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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 at 7:00PM, at the East Fishkill Town Hall.

This is a week earlier than normal due to the 8th being election day and the town buildings will be used for voting.

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”

— Confucius

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:

Sam Patton's name was drawn at our October 11th meeting but Sam was not in attendance so the pot continues to grow. Now at \$244.00



Upcoming Activities

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.

Thursday November 10th at 7:00 AM – Veteran’s Day service at John Jay High School. Uniform will be white shirt, dark trousers, legion cap, gold braid and scarf (if you have them). After the service we will join some of the students inside for breakfast.

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, Red Line Diner, 84 Diner, and Convenient Mart.

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

Thanks



We had a nice turnout for Evert Munnings funeral on October 2nd. Thanks to John Call, Bill Meyer, Bill Kriebel, Bob Spinillo, Len Hart, Don Burns, Vinny Richards, John Polasko, Conrad Gagnon, and Jim Reynolds for representing our post.

Welcome

At our October meeting we had two new members join the American Legion and our post. Welcome to **Santo Abbate** and **Herb Willis**.

In addition to those **new** members, we have had 5 transfers to our post. Welcome also **Paul Wolfe, John Millis, Joseph O’Connor, Rigo Griggs,** and **Megan Posey**.

Whortlekill Rod & Gun Car Show

On October 9th we were invited to have a booth at Whortlekill's car show. Thanks to the following members for working the booth; John Polasko, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Kriebel, Jeff Boes, Jim Reynolds, Bill Meyer, Don Burns and Bob Spinillo. Karl Sokol joined us later and helped with the cleanup.



VA delays health record rollout again

Veterans Affairs officials are again delaying further deployment of their new electronic health records system amid ongoing issues with the new software, this time pushing back any new site rollouts until June 2023.

In a message to the VA workforce Thursday, Under Secretary for Health Dr. Shereef Elnahal said the delay is needed “to address challenges with the system and make sure it is functioning optimally for veterans and for VA health care personnel.”

In June, department officials announced a halt to all new deployments of the Oracle-Cerner Millennium electronic health record system until early 2023 because of patient safety issues that occurred in the first five sites using the software.

“Over the coming months, we will implement an ‘assess and address’ period to correct outstanding issues with the new system — especially those that may have patient safety implications — before restarting deployments at other VA medical centers,” Elnahal wrote in his message to staff.

“In the meantime, VA will continue to focus on the five facilities where the new system has already been deployed to ensure every patient is getting the world-class health care they deserve.”

VA officials will also send letters in coming weeks to patients who “may have been impacted by these system challenges” to make sure they are able to schedule appointments, receive medications and fulfill other medical needs.

The 10-year, \$16 billion health records modernization project started in 2017 and was touted as a way to provide better care to troops and veterans throughout their lives.

But the effort has been besieged by problems since its initial implementation. Deployments have been postponed multiple times because of staff training and patient safety issues.

In September, Elnahal told lawmakers on the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee that problems with the new system have encouraged some staffers to quit. VA Secretary Denis McDonough has said he is frustrated with the progress so far, and frequent past outages with the software.

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.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758

It's official! We now have an affiliated American Legion Auxiliary attached to our post. **Barbara Corker** has submitted the required documents and they have been approved by the Department of New York.

Barbara is planning on attending our November meeting so you can have a chance meet her.

She brings several members of to our unit that are in the process of transferring.

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!

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.

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

Below are pictures of Jim Broughton's ceremony on September 27th, John Polasko's and Don Greenwood's ceremony on October 11th, Mike Miller on October 17th, Dan Briscoe on the 19th, and Kevin Hines on the 20th. 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.





Holiday Party

18 North Grill (old Charlie Brown's)

18 Westage Dr, Fishkill

December 3, 2022

5:00PM



Happy
Holidays

Garden Salad

Choice of

- *Chicken Francese*
- *Baked Salmon with Garlic butter*
 - *Prime Rib (\$5.00 extra)*
 - *Beef Tips*
- *Coffee, Tea, Fountain Soda*
- *New York Cheesecake or ice cream*

***Cost \$45.00 per person, \$50.00 for Prime Rib**

Payment due November 21, 2022 to Post 1758

PO Box 92

Hopewell Jct., NY 12533

Name _____

_____ *Chicken Francese*

_____ *Baked Salmon with Garlic butter*

_____ *Prime Rib (\$5.00 extra)*

_____ *Beef Tips*

Total enclosed _____



**Includes gratuity*

Print this form and return with payment.