

American Legion

Post 1758

Newsletter



October 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: **November 10, 2026, 7:00pm** at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Meeting details will be confirmed via a call out message.

"This is the Lord's doing, and marvelous in our eyes!"

[Roger Sherman, Signer of Declaration of Independence, after the victory at Saratoga](#)

Good of the Legion/Pot O' Gold:

James Lynch was chosen at this month's meeting; the pot is \$146!



Veterans' News

Public Hearing: Eliminating Town Land Taxes for Fully-Disabled Vets

On Thursday, October 22, 2026, the Town of East Fishkill Board of Trustees will hold an open hearing for public comments before final adoption of a new exemption that would eliminate town land taxes for fully disabled veterans.

If adopted, the exemption would not impact taxes until the year 2028 payments. Commander Ashworth intends to speak; all Post 1758 members are encouraged to attend. Uniform is Legion cap, white Legion shirt (long sleeve), dark trousers, black shoes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Post members Steve Larsen, John Polasko, and Tom Masch represented East Fishkill's veterans by participating in the "Patriots Honoring Patriots" tribute given by the John Jay H.S. Volleyball team before various matches this past month. See photos below.



- Post 1758's Honor Guard provided a rifle salute for two (2) Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the Baptist Church Yard on Creamery Road in Hopewell Junction. Photos below.



- Thank you to all those post members that participated in the 30th annual East Fishkill Community Day event (parade and informational table) held Saturday, October 3, 2026 in Hopewell Junction. The post raised nearly \$200 in donations and raffle proceeds at the town recreation park. Photos below.





- 2025-2026 AL Post 1758 yearbooks are on sale for \$15! Please contact Historian (emeritus) Bill Kriebel at kriebelw@optonline.net for more information.

- At the October meeting, the post welcomed new member Alex Lorenzini of Fishkill.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **October 21st at 4:30pm:** JJHS Baseball Fall Game honoring Veterans. Uniform is Legion cap. Sign-up required.
2. **November 6th at 8:30am:** James Evans E.S. breakfast and ceremony. Uniform Legion cap, white long sleeve shirt and slacks. Sign-up required.
3. **November 7th at 10:00am:** Coin Drop at Acme (only). Uniform is Legion cap.
4. **November 7th at 6:00pm:** Department Commander's Visitation Dinner (Hyde Park). Uniform is Legion cap, sport coat, dress slacks, tie. Payment due by October 21st; contact the commander for more information.
5. **November 9th at 7:30pm:** Veterans' Day at JJHS. Uniform is Legion cap, white long sleeve shirt, dark trousers, dark jacket. Color Guard (only) wears braid, gloves, ascot, white belt. Sign-up preferred.
6. **November 10 at 7:00pm:** Post Meeting. Finalize Flag Emplacements, Coin Drops (Part II), Oratorical.
7. **November 11 at 7:30am:** Flag Emplacements. Sign-ups taken. 4-H assisting.
8. **November 11 at 8:00am – 3:00pm:** Coin Drops. Volunteers needed.
9. **November 21 at 10:00am:** Post Oratorical Contest – Community Center. More to follow.

AL Post 1758 Annual Christmas Party



Sunday, December 6, 2026

Mill Creek (at Rts. 376 and 52 in Hopewell Junction)

2:00pm – 5:00pm

\$55 per person (cash bar available)

Uniform is Business Casual (or better)

Bring your reservation (and meal selections; see below) to the November meeting or RSVP by e-mail (to the commander) NLT Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Let's fill the room!

For each Legionnaire and guest, please cut & bring this RSVP to the November Post Meeting along with payment

Legionnaire & guest(s): _____

Entrée Selection(s)* (provide number of each entrée based on headcount):

_____ London Broil
_____ Roasted Herb Chicken
_____ Filet of Sole

[*Vegan option available upon individual request]

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1758 News...

Thank you Post 1758 for supporting the DCALA's luncheon held at Outback Steakhouse on September 27th. Of all the posts in Dutchess County, Post 1758 had the highest participation with 18!

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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/>.

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Dad Joke of the Month...

What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a unicycle and a poorly-dressed man on a bicycle? **Attire.**



Hudson Valley
Hospice

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2026
VETERANS
BREAKFAST

RSVP by November 2, 2026
by scanning the **QR code**,
calling Ronjay Johnson at
(845) 240-7605 or emailing
johnsonr@hvhospice.org



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 DATE	 LOCATION
Friday November 6, 2026 at 9:00 AM	Novella's 2 Terwilliger Lane New Paltz, NY 12561

JOHN JAY BASEBALL

★ 2ND ANNUAL ★ SALUTE TO SERVICE GAME



OCTOBER 21ST



EAST FISHKILL REC FIELD 1



★ **HONOR CEREMONY** ★
AT 4:30 PM



FIRST PITCH
★ **5:00 PM** ★



DONATIONS OF NEW CLOTHING ITEMS

T-SHIRTS • SOCKS • UNDERWEAR • SWEATSHIRTS

WILL BE COLLECTED AND GIVEN TO THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AT CASTLE POINT

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs
Castle Point

★ **HONOR** ★ **SUPPORT** ★ **APPRECIATE** ★

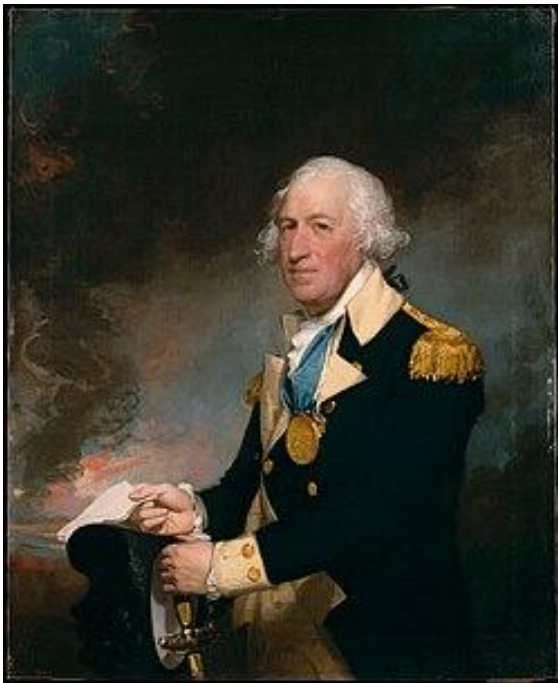


This Month in Military History

October 7, 1777 Battle of Bemis Heights, aka Battle of Saratoga, Part 1 Revolutionary War

The Battle of Bemis Heights, also known as the Second Battle of Saratoga, was a pivotal engagement during the American Revolution. Fought on October 7, 1777, it was part of the larger Battles of Saratoga. American forces, led by General Horatio Gates, successfully repelled British General John Burgoyne's attempts to advance.

The battle saw intense fighting, with American sharpshooters inflicting heavy casualties on the British. Despite initial British advances, the Continental Army held its ground, and a counterattack, bolstered by Benedict Arnold, pushed the British back. Burgoyne's army, depleted and surrounded, surrendered on October 17, 1777. This American victory was a turning point, convincing France to openly support the American cause. Huzzah!



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



[Portrait of John Burgoyne^{\[b\]}](#)
by Sir [Joshua Reynolds](#), 1766