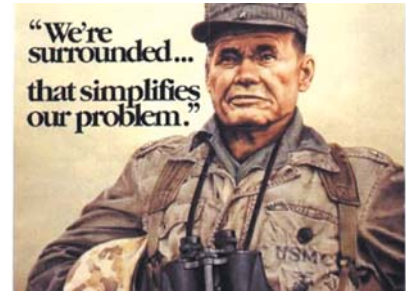




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

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CANTEEN HOURS: Mon 12 PM - 11 PM • Tues 12 PM - 12 AM • Wed 12 PM - 11 PM  
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,

A Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Hopeful New Year to ALL!! November saw us rise to the occasion with our Poppy Drive supported by two locations; Pitkin's Ace Hardware in Dale City and Mission BBQ – these folks do a lot to support us and please patronize them if you have the opportunity. All money donated during our Poppy distribution goes into our Post Relief Fund. We celebrated 246 years of the USMC and were able to gather again for a ball in their honor – the committee did an outstanding job putting together another great event. We remembered all Veteran's past, present, current and those no longer with us on Veteran's Day and were treated to a cookout sponsored by the Diversity Lodge 330 – great food and comradery!! As always we appreciate the support of the Diversity Lodge and the great food they shared with us to honor all Veteran's on our day.

The Staff hosted a plated Thanksgiving Dinner in the Canteen and saved a lot of members and guests the time and mess of preparing their own meal. Please take the time to thank our staff when you have the opportunity – a small thank you to show your appreciation can mean a lot to the people who serve us each day. Thanks to all those who showed up the Saturday after Thanksgiving to offload Christmas Trees and work off your Thanksgiving meal. Our sale is in full swing and is already breaking records set last year. Thanks to Ron Laney aka Papa Six for another outstanding job!!

This December we will start the month with a Remembrance on the 7th Pearl Harbor Day at 6 p.m. in the canteen. Please come out as we honor those who served at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day and the more than 2,400 who lost their lives. The Auxiliary will be hosting their annual



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
- House Committee Chair . . . Lionel Ward
- Past Commander . . . Thomas Williams, Jr.



Christmas event for the children of the community on the 19th from 1-3 p.m. We are back to hosting our New Year's Eve party and if you have never attended it really is a great night of food, entertainment and fun ringing in the new year!! As we all make preparations for and attend various holiday events, please stay safe!!

Our House Committee has been bringing in some great entertainment and continues to seek your feedback to ensure that the members are getting what they want and all audiences are being served. Please take a few moments to fill out their Google Docs Survey about what you would like to see: [House Committee Entertainment Survey](#)

Situations change. 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](http://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 **15 December** 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](mailto:cdrpost1503@vfwva.org)



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters! I cannot believe how fast this year has gone, and this is the last newsletter article for 2021!

Welcome to our 7 new members – William, Diane, Heather, Thomas and Eugenio, Tyler and Quinton. Membership as of today is 97.52%!

I am so proud of you all for encouraging others to join, by sharing your stories about what we do!

November was a very active month for our Auxiliary. We were on hand to support our Comrades with the VFW Buddy Poppy Drive, the Marine Corp Birthday & Ball, delivering donations to local schools, traveling to Southern Conference, moving tables & chairs for a huge ornament packing event, working Bingo, attending Veteran's Day Ceremonies, selling Christmas trees and providing rides to voters on Election day! As we roll into December, I am certain, that thankfully this month will not have us slow down!!

Hope you will join us in the canteen for Auxiliary Breakfast & Cookie Exchange this month! Breakfast is 9:30 on the 18th and cookies to follow. If you would like to participate, please bring 3 dozen homemade cookies to share.

For dinner after our December meeting, our Auxiliary will provide the food as a thank you to our Comrades. Please plan to attend and join us for dinner!

Our annual children's Christmas party will be 1-3 on December 19th. Crafts, games, cake walk, lunch, visit/pictures with Santa!! Please come and help to make this a fun day for the kids!

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## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President . . . . . Kelli Levitt  
Sr. Vice President . . . Elizabeth Marlowe  
Jr. Vice President . . . . Deborah Nichols  
Secretary . . . . . Pam Salyers  
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

### A note about Annual Membership Dues:

- Membership Year of the Auxiliary is from January 1 to December 31.
- A member paid through December 31 is in good standing.
- A member ceases to be in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which his/her dues are paid.
- A member will not be in good standing until his/her dues are paid for the current year.
- A member who is not in good standing cannot attend meetings nor hold an office and is not eligible for a Cancer Grant.
- Dues must be paid by June 30 to remain a continuous member. If a member does not pay his/her current dues (processed in the MALTA system by June 30), he/she ceases to be a member and must rejoin the organization.

Please ensure that you remain in good standing – get your dues paid online or to our treasurer, Karla **BEFORE** the 31st, to allow her time to process your payment.

If you are able, please join us in the canteen on the 7th at 6:00 for a Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony, and also on the 20th at 6:00 to celebrate the US Space Force's 1st Birthday!

If you or a family member are ill, we want to know! Please let me or our Chaplain know so that we may offer well wishes, assistance, cards, etc. For Chaplain alerts, please contact Andrea at [auxiliary1503chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliary1503chaplain@gmail.com) to be added to her distro list.

**Reminder:** Auxiliary Volunteer Incentive Program – rules and information may be found at <https://forms.gle/S8rhSSGZA8mn9W3fA>. Next month, someone will earn \$100 – it's not too late to enter, will it be YOU?!

If you have not attended a meeting since joining, please do so! We have a welcome bag for you and would like to meet you!

I wish you a very Merry Christmas, spending time doing what makes you happy! Hope to see you kicking up your heels at the Post 1503 New Year's Eve Party!!

### UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- DEC 7th – Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance – 6:00
- DEC 15th – Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00
- DEC 18th – Auxiliary Breakfast & Cookie Exchange – 9:30
- DEC 19th – Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party – 1-3
- DEC 20th – U.S. Space Force Birthday 6:00
- DEC 25th – Merry Christmas!
- DEC 30th – NO BINGO!
- DEC 31st – New Year's Eve Party

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

VFW Auxiliary 1503

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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

## VFW POST 1503 INTERVIEW PROJECT



You are invited to follow along as VFW 1503 Auxiliary SVP Elizabeth continues her interview series. 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 interview with Joe.

If you would like to share your story, you may reach Elizabeth at [mrs.elizabeth.marlowe@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.elizabeth.marlowe@gmail.com)

## FACILITY HAPPENINGS

December is always a very busy month at the V, and this year is no exception. A lot to cover so lets get started.

We will be closing the post early (7pm) **Christmas Eve** (last call 6:30). Special daily menu will be offered till 5 pm. Post will be **CLOSED** on **Christmas Day**.

This year we are once again doing our **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET** program for 5 local middle school families in need. We will be mailing out gift cards to be used at local grocery stores that will help over 100 families and 530 people.

**NEW YEARS EVE** – Tickets now on sale. Can be purchased on our website (vfw1503.org), in person at the VFW, or calling me at 703-670-4124x2. Please order early. Don't wait till last minute.

**NO GAMING SIGNS** – Have been put up in the two dining areas (fireplace room and the one with the big mirror). After 4 pm on Friday and Saturdays. This will allow us to set up and clean up that area before we start with our Friday night dinners and Wings on Saturday. Alternate locations will be made available if possible.

**NEW DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM** – We will be phasing out our door card system for entrance into the canteen in the near future. Permits have been applied for. You will be able to use your cell phone to activate the new access system. It's imperative that we have your e-mail address on file as soon as possible. If you are on our **CONSTANT CONTACT** list then we have yours. If not please fill out a request on your next visit to the post. Sheet is on table to right once you come into the canteen, or ask a bartender for one.

**REMINDER – WINGS FRIDAY 6 TO 8 – PRIME RIB BACK ON FRIDAY MENU – WACKY WED. EVERY 2ND AND 4TH WED. OF THE MONTH!**

John Meehan  
Facility Manager



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

Senior Vice Commander said the November meeting was a successful meeting. The Chapter approved to donate \$250 to the VFW's Food and Christmas baskets program and this year, the Post is mailing out food vouchers to needy families as opposed to delivering food baskets as we have done in the past. The Post plans on resuming the delivery of food baskets next year.

At our next couple of meetings, we will develop a plan on what the Chapter can do to support combat wounded veterans and their families for the upcoming year.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, December 18th. 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.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all Patriots and their families!!**  
**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**



Ron Laney  
Commander  
Semper Fi Chapter 1775

# MOC / MOCA



Greetings from the MOC/MOCA! We had a good scratch last month... lots of Cooties were back from a myriad of activities so showed up in force! Surprised that more post members didn't feel more itchy...

The Pup Tent had a blast at Tomb Trek this year! The hospitality room was jumping thanks to our Cootie crew! Well done everyone! And a special shout-out to DJ Mike for making the trek up to entertain Cooties from all over the country with his excellent blend of music and karaoke! It was an honor and a privilege to be able to lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery along with Cooties from almost every state.

The Afghan Refugee Relief drive was a great success! Many thanks to the Cooties and post members who came out and volunteered their time! We were able to gather right around 1,000 lbs of cold weather clothes, jackets, hats, gloves, shoes, and blankets! The Marines from Quantico came and picked up everything we packed and delivered it to the relief organization for us.

Our wish-list donations shipment for McGuire VA Hospital is about ready to go! Cooties all around have been doing a great job of purchasing things and the list is almost complete. All kinds of goodies like therapeutic equipment and software, clothes, gift cards have been collected... just a few more items to go. We also have a bin full of letters and bracelets that the students at Minnieville Elementary School made for veterans during the week of Veterans Day. We'll be adding that to the mix as well!

We will be doing our **Pup Tent Cootie Christmas Dinner** for our next scratch! We are still working on the location, but we will be picking a cool place so that your faithful narrator and my MOCA counterpart can thank all the Cooties for another great year!

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, and the Delta and other variants are rearing their ugly heads all over the place! 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!***

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MOCA President  
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## **VFW December Entertainment**

All DJs and Bands start at 8pm Friday and Saturday nights

**Friday Night**

**Saturday Night**

**December 3rd**

DJ Michael

Dance Party with Karaoke!

**December 4th**

Hot Rod Rockers

Classic Rock

**December 10th**

DJ Joe Clay

Dance Party with Karaoke!

**December 11th**

Dewayne White Comedy Show

All-Veteran Comedy Show!

Show starts at 8:30pm

**December 17th**

DJ Michael

Dance Party with Karaoke!

**December 18th**

DJ Danny

Dance Party!

**December 24th**

Merry Christmas

Post closes at 7pm

**December 25th**

Merry Christmas

Post Closed

**December 31st**

New Year's Eve

Party in A & B Hall

DJ Joe Clay in the Canteen!

**January 1st**

Normal Hours

No entertainment scheduled



**Kids Christmas Party**

**Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> 1-3**  
**VFW Post 1503**

**LUNCH**

**CRAFTS & GAMES**

**CAKE WALK**

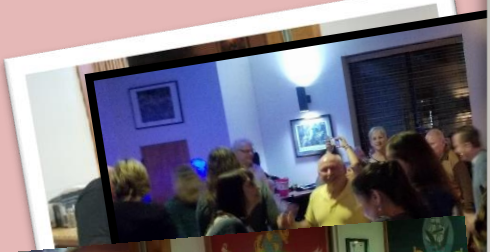
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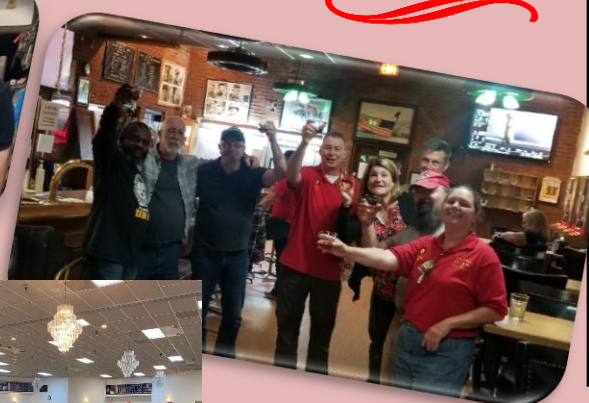


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ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

KELLI LEVITT 703-895-8855









**Friday, December 31, 2021**

Doors Open at 6:00

Cocktails 6:00 • Dinner 7:00

\$80 per person or \$700 for a Table of 10

**VFW Post 1503**

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Entertainment by **NiteLife**

Dancing starts at 8:30

**Hot Station with Salad Bar**

**Buffet Style Dinner**

**Assorted Desserts**

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 BINGO 7:30	3 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	4 Hot Rod Rockers Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
5 Breakfast 9-12:00	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance 6:00 BINGO 7:30	8 Wacky Wacky Pot Luck MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	9 BINGO 7:30	10 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	11 DeWayne White Comedy Show Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
12 Breakfast 9-12:00	13	14 BINGO 7:30	15 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	16 BINGO 7:30	17 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	18 DJ Danny Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart WINGS 6:00-8:00
19 Breakfast 9-12:00 Children's Christmas Party 1:00-3:00	20 US Space Force's 1st Birthday 6:00 BINGO 7:30	21 BINGO 7:30	22 Wacky Wacky Seafood	23 BINGO 7:30	24 Christmas Eve Post Closes 7:00	25 Merry Christmas Post Closed
26 Breakfast 9-12:00	27	28 BINGO 7:30	29	30 NO BINGO	31 New Year's Eve Party A&B Hall DJ Joe Clay in Canteen	

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Next Monthly Meeting

**December 15TH**

[vfw1503.org](http://vfw1503.org)

## ***Wacky Wacky Wednesday's ...***

### **December 8th ... Pot Luck Specials**

Shepherd's Pie .....	\$10.95
Balsamic Cranberry Chicken Breast .....	\$10.95
Mushroom Ravioli .....	\$9.95
Spinach & Cheese Ravioli .....	\$9.95

### **December 22nd ... Seafood Specials**

Steamed Shrimp .....	\$9.95
Fish & Chips .....	\$10.95
Broiled Scallops .....	\$10.95

***Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's***

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone