



POST 1026



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Newsletter

2011



HAPPY
VETERANS
DAY

Upcoming events/activities:

Next Month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, **December 6th**, at 7:30pm.



SAL/Auxiliary News:

SAL NEWS: The SAL completed its final 2011 Adopt a Highway clean up on 10/23/11. Thanks go out to Mark Jennings, Bob Reed, Chris & Laurie Staiger, Wayne Rice, Jack Blackman and Kurt Hansen.

- Thanks to all who supported the SON's in the 50/50 raffle at the golf tournament this past Aug., we netted over \$200 for our checking account and thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for giving us the opportunity to do the raffle this year.
- Thanks to Les Rice for his financial donation for Pizza at the Son's SAL October meeting, much appreciated.
- SAL 2012 Membership Cards are in renewals are currently being accepted, \$15.00.
- The next Sons of the American Legion (SAL) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 13th, 2011.

SAL information provided by Kurt Hansen.

AUXILIARY NEWS: The next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 7th, 2011.

Jackie

AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT

If anyone is interested in helping out or joining the Auxiliary please contact V.P Jackie Earley at jeearley2001@yahoo.com
Auxiliary information provided by Jackie Earley

Ulster County American Legion County Delegate Meeting Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2011-JUNE 2012

September	Cook-Taylor Post 111	Ellenville
October	Post 950	Phoenicia
November	New Paltz Town Rec Center	
December	<i>NO MEETING SCHEDULED</i>	
January	Lamouree-Hackett Post 72	Saugerties
February	Post 150	Kingston
March	Post 1219-Rosendale/Tillson	Tillson
April	Post 1748	Lake Katrine
May	Post 193-Town of Lloyd	Highland
June	Cook-Taylor Post 111	Ellenville

Meetings are the 4th Monday and start at 1900hrs

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Communications Corner:



Veterans Day 2011 was a great success. Our community joined us to show their support and say Thanks to our Veterans at the Woodstock Cemetery. This year's ceremony included a wonderful and heartfelt poem by three young ladies from Bennett Elementary. A very special thanks goes out to our Honor Guard who looked and performed with true professionalism at the West Hurley and Woodstock ceremonies along with our bagpiper Peggy Mulligan. I would like to Thank Terri Breitenstein for all his Master of Ceremony work, Don Haberski Sr. for singing the *National Anthem*, and Abbe Graber for singing *God Bless America*. For their kind words and continuous support I would like to thank our Town Supervisor Jeff Moran, Councilwoman Terrie Rosenblum, Town Clerk Jackie Earley (also Auxiliary Vice President), Carl VanWagenen and Veterans Services Director Steven Masee. Thanks also to Tony LaJoie and Mike Lavin for their technical sound support and Shea Cocks for his help preparing and setting up the Veterans Memorial area.

Thanks to everyone else who was involved behind the scenes to make Veterans Day special for us all. Last but certainly not least, I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving holiday. Thank You all for you support to our Veterans and our Post. We couldn't do it without you!!

Some news from our last Post meeting:

1. The bar is now running at an even pace due to the price increases previously put in place.
2. Information is currently being gathered as to the proper procedure for making needed by-laws changes.
3. Maurine Ryan, CPA, will now be handling the Posts financial books.
4. Due to the low amounts of interest being incurred on Post funds, the Post will be looking into purchasing US Treasury Notes.
5. The cellar steps have been repaired. Lights over the steps and by the soda taps will be a future project.
6. The Post will look into improving our phone service bill by exploring other options that may be available.
7. Our Woodstock Little League Baseball Liaison Tony LaJoie spoke about the changes that are occurring within the League; with Woodstock, Shandaken and Olive merging to create the *Mountain Valley Little League*. (Congratulations to Tony on his recent re-election as American Legion representative to WLL)
8. Our Post donated money to Phoenicia for local Hurricane relief efforts.
9. **A motion was made and passed to look into the procedure for amending our Bylaws for possible changes/amendments in the future.**

Legionnaire Jim Cullen is presently in Kingston Hospital; please drop by and visit him.

Donny Haberski
VICE COMMANDER/
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

F.Y.I:



Ulster County has joined the ranks of Rockland, Orange, Putnam and others in offering veterans a discount purchasing program. The return the F.A.V.O.R. (Find & Assist Veterans of Record) discount program will give honorably discharged veterans the opportunity to apply for a County-issued I.D. card which will allow them to obtain discounts on goods and services at local [participating businesses](#). Veterans who wish to apply for this program should visit the Veterans' Service Agency located at 308 Flatbush Avenue in Kingston. They will need to present their DD-214 discharge papers in order to qualify. Once the proper documentation has been verified, veterans will go to the County Clerk's Office at 244 Fair Street, Kingston to have their picture taken and receive their discount card. For further information about this program please contact Veterans' Service Agency Director Steve Massee at (845)340-3190.

Click on the links below for more information:

[Participating Businesses](#)

[Veteran Application Instructions](#)

[Merchant Application Form](#)



From the Director:

ULSTER COUNTY VETERANS AGENCY ANNOUNCES AGENT ORANGE BENEFITS FOR VIETNAM "BLUE WATER" NAVY VETS

Kingston, NY – Navy Veterans who served on over 100 different ships near the coast of Vietnam may now qualify as having served "in country" for federal VA "Agent-Orange" benefits. Previously, the VA considered these veterans ineligible for Agent-Orange-related disability compensation. The VA had persisted with claim denials to Navy Veterans until recently. The initiative to include "blue water" Navy Vietnam Veterans has been pursued by many Veterans groups for some time.

Previously, Navy Veterans with Agent-Orange symptoms had been categorically denied compensation by the VA due to the "boots-on-ground rule." This ship list extends eligibility to certain ships during certain time periods based on the operations these ships conducted that exposed crews to agent-orange.

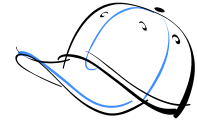
Agent-orange disability compensation is a monthly disability payment for a list of 14 diseases that are considered "presumptive" by the VA as agent-orange related. Compensation payments are scaled based on severity, 10% to 100%. The Ulster County Veterans Service Agency encourages any Navy veteran who would like to learn more about their eligibility to call or visit to learn more. Contact the Ulster County Veterans Agency at 308 Flatbush Ave. Kingston, 340-3190.

In other Veteran News:

The VA burial benefit minimum payment went from \$300 to \$700 last month.

Gov. Cuomo has signed two laws to triple the buffer zone for protests around religious services, burials or memorials. The state and municipalities will also be able to establish 1,000 foot zones around funerals on public land and require permits for related demonstrations. The laws begin to take effect in March 2012.

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Tee Shirts, Golf Shirts, Hats, and Sweatshirts are now on sale. Clothing is on sale and display at the Post **and is also available for purchase on the website. Check it out!!!**



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