



Post 1758 Newsletter

September 2024

Est. 1949

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: October 8th at the East Fishkill Community Center

“We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them.” —Albert Einstein

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Upcoming Activities

Saturday, September 21st – 2:00 PM East Fishkill Community Day and Parade

Tuesday, October 8th – 7:00 PM Post Monthly Meeting at East Fishkill Community Center

Thursday, November 7th – 7:00 AM Veterans Day service at John Jay

Saturday, November 9th – 8:00 AM Coin Drops for Veterans Day

Sunday, November 10th – 2:00 PM - Flag Pole Dedication at new Rotary Park, Acme Plaza, Hopewell

Monday, November 11th – 7:00 AM Install flags along Rte 82 in the Hopewell Hamlet for Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12th - 11:00 AM Retrieve flags from Rte 82

Tuesday, November 12th - 7:00 PM Post Monthly Meeting at East Fishkill Community Center

DUES

50% of our post members have already renewed for 2025....thank you

100 YEARS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN

Castle Point VA Medical Center

For our Centennial Celebration

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER | 27 | 2024

**FROM 3:00
TO 7:00PM**

41 CASTLE POINT RD,
WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY
12590

FOOD ~ LIVE MUSIC ~ INFORMATIONAL TABLES ~ ACTIVITIES
FAMILY FRIENDLY

100 Years of Service: A Beacon of Hope for Veterans!

9-11 Ceremony

Thanks to the following members for providing a color guard for the East Fishkill 9-11 Ceremony: Bill Kriebel, Ed Morrison, Dan Oberhauser, John Call, Bill Meyer, Kevin Hines, John Polasko, John Lyons, and Jim Reynolds.

POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 20th 2024



Norm Dauerer and Commander Reynolds were finally able to connect up with the Red Line Diner to present them with a “thank you” plaque.



Don Burns was given a plaque at our picnic thanking him for his years of service as adjutant. We neglected to get a photo at the picnic so we did a reenactment at the August executive board meeting.

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.

Commander Reynolds was contacted by the Soaring Valor Organization which were seeking WWII Veterans for an all expense trip to the WWII Museum in New Orleans. Jim connected them with Bob Spinillio who convinced his son to accompany him as his guardian on the trip. The trip was funded by the Gary Senise Foundation and is similar to an Honor Flight but was a 3 day event, flying from NYC and staying 2 nights in a New Orleans hotel. You can see by this photo Bob had a tough time....fighting off the “Andrews Sisters”!



Sick Call

Mark Graser's open heart surgery went well but his rehabilitation is taking longer than normal due to his ongoing knee issue.

John Lyons' heart surgery is scheduled for later this month.

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

Town Proclamation

At the August 22nd Town Board Meeting Supervisor D'Alessandro presented the post with this proclamation for our 75 years of contributions to the town.



Town of East Fishkill



Office of the Supervisor

Proclamation

Whereas, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans' organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for profit community-service organization.

Whereas, the American Legion Manny Bacon Post 1758 of East Fishkill, New York was chartered in 1949; and

Whereas, the Legion was named after Charles Peter "Manny" Bacon who grew up in Hopewell Junction. Manny served as Lieutenant at the Hopewell Hose. In 1942, Manny was drafted into the Army to serve in Ireland and North Africa. On May 19, 1943, he was noted as MIA (missing in action). On April 20, 1943, Manny was reported KIA (killed in action). Manny was the first resident of Hopewell Junction to be killed in World War II.

Whereas, the American Legion welcome Veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas, the mission of the American Legion is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families; and

Whereas, the Post has supported the East Fishkill community throughout its 75 years, including programs and partnerships with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, educational programs, and scholarships; and

Whereas, the Legion also lends a helping hand to our Veterans. Whether it is to help with the maintenance Veteran's property, build a ramp for a Veteran to access their home, or repair a Veteran's home for them to stay in; and

Whereas, the members of the American Legion dedicate their time to civic events such as placing flags at Veteran grave stones, a Memorial Day Ceremony at John Jay High School and for the Town of East Fishkill, and participating in the East Fishkill Community Day,

Whereas, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the American Legion Manny Bacon Post 1758;

Now therefore, the Town of East Fishkill recognizes the American Legion Manny Bacon Post 1748 not just for their military time, but in their lifelong contributions to their community;

Be it further resolved, the Town of East Fishkill would like to congratulate the American Legion Manny Bacon Post 1758 on their 75th Anniversary of dedicated service to the Town of East Fishkill.



Nicholas D'Alessandro
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Castle Point Donations

Members John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, Bill Meyer, and John Call delivered \$500 worth of underwear and belts along with \$1500 of ShopRite Gift Cards to Castle Point.





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

OPEN
24/7

18-22
September

Bowdoin Park
85 Sheafe Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

*WALL CLOSES 8AM 9/23



To volunteer or for more
information, call 845-486-2060 or
email Veterans@DutchessNY.gov
dutchessny.gov/veterans

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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!

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Tom Masch is a young man always in motion, never sitting still. Lately he cleaned up two cemeteries, The Van Wyck cemetery, next to St. Columba and another one on Robinson Lane. Good job Tom!

