

American Legion

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 **October 14, 2025, 7:00PM** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

[Abraham Lincoln](#)

Good of the Legion:

Dona Greenwood's name was drawn for the Pot O'Gold drawing but he was not present; as such, the "pot" grew to \$195.



Veterans' News

"We veterans are hurting": Veterans on fixed incomes count on cost-of-living benefit increases

WASHINGTON — Vietnam War veteran Mike Archer of Arizona is about to sell his 2014 Mazda, end his apartment lease and buy a used RV for housing to keep within his budget on a fixed income amid higher costs for food and other basics. The 74-year-old disabled Army veteran who was exposed to Agent Orange herbicides in Vietnam said he is counting on Congress to pass a cost-of-living increase for his benefits in 2026 — that was 2.5% in 2025 and 3.2% in 2024. The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act is enacted annually by Congress and directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to make the same cost-of-living increase that Social Security recipients receive to specific VA benefits. Those benefits include monthly disability payments, and indemnity compensation for surviving family of a veteran whose death was connected to military service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A big thank you is extended to Bill Meyer for running the August Post meeting in the absence of the commander!
- SGT Alonzo Montanya, Training Director & Community Resource Unit Supervisor, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, briefed the attendees of the September post meeting on the "Yellow Dot" program which involves placing personal health and medical information in your vehicle and/or home so that first responders may conduct quicker assessments during emergency situations. For more on the program and how to obtain a "Yellow Dot" see <https://nysheriffs.org/yellowdot/>



- The Post Historian is selling yearbooks at a cost of \$15 each. Please contact Bill Kriebel at kriebelw@optonline.net. Bill has 5 yearbooks left!
- Due to our regularly scheduled post meeting falling on Veterans' Day (November 11th), **AL Post 1758 will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, beginning at 7:00pm**, at the East Fishkill Community Center. See "Upcoming Events" below; this change will be announced at the October meeting, via e-mail, and telephone callout.

- Eli Cohen was honored at Castle Point for 1,000 volunteer hours transporting patients around the hospital for appointments. See photo below; also pictured is Army Veteran Julius – a good friend to Legionnaires volunteering at Castle Point.



- At the September post meeting, Commander Ashworth awarded Drew Bellantone with a Blue Star Banner; Drew's son is in his first year at the Air Force Academy.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Post 1758's membership drive is in full swing and will continue through December 31, 2025. 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. September 20, 2025 (Saturday): East Fishkill Community Days. Parade begins at 2:00pm with AL Post 1758 participants meeting at Hopewell Hot Bagels parking lot NLT 1:30pm. marching and riding on vehicles. Uniform is Legion cap, short sleeve shirt, dark trousers. Post members will also staff an informational table at the Veterans' tent beginning at 2:00pm. Note that streets in downtown Hopewell Junction will close at approximately 1:45pm.
2. October 11, 2025 (Saturday): Presentation of new flags at Whortlekill Range (tentative).
3. October 14, 2025 (Tuesday): At 2:30pm, the Town of Fishkill will rededicate the soldier's burial ground located at the northeast corner of the intersection of U.S. 9 and Van Wyck Lake Road. All Post members are encouraged to attend; uniform is Legion cap, Legion short sleeve shirt, dark trousers. Parking is at the Maya Café.
4. October 2025 (date TBD): Post Oratorical Competition. More to follow via e-mail.
- 5. November 4, 2025 (Tuesday): Monthly meeting at 7:00pm. EF Community Center.**
6. November 8, 2025 (Saturday AM): Operation Buddy Check from 10am – 1pm. Location: EF Community Center. [If you are a Post member who does not typically attend meetings and does not want to be visited please contact the Commander at 845-475-5834.]
7. November 8, 2025 (Saturday PM): Department Commander's Dinner at the Belleview Hotel in Hyde Park. Cost is \$55. Details to follow by e-mail and at the October meeting.
8. November 11, 2025 (Tuesday): Annual Coin Drop operation. Details to follow at October meeting.
9. November 2025 (date TBD): Visit veterans at local nursing homes.



RESORTS WORLD CATSKILL

CASINO RESORTS

MONTICELLO, NY BUS TRIP

SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 37

OCTOBER 18, 2025 BUS DEPARTS AMERICAN LEGION POST 1302 @ 9:00AM SHARP

\$45.00 PER PERSON (NON-REFUNDABLE) INCLUDES: \$25 SLOT PLAY VOUCHER & \$15 FOOD VOUCHER

"YOU MUST BRING VALID ID WITH YOU!"

"There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing onboard the bus along with other games. Snacks and beverages will be provided"

Please contact American Legion Post 37 Commander Nate Grant, at 845-249-9599 to purchase ticket(s) and reserve your seat(s).

Fundraising EVENT

TO ALL VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

COOL CATS & CAMRADERIE

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF MUSIC AND COMMUNITY AS WE CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 3PM-7PM



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FEATURING LIVE PERFORMANCE BY: TONY JACKSON - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND FOR THE 3RD TIME!

THIS SPECIAL EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER FOR CCLT4VETS, A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING VETERANS, SERVICEMEMBERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH:

- * OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS
- & CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY
- VITAL RESOURCES & ADVOCACY




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DUTCHESS COUNTY OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

GOGO VETERANS (GOGO, FOR SHORT)

ON-DEMAND RIDE SHARING FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY VETERANS

Where can GoGo be used?	Within Dutchess County, wherever Uber/Lyft drivers operate.
Who Is Eligible for GoGo?	GoGo serves Dutchess County Veterans who have no other means of transportation to and from non-emergency appointments in Dutchess County.
What is the cost for GoGo?	It is free, for a limited number of trips per month. Three <u>ROUND TRIP</u> rides per month within Dutchess County
If I do not have a mobile phone?	GoGo works with both home phones and mobile devices.
How to Register?	Call our office 845-486-2060 to register for GoGo Veterans. All we need is copy of your Discharge Papers filed in our office to register.
Phone number to order ride?	1-855-464-6872
Questions?	Call Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs 845-486-2060



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— NEW JERSEY —

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2025 VETERANS' APPRECIATION TRAIL RIDE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH @ NORA 10AM – 3PM

NORTHEAST OFFROAD ADVENTURES ELLENVILLE NY

VETERANS & GUESTS

4WD VEHICLE DRIVERS - VOLUNTEERS

TO SIGN UP SEE: WFTWNJ.ORG

NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & BBQ LUNCH

This Month in Military History

September 17, 1862 Battle of Antietam

Fought in Maryland on September 17, 1862, Antietam was the deadliest one-day battle in American military history and showed that the Union could stand against the Confederate army in the Eastern theater. It also gave President Abraham Lincoln the confidence to issue the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation at a moment of strength rather than desperation.

While deemed “inconclusive” in terms of outcome, General Robert E. Lee committed his entire force to the battle, while Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan sent in less than three quarters of his. With the full commitment of McClellan’s troops, which outnumbered the Confederates two to one, the battle might have had a more definitive outcome. Instead, McClellan’s half-hearted approach allowed Lee to hold ground by shifting forces from threat to threat..



Images of fallen soldiers. Dunker Church, which still stands today, appears in the background.