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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 **August 11, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"Forward my braves fellows, forward!"

Brig. Genl "Mad" Anthony Wayne, July 1779

Good of the Legion:

Mike Miller's name was chosen during the July meeting and he won \$158!



Veterans' News

78-Year Old Man Steals Vietnam Veteran's Identity to Get His VA Disability Benefits

Raymond Musgrove, 78, was sentenced to 2.5 years in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release. He was impersonating a real Vietnam War veteran to steal federal benefits. Starting in 1997, Musgrove assumed the identity of a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam. Over 25 years, he used the identity to unlawfully obtain VA compensation, VA health care services and other federal funds totaling \$860,000. After the real veteran died in 2018, the VA attempted to terminate the payments, Musgrove repeatedly contacted the VA, falsely claiming the death records were an error, and convinced the government to resume payments.

The case was investigated by the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration and the VA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks to the Post Color Guard for presenting the colors at the Adult Backyard Olympics (June 20th – Hines, Meyer, Oberhauser, Polasko) and the East Fishkill America 250 Celebration (July 11th – Hines, Asencio, Meyer, Oberhauser)!



- Thanks Carlos Asencio, John Call, Eli Cohen, Rich Flacinski, Kevin Hines, Steve Larsen, Tom Masch, Bill Meyer, Ed Morrison, Al Nalbandian, John Polasko, Jim Reynolds, and Dom Splendorio for participating in a Post Service Project at Page Self-Storage on NY Rt. 55 in Lagrangeville on July 18, 2026. The 20-yard dumpster was full after 1 hour's work and an additional cleanup of a deceased veteran's abandoned property will occur later this summer.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **August 8, 2026:** Annual Post Picnic and Awards Ceremony. RSVP to the commander NLT Saturday, August 1, 2026 if you'd like to attend. To be held at EF Recreation Park pavilion. Come eat and drink for free and enjoy the company of your fellow veterans.
2. **August 11, 2026:** Regularly scheduled Post meeting at 7:00pm in EF Community Center. We will discuss (among other things) the annual community day event.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

Enjoy your summer!

Update on iGive Fundraising Program

Great news! In mid-June the Post received a check totaling \$29.67 from iGive for having made qualifying purchases that turned into a donation! For more on how to sign-up and benefit AL Post 1758, see <https://www.igive.com/>.



Dad Joke of the Month...

I just found out I'm colorblind.

The news came out of the purple!

This Month in Military History

July 16, 1779 Battle of Stony Point American Revolutionary War

In a well-planned and -executed nighttime attack, a highly trained select group of George Washington's Continental Army troops under the command of Brigadier General "Mad Anthony" Wayne defeated British troops in a quick and daring assault on their outpost in Stony Point, New York, located in present day Rockland County, approximately 30 mi north of New York City.

The British suffered heavy losses in a battle that served as an important victory in terms of morale for the Continental Army. While the fort was ordered evacuated quickly after the battle by General Washington, this key crossing site was used later in the war by units of the Continental Army to cross the Hudson River during the final stages of the war. The site is maintained today as the Stony Point Battlefield Historic Site.



“Capture of Stony Point by Wayne” by Unknown author - A Brief History of the United States, Barnes's Historical Series, American Book Company, New York, 1885., Public Domain