

"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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# 2019

**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

I humbly thank you for your dedicated support during the last six months and look forward to working with you in the *New Year 2019*. Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.



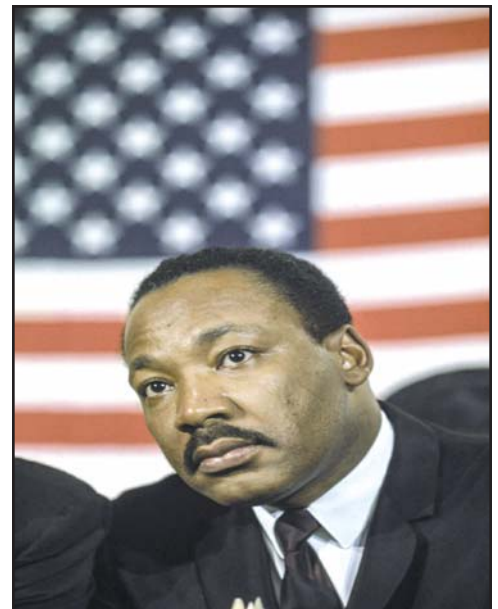
## POST OFFICERS

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



The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Thomas Williams, Jr.  
Post Commander



**Happy 90th Birthday  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
January 15th 2019**

## VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone has had a joyous Holiday Season so far. The New Year is closing in and I look forward to a happy, giving, successful year for our Organization. All of this occurs as a result of your dedication as you have presented this past year. Our Children's Christmas Party was a huge hit as well as the Posts Christmas Tree Sales went great. Thank you Linda for all your help and support throughout this year with all of our endeavors. Our Community benefitted over the Christmas Season as a result of your help with the Posts Christmas Basket Program. Thank you John Meehan for all of your efforts in making that happen. I hope you will come out and celebrate the bringing in of the New Year at our New Years Eve Party. Thank you all again for your commitment and dedication in 2018, I look forward to working with you in 2019.

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## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President . . . . .	Jim Moore
Sr. Vice President . . . . .	Kelli Levitt
Jr. Vice President . . . . .	John Crawford
Secretary . . . . .	Cindy O'Connor
Treasurer . . . . .	Karla Coker
Chaplain . . . . .	Joyce Del Vecchio
Conductor . . . . .	Jan Kiecker
Guard . . . . .	Monica Walczyk
1st Yr Trustee . . . . .	Reggie Garland
2nd Yr Trustee . . . . .	Judy Bridges
3rd Yr Trustee . . . . .	Rebecca Moninghoff
Historian . . . . .	Joyce Gibbs
Patriotic Instructor . . . . .	Ernestine Jenkins

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**Jim Moore**  
Auxiliary President

## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a great December meeting and thanks to all the Patriots that came out to help with VFW Food Basket Drive. I hope all Patriots and their families had a great Christmas and Santa was good to you! Wishing everyone a wonderful and successful 2019 year and I hope that our Chapter will be successful in helping our combat wounded veterans and their families. At our January meeting, I would like to plan on what we want to accomplish this year. Some suggested discussion areas are our monument at Quantico, JROTC scholarships, hospital visits, 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 ideas. We also discussed developing the JROTC scholarship criteria with help of Patriot Les Wood and how to market it both in Prince William and Stafford county. We want this to be competitive.

Thanks to all 53 volunteers plus the 10 scouts from Troop 1919 that helped unload the 400 Christmas trees and special thanks to the volunteers that helped sell the trees in 9 and half days! Sorry for the delay in delivery but as you can see, our system of getting the word out on the trees works quite well!

Our next Chapter meeting is on **Saturday, January 19th. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PATRIOTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!** 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



### [eBenefits – What Is It and The Benefits Of Use?](#)

This site can be found at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) and is a result of a collaboration between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). It serves Veterans, Service Members, Wounded Warriors, their family members, and their authorized caregivers with a single sign-on, central access point to VA Clinical and benefits information.

#### Benefits:

- Manage your Compensation Benefits
- View all the medical conditions you have ever filed for and find the service-connection or non-service-connected and the effective date of those ratings
- View scheduled Compensation & Pension (C&P) Exams
- Track the progress of your pending VA claims and appeals
- Careers and Employment
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)
- Change your Direct Deposit Information
- Request documents from your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF or 201c File) and have them uploaded and printed
- Many other capabilities to interact with the VA or to find specific information on the various benefits

You may also call the VA Benefits Office at [1-800-827-1000](tel:1-800-827-1000) to receive an update on the status of your claim.

My [Core Hours](#) will be [Monday](#) and [Wednesday](#), 1000 – 1800 unless there are medical appointments. This office will continue to assist Veterans by appointment. I will be out of the office 10 January – 20 January; attending Winter Council and VFW VA Accreditation Training. I will become a VFW VA Claims Representative on 18 January 2019.

If you have any questions about VA Compensation, Pension, Survivor's Benefits, please contact me at [tbrown@vfwva.org](mailto:tbrown@vfwva.org) or [text message only](#) at [703-901-0460](tel:703-901-0460). (Please note my [new email address](#))

Tami Brown  
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Assistant Post Service Officer  
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# ***MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY***

MOC / MOCA

Another great Hospital visit to McGuire on the 8th of December was a success as we hosted a luncheon of Olive Garden. Goodie bags, quilted lap robes and puzzle books were given to 85 patients. Thanks to the 23 volunteers that helped make this Christmas a huge success. Our next hospital visit will be on the 9th of February; we will meet at Post 1503 at 8:30 am to have breakfast and carpool to Richmond, if you are available we would love to have you join us.

As the year 2018 comes to an end, we would like to thank all those who have given tirelessly and selflessly of their time to our Veterans... Pay it Forward!

May your New Year be a blessed and happy one.

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

Kevin Oleksy  
MOC Seam Squirrel

Judy Bridges  
MOCA President



# VFW Post 1503 January 2019 Entertainment



January 4<sup>th</sup> DJ Mike Artistic Alchemy (Karaoke)

January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> DJ Carolokie  
January 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> DJ Danny

Boys & Me (featuring Molly)  
January 12<sup>th</sup>

Greyhound Band January 18<sup>th</sup>

OZ Review (R&B) January 26<sup>th</sup>



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BINGO 7:30	2 Boy Scouts 7:30	3 BINGO 7:30	4 Dinner 5-9  DJ Mike Artistic Alchemy	5 Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
6 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	7	8	9 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	10 BINGO 7:30	11 Dinner 5-9  DJ Danny 8-12	12 Boys & Me featuring Molly Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
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Next Monthly Meeting

**January 16th!**

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