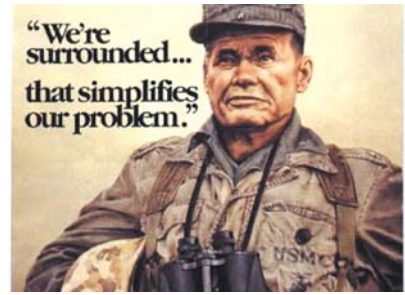




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

FEB 2020



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,

The Winter Council in January was a terrific success attended by many of our officers and Post membership.

Smoking Committee – Post-1503 is searching for a small group of volunteers to form a Smoking Committee and elect a Chairman to research the possibility of a smoking lounge at the Post. If interested contact the Post Commander (cdrpost1503@vfwva.org) for further details. If no committee is formed within the next 30 days (by our next Post meeting) the smoking lounge issue will be closed until further notice.



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



Black History Month is a holiday which is celebrated every February in the U.S. Black History Month can be traced all the way back to September of 1915. In that year, historian Carter G. Woodson and Minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. This organization was dedicated to researching and promoting the achievements of not only black Americans but all prominent people of African descent. This group would go on to sponsor a National Negro History Week in 1926. The month of February was chosen because the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass are in that month. After learning of this many communities around the country began to organize local celebrations.

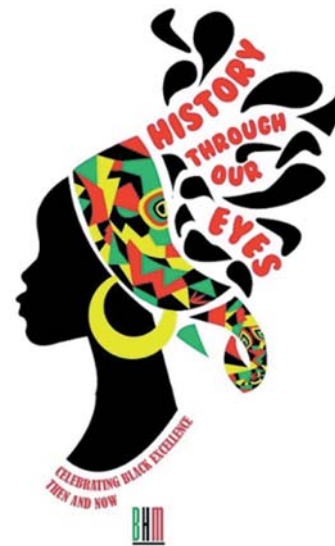
Congratulations to "Archie" our first recruiting program winner. Archie won a Bronze Legacy Life membership. Well deserved! We are so close to our 100% goal thanks to everybody for their help in recruiting. As of today January 21st were at 99.14%

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year awards will be held February 8th 1300-1500 hrs. Mark your calendars!

Join us for the next Comrade Meeting Wednesday February 19th 1900hrs. Hope to see you there.

Thomas Williams, Jr.
Commander Post 1503

BLACK HISTORY month



VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503 Members!
 Happy Valentine's Day & Happy Leap Year - Month!
 Welcome to all new members, we are happy to have you in our Auxiliary. Our membership is now over 900! WOW! Let's keep the recruiting momentum going!

Department of Virginia Winter Council was an excellent and fun time ~ learning about Auxiliary programs, hearing from the VOD, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year winners and spending time with friends. Our Auxiliary was well represented, with 16 members! Susan, Laura and Elizabeth helped in the District 10 hospitality suite ~ making sure everyone was fed and well taken care of. You're service is appreciated ~ thank you!

Our January breakfast was so fun! All 10 of us were so busy talking and eating and enjoying the time together, that we completely forgot to get a picture! Plan to join us this month, on the 15th.

The "A" team had a successful evening; serving lots of wings on the 18th we collected \$26 in tips! "B" team {Donna, Rita, Jim, Bonnie & Stan} on for this month, also on the 15th.

Congratulations to Janell Garland, who was elected to the position of 1st year trustee at our January membership meeting. A special election was required, due to the 2019-2020 1st year trustee resigning, mid-year.

Auxiliary 1503 shirts! We have selected a button down "denim" shirt this year. There are order forms with detailed information (please use ONE form per shirt) available in the Auxiliary office, on the Auxiliary FB page and one has been emailed out via Constant Contact. I must have your form and money by COB February 4th. You may leave it in the "Auxiliary Mailbox" in the Canteen or give it to myself, Karla or Betty.

The 2020 Auxiliary Podium Edition Bylaws Book is available for purchase at our monthly meetings. Cost is \$8. As always, the book, and an Auxiliary membership pin are included at no charge, in the "welcome bag" for new members. If you have recently joined, and have not received your welcome bag, please let us know at the next meeting that you attend.

We are in the beginning stages of planning our 2020 Auxiliary Family Freedom Event, taking place in May. This will be a joint event with the Comrades, and is sure to be a huge, fun filled day for our members and the community. Please plan to help, as many hands are needed!

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

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

DID YOU KNOW? During the 2018-2019 Program Year - Auxiliary members worldwide:

- Provided \$6.2 million dollars in goods and services to veterans, service members and their families.
- Made nearly 120,000 legislative contacts to help pass or block important bills affecting veterans and their families.
- Volunteered more than 630,000 hours in VA Medical Centers, hospitals, nursing homes and veteran's homes.

[<https://vfwauxiliary.org>]

Our members work hard to serve and support Veterans. Proud of us!

Emails from Post 1503 VFW & Auxiliary come from Constant Contact. If you are not receiving them, please let me know so that your information can be updated.

Don't forget about "auxiliary pop quiz" at this month's meeting! Children are permitted to attend, as needed; and free dinner for attendees after the meeting. I encourage each of you to attend.

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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~ Dates to Remember ~

Every Thursday ~ Visit to Potomac Place ~ 11:30

FEB 8th ~ McGuire VA Hospital Visit

FEB 15th ~ Auxiliary Breakfast

FEB 15th ~ Auxiliary Wing Night ~ "B" Team

MAR 1st ~ 10th District Mtg & Awards Banquet

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

*Be My
Valentine* 

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Well, here it is February already. Lets get started.

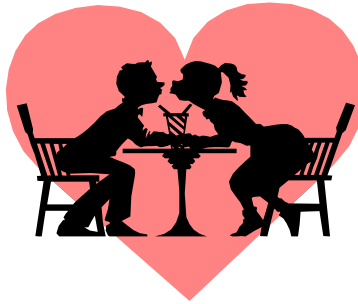
SUPER BOWL AT THE V – Sunday February 2nd – Please join us for the pre-game meal and game. Post will be supplying food that will be served between 5 and 5:30. If you would like to bring in a side dish for everyone to enjoy, please have it here by 4:30, so the staff can add it to our food line. If you can please call us in advance so we can have an idea how many to expect.

COMEDY NIGHT IN THE A HALL – Saturday Feb 8th – Starting at 8:00 to 11:00p.m. – All Veterans performing – FREE TO 1503 MEMBERS. General admission \$5.00 at door for non members. Window will be open for light food orders. Adult beverages available.

VALENTINES DINNER DANCE – Friday Feb 14th – In the canteen dinner served 5 TO 9 special menu. Live band (Pam Pelano) 8 to 12.

New floor in canteen is beautiful. Membership at the last meeting approved replacing the carpet in the fireplace and mirror room with the same material. Should be done by the end of this month.

Remember WINGS are back every Saturday night from 6 to 8 pm.



John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a small turnout in our January meeting but enough quorum to approve our standing motions and to purchase 15 MOPH Leadership awards for our JROTC schools. We will pick up the MOPH Leadership awards from Headquarters from Miss Vicki. Once we receive the awards, we will give them to our Chapter Patriots to give them to the schools prior to the award ceremony. The books were audited by Patriot Florence Iremedio and we agreed to have another Chapter cookout at the VFW Post 1503 pavilion in September. We also reminded Patriots that our **Viola Drive** is Saturday, April 18th and we will meet at the Post at 0900. The Honor Bus begins again in April 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. We are asking our Patriots to notify the Chapter, if you know about any combat wounded veteran and or their family that may need assistance.

The next **Chapter Meeting** is on **Saturday, February 15th**. 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

The New Year is marching by quickly. Hard to believe it is already February. It seems like we are always playing catch up after the holidays, thankfully we have 29 days this month due to the leap year!!



After a very successful raffle this past month we awarded the Nationals Commemorative World Series bat to VFW and MOC Life Member Ted Heffernan from Post 10223 of Camp Humphreys, Korea. In a very lousy gesture Ted donated the bat back to the Pup Tent to be given away to a patient at our hospital visit this month. Many thanks to Ted and our crummy Sky Pilot who initially donated the bat for the raffle and Cootie Bert for selling the lion share of the raffle tickets!!

Our Grand MOC Scratch and MOCA Mtg in Portsmouth on the 11th had a great turnout. Crummy Grand Commander and our own Cootie Dugas and President Gail did a lousy job! A fun time was had by all as we managed to handle some business, collect fines, spend money and enjoy some cootie milk at the same time. Thanks to all who attended!!

This month we start out of the gate with wings on the 1st of February ~ B Team has the lead. Teams are MOC and MOCA members ~ if you have not signed up, get with Cootie Check and he will add you to a team.

We will be conducting a hospital visit on the 8th of February to McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond. All Post, Auxiliary, Family and Friends are welcome to join us for the hospital visit. We meet in the canteen for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and depart NLT 10:00 a.m. in carpools. Breakfast is courtesy of the Post but please remember your server as gratuity is not included. We are planning room visits and bingo for the veterans which are always a hit!!

Nominations and elections for MOC/MOCA officers will take place during our Scratch/Mtg this month as prescribed by Supreme MOC/MOCA.

Looking forward to another busy but lousy month!!

Our next regular **Scratch/Meeting** is **12 FEB**. Hope to see you there.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE!!!

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VFW POST 1503

Entertainment

Comedy Night – February 8th

(A Hall – Free for Members, \$5 Member's Guests)

DJ Michael
February 7th
(Karaoke)

DJ Arclight
February 15th
(Dance, Latin and Line Dancing)

DJ Steve Bolden – February 22nd
(Dancing)

DJ Danny
February 21st and 28th

DJ Caroloke
February 29th

Vaguely Familiar – February 1st
(Rock & Roll)

Valentine's Dance with Pam Palano Band
February 14th



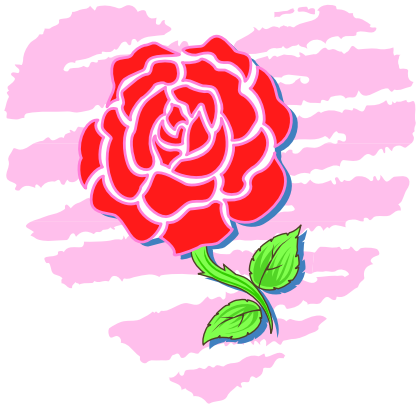
February

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Vaguely Familiar Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings |
| 2 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00 | 3 | 4 BINGO 7:30 | 5 Boy Scouts 7:30 | 6 BINGO 7:30 | 7 Dinner 5-9 DJ Michael | 8 Comedy Night Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings |
| 9 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00 | 10 | 11 BINGO 7:30 | 12 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 | 13 BINGO 7:30 | 14 Valentine's Dinner & Dance with Pam Palano | 15 Purple Heart Mtg. DJ Arclight Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings |
| 16 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00 | 17 President's Day | 18 BINGO 7:30 | 19 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 | 20 BINGO 7:30 | 21 Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny | 22 DJ Steve Bolden Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings |
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Lunch Specials Prepared Daily – www.vfwpost1503.com

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Next Monthly Meeting

February 19th!

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Valentine's Dinner & Dance

~ Friday, February 14th ~

Dinner 5:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.

Appetizers

Entrees

Assorted Desserts

Then Dance

The Night Away

with

Pam Palano Band

