

"We're surrounded...
that simplifies
our problem."



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

VFW Post 1503

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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2018

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,

January we had a gun show on the 6th and 7th, thank you to Arch and all the comrades that helped recruit during the gun show. On the 12th through the 14th I and a majority of the officers and the Auxiliary officers attended the Department Winter Council meeting in Portsmouth, Virginia. The Post was recognized during the general meeting for all the outstanding work that we do.

February we start with a Super Bowl party, please come on down to the Post and root on your favorite team. We will hold a Valentine Dance and Dinner on the 10th of February; we have a wonderful band and a fantastic meal, please come and join us. On the 11th of February at 1300 hours we will be presenting awards to our Teacher of the Year, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners in the Post Meeting room. If you are available please join us in thanking these outstanding individuals in our community. On the 17th of February at 0930 Congressmen Wittman and two Directors for the VA will be conducting a Town Hall Meeting in the B Hall, this is open to any veteran and is a chance for you to meet and ask any questions that you may have. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further details. And as most of you have heard on the 21st at the Post monthly meeting we will have a motion made to vote on banning cigar, pipe and vapor smoking in the facility. If you have a feeling one way or another this will be the time to voice your opinion on the subject and to place your vote.

A reminder to all members that our post meeting time is at 1900 hours on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



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

Be My 
Valentine

Thank you,
Tim Brown
Post Commander

VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings

The Homecoming celebration for the Department Commander Mike Boheme and Auxiliary President Linda Bond will be held at the Mechanicsville Post on March 10, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend so if you would like more details please send me an email and I will forward the flyer with the details.

We are back in action after the holidays with chicken wings on the third Saturday of the month. We have three wing teams and if you are interested in participating on one of the teams please let me know and we will get you added to a team. Thank you to all who have worked wings your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Department is selling navy blue sweatshirts with the Virginia flag logo, if anyone is interested please let me know and I will pass along the information on how to place an order.

Valentines Day is coming please check out the happenings at the Post, as always the staff does a wonderful job setting up these events.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is February 21st at 7:00 pm, please join us if you can, dinner is provided after the meeting for those who attend.

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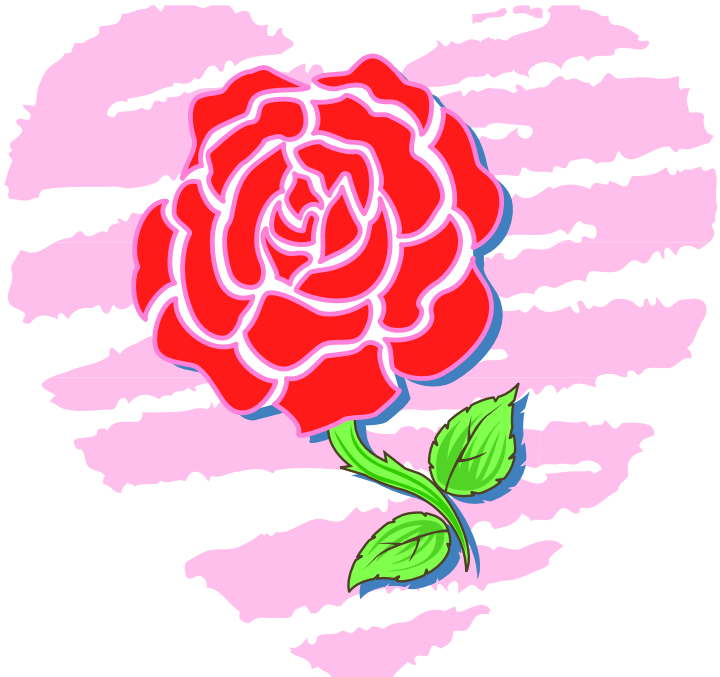
AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

Karla Coker
 Auxiliary President
 kjcoker1503@gmail.com

Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 10th • 5:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.



APPETIZERS

Spinach and Artichoke Dip
 Bacon Wrapped Scallops
 Shrimp Cocktail
 Fried Ravioli

ENTREES

Surf~N~Turf
 Crab Legs
 Filet Mignon
 Chicken Caprese
 Seafood Pasta
 Salmon

ASSORTED DESSERTS

Pricing Varies Depending Upon Selections

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Super Bowl Sunday Feb 4th in the Canteen please join us for the game. Food will be put out at 5:30 and served until 6:30 when the game starts. Please get here early as seating is usually hard to find the closer its gets to game time. EAGLES vs PATRIOTS, should be a good one.

On Feb 10th we are having our annual Valentines Day Dinner/Dance. See Flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for additional info. RESERVATIONS are REQUESTED for MEMBERS. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR NON-MEMBERS. The Canteen and A Hall will have staff for table service. MEMBERS can sit either in the Canteen area or the A hall. NON Members will be seated in the A hall and invited to the Canteen area depending on seating availability. PAM PELANO will be playing. NO WINGS SERVED THIS SATURDAY.

New Pricing now in effect for our Hall Rentals	Non Member Pricing	Member Pricing
Full Hall group up to 300 people (4 hours block)	\$2,000.00	\$1,400.00
A Hall groups of 110-200 (4 hours block)	\$950.00	\$750.00
B Hall groups under 110 (4 hours block)	\$850.00	\$650.00
Pavilion Rental	\$350.00	\$350.00
Meeting Room (2 hours)	\$400.00	\$250.00

John Meehan
Facility Manager

REMINDER. NO WINGS WILL BE SERVED ON THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY

MOC / MOCA

The MOC & MOCA will be having our meetings on the 7th of February. MOCA starts @ 7:00 p.m. and the MOC starts @ 7:30 p.m.

February 8, during Bingo there will be a bake and jewelry sale.

Our next Hospital visit is February 10th. We will be doing Bingo in the MPR there will be no room visits due to the fact it is Flu season.

Also in February, both the MOC and MOCA will be having nominations and elections. Please show up to the meeting, you may be nominated and elected to a Officer position.

On February 24th there will be Winter C of A @ VFW Post 4809 in Norfolk Virginia.

The Grand Convention will be held @ VFW Post 3160 Ocean View on April 21, 2018.

Prayers and thoughts go out to those who have lost someone. Wishing speedy recoveries for those that are sick or have been sick.

We hope everyone has a **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE

Respectfully,

Kevin Oleksy
MOC Seam Squirrel
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MOCA President
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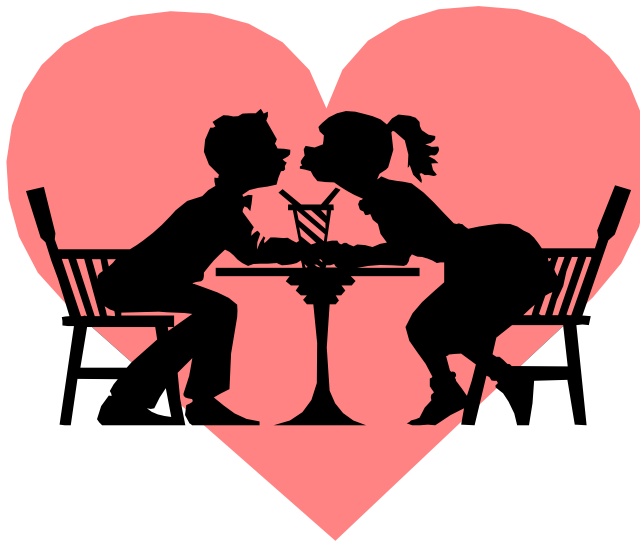
Patriots:

The Chapter had a great meeting last month and discussed our plans for 2018 and how we can do more to help our combat wounded veterans and their families! We decided to visit Quantico VA Cemetery on February 17th which is our meeting date to pay respects to Patriots Herb Newman and Butch Johnson and to do an assessment of our Purple Heart Monument. We will meet at the Post at 0930 and carpool to Quantico except Patriots coming from the south who will meet us at Quantico VA cemetery. We modified and approved our standing motion for different events that we will provide funding to if funds are available and they are: two \$500 scholarship awards to JROTC at Quantico High School, \$250 to VFW Post 1503 Christmas Food Basket Program, \$100 to VFW Post 1503 VOD Golf Tournament, \$100 to Dale City Fourth of July Parade, \$100 to Sgt. Mac Foundation and \$1,000 to Mount Vernon to support the National Purple Heart Day Ceremony in August. We also have three Patriots that have volunteered to help carry colors at Memorial Day and Veterans Day services at Quantico. Thanks Patriots Leo Filipowicz, Dom Dionne and Matt McGuire! I would like to welcome back Patriot Leo Filipowicz to our meeting!

A reminder that our next Viola Drive is April 21st and the Chapter Cookout on that same date at the VFW Post 1503 Pavilion. We also have a second date that we are scheduling for a Viola Drive close to National Purple Heart date of August 7th and that date is Saturday, August 4th.

Our next Chapter meeting is at 1000 on Saturday, February 17th at Quantico National VA Cemetery. 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 703-244-5428.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!



Ron Laney
Commander
Semper Fi
Chapter 1775



NOTICE ~ CIGAR, PIPE AND VAPE

COMRADES of Team Chesty!!!!

On February 21, 2018 (Wednesday Post 1503 Meeting) A motion will be made and VOTED on, to eliminate ALL CIGAR, PIPE, and VAPE Devices smoking in the facility. Make sure you attend this meeting if you would like to cast your vote for this Extremely important issue.

Note: If you are not a current member in good standing, you will not be allowed to enter the meeting. Make sure you bring your current membership card



Dear 1st District Veteran:

I am writing to invite you to attend our 1st District Veteran's Forum located at VFW Post 1503. The purpose of this forum is to offer 1st District Veterans an opportunity to speak with representatives from the Veterans Administration and Congressman Wittman about VA benefits and services.

1ST DISTRICT VETERAN'S FORUM

Who: Congressman Rob Wittman; Mike Carr, Deputy Director, VA Benefits Assistance Service; and Lawrence B. Connell, Acting Medical Center Director, Washington D.C . VA

When: February 17, 2018

Time: 09:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Dale City VFW 14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City, VA 22193 Hall B

RSVP to Karen Klotz by February 14, 2018

Karen.klotz@mail.house.gov or 540-659-2734

I hope you will be able to attend. Your participation and ideas will be valued and appreciated.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Wittman
Member of Congress

THOMAS WILLIAMS FOR POST COMMANDER

My fellow Comrades of VFW Post 1503,

It is my intent to run for Post Commander in the upcoming election in April.

I have been an active Life Member of 1503 for over twenty years, I have served as Master of Arms, House Committee Chairman, Jr Vice and this last year as Senior Vice.

My intention would be to continue the success of Post 1503 and introduce some new procedures into making the post more efficient in the future to benefit our members, and future members, we must bring the post up to date with the new technology available to us.

I served in the Army for 26 years and am a Vietnam Veteran, most of our members know me by my nickname "Dallas" that was given to me when I joined the post wearing a Dallas Cowboys ball cap.

I'd appreciate your support and if there are any questions you would like to ask me before the voting date don't hesitate I'll be more than willing to answer your questions.

You're Comrade in Arms,
Thomas Williams, Jr (Dallas)



*VFW Post 1503
February Entertainment*

DJ Danny 2nd 9th & 16th

DJ Carolokie 3rd & 17th

Valentines Dance Feb 10th

Pam Palano Band

Just Two Band

February 23rd

Honky Tonk Casinos

February 24th



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BINGO 7:30	2 Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny Karaoke 8-12	3 Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
4 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	5	6 BINGO 7:30	7 MOCA 7:00 MOC 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	8 BINGO 7:30	9 Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny Karaoke 8-12	10 Valentine Dinner Dance Breakfast 9-12 NO WINGS Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
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Next Monthly Meeting

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