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Post 1758

Newsletter



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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.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill **Town Hall**.

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."

— Dalai Lama XIV

Good of the Legion:

Joe Varcek's name was drawn at our October 11th meeting but Joe was not in attendance so the pot continues to grow. It now stands at \$297.00



Welcome

At our November meeting we had a member transfer in to our post. Welcome to **Fred Beck**.

Upcoming Activities

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

Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM – Monthly Post Meeting

SEMPER SUPRA



The Official U.S. Space Force Song

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.

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.

You may still have time!!!

The Navy raised its maximum enlistment age to 41 on Friday for sailors joining the fleet, a nod to the current recruiting struggles plaguing the entire U.S. military.

Before last week's policy change, the age cutoff for enlisted sailors was 39, with recruits needing to report to boot camp by their 40th birthday.

Under the change, 41-year-olds must report to recruit training by their 42nd birthday and cannot have previously served in the military.

Certain Navy communities, such as the SEAL and diver worlds, still have age cutoffs that differ from the general enlistment age, Navy Recruiting Command spokesman Cmdr. Dave Benham said in an email.

"As we continue to navigate a challenging recruiting environment, raising the enlistment age allows us to widen the pool of potential recruits, creating opportunities for personnel who wish to serve," Benham said.

Friday's policy change means the Navy is now accepting the oldest enlisted recruits of the four services.

The Army's max enlistment age is 35, while the Air Force's cap is 40. The Marine Corps' enlisted age limit is 28, according to [a U.S. government site](#) that lays out military joining procedures.

The Navy barely made its recruiting goal for active-duty enlisted in Fiscal Year 2022, which ended Sept. 30, bringing in 33,442 sailors — just 42 bodies more than the service's goal.

The Navy fell about 200 active-duty officers short of its FY22 recruiting efforts, and the reserves also saw shortfalls.

Recruiting in Fiscal Year 2023, which began Oct. 1, will likely be even harder, Rear Adm. Alexis Walker, the head of Navy Recruiting Command, said in a September news release.

While the Navy hit its enlisted active accessions goal for FY22, the service drained its Delayed Entry Program pool and finished the year with the lowest "DEP pool" in decades, according to the release.

The delayed entry program is supposed to allow future sailors to sign a contract while holding off on shipping to boot camp. The program is designed to help recruits acclimate to military life and provide the Navy with an added measure of regulating the flow of bodies to boot camp and follow-on training.

But today, the program pool is at "critically low levels," according to the Navy, and a third of the remaining pool comprises high schoolers who can't ship until they graduate in the spring.

"The Navy is expected to be in a contract-and-ship posture, where future Sailors are shipped to boot camp within weeks or even days of contracting to serve," the Navy warned in September. "This posture is expected to persist through FY23."

The Navy is also offering big money to attract Americans into service.

Enlistment bonuses reached \$50,000 in August, and a student loan repayment plan offers repayment of up to \$65,000 in debt.

“They are not mutually exclusive, so if a future Sailor maximizes both, that adds up to a life-altering \$115,000, and the opportunity to serve in the world’s finest Navy,” Walker said in September’s release.

[The Air Force](#) made its FY22 recruiting goals, but like the Navy, leadership warned that they largely limped across the finish line.

[The Army](#) missed its recruiting goal by about 15,000, while the Marine Corps [made its recruiting mission](#) for FY22 but warned that harder days are ahead.

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.

I introduced Barbara at our November meeting so you have had a chance to meet her.

She brings with her several members 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!

Interested persons can contact Barbara at 924-489-7101 or at email NYALASecretary@gmail.com

See an application on the next page.



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name	(First)	(M.I.)	(Last)
Address			
City		State	ZIP
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email Address
/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth - 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 and over	
Date of Birth (Required)			Unit #
Location			
Have you been a member previously? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, fill in below.)			
Previous Unit City/State			ALA ID # (if known)
/ /			
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)			Date

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)			
If Living:			
American Legion Member ID #	Post #	City	State
<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records. For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records			
Veteran Served:			
<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother
<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer			
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.			
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification			/ /
			Date

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!

I am interested in learning more about:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families			
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships			
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Discounts and Services			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:			
Name	Phone	Email	
Name	Phone	Email	
Name	Phone	Email	
Recruiter's Name	Unit/Post #	City	State

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

Department Commander's Dinner

Post members Don Burns, Tom Masch, Jim Reynolds, Dan Oberhauser and John Call (photographer) attended the 2022 Department Commander's Dinner at The Grand in Poughkeepsie on November 7th.



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.

A great turnout at John Jay for their Veterans Day Ceremony.

Thanks to Tom Masch, Norm Daurer, John Call, Len Hart, Conrad Gagnon, Bill Meyer, Bill Kriebel, John Polasko, Jim Broughton, Don Greenwood, Kevin Hines, Dan Briscoe, Karl Sokol and Jim Reynolds. Also, thanks to Barb Corker from our Auxiliary who attended the ceremony.



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.