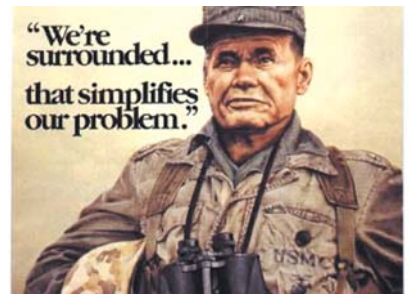




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SEP 2019



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



Golf Tournament participants: Archie, John, Tom and Pete

Although it was very hot and humid the VOD Golf Tournament this year was a blast and extremely successful. We raised \$7,794.34 for our Post Scholarship program. Commander, Senior Vice, Adjutant and Quartermaster (team) had the honor of last place. We won the horse's ass trophy. Which we will cherish always.

Many thanks to Tim Brown for stepping up and becoming the Committee Chairman he did a tremendous job. I think we should make him the permanent Committee Chairman. Also Comrade Morgan who managed to round up a lot of folks who signed up for the tournament and all of you that made donations and helped with the event. It wouldn't have been possible without you. As always our Auxiliary was there handing



POST OFFICERS

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



out goodie bags and much-needed water. *THANK YOU ALL!*

There are numerous photos on our Facebook page of the Tournament take a look!

As of January 1, 2020 all disabled veterans are eligible to use the PX/BX and Commissary go to the address below for more information.

<https://militarybenefits.info/commissary-benefits/>

To keep our website and Constant Contact under control all requests for advertising will be approved by the commander. With the exception of the Auxiliary President for Constant Contact.

NEW WEBSITE is up and running vfw1503.org check it out. Deena our webmaster has worked diligently to make this happen. It's a great site with lots of valuable information. Huge thank you Deena!

National Patriot Day/National Day of Service/ Remembrance **September 11th** @ 1700 hrs we will be holding a brief ceremony under the flagpole. Followed by a Flag Retirement Ceremony in the Pavilion. Plus a 911 Salute in the Canteen @ 1800 hrs.

September 18th Air Force 71st Birthday celebrated in the canteen **September 14th**

September 20th POW/MIA remembrance in the canteen @ 1800hrs

September 29th the Veterans of Foreign Wars was established on this day in 1899

Next Post Meeting September 18th

Thomas Williams, Jr.
Commander Post 1503

VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503 Members!

Cooler temps, football, school buses and falling leaves are sure signs that we have made it to September!

Welcome to all new members ~ happy to have you in our Auxiliary! Betty, Susan, Laura, Monika and I had a great time helping at the Voice of Democracy Golf Tournament; a valuable VFW fundraiser, for an outstanding Scholarship Program. Our Auxiliary purchased bottled water and snacks to hand out to the golfers. We sold 50/50 raffle tickets and Mulligans for the Post and checked in all the teams.

The 1st Auxiliary Breakfast was a fun time getting to visit and share a meal with one another. Looking forward to next month and sure hope to see you there!

Several of us were in attendance for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the brand new John D. Jenkins Elementary School and the Dedication of the Ernestine Jenkins Story Room.

~ Several Important Reminders ~

Membership Renewal Information: For active annual members, renewal is \$20.00 - through the end of October 2019. There will be a drawing for a FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP at the November Auxiliary Meeting, for those that renew by October 31st. If your membership has lapsed, please contact our Auxiliary Treasurer, Karla Coker.

Contact Information Update: .Internet ~ Auxiliary Website: <https://vfwauxiliary.org> click on the MALTA MEMBER LOGIN tab (activate acct, if 1st time) click on PROFILE ~ update

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President	Kelli Levitt
Sr. Vice President	Reggie Garland
Jr. Vice President	Susan Adamczyk
Secretary	Betty Gimble
Treasurer	Karla Coker
Chaplain	Joyce DelVecchio
Conductress	Jan Kiecker
Guard	Laura Adamczyk
1st Yr Trustee	Judy Bridges
2nd Yr Trustee	Rebecca Moninghoff
3rd Yr Trustee	Monika Walczyk
Historian	Joyce Gibbs
Patriotic Instructor	Janelle Garland

anything not current. Please email or mail renewals or updates to: Karla Coker, Treasurer • 13212 Trails End Ct. • Manassas, VA 20112 • kjcoker1503@gmail.com or VFW Post 1503 ATTN: AUXILIARY • 14631 Minnieville Rd. • Dale City, VA 22193

You may also leave information with a staff member at the Post ~ just ask them to put it in the Auxiliary "mailbox" in the canteen.

Our Auxiliary is proud to continue our support in the Annual National Day of Service. We are happy to provide lunch this month for the hard working crew of Mr. Handy Man ~ who once again will spend the day providing home repair services to a Veteran in our community.

Youth Activities Chairman, Margo has purchased a huge supply of much needed and requested supplies for 3 Title 1 schools in our area. The donations, which include playground activities, books, markers and games, will be delivered to the schools later this month.

If you would like to be added to our Chaplain Alert email, please contact Betty at bjg1503@gmail.com ~ please add Chaplain Alert in the subject line.

[VFW Auxiliary 10th District, Department of Virginia Sol and Meeting](#)

Sunday, September 15th - Post 1503 "B" Hall • Coffee, Juice and Doughnuts ~ 9:15 am • Auxiliary District School of Instruction ~ 10:00 - 12 noon • Lunch ~ 12:00 - 1:00 pm (Lunch provided) • 1:00 - 2:30 pm Auxiliary District Meeting • Jerry Miller, 10th District President invites and encourages all Auxiliary members to attend.

Please remember to like and follow our [Facebook](#) page: [VFW Post 1503 - Auxiliary](#)

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Sept 14th ~ Auxiliary Breakfast ~ 9am ~ Post 1503

Sept 15th ~ District 10 Sol & Mtg

Sept 18th ~ Auxiliary Meeting ~ 7pm ~ "A" Hall

Sept 21st ~ Auxiliary Wing Night ~ "C" TEAM

Please continue to reach out to those who are ill, struggling or lost.

[Kelli Levitt](#)

Auxiliary 1503 President

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FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Can you believe it's September already. You know this is building up to **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?** Look forward to seeing you every Sunday. As in the past the 1 o'clock game will have halftime food every week for the entire season. Reminder that if you want to be sure you get to see your favorite team it is our goal to make that happen. We have 7 65" or larger tv's for your viewing pleasure. We need you to request your game at least 1/2 hour prior to the start of the game. Request thru the bartender or M/A on duty. Every attempt will be made to make it happen, but sometimes you might not be able to sit at your favorite spot.

QUEEN OF HEARTS game last month was played for the final time. We are working on another game called the 1503 SPECIAL, which is a SEAL CARD game. It will take the place of the QUEEN on Saturday nights 7:30 drawing. Still working out the details of how the game will be played, but I do know that it will have a pre-determined winning card. Looking at possible 5 draws per session with pay out every other month with one winner, or multiple winners, will let you know when and if this will happen.

Also a reminder that new door cards are being switched out now. If you still have the green card it no longer works at the door. See bartender or M/A once your admitted for your new card. Annual members who are not up to date on there dues will not be allowed in until there dues are brought current.

GUN SHOW – SEPTEMBER 7TH AND 8TH

9/11 CEREMONY – SEPTEMBER 11TH, 6 PM IN CANTEEN

AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY – SEPTEMBER 18TH

FLEA MARKET – SEPTEMBER 28TH PAVILION

John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a very good cookout and **Viola Drive** in August, and I want to thank all that made that happen! Florence's husband Joe was busy cooking and making sure everyone had enough to eat! There was 5 Patriots out working the **Viola Drive** for two hours and we raised \$368! Great job Team! The Chapter Patriots calls to our members to update contact information has been very successful, although only one Patriot Jerry Martin showed up for the cookout, but I hope the rest will make a meeting soon! Patriot Joe Saitta who has created a MOPH Wing Team on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Post has collected \$88 for the Chapter! Good job Joe!! Thanks to all that have supported the MOPH M 17 Sig Sauer 9 mm pistol raffle for the Chapter. We had 1,000 tickets printed and only have 200 left and we expect to be out at the end of the month. I want to thank Mike Beach at Bob's Printing for printing our tickets and all he does for veterans and for his patience!

The next **Chapter Meeting** is on **Saturday, September 21st**. 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



September is here already ~ where did the summer go!! This August the MOC/MOCA were “busier than a bee” ~ another Cootie Slogan. We began the month hosting another outstanding wing night and had a very industrious visit to the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility, where we played Bingo and enjoyed some snacks and ice cream with the residents ~ we had a great turn out and hope to continue that into our visit when we return to McGuire VA hospital in October.

Members of our MOC/MOCA including our Grand Commander Bob Dugas made the trip down to Norfolk Oceanview VFW Post 3160 to go on the 25th Annual Virginia Cootie Safari!! We visited several outstanding posts in the area and enjoyed the comradery of nearly 80 attendants on a double decker bus. An outstanding time was had by all who attended and a fair amount of “Cootie Milk” was enjoyed. Cootie Milk can mean actual milk but often refers to a libation of one’s choice.

This September the kids are back in school and MOC/MOCA activities are in full swing...

[MOC/MOCA Wing Night ~ 7 SEP](#) / [Flea Market VFW Post 1503 Pavilion ~ 28 SEP](#)

For more information regarding the Flea Market please see the flyer insert to this month’s newsletter or contact our Flea Market Chairs for the MOC/MOCA Ben Guinan or Susan Adamczyk. Also start warming up those arms for a Conhole Tournament on the 5th of October.

Additional MOC/MOCA and/or upcoming events can be found at the Supreme website: <https://www.lotcs.org>

Look for information on upcoming events via email, or contact your MOC/MOCA Seam Squirrel or President with any questions or concerns.

Our next regular [Scratch/Meeting](#) is **11 SEP**. Hope to see you there.

[KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE!!!](#)

[Tom Levitt](#)

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[Blue Water Navy Veterans](#)

Presumptive service locations and times:

Public Law 116-23 establishes that veterans who served in a unit that operated in or near the Korean DMZ during the Vietnam War are considered to have been exposed to herbicides if their service on the DMZ was between September 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971. The veterans are eligible for presumptive service connection (and their survivors are eligible for DIC based on cause of death) for the 14 conditions listed in 38 CFR 3.309(e). Presumptive exposure to herbicides was extended to veterans who served off the coast of Vietnam, within the 12 mile territorial sea of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, 12 nautical miles seaward of a baseline starting on the southwestern demarcation of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia and intersecting the points listed at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/299/text>

VA does not recognize service medals as proof of service in Vietnamese waters. There is more information available on this subject in my office.

[Veterans Appeals Modernization Act \(AMA\)](#)

The Veteran Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act became law on August 2013, 2107 (Pub L 115-55). It is also known as the Appeals Modernization Act (AMA). The veteran now has three options for review: 1) Higher-level review; 2) Supplemental Claim Lane; and 3) Appeal Lane for Appeals to the Board. You may read more about this at <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals.asp> or make an appointment to discuss in the office.

[Department of Veterans Affairs: Home Loan Fees Refunds](#)

The VA issued a press release last month as the inspector general was preparing to release the investigation results announcing that the Agency is now notifying veterans when they buy homes under the program that they are exempt from the fees if they are disabled or later determined to be disabled. "Through an internal quality improvement effort, VA has put a plan in place to better inform veterans through key communications when the law allows VA to waive the fee for a veteran," VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said in the release. The release did not say what is being done to ensure veterans due refunds from loans in prior years are paid. The inspector general found the amounts owed in its review ranged from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The VA said veterans who believe they are owed a refund should consult the agency's website for more information about VA home loan funding fees at https://benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/resources_circs_prev.asp

Tami Brown
Accredited Claims Consultant

FROM THE WEBMASTER

The Post 1503 website is moving to www.vfw1503.org The old website will remain up until December. If anyone would like photos that are posted on the old website they need to be copied before December. Click on the photo you would like to save then right click and save to the storage area of your choice.

The new website begins with an About Us section. Included is the Post and Auxiliary Officers, Mission, Announcements for our Post, membership information, contact and information for Hall Rental and Catering, a photo gallery which is now set in a slide show format. At present photos are still being transferred to the new site. The second section contains helpful links and information for Veterans and who to contact for assistance. The third section contains an interactive calendar with events at the Post, National, District, and Department Level. It also contains news articles of interest at the Post, National and District Level. The last section contains a members only section which requires a login. To login in a member needs to use their VFW Member ID# and last name. Once connected it is strongly suggested you change your password. The member only login is not active at this time and will be shortly. Once activated if a member is not current on their dues the system will not grant access to the members only section.

With the new options available I am looking forward to working on this site and the members of Post 1503.

Deena Hansen Esteban

Webmaster Post 1503





Flea Market



Saturday
September 28, 2019

VFW Post 1503

Dale City, Virginia
14631 Minnieville Road

8:00 AM – 3:00PM

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* teams will be assigned by
random draw once all players are
checked in and paid

* bags will be provided - and must
stay at each board, NO carrying
of bags from board to board



**September's
Music @ the VFW**

**DJ Big Mike Music
6-7 September**

**DJ Danny 13-27 September
Caroloke 21 September**

**September 14
True Soul
(By Popular Demand)**

**September 20
Shot Gun Hyway
(6pm – 10pm)**

**September 28
Honkeytonk Casanova**

Great Bands Playing in September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	2 LABOR DAY THE NEW YORK STATE	3 BINGO 7:30	4 Boy Scouts 7:30	5 BINGO 7:30	6 Dinner 5-9 DJ Big Mike	7 DJ Big Mike Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
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Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Next Monthly Meeting

September 18th!

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