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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 this toll-free number:

1-800-273-8255

It is available 24/7 and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.

Next Meeting

Our next will be **September 9, 2025, 7:00PM** at the

"The 20th century was a test bed for big ideas - fascism, communism, the atomic bomb."

P. J. O'Rourke

Good of the Legion:

No attendee's name was called during the Pot O'Gold drawing; as such, the "pot" grew to \$164.



Veterans' News

VA Health Nominee Pledges to Find 'Balance' Between Treatment at VA Centers and Private Facilities

WASHINGTON — The nominee to lead the Veterans Health Administration hopes to streamline Veterans Affairs medical care so patients face fewer obstacles when they seek treatment, whether at a VA facility or with a community provider. During his confirmation hearing for VA under secretary for health, Air Force Reserve Maj. Gen. John Bartrum addressed the ongoing debate over the future of VA health care -- the role the federal government has in managing and providing care for veterans, either within VA facilities or by paying private doctors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A big thank you is extended to Bill Meyer and John Polasko for organizing this year's post picnic held Saturday, August 2nd at the East Fishkill Recreation Park. Over 45 people attended and enjoyed an afternoon of food, laughs, and music.



- This year, AL Post 1758 sponsored Justin Brancamp for Boys' State and assisted AL Post 1303 (Hyde Park) by financially sponsoring a second attendee (Maxwell Goldstein). These young men attended the August post meeting and recounted their experiences at this summer's competition. Pictured are Brancamp (middle) and two attendees from Hyde Park (one of which is Maxwell Goldstein).



- Our prayers and best wishes go out to longtime AL 1758 member Joe Ryan who has joined his wife Sharon as a permanent resident of the Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Beacon. [Joe has experienced balance problems and has fallen recently which is why he can't be at home alone.] When visited by Danny Oberhauser on August 13th, Joe asked Danny to pass on his best wishes to everyone in the post.
- On Saturday August 16, 2025, AL 1758 members Jim Broughton, John Call, Bill Meyer, **Danny Oberhauser**, and John Polasko attended the funeral of Dave Simons at Saint Denis Church. While not a Legionnaire, Simons was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam War period. The U.S. Navy provided honors at the service which was also attended by 5 of Simon's family members who serve in the U.S. Air Force.
- The Flag & Emblem group order for uniform shirts, caps, and accessories has been placed and the delivery of the items will occur at the September meeting.
- The Post Historian is selling yearbooks at a cost of \$15 each. Please contact Bill Kriebel at kriebelw@optonline.net.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Post 1758's membership drive is in full swing and will continue through December 31, 2025. As of the publication of this newsletter, three (3) new members have been recruited to the Post: Patrick Hurley (who had been visited as part of February's Operation Buddy Check); Evan Jakob, and William "Skip" McEwing.

Reminder that for each individual that a member recruits, s/he will earn one additional ticket to be added to the Pot O' Gold drawing in their name. At the January 2026 meeting, the member with the highest number of newly-recruited Legionnaires will be automatically awarded the Pot O' Gold money. The runner-up will be reimbursed for the cost of attending the Christmas Dinner (member and spouse ticket cost) and the 3rd place member will earn 1 additional Pot O' Gold ticket. In case of a tie, the member who has recruited the youngest new Legionnaire will be considered the overall winner.

Please contact the Commander if you need "new member application forms" or have any questions. Keep up the recruiting!

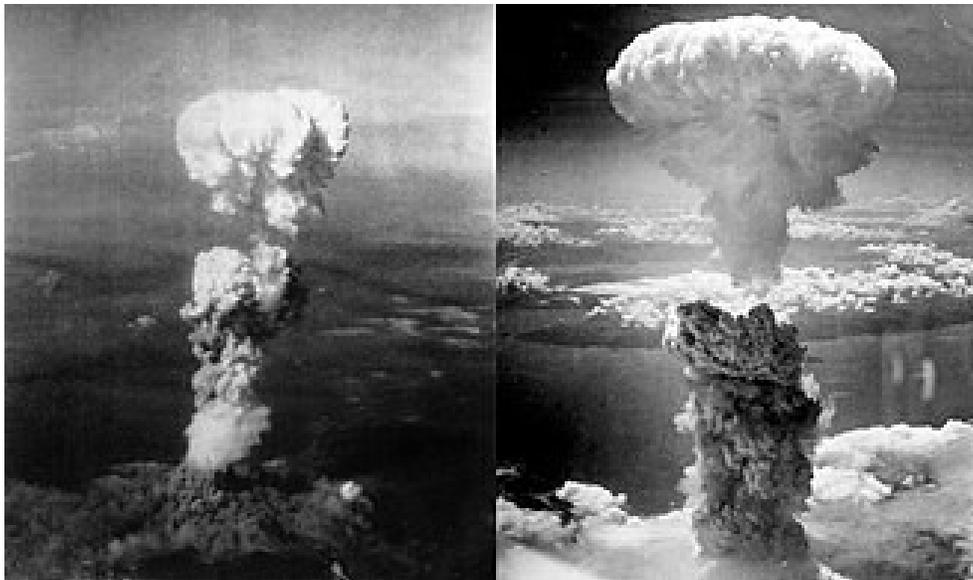
UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tuesday, September 9, 2025: Post Meeting and Orange Sticker briefing
2. Saturday, September 20, 2025: East Fishkill Community Days

This Month in Military History

August 6 and 9, 1945 Atomic Bombing of Japan

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the United States detonated two [atomic bombs](#) over the Japanese cities of [Hiroshima](#) and [Nagasaki](#), respectively, during [World War II](#). The aerial bombings killed between 150,000 and 246,000 people, most of whom were civilians, and remain the only uses of [nuclear weapons in an armed conflict](#). [Japan announced its surrender](#) to the Allies six days after the bombing of Nagasaki on August 15, 1945 – which also followed the [USSR's declaration of war against Japan](#) and [invasion of Manchuria](#). The Japanese later formally surrendered on September 2, 1945, thereby ending the Second World War.



Images of the atomic “mushroom” clouds over Hiroshima (L) and Nagasaki (R).