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VFW Post 1503

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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CANTEEN HOURS: Sunday / Monday / Wednesday 12 Noon - 11 PM
Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday 12 Noon - 12 Midnight • Friday 12 Noon - 2 AM

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

Congratulations! The hard work in recruiting has paid off and we are now the largest membership post in the world with, 2,861 members. Now we have to continue recruiting to maintain this status. If everyone could bring in at least one new member during this next year we will continue to be the largest.

On July 4th we represented the Post in the annual Dale City 4th of July Parade, congratulations to the Post Honor Guard for being identified as the number one marching honor guard in the parade. After the parade we held a bar-b-que in the pavilion which was open to the public. The estimated attendees were over 1,000 people. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the event.

August 11th is the Voice of Democracy (VOD) Golf Tournament, as of the time I'm typing this we have only 4 teams signed up. Please get a team together and turn your names into the Quartermaster. This is the main fundraising that we do for the VOD scholarships that we issue.

On 13 August at 0800 hours we have the school of instruction which is being held at Post 7916 in Occoquan. The school is put on by the state officers and is great training for officers and individuals that want to learn recruiting techniques and the proper way to complete the member registration forms.

A reminder to all members that our post meeting time has been changed, we will still meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month but the starting time is at 1900 hours.



POST OFFICERS

Post Commander Tim Brown
Senior Vice Thomas Williams
Junior Vice Thomas Levitt II
Quartermaster Jim Spiker
Judge Advocate Jim Martin
Surgeon Ben Guinan
Chaplain Ed Bennett
3 Year Trustee John Dodge
2 Year Trustee Ron Laney
1 Year Trustee Tom Gimble
Adjutant Ralph Steinway
Service Officer Ed Tatum
Asst. Service Officer Tami Brown
Past Commander Randy Coker



Thank you
Tim Brown
Post Commander

4TH OF JULY PARADE



VFW AUXILIARY

We had a great time at the 4th of July parade, Department of Virginia President Linda Bond joined us in the Auxiliary vehicle and helped to throw candy to the children (and adults) who attended the parade. The parade was followed by a picnic in the pavilion hosted by Post 1503, thank you to all who worked to organize the picnic and prepare and cook the food. It was very hard work due to the high temperatures that day but a good time was had by everyone who attended. Also thank you to Carol and Ronnie for the entertainment.

Thank you to Tami Brown our Assistant Post Service Officer and Auxiliary member who gave a presentation on Dependent VA benefits. We appreciate Tami giving us this important information, if you have any questions about benefits please contact Tami at the Post.

The Voice of Democracy Golf Tournament will be held on August 11, 2017. Jim Moore will be coordinating the activities for the Auxiliary, please let him know if you would like to help at the tournament or help with preparation of the goodie bags prior to the tournament.

The Auxiliary will be assembling and donating backpacks for local schools to distribute to children who may need assistance obtaining supplies. We will need help assembling the bags, once the time and date is determined we will send out a Constant Contact message asking for volunteers or you can contact Linda Steinway who will be coordinating the effort.

A big THANK YOU to all the Auxiliary members who come and help at Bingo on Tuesday and Thursday nights. We are always looking for additional volunteers so if you would like to come and give it a try please show up by 6:00 pm, dinner is included. The Bingo games start at 7:30.

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President Karla Coker
- Sr. Vice President Jim Moore
- Jr. Vice President Kelli Levitt
- Secretary Regina Meehan
- Treasurer Betty Gimble
- Chaplain Joyce Del Vecchio
- Conductor Milton Moore
- Guard Monica Walczyk
- 1st Yr Trustee . Rebecca Moninghoff
- 2nd Yr Trustee . . . Reginald Garland
- 3rd Yr Trustee . . Barbara Thomanek
- Historian Joyce Gibbs
- Patriotic Instructor Ernestine Jenkins

Thank you,
Karla Coker
Auxiliary President
kjcoker1503@gmail.com



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a blast at the Dale City 4th of July parade and thanks to Patriots Gimble and Kline for driving their trucks! Thanks to all Patriots and their families that came out and joined us in this celebration of our Nation's Independence Day! A special thanks to Patriot Joe Ramos for setting up a special display for the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative event at the VFW Post 1503 cookout on our Independence Day! During the 4th of July holiday, Patriot Matt McGuire handed out 100 Purple Heart cards and answered questions about MOPH at his Vietnam Helicopter Pilot's convention in Indianapolis. Some of these combat wounded veterans were



not members of the MOPH. The Chapter raffle on the Colt 1911 45 caliber weapon, the same one used during Vietnam war is going very well. We had 1,000 tickets printed and we have handed out all but 22 books to our Patriots to sell and the latest report is that most have sold their issued 5 books already. This has been a very successful fund-raising event so far for our Chapter!

A reminder that National Purple Heart Day is Monday, August 7th and there will be a ceremony at Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home on that day. We have 21 Patriots and

guest that plan on attending. If others are planning on attending this very important event, please let us know! It includes a free lunch for Patriots and their guest?

Our next Chapter meeting is at 1000 on Saturday, August 19th. We need to continue to be proactive in helping our wounded Veterans and their families!! Our Chapter's mission is to serve our combat wounded veterans and their families. Call me at 703-878-7139.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

Ron Laney, Commander
Semper Fi Chapter 1775



FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Well it's almost that time again. FOOTBALL, FOOTBALL and yes more FOOTBALL. So along with the Nat's kicking into high gear for the playoff push please remember we have 8 TV's in the canteen area. Any and all games can be seen going forward. So take advantage of the TV's and prices you get each and every day at the Post (OK I'll get this out of my system now) **THE LARGEST VFW POST IN THE WORLD!** It's now official.

Few in house reminders. If you sign in a guest you are responsible for them until you leave. Meaning any purchases for them must be by you the member, and the guest will be required to leave the Post once you leave. They cannot be passed off to other members.

New Years Eve tickets on sale starting this month. We have once again booked the Nite Life Band for the evening. Book a table for 10 by Oct 1st, 2017 and the cost will be \$500.00 for the table after that date the same table will cost you \$750.00. Individual tickets are \$75.00 per person at all times. So call me now, save money and get the best seats on first come first served basis.

We are having handicap updates to our building entrance and bathroom's done during this month.

Remember **QUEEN OF HEARTS, WINGS AND WEEKLY DRAWING** every Saturday night 6 pm to 8 pm.

John Meehan
Facility Manager

MOC / MOCA

The MOCA will be meeting on August 9th @ 7 p.m. We will not have a McGuire hospital visit on the 12th of August due to an event the hospital will be having that day. Our next hospital visit will be on October 14th.

We will be having a Flea Market on the 16th of September in the Pavilion. Price of the tables inside of the Pavilion is \$25 and if you want a parking slot it is \$20 please call me if interested. Set up time is 7:30 a.m. and Flea Market will start at 8:30 a.m. and finish @ 1:00 p.m. The MOC will be providing food at a good price.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE



Sarah Dugas
MOCA President
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VOD GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's time to prepare for the Voice of Democracy Golf Tournament to be held at the Quantico Golf Course on Friday, August 11th. Sponsors are needed. I can use all the help I can get.

33rd Annual Voice of Democracy Golf Tournament Friday, August 11, 2017

Medal of Honor Golf Club • Marine Corps Base • Quantico, Virginia

Check-In 7:00 a.m. • Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$80.00 per person (non-refundable)

Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Steak Dinner

Captain's Choice (Foursome) Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Individual Prizes: Closest to the Pin,

Men's/Women's Longest Drive, Door Prizes

ENTRY DEADLINE AUGUST 7, 2017

(Entry not reserved without payment by this date)

Post-Tournament Dinner Immediately Following at VFW Post 1503

14631 Minnieville Road • Dale City, VA (Dinner for Non-Golfers \$15.00)

Name (Please Print Legibly)

Military Rank (Retired, Active Duty, Eligible Civilians)

Name of Guests for Dinner Only

Return Entry Form, With Payment, To VFW Post 1503



VFW Post 1503 August Entertainment

DJ Danny 4th 18th 25th


Dr DJ Don 11th

Carolokey 5th 19th

August 12th
City Slickers

August 26th
Pickin,
Grinnin and
Sinnin



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BINGO 7:30	2 Boy Scouts 7:30	3 BINGO 7:30	4 Coast Guard Birthday Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny Karaoke 8-12	5 Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
6 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	7 National Purple Heart Day 	8 BINGO 7:30	9 MOCA 7:00 MOC 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	10 BINGO 7:30	11 Dinner 5-9 Doctor DJ Don 8-12	12 City Slickers Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
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LUNCH SPECIALS PREPARED DAILY - (703) 670-9002

