

American Legion

**Post 1758**

**Newsletter**



**September 2026**

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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: **October 13, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

*Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.*

"The loss on either side cannot be particularly ascertained."

[Gen'l John Burgoyne, British Army, Sep 1777](#)

**Good of the Legion/Pot O' Gold:**

John Greenan was chosen at this month's meeting; the pot is \$92!



**Veterans' News**

**East Fishkill to Eliminate Town Land Taxes for Fully-Disabled Vets**

8/27/2026 - At a meeting held Thursday, August 27, 2026, the East Fishkill Town Board passed a new exemption that would eliminate town land taxes for fully disabled veterans.

While the board unanimously approved the measure, it will hold a public hearing in October 2026 for comments before final adoption. If adopted, the exemption would not impact taxes until the year 2028 payments.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On Tuesday, September 8, 2026 and responsive to an official request for assistance, AL Post 1758 donated \$550 worth of new clothing to the VA Facility at Castle Point in Wappingers Falls. Items included desperately needed women's shoes and men's t-shirts and briefs. Pictured below are current and former commanders Lance Ashworth and Jim Reynolds along with VACP staff members.



- 2025-2026 AL Post 1758 yearbooks are on sale for \$15! Please contact Historian (emeritus) Bill Kriebel at [kriebelw@optonline.net](mailto:kriebelw@optonline.net) for more information.
- AL Post 1758 ballcaps are for sale! Please contact the commander NLT **Tuesday, September 22, 2026** to place an order. Caps are \$30 unless 12 are ordered at which time the price drops to \$20 per cap.

- Thank you to post member Kevin Roth for presenting on the topic of suicide prevention at the September post meeting. Photo below.



| Always ask questions 1 and 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Past Month    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| 1) Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |               |
| 2) Have you actually had any thoughts about killing yourself?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |               |
| If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5 and 6. If NO to 2, skip to question 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |               |
| 3) Have you been thinking about how you might do this?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |               |
| 4) Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | High Risk     |
| 5) Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Did you intend to carry out this plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | High Risk     |
| Always Ask Question 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Life-time     |
| 6) Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?<br><small>Examples: Took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump, collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, etc.</small> |  | Past 3 Months |
| If yes, was this within the past 3 months?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | High Risk     |

**988**  
SUICIDE  
& CRISIS  
LIFELINE

If YES to 2 or 3, seek behavioral healthcare for further evaluation.

If the answer to 4, 5 or 6 is YES, get **immediate help**: Call or text 988, call 911 or go to the emergency room.

**STAY WITH THEM** until they can be evaluated.

Download Columbia Protocol app

<https://cssrs.columbia.edu/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 11, 2026:** East Fishkill 9/11 commemoration. See flyer, below. Color Guard to report at 6pm wearing cap, short sleeve shirt, dark trousers, braid, gloves, ascot.
- September 26, 2026:** East Fishkill Community Day featuring a parade and outdoor festival. **Marchers and Staff needed. E-mail the commander to volunteer.** See flyer, below. Marchers should rally at Hopewell Hot Bagels no later than 1:30pm wearing cap, short sleeve shirt, dark trouser. Color Guard to also wear braid, gloves, ascot.
- September 27, 2026:** DCALA fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse. [Announcement found below.] Deadline to pay for the event is September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- This Fall (date TBD):** Patriots Honoring Patriots night at a John Jay H.S. Volleyball match. [The Commander is awaiting possible dates from booster club.]
- November 1, 2026:** Deadline to register for 250 Years of Freedom tribute. Flyer, below.
- Veterans' Day Coin Drops:** Shop Rite (in Lagrangeville) will replace Convenient Mart; Acme (Hopewell) coin drop to occur Saturday, November 7th.

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

*Dutchess County American Legion Auxiliary (DCALA) - Luncheon Fundraiser*

*Sunday, September 27, 2026 (11 am – 1 pm) at*

*Outback Steakhouse*

*1510 Route 9*

*Wappinger Falls, NY*

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

*Raffles & Door Prizes!*

*Cost: \$30.00 per person*

**(make checks payable to DCALA)**

## iGive Fundraising Program

With the holiday season fast approaching, consider shopping for gifts at iGive program participating stores! For more on how to sign-up and benefit AL Post 1758, see <https://www.igive.com/>.

## Dad Joke of the Month...

I went to buy some camouflage pants...

**But couldn't find any.**



— ★ EAST FISHKILL ★ —

# 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Friday, September 11, 2026  
East Fishkill Community Center

— **Patriotic Concert • 6:00 PM** —

A musical tribute honoring unity, resilience,  
and the American spirit.

— **Remembrance Service • 7:00 PM** —

A ceremony to honor the lives lost on  
September 11, 2001.

*All are welcome to join in reflection and remembrance.*

*Never Forget.*





# East Fishkill's

# 30<sup>TH</sup>

## COMMUNITY DAY

★ CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY! ★

★ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 ★

PARADE STARTS  
**2:00 PM**  
★ AT ★  
TRINKA LANE  
AND MAIN STREET



★ COMMUNITY DAY ★  
★ HELD AT ★  
**HOPEWELL REC PARK**

 **FOOD**  
 **MUSIC**  
 **FUN FOR ALL AGES**

ENDING THE DAY  
WITH A  
*Spectacular*  
**FIREWORKS**  
★ **SHOW!** ★



★ CELEBRATING

# 30

★ YEARS ★

★ **VENDOR & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!** ★

Be a part of this milestone celebration and showcase your business while supporting our amazing community!

For vendor or sponsorship information, please contact:  
**EAST FISHKILL RECREATION**  
845-226-8395  
[eastfishkillrecreation.com](http://eastfishkillrecreation.com)

**TOGETHER  
WE CELEBRATE.  
TOGETHER  
WE COMMUNITY.**

★ CELEBRATE ★ COMMUNITY ★ EAST FISHKILL ★

HONORING OUR PAST. CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM.

East Fishkill Celebrating  
**250**  
YEARS OF  
**FREEDOM**

We invite our community to join us in honoring the veterans who have served our great nation.

Do you have a veteran in your life you would like to recognize?

- Stop by the town tent on Community Day or go online to honor your veteran. All we need is their name and branch of service.
- Veterans will be honored on Veterans Day from midnight to midnight on the Recreation Department's Facebook page and on the digital sign outside Town Hall.
- Help us recognize and celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country. If you or a family member is a veteran and has not yet registered, please do so today!

THANK A VETERAN

★ Come to the town tent or go online [eastfishkillrecreation.com](http://eastfishkillrecreation.com) ★  
**EAST FISHKILL COMMUNITY DAY • SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

♥ Our Community. Our Heroes. Our Gratitude. ♥

## HONOR A VETERAN

Please provide the following information:

Veteran's Name:

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Branch of Service:

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Contact Name:

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Phone Number:

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HONORING OUR PAST. CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM.

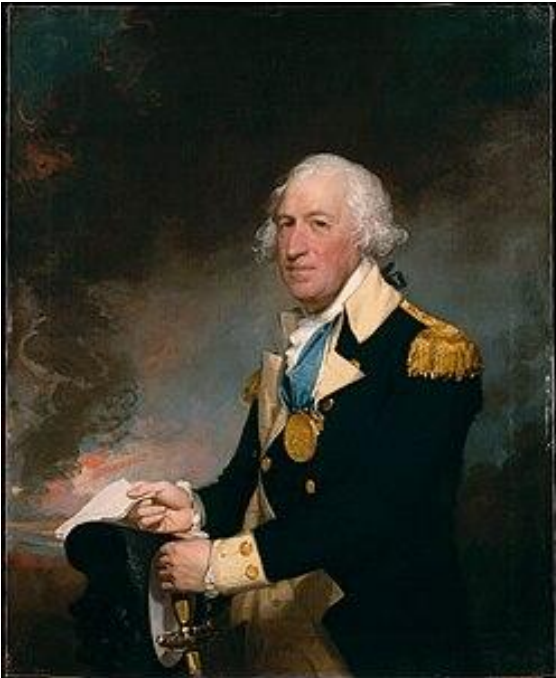


## This Month in Military History

### September 19, 1777 Battle of Freeman's Farm, Aka Battle of Saratoga, Part 1 Revolutionary War

In the first battle, at Freeman's Farm on September 19, British Commander General "Gentleman" John Burgoyne won a tactical victory over the Continental Army at the cost of heavy casualties. The battle began with Burgoyne's attempt to flank the entrenched American position on Bemis Heights with some of his troops. American Major General Benedict Arnold, underneath the command of General Horatio Gates, anticipated the maneuver and placed significant forces in his way. Still, Burgoyne was able to gain the field. Skirmishes continued in the following days while Burgoyne waited in the hope that reinforcements would arrive from New York City.

[To be continued in next month's newsletter...]



[Portrait of Horatio Gates](#)  
by [Gilbert Stuart](#), 1794



[Portrait of John Burgoyne<sup>\[b\]</sup>](#)  
by Sir [Joshua Reynolds](#), 1766