the 19th. Each were given a "Patriot's Honoring Patriot's" certificate signed by all the girls on the team and a John Jay ball cap. Nice job by the volleyball team.



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.