

American Legion

**Post 1758**

**Newsletter**



**August 2024**

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**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00PM**, at the East Fishkill **Community Center** on Rte. 82.

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

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

**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:**

**Richard Briggs'** name was drawn for the Pot O' Gold at our August 13th meeting. Richard was not in attendance and the pot is now \$203.00.



## Upcoming Activities

**Thursday, August 22nd – 6:00 PM** Town presentation for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary East Fishkill Town Hall

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM** Post Monthly Meeting at East Fishkill Community Center

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 2:00 PM** East Fishkill Community Day and Parade

**Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM** Post Monthly Meeting at East Fishkill Community Center

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM** Coin Drops for Veterans Day

**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 AM** Install flags along Rte 82 in the Hopewell Hamlets for Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM** Post Monthly Meeting at East Fishkill Community Center

## Sick Call

**Mark Graser** is scheduled for bypass surgery.

**Joe Ryan's** wife, Sharon, is in a nursing home.

**John Lyons** is waiting for his heart surgery, scheduled for September.

Please keep these folks and all who are ailing in your thoughts and prayers.

## 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 Kriebel at [Historian@al-ny1758.org](mailto:Historian@al-ny1758.org) or 845-226-6895.



## New York Military Medals Available for Local Veterans and Their Families

This is a reminder. New York State offers several military awards to veterans who currently live in New York or who were New York residents at the time of their military service, including:

- New York Conspicuous Service Cross
- New York State Medal for Merit
- New York State Conspicuous Service Star -New York State Cold War Certificate

Eligibility for these awards is based on the applicant's military service record. A complete list of eligibility criteria and applications can be found at <https://dmna.ny.gov/awards/>.

These medals can also be awarded posthumously to the family of a deceased veteran.

These state medals are not worn on your uniform.



## Boy's State

Our representative to Boy's State 2024 was John Bellantone. John was one of just 3 young men from Dutchess County to attend this year's event. He dropped by our August meeting to thank us for sponsoring him and provided us with some feedback about his week. John hopes to attend one of the military academies. In this picture with John is his dad, member Drew Bellantone, and Commander Reynolds.



## DUES

You should all have received your renewal notice (\$42.00) for 2025. The increase by National leaves the post just fifty cents from each member. We will have to raise them for 2026. Probably to \$50.00. 48% of our post members have already renewed for 2025....thank you.

### POW/MIA Recognition

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is an observance that honours those who were prisoners of war (POW) as well as those who are still missing in action (MIA). It is observed in the United States on the third Friday in September, which in 2024 will fall on the 20th of September.





Our post picnic was held at Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. As usual we had plenty of food. Thanks to Bill Meyer and John Polasko for setting everything up and to Norm Daurer for getting us the use of the club pavilion. More photo's can be found on our web site at <https://al-ny1758.org/gallery.php?2024;08;Post%20Picnic>





# Thanks

We made the rounds presenting plaques to organizations that support us. That includes locations where we are permitted to hold poppy/coin drops: Flory's, Tractor Supply, Convenient Mart, 84 Diner, and Stewart's. In addition we present plaques to Adams for our food collection box and Texas Roadhouse for their donations to our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.





84 Diner



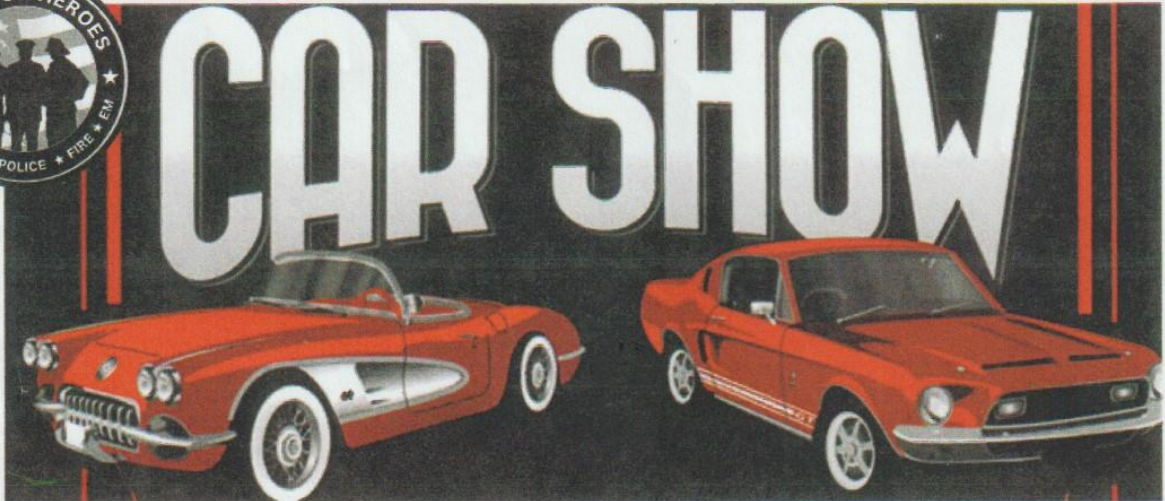
Texas RoadHouse



Stewart's



# HOPE FOR HEROES



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

MOTORCYCLES, MILITARY VEHICLES,  
FIRETRUCKS ~ ALL YEARS WELCOME!

**CARS & MOTORCYCLES**

**\$10 ENTRY FEE**

**\$5 SPECTATOR PARKING**

**REGISTRATION STARTS 9:00 AM**

**GATES OPEN 11:00 AM**

**50+**

**TROPHIES!**

**RAIN DATE 9-29-24**

**WHORTLEKILL ROD & GUN CLUB**

**540 RTE 376, HOPEWELL**

**JUNCTION, N.Y.**



## Dutchess County American Legion Auxiliary

### Luncheon Fundraiser

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
**11 am – 1 pm**

**Outback Steakhouse**  
**1510 Route 9**  
**Wappinger Falls, NY**

**Choice of Chicken, Salmon, Steak**  
(Includes appetizer per table, salad, side, dessert, soda, coffee, tea)

**Raffles & Door Prizes!**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**  
(make checks payable to DCALA)

Tickets/Information: (845) 877-3734

**Must call and make  
reservation**



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and  
Veterans Services Director Adam Roche  
present

# TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL & COST OF FREEDOM TRIBUTE

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### SEPTEMBER 18

Opening Ceremony 5PM

MISSING MAN TABLE

KEYNOTE: RICHARD LAY,  
NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HONOR MISSION

### SEPTEMBER 19

Military Vehicles Display All day

History of Dogs in the Vietnam War All day

### SEPTEMBER 20

Military Vehicles Display All day

### SEPTEMBER 21

Military Vehicles Display All day

Veterans Resource Tent 2-5PM

Ceremony & Candlelight Vigil 6PM

KEYNOTE: KARL R. ROHDE, SILVER STAR RECIPIENT,  
VIETNAM VETERAN

WREATH LAYING

DUTCHESS COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS TRIBUTE

### SEPTEMBER 22

Boy Scouts Concert Band Noon-2PM

Raffle Drawing for USA Flag  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT MHA VET-2-VET

Closing Ceremony\* 2PM  
VOLUNTEER THANK YOU



18-22  
September



To volunteer or for more  
information, call 845-486-2060 or  
email [Veterans@DutchessNY.gov](mailto:Veterans@DutchessNY.gov)  
[dutchessny.gov/veterans](http://dutchessny.gov/veterans)

Bowdoin Park  
85 Sheafe Road  
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

\*WALL CLOSING 8AM 9/23



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## THE HELP WE NEED:

- ✓ Greeters & Wall Escorts
- ✓ Name Search & Information
- ✓ Wall Monitors
- ✓ Parking Attendants
- ✓ Set-ups & Clean-ups

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ALL DAYS  
SHIFTS AVAILABLE ANY TIME/DURATION**

**9AM-11PM**

Equipment provided

**JOIN US!**

 845-486-2060

 [Veterans@DutchessNY.gov](mailto:Veterans@DutchessNY.gov)

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