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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 post meeting will be held **March 10, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"Uncommon valor was a common virtue"

[ADM Chester Nimitz \(referring to the Battle of Iwo Jima\)](#)

Good of the Legion:

Don Muller's name was chosen during the February meeting but he was not present. The pot has now risen to \$11.50



Veterans' News

VVA Commends Congress on Passage of Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act (H.R. 224/S.52)

Vietnam Veterans of America commends Congress on the final passage by the Senate of the Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act on January 6, 2026," said Tom Burke, VVA National President. "VVA's long support of this bipartisan, bicameral legislation is a testament to our unwavering commitment to addressing the significant issue of veteran homelessness. It is our duty to ensure that no veteran is left behind, and the passage of this act is a crucial step toward fulfilling that promise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to AL 1758 members Bill Meyer, John Polasko, John Call, Jeff Miedowski and Bill Kriebel who provided a rifle salute for fallen U.S. Navy veteran Sandy Brown on January 30th. The event occurred in LaGrangeville on a sunny but bitterly cold day.



- Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Dona Greenwood who suffers from Alzheimer's
 - Bruce Coneeny who recently underwent surgery
 - Jim Lynch's wife who's recovering from some broken bones
 - Mike Miller's wife who continues to recover

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. February 18, 2026: AL Post 1758 hosts the County-level meeting. Dinner to begin at 6:00pm and the meeting at 7pm.
2. March 7, 2026: St. Patrick's Day parade in Village of Wappingers Falls. Step-off at 1:00pm. Contact the commander ASAP if you would like to participate.
3. June 27 – July 2, 2026: Boys' State event at SUNY-Morrisville for High School juniors.

4. June 5-7, 2026: American Legion College at SUNY-Morrisville. Apply now.
5. July 14-18, 2026: Department of NY Convention, Syracuse, NY. More to follow.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

Our Auxiliary continues to seek new members! Eligibility is for spouses, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, mothers, grandmothers of veterans as well as female veterans who honorably served in the armed forces since WWI to the current Global War on Terror. If interested, please contact unit president Lynn Koester at 347-247-7280 or lynnmg@aol.com for more information. The American Legion Auxiliary supports American Legion, our military, their families, and our community.

Update on iGive Fundraising Program

Each quarter (and so long as the qualifying level of purchases have been met), iGive will issue a check (\$25 or higher) to Post 1758 based on our program participation. As of January 31st, we have qualified for a \$9.03 check with another \$26.51 presently under review by iGive.

For those of you with pets, please consider purchasing pet food and other supplies at these (and other) brands that participate in iGive:



For more on how to sign-up and benefit AL Post 1758, see <https://www.igive.com/>.

Dad Joke of the Month...

Did you hear about the accident on base?

A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two kernels.

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**SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH @2PM**

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80 Washington Street, Ste. 204
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Vietnam Veterans and a guest are invited
to join us for a Welcome Home Vietnam
Veterans Event at **Locust Grove Estate!**

**Saturday, March 28th from 2-4PM at
2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

RSVP is requested for this **FREE** event to celebrate
local Dutchess and Ulster County Veterans

Featuring recognition of service, information
booths, music and light refreshments

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This Month in Military History

February 19, 1945 World War II – Pacific Theater Battle of Iwo Jima

U.S. Marines invaded Iwo Jima, a strategic air base located between the Mariana Islands and Japan, on February 19, 1945, after months of naval and air bombardment. Planners expected a brief campaign. But for over five weeks, Japanese forces mounted a fierce defense, turning the small volcanic island into a death trap for invading marines.

The Japanese had to be rooted out of caves and other strongholds in merciless close-quarter assaults. Approximately 70,000 U.S. Marines and 18,000 Japanese soldiers took part in the battle. In thirty-six days of fighting on the island, nearly 7,000 U.S. Marines were killed. Another 20,000 were wounded. Marines captured 216 Japanese soldiers; the rest were killed in action. The island was finally declared secure on March 26, 1945.

