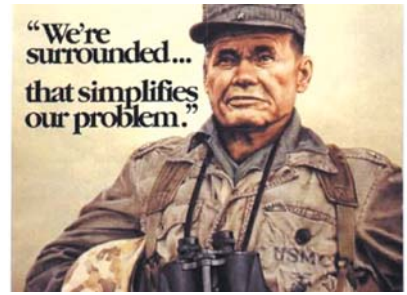




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

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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

Team 1503

Comrades of 1503 attended the Winter Council in Portsmouth, VA and our Post hosted the Hospitality Room which was attended regularly by many. Special thanks to Ben Guinan who volunteered when needed to operate and stock the hospitality room. As always the Winter Council was a roaring success.

As we move forward into 2019 we would like to see more of the junior members getting involved with the VFW activities, volunteering and attending the meetings. We want to hear your fresh ideas to keep us moving into the future.

The VFW as an organization is changing and we want 1503 to lead the way towards that change. The VFW is one of the most respected voices in Washington, D.C., and within local governments across America. We advocate for justice for our nation's veterans, service members and military families on an array of issues and continue to be the voice for veterans everywhere. We regularly testify before Congress, meet with elected officials and rally our national network of VFW members and patriotic supporters to ensure our lawmakers put veterans first. When those who've served their country and those that support them stand together, we cannot be ignored.

I encourage all our comrades to check out our Website and Facebook page to keep up-to-date with all the post's happenings and announcements.



POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander . . . Thomas Williams, Jr.
Senior Vice . . . . . Thomas Levitt II
Junior Vice . . . . . Bernie Carter
Quartermaster . . . . . Tim Brown
Judge Advocate . . . . . Randy Coker
Surgeon . . . . . Ben Guinan
Chaplain. . . . . Ed Bennett
3 Year Trustee . . . . . Tom Gimble
2 Year Trustee . . . . . John Dodge
1 Year Trustee . . . . . Ron Laney
Adjutant . . . . . Sterling Moninghoff
Service Officer. . . . . Ed Tatum
Asst. Service Officer . . . . . Tami Brown
Past Commander . . . . . Tim Brown

Thomas Williams, Jr.
Post Commander



Valentine's Day Dance
February 16th



## A Celebration of Military Service for a WWII WAAC

December 29th, 2018 with great honor comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 presented Lt Ruby Hallows Lewis Conley a 92 year old WWII WAAC Veteran with her medals and acknowledgment for her military service. It's taken seventy years for Lt Conley's medals to be awarded to her. Post 1503 Color Guard, State Commander Ken Wiseman, Ron Laney and Tim Brown (Master of Ceremony) were in attendance.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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# Valentine's Dinner/Dance

Saturday, February 16th • 5:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.



APPETIZERS

ENTREES

ASSORTED DESSERTS

Members Only in the Canteen  
Reservations Requested

Non-Members in A Hall  
Reservations Are Required

Invited to Canteen for Band after Meal  
if Space is Available

*Pricing Varies Depending Upon Selections*

## FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Great time by all last month who attended the New Years Eve Party. Music was great (Nite Life Band), food and service was top notch. Special thanks to Erin and Doreen for putting everything together. Also special thanks to Jim Novack for doing all the decorations and balloons and hall. We are in the process of rebooking the band for 2020.

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY** – Make plans to join us in the canteen. Game starts at 6:30 p.m. We will have food available before kick-off starting at 5:00 or 5:30. If you have a favorite SUPER BOWL meal you'd like to share, please coordinate with Erin or Doreen prior to the game, so we don't duplicate. POST will have Pizza, MeatBall Subs, Hot Dogs, Salad, Chili and Finger Foods.

**HUB CAPS** – Because of recent requests to have them back, we have booked them for May 11th, 2019 in the full hall. Table of 10 will cost \$400.00. All other tickets \$45.00. This is their 50th Year Anniversary. Been over 3 years since we have had them here so lets starting planning now. Call me at 703-670-4124 x2 if you want to pre-order.

**VALENTINES DAY DANCE** – SATURDAY FEB. 16TH – MEMBERS ONLY IN THE CANTEEN SPECIAL MENU RESERVATIONS REQUESTED – NON MEMBERS WILL BE SET UP IN THE A HALL IF ENOUGH ARE INTERESTED, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. AND INVITED TO THE CANTEEN FOR THE BAND IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE AFTER THERE MEAL. FOOD SERVED 5P.M. TO 9 P.M.

**WINGS – QUEEN OF HEARTS** – EVERY SATURDAY STARTING AT 6P.M.

John Meehan  
Facility Manager

Be My  
Valentine



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a great January meeting and discussed the goals to accomplish in 2019. Some areas are: the maintenance of our monument at Quantico, JROTC scholarships, fundraising ideas, recruit new members and reach out to Chapter members that have not been to a meeting in a long time or never have, being more active at State level and Purple Heart Day recognition events, participate at normal functions such as 4th of July Parade and Quantico Cemetery events. One of our raffles is a 50/50 raffle at the VFW's Saint Paddy's Day, this is set up by Patriot Joe Saitta. We also will have our elections next month, so please step up and run for an office, all offices are open.

Our next Chapter Meeting is on **Saturday, February 16th**. 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



## Dependent or Survivor VA Benefits

The Veterans Benefits Administration offers a variety of benefits and services to spouses, children, and parents of Servicemembers and Veterans who are deceased or totally and permanently disabled by a service-connected disability

### Benefits:

- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Survivors' Pension
- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)
- Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry
- Home Loans

### Services:

- Educational and Vocational Counseling
- Beneficiary Financial Counseling
- Civil Service Preference
- Children of Vietnam Veterans with Certain Birth Defects
- Fiduciary Services

### Compensation

The Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program provides monthly benefits to surviving spouses and dependent children in recognition of the economic loss caused by a Servicemember's death during military service, or by the death of a Veteran as a result of a service-connected disability. VA also pays these benefits to the survivors of a Veteran whose death is not service-connected, but who was rated by VA as being totally disabled due to a service-connected disability for a specified period of time immediately preceding death. In addition to the DIC program for surviving spouses and dependent children, surviving dependent parents of Servicemembers or Veterans, whose deaths were service-connected, may be eligible for Parents' DIC if they meet the income requirements. For more information, go to (<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/dependency-indemnity-compensation/>)

### Survivors Pension

The Survivors Pension benefit, which may also be referred to as Death Pension, is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or unmarried child(ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service.

### Eligibility:

The deceased Veteran must have met the following service requirements:

- For service on or before September 7, 1980, the Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, with at least one day during a war time period.
- If he or she entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally he or she must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty with at least one day during a war time period.
- Was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions.

Survivors Pension is also based on your yearly family income, which must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify. While an un-remarried spouse is eligible at any age, a child of a deceased

wartime Veteran must be:

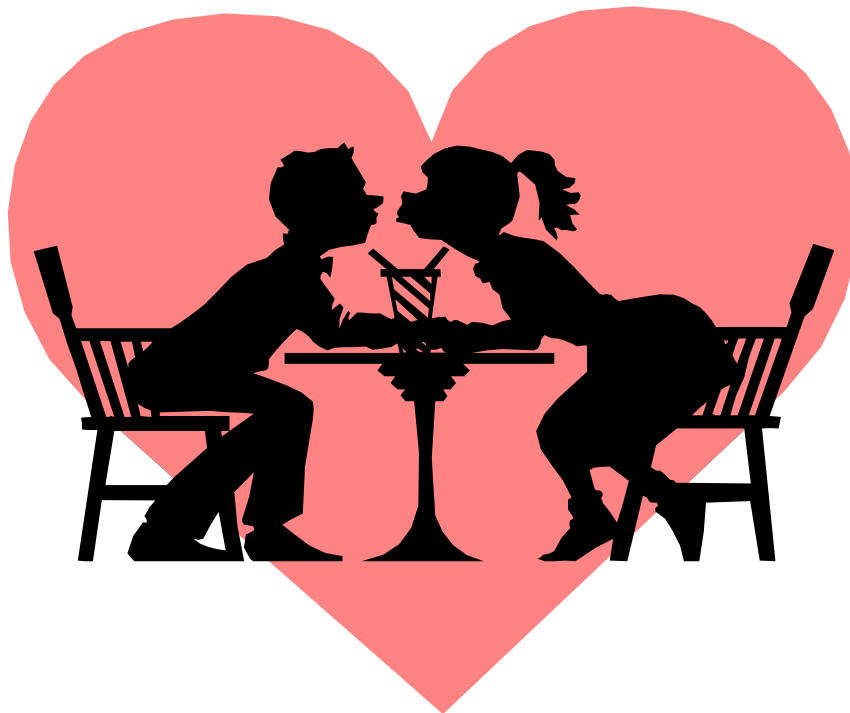
- Under 18, OR
- Under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, OR
- Permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability before age 18

Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Survivors Pension benefit. Learn more about income and net worth limitation, and see an example of how VA calculates the Survivors Pension benefit.

For more information, please come by and let's set up an appointment!

**Tami Brown**

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## MOC / MOCA

As we get this new year started we would like to welcome our newest members: Kevin Simpson to the M.O.C. and Jan Kicker to the M.O.C.A. Welcome! We are very excited to have you join us.

After a short break from wings over the holidays, the first wing night, Jan. 5, proved to be a huge success. Much thanks to Ken, Marcia, Thomas, Al and Judy for all you did and lets not forget all those who gave for our cause, thank you.

**February 9th, 2019** will be our next Hospital Visit to McGuire, please join us, we meet at Post 1503 at 8:30 am for breakfast, courtesy of the M.O.C. then carpool to Richmond, all are welcome and encouraged to come.

***KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE***

**Kevin Oleksy**  
MOC Seam Squirrel



**Judy Bridges**  
MOCA President



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

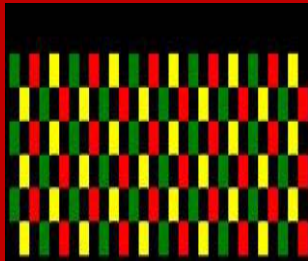
That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

Did you know? The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

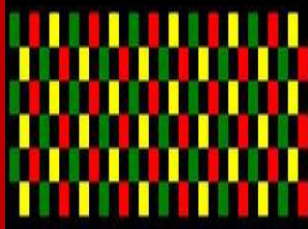
President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”



**BLACK**

**HISTORY**

**MONTH**



**VFW Post 1503  
February  
Entertainment**

**DJ Danny 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
DJ Caroloki 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Just Two Band  
February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Pam Palano & Friends  
February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**The Winstons  
(National Recording Artists)  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Valentines Day Party**



# February

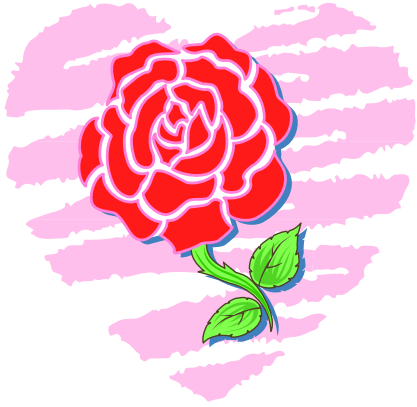
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Lunch Specials Prepared Daily – [www.vfwpost1503.com](http://www.vfwpost1503.com)



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*Next Monthly Meeting*

***February 20th!***

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