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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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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

As the majority of you know we have now reached our goal of 100% membership. Thanks to all of you.

Post 1503 and the Prince William Community lost one of its finest residents John Jenkins who served our community and our Post tirelessly for over thirty six years. John was instrumental in the building of many buildings and roads we see daily. John Jenkins a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel who served two tours in Vietnam, moved to Dale City in 1973 and soon after joined the Dale City Civic Association as the Forestdale representative. In 1982 he was appointed to the Board of County Supervisors to fill the Neabsco District seat. John not only loved his country he loved his community also. He will be sadly missed by all.

Sunday February 17th the Cub Scout Troop held their Pack 964 Award Ceremony which I was invited to and attended. The Ceremony was well attended and supported by family and friends.

It is my intention to run again for Commander in the upcoming elections 2019-2020. We are moving in the correct direction as a Post and I want us to continue to move forward. I'd appreciate your vote and continued trust in my ability as Commander.



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

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Members,

Hopefully Mother Nature has done her duties on us she feels that were needed. Spring will be upon us before we know it. I want to thank you for all your support and efforts you have put into our post these past months. I would like to thank everyone and express my thanks for the presence and the support given to Ernestine, her family at John Jenkins services.

John, as well as Miss Ernestine have been avid supporters of our post and he will be truly missed. A true supporter, life long friend, and the voice of our County. I can't express my thanks enough...

On a lighter note, Wing Volunteers are needed, our next night is March 16th... Nominations are here soon for our Officer Positions. I hope everyone interested will come forward. I truly understand now the devotion and time needed to hold these positions. I apologize for my short comings while serving as your President this year... Karla, Kelli, Betty, Cindy and Linda have acted as the true leaders this year. I do appreciate the opportunity you awarded me and I deeply apologize for falling short. I will truly support our next elected officers and will give all I can to our post... Hopefully Spring will spring soon and we can enjoy a new year... Thank you again for all your support to me and more importantly the Post. Thomas (Our Fearless Commander) has shown the true devotion and efforts that have made the post a truly world leader... Thank you again,

Jim Moore  
Auxiliary President

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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

# 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.



## FACILITY HAPPENINGS

snow, Snow, SNOW go away. Thanks for your co-operation and understanding last month when because of the weather or weather forecast caused us to close early or actually be closed all day. Decisions made with safety of our employees and members being given most weight on what we decided.

**St. Patty's Day** this year falls on a Sunday. We will be celebrating this on Sunday the 17th. Therefore **NO BREAKFAST** will be served. **St. Patty's Day Menu** will be served beginning at 11 a.m and we plan on serving until 9 p.m. unless supplies run out. As usual the offerings will be Ruben and Corn Beef sandwiches and our Steamed Corn beef dinner. Live Band in dance floor area featuring Shelli and Kurt (Nightlife Band) from 3 PM to 7 PM. Due to limited seating **MEMBERS ONLY** invited to sit in that area after 3 pm.

WING TEAM'S needed for 4th weekend of each month. Right now we are putting together teams at the last minute which jeopardizes having someone there to keep this popular event going. Kitchen staff cooks, whats needed is a mixer, order taker and delivery person. **HELP!**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL 6TH AND 7TH: **GUN SHOW**

APRIL 24TH – **SHRED IT** – 12 PM TO 3 PM – Parking lot bring your old papers boxed up ready to be shredded and Post picking up the cost. Members only please.

MAY 11TH – **HUB CAPS** – Tickets on sale now \$40.00 each – Contact office or see bartender



**John Meehan**  
Facility Manager

## MOC / MOCA

Hello Cooties and Ladybugs. Another great hospital visit was had on the 9th of February. Thank you Kelli for doing all those Valentines bags for the patients, they were awesome. We played Bingo and served Root Beer Floats along with lots of yummy snacks as well as the Canteen Books for the patients provided by the M.O.C. Our next visit to McGuire will be April 13, 2019, we meet at Post 1503 at 8:30 am for breakfast which is compliments of the M.O.C. then carpool to Richmond. Please join us!



Our **Next Scratch** is **March 13th**, followed by the installation of our new officers! Congrats to the newly elected!

**KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE**

Kevin Oleksy  
MOC Seam Squirrel



Judy Bridges  
MOCA President

## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

I would like to formally thank VFW Post 1503 for allowing our Chapter to meet at the Post each month and allow us to submit a newsletter article in their newsletter each month. As you know, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is a stand along combat wounded veteran organization that has been around since 1932. The Purple Heart, the oldest military award, was issued by General George Washington as the Badge of Merit, the forerunner of the medal of honor on August 7, 1782.

At our meeting on February 16th, we held our Chapter elections and results are; Commander, Ron Laney, Senior Vice Commander, John David Allen, Junior Vice Commander, Dominique Dionne, Finance Officer and Adjutant, Tom Gimble, Sergeant-At-Arms, Matt McGuire, 2 Year Trustee and Chaplain, Dick Hanscom, and 1-year Trustee, Joe Ramos. The following Patriots were appointed to these offices; Judge Advocate and Service Officer, Mac Garner, Welfare Officer, Florence Iremedio, Dept. Executive Committeeman, Leo Filipowicz, Alternate Executive Committeeman, Joe Saitta, Historian and American Officer, David Kline.

The Chapter is planning a Member Appreciation Cookout at the Post pavilion on Saturday, August 17th. The meeting will start @ 1000 with cookout to follow. We will also be calling our current members who still live in this area to recommend that they come out and participate in Chapter meetings and activities.

Our next **Chapter Meeting** is on **Saturday, March 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



**2019  
PRIORITY  
GOALS**



### **Support today's veterans and military**

Help us ensure an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 116th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit [vfw.org/actioncorps](http://vfw.org/actioncorps).

### **Play a role in the process**

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW's Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at [vfw.org/actioncorps](http://vfw.org/actioncorps).



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.**

*Delivering the promise to our  
veterans, service members,  
and their families.*

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**2019**

**PRIORITY GOALS**



## BUDGET

**To fully fund veterans and defense programs, Congress must:**

- ✓ Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process and end sequestration.
- ✓ Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- ✓ Ensure the POW/MIA Accounting mission is fully funded.
- ✓ Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

## HEALTH CARE

**To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA and DOD must:**

- ✓ Properly implement the VA Mission Act of 2018.
- ✓ Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide.
- ✓ Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- ✓ Modernize VA and DOD health IT systems.
- ✓ Strengthen health care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries (TBI).
- ✓ Expand gender-specific programs and competencies.
- ✓ Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- ✓ Prevent the increase of pharmaceutical copayments and remove copayment requirements for preventative medicines.
- ✓ Research the efficacy of medical cannabis.
- ✓ Expand telehealth services.
- ✓ Make nursing home eligibility part of the VA health benefits package.
- ✓ Keep community care reimbursement rates competitive with private health insurance.

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE & MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

**To ensure veterans and their dependents have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:**

- ✓ Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- ✓ Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- ✓ Establish presumptive disability compensation benefits for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI and for health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- ✓ Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.
- ✓ Authorize more than one adaptive automotive grant for disabled veterans.
- ✓ Reform the Gulf War Illness Disability Benefits Questionnaire.
- ✓ Transfer control of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery to the NCA.
- ✓ Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- ✓ Expand VA wartime benefits to early Vietnam veterans.

## EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

**To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, they must have access to:**

- ✓ High-quality and sustainable education benefits.
- ✓ Strong employment and training programs.
- ✓ Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services throughout their lifetime.
- ✓ Small business development opportunities.
- ✓ Civilian credentials or academic credit for military training.
- ✓ Hiring preferences in the civil service and with large government contractors.
- ✓ National veterans treatment court advocates.
- ✓ Education and training in new and expanding career fields.
- ✓ Timely and improved transition assistance including access to programs for veterans after they leave military service.

- ✓ Affordable housing and wraparound services to avoid homelessness.
- ✓ Equitable education benefits for dependents regardless of where they live.
- ✓ Improved character of discharge review and appeals procedures.

## MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

**To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:**

- ✓ Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- ✓ Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- ✓ Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- ✓ End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- ✓ Eliminate the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset.
- ✓ Increase the government's Thrift Savings Plan contribution.
- ✓ Eliminate sexual assaults in the military.
- ✓ Establish the Armed Forces University.
- ✓ Improve stability and support for military families.

## NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS & POW/MIA

**To fully support U.S. troops and their mission to fight the war on terrorism and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world, Congress, DOD and DHS must:**

- ✓ Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- ✓ Secure America's borders.
- ✓ Preserve the all-volunteer force.
- ✓ Maintain a substantial military presence in the Republic of Korea.



# **General Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller VFW Post 1503**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## **244<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday Ball**

**22 JUN [www.vfwpost1503.com](http://www.vfwpost1503.com) 2019**

**14631 MINNIEVILLE ROAD  
DALE CITY, VIRGINIA 22193**

**1800 / 6:00 PM Social**

**1900 / 7:00 PM Dinner**

DJ Steve Bolden and Photos

Hors d’oeuvres, Plated Meal and Birthday Cake

No Host Bar

**Service Uniform – Tuxedos (Formal) (Bow Tie) / Gowns**

**RSVP by 15 JUN 2019 @**

**<https://armybirthdaycelebration2019atvfw.eventbrite.com>**

**(Donations – SILENT AUCTION)**

**Sign up with the committee by contacting  
Comrade Conrado B. Morgan, USA, Retired**

**910-824-1911 / [gcbmpg82@aol.com](mailto:gcbmpg82@aol.com)**



# VFW Post 1503 March Entertainment

DJ Danny 1<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

DJ Carolokie 8<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*March Band Madness\*\*\*

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Greyhound Band

March 9<sup>th</sup>

The Boys & Me  
(Featuring Molly)

March 15<sup>th</sup>

Melodic Drive Band  
(Variety)

St Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup>  
(Sunday 4pm -8pm)

Kurt & Shellie  
(From Nite Life)

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Casanova's Band

Support your VFW Come out and enjoy the music



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dinner 5-9  DJ Danny 8-12	2 Greyhound Band Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
3 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	4	5 BINGO 7:30	6 Boy Scouts 7:30	7 BINGO 7:30	8 Dinner 5-9  Carolokie	9 <b>Boys &amp; Me</b> Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
10 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	11	12 BINGO 7:30	13 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	14 BINGO 7:30	15 Dinner 5-9  Melodic Drive	16 Purple Heart Mtg. Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
17 St. Patty's  Kurt & Shellie 4-8 <b>NO BREAKFAST</b>	18	19 BINGO 7:30	20 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	21 BINGO 7:30	22 Dinner 5-9  DJ Danny 8-12	23 Casanova Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts
24 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00  31 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	25	26 BINGO 7:30	27 Boy Scouts 7:30	28 BINGO 7:30	29 Dinner 5-9  DJ Danny 8-12	30 Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> Weekly Drawings Queen of Hearts

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

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Next Monthly Meeting

**March 20th!**

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