

American Legion

**Post 1758**

**Newsletter**



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**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill **Community Center** on Rte. 82.

*Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.*

“However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do you if you do not act on upon them?”

— Buddha Siddhartha Guatama Shakyamuni

**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:**

**Bill Kriebel's** name was drawn for the Pot O' Gold at our April 9th meeting. Bill took home \$67.00. The pot starts anew at \$0.00.



## Upcoming Activities

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM - Post monthly meeting** at the East Fishkill Community Center Post Elections

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Place flags on cemeteries**, breakfast at 8:30AM at the Falls Diner, 235 Myers Corners Rd, flag placement starts at 10:00AM at St. Denis (rain date May 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Memorial Day Service** at John Jay High School starts with breakfast at 7:30

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – at 8:00AM - Poppy/Coin Drops -**

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 - East Fishkill Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.** Meet at the Community Center. **Time change**

**Saturday, June 1st – 11:00AM Retrieve flags from cemeteries**, sort and store

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM - Post monthly meeting** at the East Fishkill Community Center

**Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – Flag Retirement Ceremony –** Behind East Fishkill Library

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – 11:00AM - 75th anniversary celebration** of Post at the East Fishkill Community Center

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00AM –** Dedication of new cemetery monument for Revolutionary soldier Henry Charlock – 129 East Hook Road, Wiccopee

## Post Elections at the May meeting.

**How about a fresh start? Come and let your voice be heard. In what direction should our post head? What needs to change? Submit your candidates to Adjutant Burns.**

### Please renew your membership

**Five members of our post have not yet renewed their membership for 2024!**

**95% have renewed, how about you?**

**If you have extenuating circumstances and need help with your dues please reach out to Commander Reynolds**

## Castle Point Delivery

On Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> several members delivered 150 pieces of women's underwear to Castle Point's Clothing Store. Bill Meyer, Jim Reynolds, John Call and Bill Krieble helped deliver the \$450 worth of clothing requested to help stock up supplies for women veterans.



**Don't forget that our Post web site ([al-ny1758.org](http://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 Krieble at [Historian@al-ny1758.org](mailto:Historian@al-ny1758.org) or 845-226-6895.

Post members were honored by the Wappingers Girls Lacrosse Team on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Members present were Tom Masch, Dan Oberhauser, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Dan Briscoe, Jim Broughton, Bill Meyer, and Fred Beck. Polasko temporarily stole the competitions helmet.



### Nursing Home Veterans

We purchased over \$300 worth of supplies to give to veterans in local nursing homes. That enabled us to assemble 36 gift bags for the veterans. Included were tooth brushes, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, mouth wash, deodorant, and flag pins. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Oberhauser, Bill Meyer, John Polasko and Jim Reynolds delivered bags to veterans at The Pines in Poughkeepsie and on April 9<sup>th</sup> to the Luthern Care Center.



## Vietnam War Veterans Day

Several members of Post 1758 gathered for lunch at Daddy O's on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Mike Miller, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Tom Masch, James Tipping, Dan Briscoe and John Call enjoyed the comradery.



### A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE VIETNAM WALL

There are 58,267 names on the wall.  
39,996 were just 22 or younger.  
8,283 were 19. 33,103 were 18.  
12 were 17 years old.  
5 soldiers were 16.

There are 3 sets of fathers and sons on the wall.  
31 sets of parents lost 2 of their sons.  
997 were killed their first day.  
1,448 were killed on their last day.  
8 women were on the wall, nurses.  
244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the war and 153 of them are on the wall.



James Tipping (right) presents Mike Miller with a new cane.

# *Veteran & Family Sunset Picnic*



**Friday,  
July 26, 2024  
Bowdoin Park, Pavilion #5  
5:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Come enjoy an evening of great food, fun,  
and most importantly, great camaraderie  
with other Dutchess County Veterans.**

**This event is free for all Dutchess County  
Veterans and a plus one.**

**Come hungry and leave happy!**

**Please RSVP Sylvia  
845-473-2500  
ext 1367  
By Monday July 22**





The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced four burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

-- **Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Charles D. Brown, 22**, of Arcola, Illinois, was assigned to the battleship USS West Virginia, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. He was among 106 crewmen killed that day. He will be buried on April 20, 2024, in Humboldt, Illinois.

-- **Navy Seaman 2nd Class George T. George, 26**, of St. Louis, Missouri, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. He was among 429 crewmen killed that day. He will be buried on May 13, 2024, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

-- **Army Pvt. 1st Class Anthony J. Lopa, 17**, of North Arlington, New Jersey, was a member of Delta Battery, 82nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. He was killed in action on Aug. 31, 1950. He will be buried in Wrightstown, New Jersey, on a date to be determined

-- **Army Private 1st Class Harold D. Wilder, 19**, of Pennington Gap, Virginia, was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 11, 1950. Interment services are pending.

## Return of Horse-drawn Caissons to Arlington National Cemetery Delayed



The return of horse-drawn caissons at Arlington National Cemetery is being delayed for months and maybe longer, the Army said Friday, as it struggles to improve the care of the horses after two died in 2022 as a result of poor feed and living conditions.

Nearly a year after the Army suspended the use of the gray and black horses for funerals, officials said they are making progress buying new horses, getting better equipment, and improving the training, facilities and turnout areas. But Maj. Gen. Trevor Bredenkamp, commander of the Military District of Washington, said it's been far more time-consuming and difficult than initially expected to get the program going again. And it will take an extended period of time to get enough horses to meet the funeral needs.



Dear Dutchess County Veterans,

County Executive, Sue Serino, and I would like to invite you to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dutchess County Leadership Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. at **The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.**

Every year about 400 people gather for the event which hopes to encourage leaders to live out their calling with confidence and integrity. I can think of no other group of people who fit the description of “leader” more than the Veterans I have had the pleasure to work with in Dutchess County.

The **full course breakfast is free**, so I hope you join us for this important event. Please see the flyer below where you can register online. When you do register, please indicate that you are a veteran. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (845) 486-2060.

Warmest Regards,  
Adam Roche  
Director, Veterans Services

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino  
Invites you to attend the 11th Annual  
*dutchess county leadership*  
**PRAYER**  
breakfast  
With Guest Speaker  
Coach Joe Kennedy

Tuesday  
May 7, 2024 at 7AM

The Grandview 176 Rinaldi Blvd. Poughkeepsie NY  
Free Admittance — Reservations Required

RSVP by May 1st:  
[praydleadership.org](http://praydleadership.org)