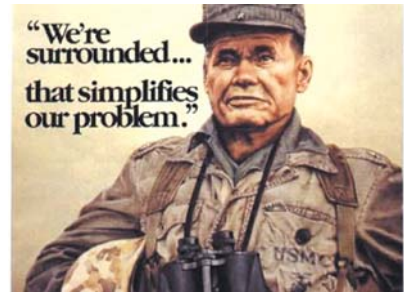




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Post 1503

JULY 21



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

CONGRATULATIONS!! Once again VFW Post 1503 has achieved All-State and All-American status. We remain the post with the largest membership in the world by >600 members and we were awarded a plaque for the largest life member increase at the State Convention. All I can say is - WOW!! The members of this post continue to amaze – these accolades are truly a testament to all the comrades in this post. My hat is off to you ALL!!

The past month we attended VFW State Convention the first week and we are getting back to a more normal business routine across the state – it was great to see both old and new faces!! We celebrated the 246th birthday of the United States Army in the canteen – many thanks to Comrade Conrado Morgan for organizing another successful Army birthday celebration!! The post honored our fathers with a special breakfast on Father's Day that was enjoyed by all. Behind the scenes our staff continues to provide outstanding support to the post and events in the halls. I encourage you all to thank a staff member for what they do and let them know they are appreciated.

Upon the installation of our new State Commander all officers of the post have assumed the duties of the office they have been elected or appointed to for the 2021-2022 year. With a majority of officers remaining, we do have a new Quartermaster, Carl Richardson, and a new full time Service Officer, Raymond Bailey. Our best wishes to all officers for a successful tenure!!

With the assumption of duties by our new officers we will see Tim and Tami Brown take a well-deserved break and step back to enjoy some time with their family and grandchildren!!



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.





Tim Brown has served numerous years as a Trustee, Commander and Quartermaster of the Post as well as serving on the Honor Guard, setting a standard of excellence for others to follow. Who else is qualified to fill in for Santa Claus? We know he is just a phone call away and willing to lend his expertise or stature and beard whenever called upon. Cheers Tim!!

What can I say about Tami Brown's service to our Post? Nothing - all you need to do is listen to the veterans she has helped sing her praises. The letters, emails and phone calls we have received are too many to enumerate but are always in recognition of the outstanding work she has done on behalf of veterans and their families. She has set the bar high and will leave very big shoes to fill. Tami will continue to serve a couple days a week thru December assisting the new Service Officer during his integration. She will be missed!!

July will prove to be another busy month for the post as we will return to participating in the Dale City Independence Day parade on the 3rd of July immediately followed by an open to the public picnic back at the post. That's right I said the **3rd of July!!** We will be heading back to Portsmouth for the VFW National Commander's Homecoming and those attending VFW National Convention will be departing at the end of the month for Kansas City!!

I will close this article by saying thanks to ALL for their work this past year during the pandemic. It has been a hard year and we are looking forward to great things this year. Our auxiliary continues to show unwavering support and leads the charge when it comes to volunteering despite being less than 1/3 our size in members. I challenge each comrade to commit to volunteering for at least one event or joining in being a regular volunteer at our bingo. The old saying 'many hands make light work' holds true at our post.

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 21 July 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 – Can you believe it is JULY?!

Welcome to our 8 new Life Members – Angela, Tanya, Dennis, Tyler, Luke, Diana, Susan, Kathleen and Annual Member – Dietrich. Fantastic month for recruiting!

The Department of Virginia convention kicked off the 1st weekend in June, in Portsmouth. It was a fun and successful 3 days, with meetings, elections and spending time – in person with friends from around the state.

Our monthly Auxiliary breakfast on the 19th was a fun time for Monika, Debbie, Stacey, Donna, Arita, Terry, Gloria, Susan & a couple family members! Hope to see you on the 24th this month at 9:30. Later that evening, many Auxiliary members and Comrades attended the Army Birthday Ball to celebrate 246 years and show their support and appreciation to the ‘oldest’ branch.

Beginning JULY 1, 2021, VFW Auxiliary 1503 will implement a **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!!

A huge thank you to Michael for locating a mailbox for us and convincing the Commander to drive him to MD to retrieve it! After being refurbished and painted, the mailbox will be presented to Post 1503 to be a disposal box for worn and tattered flags, in need of retiring.

The annual Dale City Independence Day parade is ON!! Scheduled on **Saturday, July 3rd**, we will meet at the post at 8 am to decorate our ride! If you have not already signed up to ride/walk along with our Auxiliary and would like to – please let me know.

Also on the 3rd VFW Post 1503 will host the annual Independence Day BBQ, open to all members, guests and the community. Volunteers are appreciated! You can sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/211685380285157>.

This year, the Department of Virginia Auxiliary will host **2 School of Instruction** events. July 17th in Mechanicsville and July 24th in Roanoke. The Sol is free to attend, and lunch is provided! Information with RSVP instructions can be found at Auxiliary SOI Sign UP. All members are invited and encouraged to attend one Sol. It is an excellent opportunity to learn, have fun and make friends.

Thank you to the many Auxiliary members who volunteer their time helping with Bingo. This is one of the main fundraising efforts that we have. For information or to volunteer, please contact the Bingo Manager, Bernie Carter at bernie.carter82@gmail.com

If you need to update your contact information or you have not created an account on the Auxiliary National website www.vfwauxiliary.org please do so!! Click on MALTA member log in.

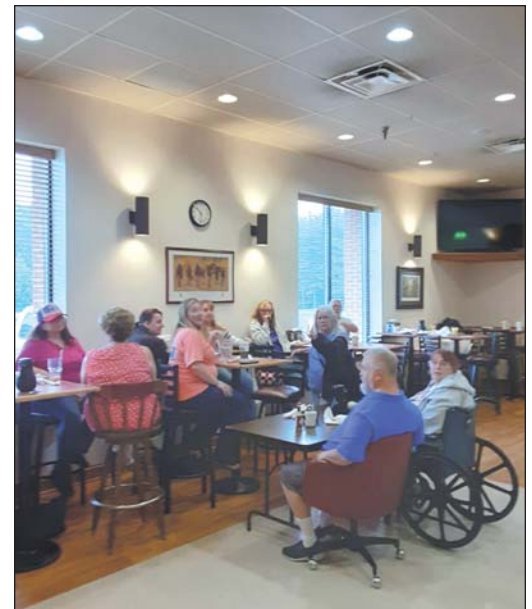
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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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



To be added to email distro lists – please click on the following links:

Department Chaplain Alerts

Department Monthly Communications

Auxiliary 1503 Chaplain Alerts

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

JULY 3rd – DALE CITY PARADE & POST 1503 BBQ

JULY 4th – INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 17th – Sol – MECHANICSVILLE

JULY 21st – MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 24th – AUXILIARY BREAKFAST & Sol – ROANOKE

JULY 31st – AUGUST 3rd NATIONAL CONVENTION

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

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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



FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Happy 4th of July everyone, but just to keep you guessing, this year it's being celebrated on the 3rd, with the Parade and our Open House Cookout, in the pavilion area from 12 pm to 3 pm. Please come early as it's going to be first come first serve and when the food is gone ??????

WACKY WEDNESDAY last month was a big hit, so much so that we will double down and do it twice this month:

Wed. July 7th – BARBECUE SPECIALS – 12 noon to 7 pm

Wed. July 21st – SEAFOOD SPECIALS – 12 noon to 7 pm

of course KIM'S famous MARGARITA'S will also be featured

FRIDAY Night Dinners are back – Starting JULY 9TH – 5 pm to 9 pm – Menu will be limited to start because of food costs being so up and down each week, it's hard to project what we will feature until the prices come out, but we will have a good variety to choose from.

Remember Every Friday or Saturday we are having a DJ or BAND playing in the canteen area starting at 8 pm.

WING'S SATURDAY 6 pm to 8 pm.



John Meehan - Facility Manager



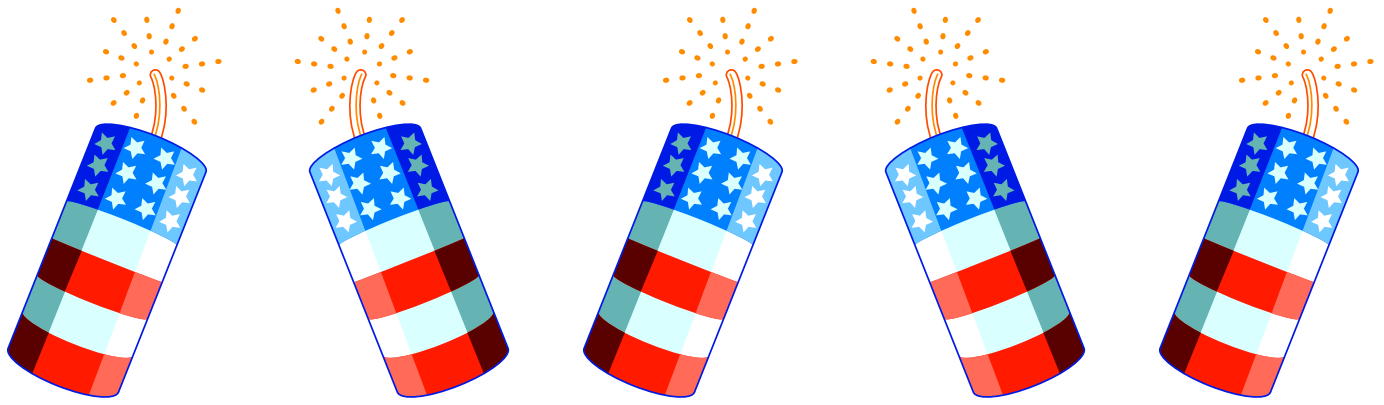
Wacky Wacky Wednesday's continue in July!!!

July 7th ... Barbecue Specials

July 21st ... Seafood Specials

Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We plan on attending National Purple Heart Day at Mt. Vernon on August 7. We discussed the upcoming **Viola Drive** on Saturday, August 14th but have not got approval from Food Lion yet. We had a good meeting at State MOPH convention and thanks to all Patriots that attended. We will participate in the Dale City Fourth of July Parade this year on Saturday, July 3rd, starting at 1000 and participating in VFW Post 1503 cookout afterwards.



The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, July 17th. 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

4TH OF
JULY

MOC / MOCA



Salutations from the MOC and MOCA! The June scratch was live and in person this time! Great seeing all the lousy cooties in one place this time!

We keep on checking but the visitation restriction policies at McGuire VA Hospital are still in effect. We are hopeful that the policies will be lifted soon so that we can start visiting and spending time with our veterans down there. Once we get the hospital visits back up and running, all are welcome to join us... you don't have to be a cootie! We will keep you all updated!

There have been cootie sightings all over the place over the last few months! Cooties doing Buddy Poppy driving... Cooties giving blood at the Red Cross/VFW blood drive... Cooties visiting veterans at local hospitals... Cooties cooking out... the whole dang area including the Post is infested with Cooties!

Even with the relaxing of various COVID restrictions, we are still looking for any recommendations for our æDriveway Visitsæ! Let us know if anyone could use a boost from the crazy Cooties of Pup Tent 14!

A bunch of our Pup Tent 14 MOC and MOCA got elected to positions in the Grand of Virginia: Check Adamczyk is the new Grand Jr. Vice Commander, the Eggers continue their reign as the Grand Quartermaster (Marcia) and the Grand Adjutant (Ken), Sterling Moninghoff is the incoming Grand Surgeon, and your faithful narrator here is the new Grand Sr. Vice Commander! On our MOCA side, Rebecca Moninghoff was elected as a Grand Trustee and Laura Adamczyk is the new Grand Conductress! Congrats to all our Grand Cooties!

We are hard at work on our float for the Dale City 4th of July Parade and are looking forward to taking part in that! We have plenty of things we are in the planning mode on for the near future... and in August, a bunch of the Cooties will be heading down to Post 3160/Pup Tent 1 for the Cootie Safari! Plenty of Cootie Milk will be spilled!

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
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Susan Adamczyk

MOCA President
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VFW Post 1503

July Entertainment Schedule



Saturday - 3 July (8pm – 12am)

DJ Michael - Dance party with Karaoke

Saturday - 10 July (8pm – 12am)

The Rockhits
Classic Rock



Friday - 16 July (8pm – 12am)

DJ Q-Clay – Request Dance Party

Saturday - 24 July (8pm – 12am)

Eddie Rogers - Variety of Music



Saturday - 31 July (8pm – 12am)

The return of Caroloke!

DJ Carol Karaoke



VFW POST 1503 INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ



SATURDAY JULY 3rd 12-3



**JOIN US IN THE PAVILION
FOR COMPLIMENTARY FOOD
AND LOADS OF FUN!**



MUSIC BY DJ MICHAEL & 'ELVIS'



→ EVERYONE WELCOME ←



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

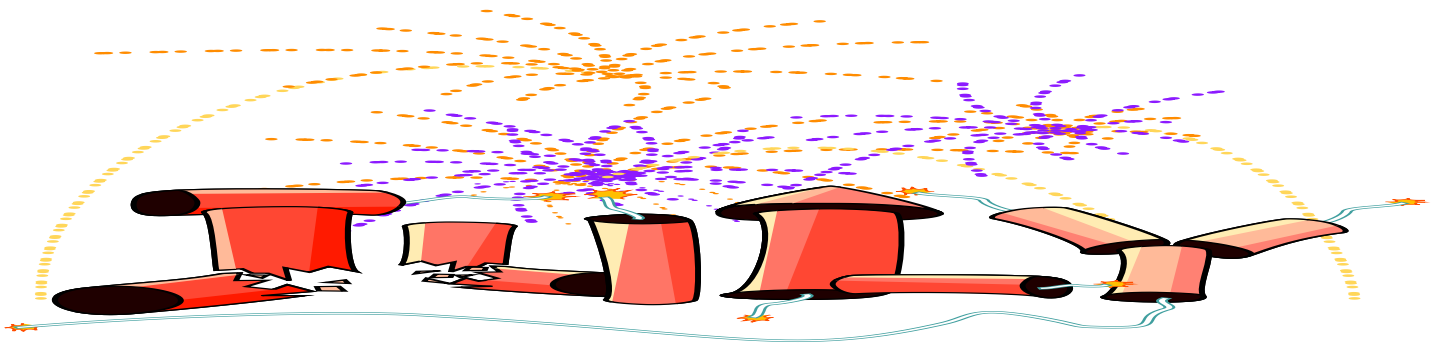
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PLAYER 3

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 #150314631 MINNIEVILLE RD DALE CITY, VA 22193 - *on the web at <https://vfwus.org/1503golf>*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BINGO 7:30	2	3 Dale City Parade 10 COOKOUT 12-3 DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
4th of JULY	5	6 BINGO 7:30	7 Wacky Wacky BBQ	8 BINGO 7:30	9 FRIDAY Night Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	10 The Rockhits Breakfast 9-12:00 WINGS 6:00-8:00
11 Breakfast 9-12:00	12	13 BINGO 7:30	14 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	15 BINGO 7:30	16 DJ Q-Clay FRIDAY Night Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	17 Breakfast 9-12 Purple Heart Mtg. WINGS 6:00-8:00
18 Breakfast 9-12:00	19	20 BINGO 7:30	21 Wacky Wacky Seafood Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	22 BINGO 7:30	23 FRIDAY Night Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	24 Eddie Rogers Auxiliary Breakfast Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
25 Breakfast 9-12:00	26	27 BINGO 7:30	28	29 BINGO 7:30	30 FRIDAY Night Dinners are Back! 5:00-9:00	31 Caroloke Breakfast 9-12:00 WINGS 6:00-8:00

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Next Monthly Meeting

July 21st

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