



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: November 12th at the East Fishkill Community Center

“I realized then that even though I was a tiny speck in an infinite cosmos, a blip on the timeline of eternity, I was not without purpose.”

— **R.J. Anderson, [Ultraviolet](#)**

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Upcoming Activities

*******Friday, November 8th – 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

Saturday, December 14th – 5:30 PM Post Christmas Party

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58% of our post members have already renewed for 2025....thank you

Good of the Legion:

Gary Davis' name was drawn for the Pot O' Gold at our October 8th meeting. Gary was not in attendance and the pot is now \$308.00.



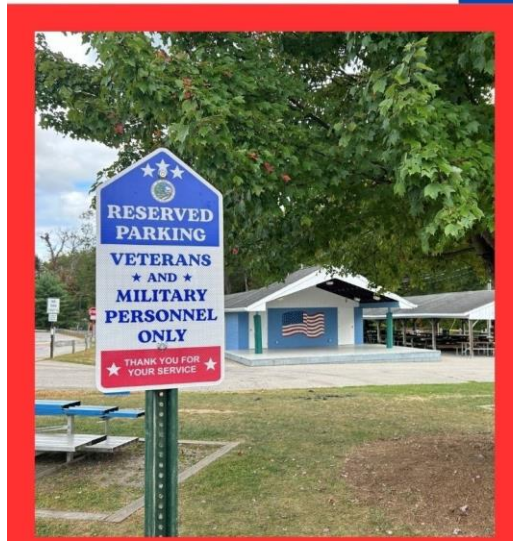
Central Hudson job assistance

Name: Diane DALESSANDRO
Address: Central Hudson Gas & Electric -
City: POUGHKEEPSIE
US States: NY
Phone: 914-393-5390
Email: DDALESANDRO@CENHUD.COM
Paragraph Text: Looking to develop relationships with local veterans organizations to help with finding jobs for veterans. We provide resume writing workshops and interview skills workshops. We are also available to attend job fairs or events where we can talk to vets about jobs at Central Hudson.

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 will now start seeing Veteran and Military Personnel Parking signs throughout the East Fishkill Town Parks and Town Building Parking Lots.



Sick Call

Mark Graser's open heart surgery went well and he is home.

John Lyons' also had successful heart surgery and is home doing well.

Don Muller is undergoing chemo treatments.

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

East Fishkill Community Day

Marchers in the Community Day were Kevin Hines, Dan Oberhauser, Bill Meyer, Bill Kriebel and Karl Sokol. Tom Masch also participated with his jeep.

Don Burns, Drew Ballantone, Dan Oberhauser, Bill Meyer, Bill Kriebel, Tom Masch, and Kevin Hines all hung out at the veteran's tent. Members John Polasko and Mike Miller were also on hand manning the VVA table.





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 Affairs Director Adam Roche
invite you to



Red, White, and You! Veterans Appreciation Picnic



Saturday, October 19, 2024
11AM – 2PM

James Baird State Park
14 Maintenance Lane, Pleasant Valley
Open to all veterans and one guest



Join Us!

Food by Tavern 23

Live Music by the Stringmasters

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 15TH! SPACE IS LIMITED

RSVP via email to CountyExec@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2000



Medicare Changes that could affect YOU!

This is a message from member Don Burns about changes to his Medicare plan for 2025. You may be in a similar situation....read your material and check plans yourself!

All:

Yesterday, I received my 2025 Medicare Part D information from my insurer and because of the government messing around with Medicare things have changed. My Part D plan is gone and I've been put into a different plan that they still offer. So at least I still have Part D, but that may not be true for everyone!

Also, Medicare Advantage plans are changing and/or going away from some insurers in 2025. You may need to shop for a new plan too!

So **DO NOT** assume that you need do nothing with your existing Medicare plans and things will be okay in 2025. If your insurer drops your existing plan you may be put into a plan that is not the best for you. If your company pulls out of the business completely you may not have any insurance for 2025!

Sometime between now and October 15th you should receive an update from you existing insurer and you **MUST** read this update and understand that things are changing and not always in your best interest!

So what do you need to do. Number one is check if your plan has changed when you receive your updatre. See what your 2025 costs will be for your plan and if things have changed then you can go on Medicare.gov and shop for a new plan. You must do this before December 7th 2024 or you will be stuck with either no insurance or whatever your insurer sticks you into.

This is true for all Part D plans plus all Advantage plans.

I watched a Youtube video produced by an independent insurance broker that explains a lot of the changes. You do not need to use him! But there's a lot of good information in his video.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-x1s6YS6hU&t=618s>

Also, if you take many drugs, note that the tier levels for drugs have changed and therefore your cost for refills will also change. Again until the insurers publish the new tiers and even if they will cover some drugs you can't know your 2025 costs. Hopefully, they will have all that on the Medicare.gov website after 10-15-24. But don't assume that that may change at any time.

Some changes may be good for you with these changes and for some of us they may suck. But no matter what do follow up on the changes so you can be informed and in control of your insurance. Worse case you may not have insurance in 2025 if you do nothing!!!!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

DUTCHESS COUNTY CHAPTER

AT POST 1302



Are you a member of any American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or the American Legion Auxiliary in Dutchess County? Do you ride a Motorcycle or Trike? If yes, then join us!!! No need to change

Posts, any member from Dutchess County can join!

We are open to members of any American Legion Post in Dutchess County! No need to transfer!!!

Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month @ noon at Post 1302, come find out what we are about!

Contact information:

Arlington American Legion Post 1302 55 Overlook Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 471-4641

Email: arlingtonlegionriders1302@hotmail.com Jenn Alongi (914) 714-5252

John Jay Veterans Day

When discussing our Veteran's Day activities at the October meeting I neglected to mention our ceremony at John Jay. This year's service will be on Friday November 8th. Breakfast will be at 7:30 in the library but you should arrive about 7:00 to avoid conflicts with the arriving buses. Full uniform if you have it..cap, white shirt, dark slacks, gold braid and scarf.

At our October meeting we celebrated Bob Spinillo's 99th Birthday with a cake in his honor. Hopefully we'll celebrate again next October.

Happy Birthday Bob!



Welcome

We welcomed new member Joe Paterno to our ranks at the October meeting. Joe's one of those Perkins Wednesday Morning Breakfast guys so many of us know him.



Happy
Holidays



Post 1758 Holiday Party
Curry Estate
2737 NY-52, Hopewell Junction, NY
December 14, 2024
5:30PM



Garden Salad

Choice of

- New York Strip Steak/ Bordelaise Sauce
- Crab Stuffed Sole / Dill Sauce
- Penne Primavera/ Lemon Parmesan Sauce

Dessert Trio – Chocolate Cake/Crème Brulee/Seasonal Fruit Tart

\$50.00 per person for post member and 1 guest.

Additional guests \$72.00 per person

Return this with payment to:

Post 1758, PO Box 91, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533 By **December 1st**.

Name: _____

Number attending _____

____ NY Strip Steak

____ Stuffed Sole

____ Penne Primavera

Total included _____

Post is subsidizing each member and one guest \$22.00. Actual cost is \$72.00 pp