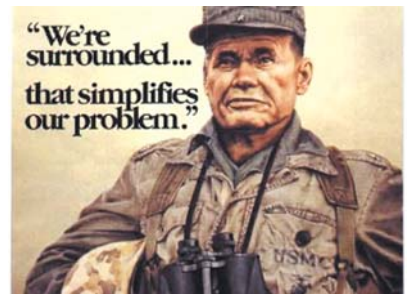




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

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General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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Thur 12 PM - 12 AM • Fri 12 PM - 12:30 AM • Sat 9 AM - 12:30 AM • Sun 9 AM - 7 PM

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

The summer heat and activities at the post are in full swing. This past month we saw more normal operations with the return of Friday night dinners and entertainment every weekend. We will continue to expand operations as conditions allow. We are hopefully optimistic that pandemic restrictions will not return!

This past month we enjoyed celebrating our Nation's Independence Day with our participation in the Dale City Parade. The organizations of the post were well represented at the parade and the Honor Guard led our formation as usual and did an



POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander Tom Levitt
- Senior Vice Bernie Carter
- Junior Vice Ben Guinan
- Quartermaster Carl Richardson
- Judge Advocate Star Martinez
- Surgeon Robert Adamczyk
- Chaplain Ed Bennett
- 3 Year Trustee John Dodge
- 2 Year Trustee Tom Gimble
- 1 Year Trustee Ron Laney
- Adjutant Randy Coker
- Service Officer Raymond Bailey
- Asst. Service Officer Tami Brown
- House Committee Chair Lionel Ward
- Past Commander Thomas Williams, Jr.



outstanding job along with all of the units. After the parade we had our post picnic. Our volunteers were led by a large contingent from our Auxiliary which made the picnic another great success as DJ Mike and 'Elvis' entertained the diners. Later in the month several of our Post and Auxiliary members made the trip down to Portsmouth to celebrate the Homecoming of Virginia's first VFW National Commander in Chief, Hal Roesch, where the post 1503 team 'Where's Arch' posted a respectable 74 in the golf tournament.

As you are reading this some of us are already off to National Convention in Kansas City. This month we will celebrate the Coast Guard's 231st birthday on the 4th. We will also have entertainment on every Friday and Saturday night – come out and enjoy the DJ's and Bands!! August

7th is National Purple Heart Day and the Band of Brothers is sponsoring a poker run to support McGuire VA Hospital. See the Purple Heart article and Poker Run flyer for more information on these events. Spots are filling up for the Post Golf Tournament on the 27th of the month – sign up soon to lock in your spot and get to the driving range to practice your swing!

****RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE****

Our quarterly recruiting incentive announced last year has seen several life members achieve various levels of Legacy Life Membership. This past month began a new year and we awarded our final quarter award for the previous year at the monthly post meeting, a Gold Legacy Life Membership to Past Quartermaster Tim Brown – Congratulations to Tim!! As a reminder, for every five members you recruit a ticket is placed in the drawing for you and remains throughout the year until drawn or the recruitment year ends. This means even if you win that ticket is removed and any previous or subsequent tickets you earned through recruiting remain in the drawing until the end of the year!! Awards are granted as follows for members who are drawn as winners:

Annual Member = Life Membership

Life Member = Bronze Legacy Life

Bronze Legacy Life = Silver Legacy Life

Silver Legacy Life = Gold Legacy Life

To stay informed watch for emails via Constant Contact and check out what is happening on our post website and Facebook pages to stay updated and see all the latest happenings and pictures from events.

On the Web At: vfw1503.org

Follow and Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-of-Foreign-Wars-Post-1503-96167622773/>

Our **Next Meeting** will be at **7:00 p.m.** on **18 August** at VFW Post 1503 in the meeting room. Please follow CDC recommendations for face coverings and attend only if you are healthy. We will continue to conduct in-person only meetings unless there is a compelling reason to add a Zoom option.

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Tom Levitt

Post Commander

cdrpost1503@vfwva.org



VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503 Brothers & Sisters – August is here, and the heat seems to be unrelenting! Hope you are finding ways to keep cool!

Our membership continues to grow and with the addition of our 6 new Life Members and 1 transfer – we are well on our way to reaching our membership goal and it’s only August! Way to go everyone!! Welcome to Wendy, Etiah, Richard, Samantha, Marcia, Wendy and Margie.

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President Kelli Levitt
- Sr. Vice President . . . Elizabeth Marlowe
- Jr. Vice President Deborah Nichols
- Secretary Betty Gimble
- Treasurer Karla Coker
- Chaplain Andrea Anderson
- Conductress Jan Kiecker
- Guard Donna Morton
- 1st Yr Trustee Monika Walczyk
- 2nd Yr Trustee Janell Garland
- 3rd Yr Trustee Stacey Watkins
- Historian Joyce Gibbs
- Patriotic Instructor Regina Meehan

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If you are an Annual member and you have not paid your 2022 dues, (\$25) please do so right away! For any questions or concerns, please contact our Treasurer Karla at kjcoker@gmail.com. You may drop payment off at the post, mail it or renew online at www.vfwauxiliary.org and click on MALTA member log in. **Mailing:** **VFW Post 1503** **Karla Coker, Treasurer**
ATTN: Auxiliary **13212 Trails End Ct.**
14631 Minnieville Rd. **Manassas, VA 20112**
Dale City, VA 22193

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It was nice to see so many Auxiliary members come together during the month of July to support Post 1503 and our community.



During the Dale City 4th of July parade, Sue, Monika, Jan, Debbie and myself walked the route to hand out treats to the kids. A very special THANK YOU to John Dodge for being our most gracious chauffeur and allowing us to decorate his truck! Later that afternoon many of us were on hand to help with the Post 1503 Annual 4th of July BBQ. Stacey and Venee did a fantastic job overseeing the ‘set up’ for the day! Our Auxiliary members helped with face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, Pledge of Allegiance, coloring and recruiting tables, cooking, serving and playing music, set up, decorating, clean up and everything in between. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all that you do!!

Betty, Char and I traveled to Portsmouth to attend VFW National Commander in Chief, Hal Roesch’s Homecoming. A great weekend, making memories with friends.

Monika, Betty, Debbie, Elizabeth, Donna and Justin enjoyed breakfast together on the 24th. Hope you will join us this month on the 21st at 9:30 in the canteen.

Do you have Auxiliary attire (not ladies auxiliary) that you are no longer using/wearing? If so, we are working on a date/time to have a ‘shirt-swap’. So start cleaning out those closets! We have a lot of new members who would very much appreciate it!



VFW POST 1503 INTERVIEW PROJECT

Our Auxiliary SVP Elizabeth has begun interviewing our Comrades! Her writings will grow into a collection of the rich histories and experiences of our beloved combat veterans. Please click [here](#) to read about her first interview with Stan.

If you would like to share your story, you may reach Elizabeth at mrs.elizabeth.marlowe@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM for the 2021-2022 Auxiliary year. Detailed information, to include reporting instructions and rules may be found at <https://forms.gle/S8rhSSGZA8mn9W3fA>. If you have any questions or concerns about this exciting new program, please ask! In addition to our **RECRUITING CHALLENGE** – there is some serious money up for grabs!! Don't be left behind – get your events submitted!!

If you would like to receive the following - -

[Department Chaplain Alerts](#) (vfwauxva.org)

[Department Monthly Communications](#) (vfwauxva.org)

[Auxiliary 1503 Chaplain Alerts](mailto:auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com) (auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com)

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

AUG 4th – Coast Guard Birthday

AUG 7th – National Purple Heart Day

AUG 18th – Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00

AUG 21st – Auxiliary Breakfast – 9:30

AUG 27th – Golf Tournament

As always, if you have questions, concerns, comments or you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our officers – we are here to help. I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting, if not sooner!

Kelli Levitt

President, Auxiliary 1503

itsmekelli@aol.com

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



POST 1503 INTERVIEW PROJECT

Stanley M. Booker, Sr.



VFW Connections

Stan joined Post 1503 about two years ago. Since then, you'll frequently see him as a bingo volunteer, helping as member of the Post 1503 Entertainment Committee, and warmly welcoming veterans when they visit our Canteen.

Military History

Stan is one of the few individuals in our country who has retired from both the United States Marine Corps and the Army. He was born in Philadelphia, PA. Stan held a variety of roles during his time in the military. Notably, he was a driver for the Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., the Secretary of the U.S. Army. He was appointed as a First Sergeant of the 555 ("Triple Nickel") Military Police Company in Fort Lee, VA. He held the position of Post Investigator at Fort Pickett, VA. Stan was also a career advisor at the U.S. Army Record Center. He retired as an Army Military Police Investigator. Stan always made the most of his educational opportunities, attending several military and civilian schools, including years of study in university programs.

Stan credits his years in the military for his discipline, especially when it comes to effective problem-solving and working hard. After his 25 years of active-duty service, Stan earned honorable discharges from both the United States Marine Corps and the Army.

Did You Know?

- Stan served two tours overseas.
- Stan loves drumming and started playing as a six-year-old. He later bought his own set and played as a professional drummer before his time in the military. He was able to play with some big-name acts and loved making everyone dance with his beats.
- He was the owner of a tour and travel bus company for several years, renting out the buses to bring people on fun vacations around the country.
- He also owned the Red Vest restaurant and entertainment venue in Virginia where patrons could enjoy everything from breakfast to evening fashion shows.
- Stan's wife, Dorothy M. Booker, retired from the Federal Consolidated Lab Services where she analyzed food and drugs for police officers.
- Stan has immense pride in his wonderful family, including his four sons and numerous grandchildren. Three of his sons have also served in the United States Armed Forces and are members of Post 1503. His three sons are also active law enforcement officers.



To read the rest of the interview and see more photos, please go to our post website www.vfw1503.org and look for "Post 1503 Interview Project" under News.

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Can you believe it's August already. Much has been going on here and a lot more is on its way starting this month. We are getting back to a more normal operation as far as the Canteen goes.

Friday Night Dinners and our Daily Lunch Menu will now be posted on our website every Monday. We are also going to have WACKY Wednesday this month on the 11th and 25th.

11th – MENU ACROSS EUROPE is as follows:

Veal Cutlet with Noodles \$11.95
Smoked Sausage with Pierogis \$9.95
Chicken Piccatta with Noodles & Veggies . . \$10.95

25th – SEAFOOD SPECIAL

SPICED SHRIMP with French Fries \$10.95
FRIED FISH \$9.95
THIRD ENTREE TBD \$8.95

And of course Kim's world famous MARGARITAS will also be available.

We have installed a new seamless A/C unit in the game room for the hot days of summer. We have also installed at the entrance to the A and B hall two new vending machines for use by both our members and bingo patrons.

Please see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for the AUGUST entertainment scheduled for this month in the canteen. WINGS sales are from 6 pm to 8 pm every Saturday. Daily and Weekly books are back out picking up from where we left off before the pandemic.

John Meehan
Facility Manager



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a good meeting in July and all of our Patriots seem to be doing well. The Chapter will have 12 attending National Purple Heart Day Ceremony on Saturday, August 7th at Mt. Vernon. The Chapter approved to request from VFW Post 1503 to put a reserved parking space for Combat Wounded Veterans in front of the Post. The Chapter won 2nd place in the Dale City Independence Day Parade for best decorated vehicle. The Chapter will do a Viola Drive sometime in September once we get approval from the Food Lion and Pitkins Hardware.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, August 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



Salutations from the MOC and MOCA! Wooo-boy did we have a great turn out for the July Scratch! Thanks to everyone for their input, dedication, and passion for our mission. We definitely got a bunch of things done in July and plenty of planning done for upcoming events... like our MOCA/MOC Charity Cornhole tourney in a few months!

While the visitation restriction policies are still in place at McGuire VA Hospital, they are hopeful that some relaxation of the restrictions will happen soon... maybe even by September! We have definitely wanted to get back to doing our hospital visits, so this is great news!

While we can't visit, we can still donate stuff, so we have a plan to drop stuff off at the hospital on our way down to the Cootie Safari down in Norfolk on the Aug 20-21 weekend. The hospital and the VA in general have been pushing healthier food types given the increase in diabetic and heart related issue among veterans, particularly those in long term care. To that end, we are going to be making goody bags with all kinds of fresh fruits, nuts, and whatever other kind of healthy stuff that is on the list that the hospital sent us... as well as finally getting the charging stations we bought for the wards a while back down to the hospital!

As for the aforementioned Cootie Safari, a bunch of us Cooties are headed down to Post 3160/Pup Tent 1 in Norfolk, VA! The Safari is an annual event (except for last year due to circumstances everyone might be familiar with) where Cooties from around the state get together to drum up funds for both the Post/Pup Tents that we visit as well as other charitable causes. This year the charity we are Safari-ing for is the VFW National Home. It also ends up being a lot of fun... and pictures aren't the best idea! Double-decker buses, great prices on stuff, and a bunch of crazy Cooties... use your imagination...



We were honored to take part in the Dale City 4th of July parade this year! It was a beautiful day, and it was great seeing a ton of people outside and taking part in the event! And get this: The MOC/MOCA float was awarded 2nd place in the Club/Organization



Float category! From what I understand, this is the first time we got any kind of award like this so way to go everyone! A special shoutout to our lousy MOCA VP Elizabeth Marlowe for riding in the "bed of white" on the float! Check out the pic! And there were plenty of Cooties helping with the July 4th Cookout after the parade... great work all!

The MOC/MOCA is proud to be sponsoring the Band of Brothers USMC MRC VA Hospital Poker Run on Saturday, Aug 7 at the post. Registration is at 0830 in the front parking lot where the riders will be lining up. The charity the Poker Run is supporting is McGuire Hospital, so you know the Cooties are supporting this! Check out the flyer here in the newsletter and posted around the canteen for more information.

As always, take care of yourself, your families, your friends, and your fellow veterans in this pandemic era. Even with relaxation of restrictions, stay diligent... COVID is still out there! All the best to everyone in these trying times! If there is anything we can do to help, please feel free to

contact us and we will do our best to give you all the support we can.

From all the MOC and MOCA, you have our thoughts and prayers always.

We Are Better Together!

Ben Guinan

MOC Seam Squirrel
guinanbt@gmail.com

Susan Adamczyk

MOCA President
rednomore@gmail.com



BAND OF BROTHERS USMC MRC
IS HOSTING THE

VA HOSPITAL
POKER RUN

SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021

Registration Begins at 08:30
WHERE: VFW Post 1503, 14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City
First Group Departure at 09:30
Rider \$20 - Passenger \$10

50/50 and T-Shirts, Lunch Provided at an Additional Cost
Proceeds will go to the McGuire VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA

The poster features a background of playing cards and hearts. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a man in a cowboy hat and vest, smiling and holding a hand of cards. He is surrounded by other people, some wearing hats, and a blue and white motorcycle is visible behind him.

VFW Post 1503

August Entertainment



Friday
August 6th

Saturday
August 7th



Request Dance Party and Karaoke

High Energy Band playing Modern Music!

Caroloke!

Friday
August 13th

Saturday
August 14th



Karaoke!

Classic Rock Band

Friday
August 20th

Saturday
August 21st

DJ Michael



Dance Party & Karaoke!

DMV premier oldies, pop, and classic rock band

Caroloke!

Friday
August 27th

Saturday
August 28th

DJ Michael

Karaoke!

Dance Party & Karaoke!

All shows start at 8PM Friday or Saturday



VFW POST 1503 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR VETERANS

WHERE: MEDAL OF HONOR GOLF COURSE, QUANTICO MCB

DATE: 08/27/2021

SIGN IN TIME 07:00

TEE TIMES START AT 08:00



PRIZES:

- COWLES FORD CAR HOLE-IN-ONE, PLUS 3 OTHER HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th PLACE, ALSO LAST PLACE
- CLOSEST TO THE HOLE ON ALL PAR 3's
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- OTHER PRIZES

COST:

\$500.00 SPONSOR HOLE AND FOURSOME

\$300.00 SPONSOR HOLE AND TWOSOME

\$200.00 HOLE SPONSER

\$80.00 PER PLAYER

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

PLAYER 3

PLAYER 4

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ROBERT ARCHAMBEAULT (ARCH) AT (757)478-0083 OR VFW QUARTERMASTER AT (703) 670-4124 (Ext 5)

MAIL CHECKS & THIS FORM TO: VFW #1503 14631 MINNIEVILLE RD DALE CITY, VA 22193



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9-12:00	2	3 BINGO 7:30	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5 BINGO 7:30	6 DJ Q-Clay FRIDAY Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	7 Modern Vintage Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
8 Breakfast 9-12:00	9	10 BINGO 7:30	11 Wacky Wacky Europe MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	12 BINGO 7:30	13 Caroloke FRIDAY Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	14 Rockhits Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
15 Breakfast 9-12:00	16	17 BINGO 7:30	18 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	19 BINGO 7:30	20 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	21 Route 66 Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart WINGS 6:00-8:00
22 Breakfast 9-12:00	23	24 BINGO 7:30	25 Wacky Wacky Seafood	26 BINGO 7:30	27 Caroloke FRIDAY Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	28 DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12:00 WINGS 6:00-8:00
29 Breakfast 9-12:00	30	31 BINGO 7:30				

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503

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Next Monthly Meeting

August 18TH

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SATURDAY 8pm - 12pm.

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Menu Across Europe

August 25th ...
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