

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 **July 14, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"What is the meaning of this, and why this disorder and retreat?"

[Geo Washington to Charles Lee, June 1778](#)

Good of the Legion:

Mark Graser's name was chosen during the May meeting. The pot climbed to \$267.



Veterans' News

VA Doctor Warns of Serious, Quiet Threat Plaguing Aging Veterans

June 10, 2026 - Dr. Shannon Carpenter is a rare breed among doctors. She wants to see fewer patients. The shoulder and elbow surgeon at the Kansas City VA Medical Center is finding ways to prevent bone fractures before they happen. She told Military.com that fragility fractures pose a serious, under-discussed threat to aging veterans, especially women, saying that prevention starts with the patient. As the population of aging women veterans grows and osteoporosis rises, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Carpenter believes bone-density screening should begin at age 40, rather than 50.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all post members who volunteered for the multiple Memorial Day related events. See photos (below).



Flag Emplacements at local cemeteries



Memorial Day ceremony at John Jay H.S.



Coin Drop collection points at Flory's and I-84 Diner



On Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the Post provided a send-off to JJHS graduating senior Kieran Peterson who has enlisted in the USMC.



That same night, the Post's new officers for this coming year were initiated.



On June 14, 2026 (Flag Day), AL Post 1758 partnered with the East Fishkill Rotary Club on a Legion “USA250” event involving a 3-mile Run/Walk on the Dutchess County Rail Trail.



Later that same day, AL Post 1758 hosted its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at the burn pit located behind the EF Library.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 20, 2026:** AL Post 1758 presents the colors at the Backyard Olympics. (See below).
- **July 11, 2026:** AL Post 1758 presents the colors at the East Fishkill America250 event
- **July 14, 2026:** Post meeting, 7:00pm, East Fishkill Community Center.
- **July 18, 2026:** Cleanup event (Post Service Project) at Page Supply.
- **August 8, 2026:** Post picnic at EF Recreation Park.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

Congratulations to ALA Unit 1758 member Colleen Quagliano has been chosen as the Dutchess County ALA President for 2026-2027! Also, ALA Unit 1758's 2025 Girls' State citizen just won the ALA Department of New York 9th District scholarship (\$1000) this year: Morgan Bieber. Morgan is a senior at John Jay H.S. Well done!

Update on iGive Fundraising Program

Are you a newly-installed Post officer in need of business cards? Perhaps your daughter who's getting married later this year needs invitation? Here are some iGive participants you may wish to consider in terms of making purchases and earning Post 1758 some donations:



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 sensitive burglar?

He takes things personally!

St. Mary's Council 4065
Knights of Columbus Presents
Adult Backyard Olympics



Saturday, June 20th, 2026
To Raise Money For Wheelchairs
and
Other Charitable Causes Including
Dutchess County 10-13 Foundation
Hudson Valley Honor Flight
Special Olympics
and
East Fishkill Fire District

Registration 11:00am-1:00pm

Start 1:00pm

Knights of Columbus #4065
339 Route 82
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

4 person team \$50 per person/ \$200 per team

50/50 Raffle

BBQ Lunch

Events like:

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| 1) Horseshoes | 6) Frisbee |
| 2) Ladder Ball | 7) Bocce |
| 3) Corn Hole | 8) Bounce Ball |
| 4) Can Jam | 9) Baseball Pitch |
| 5) Nerf Football | 10) Lawn Jarts |

1st Prize: 4 Renegades tickets

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This Month in Military History

June 28, 1778 Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth

The Battle of Monmouth was fought near the Village of Monmouth Court House in modern-day Freehold Borough, New Jersey and Manalapan, on June 28, 1778 and pitted the Continental Army, commanded by General George Washington, against the British Army, commanded by General Sir Henry Clinton.

The battle was tactically inconclusive and strategically irrelevant; neither side landed the blow they hoped to on the other, Washington's army remained an effective force in the field, and the British redeployed successfully to New York. The Continental Army is estimated to have inflicted more losses than it received, and it was one of the rare occasions on which it retained possession of a battlefield. It had proven itself to be much improved after the training it underwent over the winter, and the professional conduct of the American troops during the battle was widely noted by the British. Washington was able to present the battle as a triumph, and he was voted a formal thanks by Congress to honor "the important victory of Monmouth over the British grand army." His position as commander-in-chief became unassailable. He was lauded for the first time as the father of his country, and his detractors were silenced. Charles Lee was vilified for his failure to press home the attack on the British rear guard. Because of his tactless efforts to argue his case in the days after the battle, Washington had him arrested and court-martialed on charges of disobeying orders, conducting an "unnecessary, disorderly, and shameful retreat" and disrespect towards the commander-in-chief. Lee made the fatal mistake of turning the proceedings into a contest between himself and Washington. He was found guilty on all counts, although his culpability on the first two charges was debatable.



Painting by Leutze titled Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth; depicts George Washington at the 1778 Battle of Monmouth.