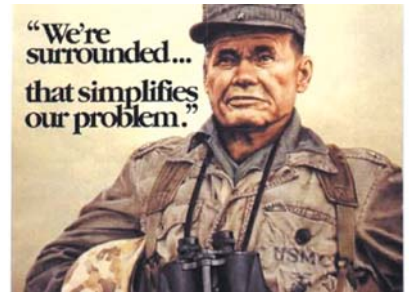




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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503



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COMMANDER'S CORNER



POST OFFICERS

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

The cooler weather is upon us, the leaves have changed colors and the rakes are out!! We had a great October and we are publishing this newsletter ahead of a couple of weekend events so we will not see any pictures of ghouls, witches, ghosts or goblins in this newsletter but stay tuned for them to be posted on our website where you can find multitudes of pictures from all events in our gallery at - https://vfw1503.smugmug.com/

We had another active month around the post and on the road. Some Post and Auxiliary members visited the Flight 93 memorial and I was honored to lay a wreath with our Auxiliary President on behalf of the event organizer our own Chaplain, Ed Bennett. The Navy celebrated their birthday and there was pumpkin carving by Foreign Exchange Students. Of course, we had our Halloween celebrations with a Trunk or Treat for the little ones during the day and our adult party and costume contest later in the evening. We also continue to enjoy outstanding entertainment including the All-Veterans comedy show coordinated by our House Committee and produced by our own Comrade Dewayne White. The lineup of entertainment Lionel and Michael bring in and schedule has been great - many thanks for their hard work making this happen each month!!

We are gaining momentum heading into November with a pretty full schedule. The very first weekend we need your help distributing Buddy Poppys - sign up books are in the Canteen. The Marine Corps will celebrate their actual birthday on the 10th and host a USMC Birthday Ball on Saturday the 13th, I hope to see you there! Our normal Veterans Day ceremonies at Quantico National Cemetery have been cancelled once again by the VA due to COVID concerns. Diversity Lodge 330 will be back hosting a BBQ in the pavilion on Veterans Day beginning around noon. Stop by and enjoy a plate as we honor all veterans. We will all pause this month to give Thanks and enjoy each of our own traditional Thanksgiving meals. Come out the Saturday after Thanksgiving to work off that meal unloading and selling Christmas Trees - Papisix (Ron Laney) is always happy to welcome new volunteers!!

- Post Commander Tom Levitt
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Surgeon Robert Adamczyk
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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.

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 **17 November** 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 Brothers and Sisters of Auxiliary 1503 –

What a great October, full of activities and fun! Not slowing down a bit, November is going to be another busy month!

Welcome to our new annual members, Kimberly and Renate; life members, Arthur, Marilou, Heidi, Rene, Kenneth, Linda, Michael, Stephanie T., Chong, Stacey and Stephanie M. and Amanda who has rejoined us! Our membership stands at 95.36% - keep up the recruiting, we are well on our way to 100% !!

The first weekend in October, I visited Shanksville, PA, along with the Post 1503 Commander, Chaplain, Comrades, Auxiliary brothers and friends. Being a first-time visitor, it was a chance to

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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

finally pay my respects to the hero's from Flight 93. Thank you to Chaplain Ed for organizing the trip and for the opportunity to visit.

Thank you to Debbie for joining me in wishing the U. S. Navy a Happy 246th Birthday! The celebration, in the Canteen on the 17th was fun and informative. And the best part of any birthday – they served cake!

At our monthly meeting on the 20th, Cathy Graham, our Department Treasurer and a past 10th District President was present to conduct an Official Visit & Inspection of our Auxiliary. Our Treasurer and Secretary books are in order, our Audits are complete and submitted and she commended us on working together to achieve our membership goal and continuing to have an Auxiliary in well working order. Great work everyone!

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Congratulations to Michael A. for winning the 1st quarter \$100!! Remember – each Post or Auxiliary 1503 sponsored event you attend earns you a submission. Next drawing will be at the January 2022 meeting, for the months of OCT – NOV & DEC. During our meeting, the members voted to include officers – appointed and elected in the program. Thank you to each of you who continue to support our Veterans and our community by volunteering!

Karla, Jan, Donna, Debbie, Pam, Arita, me and hubby's Rick and Tom came out for Auxiliary breakfast on the 23rd. As we have become accustomed to, we enjoyed fantastic service, tasty food and friendly conversation!

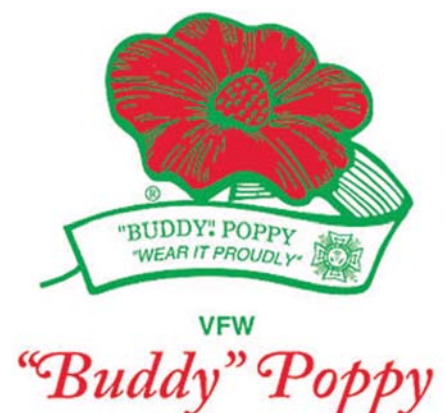
Our Auxiliary had the opportunity to provide carving kits and snacks for a group of Foreign Exchange Students who enjoyed pumpkin carving for the 1st time! They met in the pavilion and got right to work! It was a blast getting to spend time with them – hearing about all they have experienced so far. They had great interest, so I was able to explain to them about the VFW and the Auxiliary!

Our articles had to be submitted before our Trunk or Treat on the 30th, so no pictures. I am positive that it will be a fantastic day, with the help of all who have offered assistance to date. If you were able to attend, I hope you had a howling good time at the Post Halloween party!

This weekend!! NOV 6 and 7 – Buddy Poppy Drive! Please get signed up for a shift or two! I am sure that our Auxiliary members will continue to support this effort and maintain this tradition.

DID YOU KNOW?

The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The next year, the VFW decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work. VFW "Buddy"® Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals, providing compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies. The poppy program also provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.



All are welcome AND needed on the 27th – Unloading and selling Christmas trees!!

BAKE SALE!! Tuesday, November 23rd, during bingo. Please contact Rebecca at rmoninghoff1@verizon.net if you would like to donate or help.

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!

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!

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- NOV 6-7 – Buddy Poppy Drive
- NOV 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
- NOV 11 – Veterans Day
- NOV 13 – Marine Corps Ball
- NOV 25 – Thanksgiving (NO BINGO)
- NOV 27 – Christmas Tree Unloading

Kelli Levitt
President, 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 Jim.

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

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

I can't believe that November is really here. Which means its time to start plans for our annual **New Years Eve Party**. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by calling the office at 703-670-4124x2 or my cell 571-330-1579.

This year is like no other in trying to figure out how many people will be attending, so I'm asking anyone who knows they are definitely coming to please reach out to me early so I can be sure to properly plan and have enough of everything needed to make it work. Tickets will be \$80.00 per person or a table for 10 \$700.00 if purchased by Nov 20th. **NITELIFE** band again will be performing.

Membership last month approved our installing a new building access system. It will take the place of the door card system we have used for years. Will take approximately 30 to 60 days to fully implement. Having your correct e-mail address on file is necessary so the app can be loaded to your cell once installed. More info will be sent to you as we need it by constant contact, newsletter and on our website.

Please see monthly calendar on back page for upcoming events this month. Allot going on but want to point out that we are going to add PRIME RIB dinner back to our Friday menu starting on the 12th of Nov.



John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a small but successful meeting in October and agreed to paint (purple) and be responsible for maintenance of two MOPH parking spaces in front of VFW Post #1503. The Chapter will request from Food Lion and Pitkins Hardware to conduct a Viola Drive on Saturday, January 15th of next year. We had a successful and fun cookout and special thanks to Patriot Florence and her husband for the delicious briskets! We approved to donate \$250 to the VFW's Food and Christmas Baskets program. The Chapter will attend the MOPH State convention in Richmond on Saturday, November 6th and will meet at the Post 0900 and travel south to hook up with other Patriots in Stafford to carpool to convention.

A special event, US Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be conducted at the VFW Post #1503 on Saturday, November 13th starting at 1800 hours. There is no cost to attend but will take donations at the door on the night of the Ball. There is a sign-up book in the Post canteen that requests your name and number of guests attending. There will be a ceremony and full dinner provided. The guest speaker is retired Lt. General Laster. I would like to personally invite each one of you and your guests to attend the Ball.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, November 20th. 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



It was a dark and foreboding night for our October scratch... apparently way too spooky for many of our Cooties! We few, we happy few, however carried forth with our sacred mission and communed with one of our own, draping the charter for Cootie Don Millican. Many important things were discussed including the Post's upcoming Afghan Refugee Relief drive, the McGuire VA hospital wish-list, and Tomb Trek! One of the most important points brought up at the scratch: We need more Cooties! If you are interested in joining us or at least finding out more about us, find that Cootie crawling around, where you might least expect them, and ask!

The Afghan Refugee Relief drive is coming up on the morning of Saturday 13 November 2021 at the post's pavilion! The focus for this drive is **cold weather jackets and clothing** as this is currently their greatest need moving into the coldest time of the year around here. The flow of refugees coming into the states is slowing down and plenty of other organizations have supported them with a ton of drives. What is needed now is more specialized drives for specific types of items. Think warm! Jackets, sweaters, winter hats, scarves, gloves, think socks, boots... even blankets, comforters and such would be great! The drop-off time is from 9 AM-1 PM. We will be boxing up all the donations and prepping the delivery for pick-up that afternoon. Please donate to this important cause!

The MOCA/MOC Cornhole Tourney was a whole lot of fun! The weather was great, the food was wonderful, and the Cootie milk container was floated (somewhere around the quarterfinals of the tourney)! Congratulations to the first and second place teams who were awarded some cold hard cash, baskets of things donated by Mission BBQ, gift cards from stores around the area, and bottles of Cootie milk for their stellar cornholing! And many thanks to all who volunteered their time to organize and run the tourney... you all did a fantastic job!

The McGuire VA hospital wish-list is in MOCA hands at this point, and we are working on coordinating who is going to be purchasing what... hopefully they will leave a couple of things for the MOC to purchase! Once the purchasing is complete, we will be scheduling our delivery to the hospital in the next few weeks. The hospital staff and our veteran brethren in the wards are looking forward to receiving some cool stuff soon!

This year's Tomb Trek to the Argonne Cross and Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery is being held on November 5-7. This is the 100 Year Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknowns so is an extra special occasion this year! Cooties from all over the globe will descend on the Sheraton in Arlington for a full weekend of honoring our fallen brethren, Supreme Scratches, and some wholesome frivolity! On Sunday, Cooties in full Cootie dress uniform will be laying wreaths at the cemetery, and your faithful narrator has the distinct honor of being one of the Cooties to lay one of the wreaths this 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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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 246 *Years*

**Marine Corps
Birthday Celebration**



CHESTY PULLER VFW POST 1503

Date: Saturday, November 13th, 2021 @ 1800

Price: Free to Post members & guests

(Donations accepted at the door)

Dress: Appropriate business casual (coat & tie) or Full Military Dress

Guest of Honor, Lt. General James “Jim” Laster USMC Ret.

Sign up in canteen, starting October 16th

POC's – Ron Laney, Randy Coker or IKE Ryan

[Email-Papasix.laney@aol.com](mailto:Papasix.laney@aol.com)

rwcoker1@gmail.com





VFW November Entertainment

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

Friday Night

Saturday Night

November 5th

DJ Caroloke

VFW's Karaoke Queen!

November 6th

New Classics Band

The New Classics Band plays the future classic songs today.

November 12th

DJ Michael

Dance Party with Karaoke!

November 13th

DJ Caroloke

VFW's Karaoke Queen!

November 19th

DJ Michael

Dance Party with
Karaoke!

November 20th

DJ Steve McPhreak

Request Dance Party!

November 26th

DJ Joe Clay

Karaoke DJ

November 27th

Rockhits!

Classic Rock Band



VFW Post 1503 Afghan Refugee Relief Drive

As we all know, the Afghani people that fled when the US Military withdrew from the country left behind everything...homes, personal items, clothes...everything. To that end, VFW Post 1503 will be hosting a drive to collect needed items for donation to Afghan Refugees being relocated to US facilities.

**What is needed: Children's, Men's, and Women's Cold
Weather clothing and jackets**

We are quickly moving into the colder months, and Afghan refugees are in great need of warm clothing!!



Drop-off Location

Where: VFW Post 1503 Pavilion

When: Saturday 13 Nov 2021
from 9am-1pm

MOCA Bake Sale

Tuesday, Nov 23rd 5:30pm

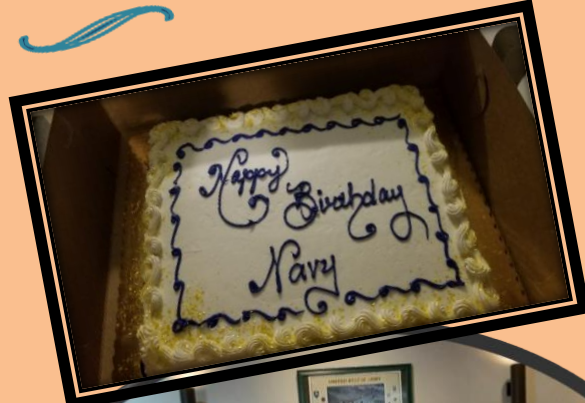
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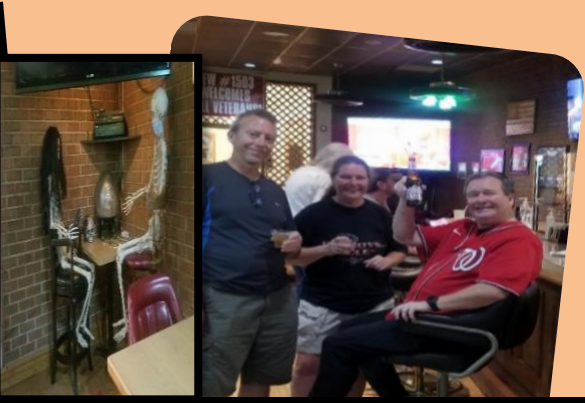
Stock up for Thanksgiving!

**For more information or to
coordinate donations of
baked goods please contact:**

Susan Adamczyk (703) 763-6254

Rebecca Moninghoff (703) 615-9965







November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BINGO 7:30	3	4 BINGO 7:30	5 Caroloke FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	6 New Classics Band Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
7 Breakfast 9-12:00	8	9 BINGO 7:30	10 Wacky Wacky Pot Luck MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	11  BINGO 7:30	12 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	13 USMC Birthday Ball Caroloke Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
14 Breakfast 9-12:00	15	16 BINGO 7:30	17 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	18 BINGO 7:30	19 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	20 DJ Steve McPhreak Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart WINGS 6:00-8:00
21 Breakfast 9-12:00	22	23 BINGO 7:30	24 Wacky Wacky Seafood	25 Thanksgiving  Buffet NO BINGO	26 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	27 Rockhits Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
28 Breakfast 9-12:00	29	30 BINGO 7:30				

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Post 1503

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Next Monthly Meeting

November 17TH

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Wacky Wacky Wednesday's ...

November 10th ... Pot Luck Specials

Spinach Ravioli	\$9.95
Mushroom Ravioli	\$9.95
Leg of Lamb	\$10.95
Apple Stuffed Pork Loin	\$TBD
Brussel Sprouts, Roasted Potatoes, Buttered Noodles	

November 24th ... Seafood Specials

Steamed Shrimp	\$10.95
Fried Trout with Rice Pilaf	\$10.95
Fried Calamari with Fried Chips.	9.95

Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone