

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 post meeting will be held **May 12, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"In every battle there comes a time when both sides consider themselves beaten. Then he who continues the attack wins."

Ulysses S. Grant

Good of the Legion:

Joe Ryan's name was chosen during the April meeting. The pot remains at \$67.



Veterans' News

Land Grant Program for Veterans of early American Wars

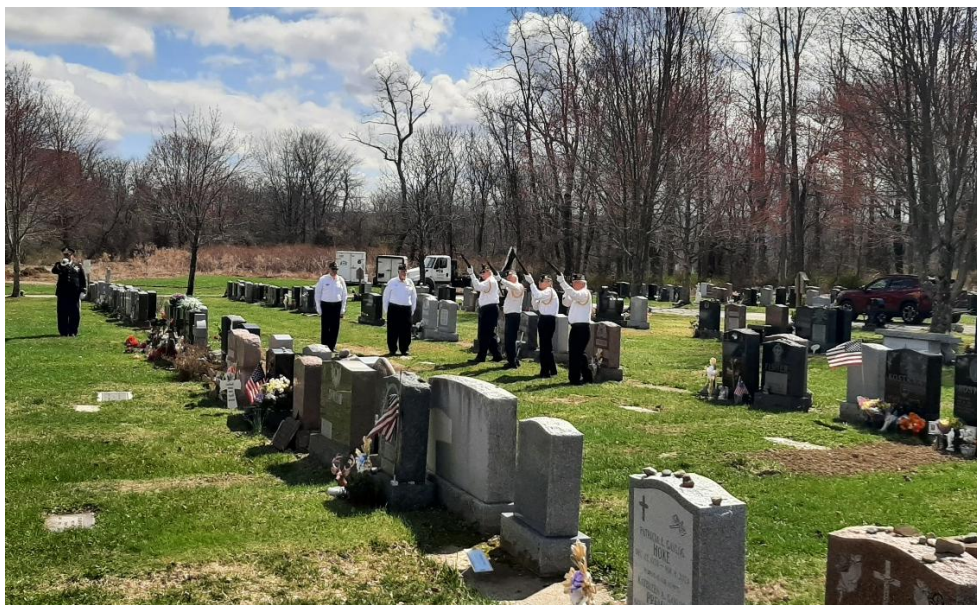
"Bounty Land Warrant:" The payment provided to soldiers wounded during the American Revolution is the Nation's oldest form of Veterans benefit. Bounty land warrants are a close second. Three weeks after passing the law compensating the injured, the Continental Congress in September 1776 approved a resolution awarding grants of public land to all who served in the Continental Army for the duration of the conflict. For more, click on the following link:

https://department.va.gov/history/100-objects/object-2-bounty-land-warrant/?utm_source=VBA_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Veteran_Outreach



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AL 1758 lost 57-year member Vinnie Richards in April and the following members participated in his memorial services (wake, funeral mass, burial): Bill Meyer, Jim Reynolds, Nelson Heddle, Dan Briscoe, John Call, Drew Bellantone, Ed Morrison, Norm Dauerer, Jeff Miedowski, Jim Broughton, Fred Beck, and Bill Kriebel. Former post member Kevin Hathorn also participated as did AL 1758's Ted Carrozza (on behalf of McHoul's Funeral Home). Farewell, comrade; well done.



- Dutchess County Veteran Outreach Coordinator Beth-Anne Canero (USMC, retired) brought “Operation Mobile Outreach” to East Fishkill on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Over a 2-hour span, Canero assisted local veterans with concerns relating to benefits.



- On Saturday, March 28th, post member Ed Morrison participated in the East Fishkill Spring Cleanup event. Pictured with Ed are Town Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro and Executive Assistant Gina Grippo. Well done, Ed!



- Also on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the post meeting, Commander Ashworth initiated new members Nelson Heddle, Chic Schuler, Skip McEwing, and Steve Larsen (pictured left-to-right). Welcome to Post 1758, Legionnaires!



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **May 16, 2026: VETERAN FLAG EMPLACEMENT @St. Denis & Hopewell Cemeteries.** Meet at the Falls Diner at 8:30am (for breakfast). Flag emplacement begins at 10am at St Denis Cemetery. We will be assisted by members of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, Independent Belles, and 4-H Club. Uniform = Legion cap.
2. **May 21, 2026: MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE @John Jay High School.** Breakfast served at 7:30am in the library. Formal service begins at 8:15am outside. Norm/Tom to bring vehicles. Uniform = Legion cap, white short-sleeve shirt, dark trousers, shoulder cord, gloves, bib/ascot. We will also staff a Color Guard.
3. **May 23, 2026: COIN DROPS @ Stewart's (Lake Walton Rd.), Flory's (Rte. 82/Taconic), Convenient Mart (Rtes. 52/82), Red Line Diner, 84 Diner, and Acme.*** 8am-3pm. *Acme coin drop begins at 10am. Uniform = Legion cap.
4. **May 25, 2026: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/CEREMONY in Hopewell Jct.** Meet at Community Center at 9:15am. Parade (step-off) begins at 9:45am. Uniform = Legion cap, white short-sleeve shirt, dark trousers, shoulder cord, gloves, bib/ascot. We will also staff a Color Guard.

Note: Full details of all our May 2026 events will be provided at the monthly post meeting to be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00pm.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

Stay tuned for an update next month!

Update on iGive Fundraising Program

April means a return to the outdoors and having fun! Here are some iGive participants you may wish to consider in terms of making purchases and earning Post 1758 some donations:

The logo for Cabela's, featuring the brand name in a yellow, cursive script font with a registered trademark symbol.

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

Dad Joke of the Month...

What did the triangle say to the circle?

You're pointless.

12TH ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY WITH THE RENGADES

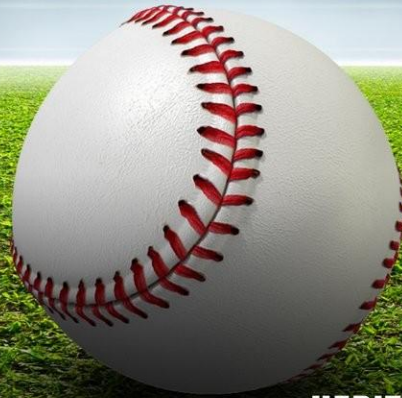


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BELOW IS THE TICKETING LINK FOR THE GAME WHICH IS
HANDLED BY THE RENEGADES FRANCHISE
AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED ... PLEASE ONLY GET WHAT YOU
KNOW YOU WILL USE. THIS EVENT IS EXTREMELY POPULAR
AND ALWAYS SELLS OUT VERY FAST, SO WE DON'T WANT
TO TAKE FROM OTHERS THAT CAN USE THEM.

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HERITAGE FINANCIAL PARK
1500 RT. 9D
WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, 12590

This Month in Military History

April 9, 1865
Civil War

Surrender at Appomattox Court House

On April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at the [McLean House in Appomattox Court House, Virginia, effectively ending the Civil War. The generous terms allowed Confederates to return home, setting a precedent for other surrenders.



Ulysses S. Grant

Robert E. Lee