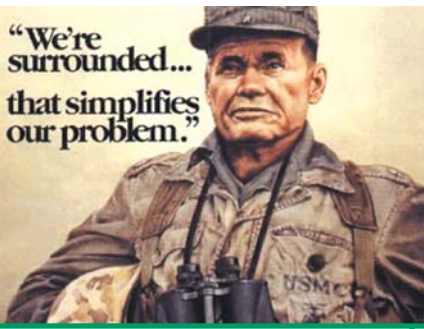


"We're surrounded... that simplifies our problem."



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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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,

February is gone and it was a memorable month for the Post as the membership voted to ban all tobacco use in the facility effective the 1st of March 2018. This has been a very contentious topic in the Post for many years. I have appointed a committee to research the cost to establish a smoking area outside of the building that is protected from the weather, they will be proposing a suitable solution soon and we will move forward on establishing this area to accommodate the tobacco users. We have a beautiful post home and in the interim until the designated smoking area is established I ask that those who smoke outside please police up your cigarette and cigar butts and place them into the trash receptacles.

March is a busy month for the Post starting out with the 10th of the month numerous officers from the membership and the Auxiliary will be attending the Department Commanders Homecoming in Mechanicsville, VA. Daylight savings time begins on the 11th of March, so everyone set your clocks ahead 1 hour. On the 17th of March we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the canteen. On the 18th of March we have a joint 10th District meeting at Post 8241, in McLean. At this meeting we will be awarding the district winners in the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Awards. On the 22nd of March the National Jr. Vice Commander William J. "Doc" Schmitz will be stopping by the Post at 1500 hours for a short visit. Rounding out the month the Auxiliary will be hosting a Kids Easter Party on the 25th of March 2018, starting at 1300 hours until 1500 hours in the A Hall.

In the last year and a half as your Commander, unfortunately I have had some Comrades and Auxiliary members who have acted unprofessionally in the Post. When this happens we have a system in place which is a Grievance Committee. The way the committee works is that the Commander appoints a Grievance Committee Chairman who in turn, recommends several Comrades to sit on the Committee that is a representation of the Post membership. When a grievance is filed by way of incident report and it goes to the Commander, the Commander decides on whether to send it to the Grievance Committee for action. The Committee sets a date for a



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

meeting on the grievance and the Commander notifies the party that the grievance was filed against them and that it was sent to the grievance committee and they are meeting to discuss the facts of the incident and tells them when and where the meeting will occur. The party that has the grievance filed against them can address the committee as well as bring witnesses if they wish to. The Committee sends a recommendation to the Commander in form of suggestion as to what action the Committee believes should be considered. There are no sentencing guidelines! The Commander then reviews the committee's suggestion and determines what if any action is required for keeping the Post safe and secure.

Thank you,
 Tim Brown
 Post Commander

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

VFW AUXILIARY

Spring is on the way and it is time once again for the kids Easter Party which will be held March 25th from 1:00 to 3:00 in the A hall. We will have an Easter egg hunt and activities along with treats for the children.

Members, if you have a young artist in the family they may wish to enter into the Creative Young American Patriotic Art contest. Children in grades 9 thru 12 are eligible to enter the contest and entries must be submitted to the Auxiliary by March 31, 2018. Please deliver entries to the Post and ask that they put them in the Auxiliary office. Entries will be submitted to the Department for judging. If you would like more information please send me an email.

The District 10 meeting will be held March 18th at the McLean Post beginning with lunch at 11:30 and the meeting at 1:00.

As many of you may know the Post Comrades voted at their last meeting to ban smoking at Post 1503 beginning March 1st. The Post has formed a committee of comrades and Auxiliary members that will work to come up with a few options for the Post management to consider for possible smoking areas.

Thank you to all of you that volunteer with the Auxiliary and around the Post doing bingo and other activities.

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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

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Hope you had a chance to read the Commanders article concerning our new policy on tobacco products in the canteen. Continuing effort's for the past 6 years have been made by the Post to make the canteen an enjoyable experience for all members, guests and the public. The system worked for awhile but recently and because of the growth of our Post and the lack of other options to control the smell and health issues these issues had to be addressed.

We are trying to find a COOK to work in the kitchen, if you are interested or know of someone looking for work please have them call 703-670-4124 x1.

ST PATTY'S DAY – This year it falls on a Saturday. NO BREAKFAST OR WINGS on this day. Corn beef platters and a special menu for the day starting at 11 AM. Plan on serving until 9 PM unless we run out of product... Also the band (PAM PELANO) will start playing at 4 PM and play until 10 PM. Dance floor area will be for members and guests only and not open to public during these hours.

GUN SHOW – MARCH 9TH AND 10TH

KID'S EASTER PARTY – SUNDAY March 25th in the A hall 1 till 3.

EASTER BUFFET – SUNDAY April 1st in the Canteen 11 to 3. NO BREAKFAST SERVED



John Meehan
Facility Manager

ST. PATTY'S DAY

Come Join Us for a Full Day of Fun and Good Eating.
Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is the Best in Town.

We will have Plenty of Music for Your Listening Pleasure and You Can Count on Hearing and Seeing Things Only Available at the V.

We will have Noise Makers, COLD BEER, Hats, COLD BEER, Beads, COLD BEER.



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

The Chapter had a good turnout for our February meeting at Post 1503. We decided to visit Quantico VA Cemetery in May instead of a wet and muddy February, we will still pay our respects to Patriots Herb Newman and Butch Johnson and to do an assessment of our Purple Heart monument. We approved a \$200 donation and plan a visit with veterans at McGuire VA Hospital after Patriot Mac Garner sets it up. We also approved to donate \$100 to the A Ride for Wounded Run to bring awareness to the suicide problem that veterans face today.

A reminder that our Chapter elections are next month and that our next Viola Drive is April 21st and the Chapter cookout will be on that same date at Patriot Joe Lopez's house which is close to the VFW. The pavilion at VFW Post 1503 was not available.

Our next Chapter meeting is at 1000 on Saturday, March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day at VFW Post #1503. 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



MOC / MOCA

Congratulations goes out to the New Officers of the MOC and MOCA. Seam Squirrel: Kevin Oleksy; Blanket Bum: Tom Levitt; Hide Gimlet: Tom Annunziata; President: Judy Bridges; Senior Vice: Kelli Levitt; Junior Vice: Doris Miller; Chaplain: Joyce DeVecchio; Secretary: Lela Grimms; Treasurer: Rebecca Moninghoff; Condustrass: Susan Adamczyk; Fun Officer: JoEllen Crawford; Guard: Carol Williams.

We had a very successful hospital visit, thanks to all those that helped out! 400 coupon books, blankets and lunch were handed out to very deserving and thankful vets!

Our next hospital visit to McGuire will be April 14th. Breakfast @ 9 a.m. and leave by 10 a.m. to go to the hospital.

Our next scratch/meeting will be on March 11. Hope to see you there.

THE MOCA AND MOC WILL BE HAVING A FLEA MARKET ON APRIL 21st. PLEASE CONTACT JUDY BRIDGES @ 703-494-1124 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Thanks goes out to everyone in the MOC and MOCA for a great year.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE

Yours In Loyalty,

Kevin Oleksy
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eBenefits – What Is It and The Benefits of Use

This site can be found at 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 to receive an update on the status of your claims.

Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act

This is really only applicable for veteran's whose severance pay was taxed after you were wounded in action, IE: Not medically retired or separated from service with payment.

The DOD must provide these veterans with notice of the amount of improperly withheld severance payments and instructions for filing amended tax returns to recover these amounts. In addition, the Act extends the 3-year Code Sec. 6511 period for filing a refund claim with IRS to the date that is one year after DOD provides the veteran with the information required under the Act.

It is only applicable for severance payments to veterans with combat-related injuries paid after 17 January 1991.

If any questions about VA Compensation, Pension, Survivor's Benefits, please contact me at tbrown3404@verizon.net or text message only at 703-901-0460



Tami Brown
Assistant Post Service Officer

VFW Post 1503 March Entertainment

**DJ Danny 2nd 9th and 16th
DJ Carolokie 3rd**

Bands, Bands, Bands!

**March 10th
The Guys and Me**

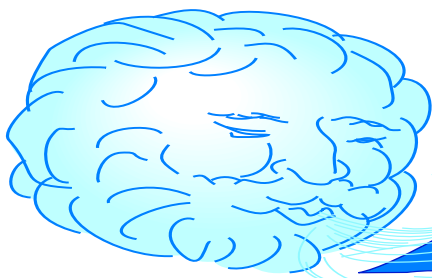
**March 17th
Party all Day
Pam Palano Band
St Patricks Day
(starting at 3:30pm)**

**March 23rd
The Greyhound Band**

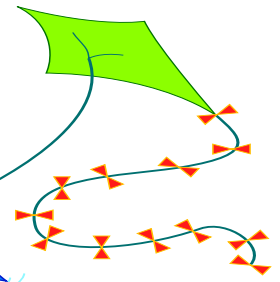
**March 24th
Purple Heart Fundraiser for Combat
Wounded Veterans (Entertainment)**

**March 30th
Johnny Artis Special**

**March 31st
The Fabulous Stormin Norman Band**



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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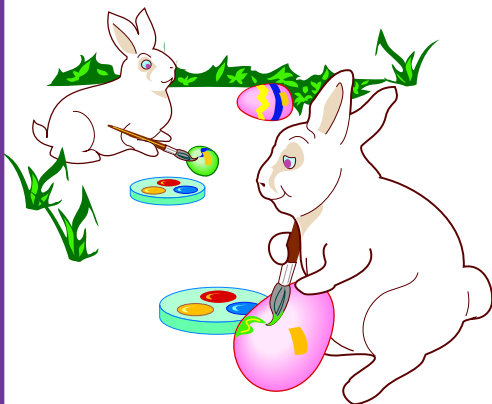


Next Monthly Meeting

March 21st!

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EASTER BUFFET



VFW Post 1503

14631 Minnieville Road • Dale City, Virginia

Sunday, April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Fresh Roast Turkey • Honey Baked Ham
Candied Yams • Mashed Potatoes • Peas • Carrots • Corn
Tossed Salad • Assorted Desserts • Coffee & Tea**

Remember, there is no breakfast served on this Sunday.
Sorry, No reservations accepted for this buffet! Come early and enjoy!