

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

Next post meeting: **September 8, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"To the inhabitants of Washington, this was a night of terror and dismay!"

[Capt George Gleig, British Army, Aug 1814](#)

Good of the Legion/Pot O' Gold:

Skip McEwing was chosen at this month's meeting; the pot remains at \$48!



Veterans' News

**VA Warns of National Postcard Scam as
Health Care Notices Go Out to 3.8M Veterans**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued a warning about scam postcards targeting veterans across the United States.

The VA wrote in a memo that they were aware that scammers had sent postcards to veterans claiming they are entitled to VA benefits or extra payments over the last year, but that these postcards were fraudulent and not affiliated with the VA. It heeds previous caution expressed towards scams targeting veterans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AL Post 1758 held its annual summer picnic on Saturday, August 8th during which the commander presented service and participation awards. Service awards were presented to Charles Hertel, Mike Dennerlein, and Joe Ryan; participation awards went to Karl Sokol, Jim Broughton, Danny Oberhauser, and Norm Dauerer. Also receiving service awards (but not present) were Hale Engel, Joseph Green III, Edward Bergamini, Gary Davis, and Mark Baaden. Congratulations to all!



- 2025-2026 AL Post 1758 yearbooks are on sale for \$15! Please contact Historian (emeritus) Bill Kriebel at kriebelw@optonline.net for more information.
- AL Post 1758 Boys' State participant (and rising JJHS senior) Tripp Tangen provided his feedback on the experience at the August post meeting. Congratulations on participating!



- The post also initiated new member Kevin Roth during the August meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **September 8, 2026:** Regularly scheduled Post meeting at 7:00pm in EF Community Center. We will sign-up volunteers for the annual community day event.
2. **September 26, 2026:** East Fishkill Community Day featuring a parade (morning) and outdoor festival (afternoon). Volunteers needed for marching and staffing an informational table.
3. **September 27, 2026:** DCALA fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse. [Announcement found below.] Deadline to pay for the event is September 18th or at the September post meeting. Upon registering and paying for the event, your name will automatically be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize. The selection of your entrée will occur on the day of the luncheon.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

See you at Outback Steakhouse!

Update on iGive Fundraising Program

With football season right around the corner, consider purchasing your favorite team's jersey at NFLSHOP.com, an iGive program participant! For more on how to sign-up and benefit AL Post 1758, see <https://www.igive.com/>.



Dad Joke of the Month...

Why do cows wear bells?

Because their horns don't work.



Dutchess County
American Legion Auxiliary

Luncheon Fundraiser

Sunday, September 27, 2026

11 am – 1 pm

Outback Steakhouse

1510 Route 9

Wappinger Falls, NY

Choice of Chicken, Salmon, Steak, Burger, Pasta, Shrimp
(Includes shareable appetizer per table, salad, entrée, side, dessert, soda, coffee, tea)

Raffles & Door Prizes!

Cost: \$30.00 per person

(make checks payable to DCALA)



Tickets/Information: (845) 877-3734

This Month in Military History

August 24-25, 1814 Burning of Washington D.C. War of 1812

The Burning of Washington, also known as the Capture of Washington, was a successful British amphibious attack conducted by Rear Admiral George Cockburn during Admiral John Warren's Chesapeake campaign. It was the only time since the American Revolutionary War that a foreign power had captured and occupied a United States capital. Following the defeat of American forces at the Battle of Bladensburg on August 24, 1814, a British army led by Major-General Robert Ross marched on Washington, D.C. That evening, British soldiers and sailors set fire to multiple public buildings, including the Presidential Mansion (White House), United States Capitol, and Washington Navy Yard.

The attack was in part a retaliation for prior American actions in British-held Upper Canada, in which U.S. forces had burned and looted York the previous year and had then burned large portions of Port Dover.



“The Burning of Washington, August 1814” by Unknown Artist