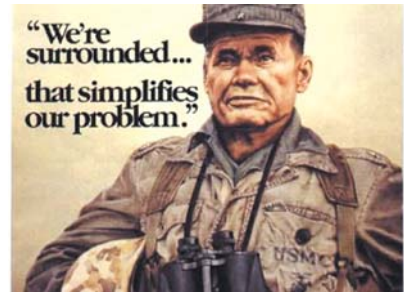




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

MAR 2020



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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,



The post's annual VOD, Teacher of the Year and Patriot Pen awards was a successful event thanks to our Post Surgeon Star for her hard work and all of our members for supporting the event.

Our Post had the honor of receiving a Appreciation Certificate from OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC – Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter Prince William County for our generous donations to assist in achieving their goals.

Vietnam Day March 29th

The Vietnam War pitted communist North Vietnam and the Viet Cong against South Vietnam and the United States. The war ended when U.S. forces withdrew in 1973 and Vietnam unified under Communist control two years later. In honor of our Vietnam Veterans we will be hosting a free late lunch in the canteen Sunday March 29th 2-4pm.



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



A huge thank you to our Bingo Chairman Sterling Moninghoff and his dedicated team of volunteers for their commitment each week to bingo. Without them bingo would not be possible. You guys make it happen every week.

Don't miss the activities on March 17th in the canteen.

If you are a member in good standing and want to run for an officer position nominations will be held at our next meeting March 18th.

Hope to see you all there.



Thomas Williams, Jr.
Commander Post 1503

VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503! Welcome to all new members!

As we begin the month of March, I have to say I am so over the cold weather, especially with no snow! How about you?

Our monthly breakfast on the 15th was fantastic, as it always is. There were ten of us doing what we enjoy ~ visiting and eating! Come on out this month on the 21st and join us!

"B" team was on for our wing night, also on the 15th. Was a bit of a challenge with one of the fryers down in the kitchen, but we made it work. Thank you Erin, for jumping in to help! Due up this month, on the 21st is "C" team, with Michael, Venee, Stan, Bonnie & Kelli. If you would like to join a team, please let me know!

The VFW Post 1503 Awards Banquet was a great opportunity for our Auxiliary to support the community with monetary awards to the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year winners. Bright and talented students and encouraging teachers shared a theme of Patriotism and Inspiration.

Registration is now open for the 107th Auxiliary National Convention in RENO! Information can be found at <https://vfwauxiliary.org>. Our designated hotel will fill up fast; do not delay if you would like to attend!

10th District Auxiliary Meeting is Sunday, March 1st at Post 1503. Lunch served at 11:30 and joint meeting/awards presentation with the VFW at 1:00. Please plan to attend and show your support!

DID YOU KNOW? The VFW Auxiliary has a Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest?

The deadline is quickly approaching ~ detailed information at <https://vfwauxiliary.org>. Click on scholarships.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

March 31: Student Entry Deadline to Local VFW Auxiliary.

The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$31,000! That is serious money!

Our shirts have arrived! Please plan to pick up your shirt at this month's meeting. There are a few extra's ~ get there early before they are gone!

If you are not receiving our Chaplain Alerts and would like to, please send an email to Betty and she will add you to the list - bjg1503@gmail.com. Our members care an awful lot for one another, however, we don't always have the information when someone is ill or in the hospital or has lost a loved one ~ you can help us by letting us know!

Elections are coming up in April. If you would like to hold a position or nominate someone ~ we have a Nominating Committee. Please contact either Ellen Carleton - elcvfw1503@msn.com or Joyce Gibbs - bigk4487@aol.com with your intent.

Please be sure to keep us updated with any changes to your contact information, so you don't miss any important announcements.

I hope to see you at our meeting this month! We are doing great things for our Veterans and our community!

As always, if you have questions, concerns, comments or are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our officers ~ we are here to help.

Kelli Levitt

Auxiliary 1503 President

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703-895-8855

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

~ NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED ~ *aesop*

Remember to like and follow our Facebook page... VFW Post 1503 - Auxiliary

~ Dates to Remember ~

Every Thursday ~ Visit to Potomac Place ~ 11:30

MAR 1st ~ 10th District Meeting

MAR 18th ~ Monthly Membership Meeting

MAR 21st ~ Auxiliary Breakfast 9:00

MAR 21st ~ Auxiliary Wing Night "C" Team

APR 5th ~ Children's Easter Party 1-3



FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Well we are now in the month of March. The year is 2020. Winter is over. We had no snow. Just wanted to get that off my chest since time really does go by faster the older you get. Enough on that subject.

MARCH 7th & 8th – GUN SHOW

MARCH 17th – ST PATTY'S DAY One of the busiest days we have here all year. Serving the best Corn Beef in town. Will open doors at 11 AM and intend to serve food until 9 PM. We ordered twice the amount of Corn Beef this time but once its gone its gone, so please come early if you want to be sure to get yours. Will have music in the Dance Floor area starting at 3 PM. Shelli and Kurt from Nite-Life band again will be playing until 8 PM. Dance floor area will be reserved for VFW MEMBERS ONLY.

MARCH 21st – POWERHOUSE GAMING – Will be here from 6 PM to 8 PM having a MONEY BOOTH exhibit with cash and other prizes.

Floors in the Canteen, Fireplace and Dining room, have been replaced and what a difference there is. Makes all the rooms look bigger and brighter.

Sorry to announce that one of our bartenders is moving out of the area and March 11th will be Sherry's last day working here. We will miss her pleasant smile and wish her nothing but the best. If you want to see her in March she will be the closing bartender on duty on the 1st, 4th, 8th, and 11th.

REMINDER EVERY SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – WINGS 6 PM TO 8 PM – WEEKLY DRAWING 8 PM

John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a good February meeting and notified everyone that we will hold our Chapter elections at the next meeting. I encourage everyone to consider an elected or appointed position to help our Chapter do the business needed. We are seeking to pay and receive the 15 MOPH Leadership awards for our JROTC schools, however National had not received the request from State yet but this should happen soon. Miss Vicki from National Headquarters is working with me to get our order. Once we receive the awards, we will give them to our Chapter Patriots to give them to the schools prior to the award ceremony. A friendly reminder that our **Viola Drive** is **Saturday, April 18th** and we will meet at the Post at 0900. The Honor Bus begins again on April 25th with veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam to travel to our Nation's Capital. As we did last year, we will meet the bus at the Marine Museum at Quantico around 1000.

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



Hey, Hey, We're the Monkeys ~ oh, no we're not!! Well, hey Cooties!!

We had a crummy February! Busy as bees, as we continue to increase and multiply, as always!

We earned some tip money, served up lots of wings and had fun on the 1st. 7 March is "C" team ~ contact mrcheck@gmail.com for more info.

Outstanding visit to McGuire Hospital on the 8th. Twenty three volunteers made the trek to Richmond to visit with the Veterans. They loved bingo, the lap blankets, movie passes and all the gifts we were able to provide them with. Veteran/Patient Jim loved the limited edition Washington Nationals Baseball Bat that was donated and raffled off, then donated back by the winner, to give to a Veteran during our visit. Next visit on 11 April ~ free breakfast at the post, beginning at 8:30 am, and then we carpool to Richmond. Open to everyone ~ mark your calendar now!!

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for 2020-2021! Thanks to all for continuing to support our organization. This month we will hold installation immediately following the scratch/meeting. Look for more info to follow via email.

Guaranteed to be a lousy time with the "snakie snake" pup tent and auxiliary of Huntington, WV at the 4th Supreme District Council of Administration coming up 24-26 April. Deadline for hotel is 24 March. If you need information or a registration form, let us know.

If you are a member of Da-Lec-Ity Pup Tent 14 MOC/MOCA and you are not active, you should be! We have fun, we act up, we are serious, and we are dedicated. We do a lot for Veterans, and we love every minute of it!

It's never too early to start cleaning out closets! Semi-Annual Spring MOC/MOCA Flea Market scheduled for 9 MAY. More info as the date gets closer.

Our next regular **Scratch/Meeting with Installation of Officers** to follow is **11 MARCH**. Hope to see you there.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE!!!

Tom Levitt

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CANDIDATE FOR POST COMMANDER

Comrades I would like to announce my candidacy for Commander. I have been serving our post in various leadership and volunteer roles for some time and during 2018-2020 it has been my pleasure to serve as Senior Vice Commander and represent our post as Adjutant and subsequently the Service Officer for District 10. I have learned a lot from our comrades and others to prepare me for moving forward in the post leadership.

I will listen to the membership and represent them to the best of my ability and adhere to what is recited at the opening of every meeting; "Comrades, we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit. Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States of America."

I am asking for your support and would appreciate your vote for Commander.

Yours in Comradeship,
Tom Levitt

CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

My Fellow VFW members I would like to announce my candidacy for Post 1503 Senior Vice Commander for the 2020 - 2021 year. Our Post has enjoyed incredible growth in the past year, and I am both willing and eager to be part of the leadership that continues to help our Post move forward and maintain our status as the largest and best VFW in the world. If elected, I will work tirelessly to ensure that I represent the membership, be open minded and welcome hearing from members and addressing their concerns. During this past year, I was involved with and supported a number of initiatives and programs that benefited and supported the members of this Post. They included our semi-annual Buddy Poppy program, Bingo, Commemorations, Armed Forces Service events, and our Annual Christmas Tree Sales. I would like to continue being part of the leadership of this great post and I'm asking for your vote and support in the coming election. Good luck to all the Candidates.

Bernie Carter

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

After an Army career that was cut far too short by injury, I eventually found my way to the VFW and Post 1503. After joining, I felt a sense of purpose and camaraderie that had long been missing in my life. I dedicated myself to doing all I could for the Post and the VFW in general. Along with volunteering for a multitude of activities during my tenure with our post, I have served two terms as Post Surgeon and one as Post Adjutant. In my capacity as Post Surgeon, I ran two successful seasons of our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy youth scholarship programs as well as helped reestablish the Blood Drives held at our post. As Post Adjutant, I have been involved with many facets of post and VFW related administration. During my time with our post, I have had the great honor of being a part of our MOC Pup Tent and will be installed as the Seam Squirrel (Commander) for the upcoming year. I have also served as the VFW VA District 10 Adjutant and Inspector for the past year. In both roles, it has been my honor to work with all the posts in our district. I would very much like to continue my work with the VFW and Post 1503 and help continue to lead the post into the future. To that end, I am announcing my intention to run for the office of Junior Vice Commander of VFW Post 1503. I will continue to make every effort to serve our brethren, our post, and our community.

Regards to all,
Ben Guinan

CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE ADVOCATE

Greetings Fellow Comrades of Post 1503, the Largest VFW Post in the World. It is with honor and privilege that I announce my candidacy as our next VFW Post 1503 Judge Advocate.

I am a life member of our great post and serving as Post Surgeon. As Surgeon, I've been given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to partner with you in service to our Comrades and communities in which we've built our lives. I have journeyed to spend time with our Comrades residing in VA Nursing Homes and honored our Comrades during their Celebration of Life. I have championed students in our community to remain committed to academic excellence through our annual Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship competition and advocate for educators whom transcend the expectations of community by way of our Teacher of the Year awards ceremony. These experiences solidify why I pledged my service to the United States Army. These experiences are why I am honored to support the programs and services that enrich the lives of Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Veterans, our Families, and the communities in which we live!

I envision continuing service to Post 1503 and community as our next Judge Advocate. I am committed to building upon characteristics such as the stalwart leadership shown by past Judge Advocates and legendary Marine Corps Officer, LTG Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller.

I am asking for your support to be elected into the Judge Advocate position.

Yours in Comradeship, Service and Patriotism,
Estrella "Star" Martinez

CANDIDATE FOR POST SURGEON

I'm Robert Adamczyk aka "Check" and I'm running for Post Surgeon. I've been an active life member of Post 1503 for several years. I'm the MOC Hide Gimlet for Pup Tent 14, MOC Hospital Chairman for the Grand of Virginia, Senior Vice Commander for District 10, member of the Post Honor Guard, and the co-chair of the House Committee with Joe Saita. I work bingo two nights a week, I've worked recruiting booths for the Post (on and off site), volunteered for wings, helped set up the kids' parties, delivered Christmas food baskets, and been on many hospital visits to McGuire VA hospital. I've also made a few improvements around the canteen such as hooking up the second TV for Karaoke and redesigning the wing order form.

As for the job of Post Surgeon, I've been a judge for Patriots Pen and ran the judging at the District level for the Voice of Democracy. I also have a good working relationship with our previous two Post Surgeons for any advice I may need during the coming year.

On a personal level, during my time overseas in the US Army, I had a great deal of camaraderie with my fellow soldiers that I didn't think I would ever experience again. In the last several years, I've found that camaraderie with the comrades and auxiliary members of Post 1503. For that, I am forever grateful. I hope you will support my candidacy and vote for me as your next Post Surgeon.

Robert "Check" Adamczyk

CANDIDATE FOR THREE YEAR TRUSTEE

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the position of Post Trustee. I have served in this position for many years and would like to continue serving as Post Trustee. I respectfully request your support for my re-election.

Tom Gimble

VFW POST 1503

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ DANNY

MARCH 6TH & 20TH

DJ MICHAEL

MARCH 7TH & 27TH

(DANCING & KARAOKE)

DJ ARCLIGHT

MARCH 13TH

(DANCE, LATIN & LINE DANCING)

DJ CAROLOKE

MARCH 21ST

JOE & THE IRRESISTIBLES

BAND & SHOW – MARCH 14TH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

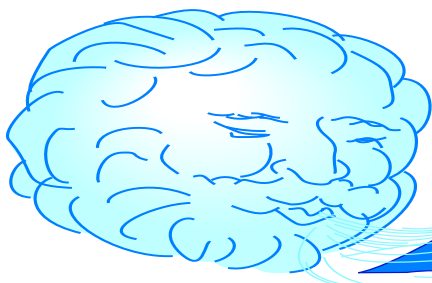
KURT & SHELLY (OF NIGHTLIFE BAND)

MARCH 17TH – 3:30PM

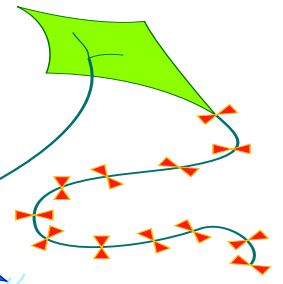
THE FABULOUS ROCKITS

70's, 80's R&R – MARCH 28TH

ALL ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 8PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	2	3 BINGO 7:30	4 Boy Scouts 7:30	5 BINGO 7:30	6 Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny	7 GUN SHOW DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
8 GUN SHOW Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00 Daylight Savings Time	9	10 BINGO 7:30	11 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	12 BINGO 7:30	13 Dinner 5-9 DJ Arclight	14 Joe & Irresistibles Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
15 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	16	17 St. Patty's  BINGO 7:30	18 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	19 BINGO 7:30	20 Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny	21 Purple Heart Mtg. Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
22 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	23	24 BINGO 7:30	25 Boy Scouts 7:30	26 BINGO 7:30	27 Dinner 5-9 DJ Michael	28 Fabulous Rockits Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
29 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00 Vietnam Veterans Day Free Lunch 2:00 - 4:00	30	31 BINGO 7:30				

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503

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Next Monthly Meeting

March 18th!

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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**.

