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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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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,

As busy as we have been it hardly seems like we just re-opened after our COVID closure a little over three weeks ago. The mask policy disseminated on Constant Contact and by our Facility Manager in this month's article was not an easy decision for the Board and Facility to make. With no clear guidance from our local and state officials we turned to the CDC guidance for COVID high transmission areas that states masks should be worn indoors where social distancing cannot be achieved. None of us are experts and we are making the best decisions we can with the information we have to keep our members, staff and guests safe and avoid another closure. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Immediately after re-opening we resumed our regular Tuesday and Thursday bingos and would love to see our Post Members come out to volunteer and support – bingo keeps the lights on and for a very long time was paying the mortgage when we had one!! If you did not see the call to action on Constant Contact earlier this month and would like to help, please contact Bernie Carter if you are interested in helping out one or two nights a week – c 703-673-6113 email: bernie.carter82@gmail.com.

September gained momentum with our re-scheduled golf tournament – National Day of Service and a somber tribute of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 where we remembered our own fallen Comrade Jaime Fallon who perished at the Pentagon. We were honored to host the Air Force JROTC contingent from CD Hylton High School who performed a beautiful POW/MIA ceremony at the post. The events continued with the celebration of the 74th birthday of the Air Force, a flag retirement with our Post Honor Guard led by Papa Six and we hosted the VFW 10th District Comrades and Auxiliary for their Schools of Instruction and meetings. Many thanks to ALL of the staff and volunteers from the Post and Auxiliary who supported these events.

October is here and the weather is cooling down. We have a cornhole tournament on the 9th at 12 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the pavilion sponsored by the MOCA and MOC. The Navy Birthday is this month on the 13th but will be observed in the canteen on the 17th at 1 p.m. – come



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.

out and celebrate with your shipmates. Bingo workers will be enjoying a social sponsored by the post – if you are a bingo volunteer contact Bernie Carter for details. The Auxiliary has decided to stay with the Trunk or Treat theme again this year on the 30th at 1 p.m. – if you are interested in helping, please contact Kelli Levitt the Auxiliary President. We will also have entertainment and an Adult Halloween party and costume contest the same night in the canteen. The Sign-Up Books for our Veteran's Day Buddy Poppy distribution on the weekend of 6 November will be available in the canteen later this month.

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 **20 October** 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

The text "HAPPY HALLOWEEN" is written in a large, bold, yellow font with a red outline. The letters have a jagged, dripping edge, giving it a spooky, Halloween-themed appearance. The text is set against a white background with two black bat silhouettes flying to the right of the word "HAPPY".

VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters! I am loving the weather and the colors of the Autumn season, how about you?

Welcome to new Life Members Cassandra and Cheryl. Let's keep the momentum going into the fall – lots of opportunities to speak to friends about what we do. Remember that we have a Recruiting Challenge each year and you could earn \$100!

We had a busy and fun September with more events and activities taking place than have in recent months. Thank you to all who step up and show up – without you, we are not able to support our Comrades.

The VFW Golf Tournament on the 10th was an early morning for Debbie, Stacey, Monika and me. We met at 6:30 am to sign in players and hand out snack bags, purchased by our Auxiliary. Thank you to Donna, Monika & Debbie for shopping and helping pack all the bags!

Later that day, we picked up, delivered, set up and served lunch to the crew of Mr. Handyman – who spent the day providing free of charge home repairs for one of our Comrades.

“The National Day of Service is a day to honor those lost on 9/11, pay tribute to those who rose in service, and honor those that continue to serve our country today.

Mr. Handyman of Northern Virginia - Arlington to Haymarket takes great pride in recognizing this day with local veterans and giving back to the community”.

<https://www.mrhandyman.com/nova-arlington-to-haymarket/about-us/national-day-of-service/>

The Remembrance Ceremony to Honor the fallen and celebrate the hero's of September 11th was a somber and heartfelt time to look back and hear stories from the last 20 years. Thank you to Karla for carrying the Auxiliary Flag during the Presentation of Colors.



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 kjcoker1503@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.



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

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

informative, lots of food and loads of fun!

If you are interested in volunteering for Bingo, please contact Bernie Carter at bernie.carter82@gmail.com for information.

For Chaplain alerts, please contact Andrea at 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>. This month someone will earn our first reward of \$100 – it's not too late to enter, will it be YOU?!

On the 23rd, we will provide snacks, beverages and carving kits/tools to a group of Foreign Exchange Students who will be learning how to carve pumpkins in our Pavilion.

It was decided at our meeting to hold a '**Trunk-or-Treat**' event in lieu of an indoor Halloween party. We need volunteers to hand out treats (provided) as the children walk or ride through. The event is scheduled from 1-3 on Saturday, October 30th. If you would like to decorate your trunk/vehicle, please bring your own supplies!

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

OCT 9th – MOC/MOCA Cornhole Tournament 11:00

OCT 13th – Navy BD – 6:00

OCT 20th – Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 '**B**' Hall

OCT 23rd – Pumpkin Carving

OCT 30th – Children's Trunk-or-Treat 1-3

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!

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

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 John.

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

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Well that was certainly not what we expected when I wrote my last upcoming months newsletter. Of course I'm talking about the closure of the Post for 14 days because of the COVID outbreak that took place.

Glad to report that no one was hospitalized to our knowledge, and all our employees have returned or are returning to work shortly. Because of this and the fact Prince William County, has a red zone designation from the state, we are following state guidelines by requiring **MASKING starting the 1st of October.**

This applies to all members, guests and employees, vaccinated and non-vaccinated. While eating or drinking your mask can be removed. However if you are not doing one of these two things you must wear your mask. We will monitor all visitors to the canteen and the rest of the building. We are having the building professionally disinfected every month and workstations continue to be wiped down after being vacated by members. **YOUR CO-OPERATION is appreciated.**

We are short staffed and need help with just about every position in the Post. The catering department needs servers, bus people and bar positions for our weekend events both in the canteen and scheduled hall rentals. Cooks are also needed for daily operations and weekend's. Please call either me or Erin at 703-670-4124 extension 1 for Erin or 2 for me.

Weekend entertainment is still being scheduled. Karaoke for now is being restricted to one singer at a time, and will be at least 10 feet from other members in that area. Right now we are still planning on having our yearly **HALLOWEEN Party** and costume judging starting at 9 pm unless there's a change because of COVID concerns. PAM PELANO is once again scheduled to play that night starting at 8 pm.

John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a good meeting in September and welcomed back my friend Les Wood. We did approve a donation of \$250 for the VFW Post 1503 Afghan support program and \$250 for the VFW Christmas Food Drive. The Chapter will do a **Viola Drive** on Saturday, October 2nd once we get approval from the Food Lion and Pitkins Hardware. We have rescheduled our Chapter cookout for Saturday, October 16th. The Chapter will go to the National Cemetery at Quantico on Sunday, October 3rd at 1400 hours to do maintained work on our Chapter monument. We also will request another MOPH reserved parking sign from the State Commander to put up at VFW Post 1503. We appreciate the leadership and members at the Post to allow us two parking spaces up front at the Post!

The next **Chapter Meeting** is on **Saturday, October 16th.** 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!!!

NOTICE



**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
TO ENTER THIS
BUILDING**



Ron Laney
Commander
Semper Fi Chapter 1775

MOC / MOCA



Salutations from the MOC and MOCA! We had a spirited and fun September scratch! One of the biggest things to come out of the scratch is that we voted and approved using the funds we use to put our hospital visitations together to support McGuire and our veterans via their wish list and healthy lifestyle initiatives programs. This means that we will be purchasing requested products and goods and dropping them off with the staff every other month! We will continue doing so until the visitation restrictions due to COVID have been lifted or reduced enough for us to start our visits back up.

With the closing of the post, we had some downtime on activities in September but came back with a fury with Cooties taking part in all kinds of stuff! There were Cootie sightings all over the place: at our post golf tournament at Quantico, the post 9/11 remembrance ceremony, POW/MIA ceremony at the post, the Air Force birthday at the post (a special shout-out to our illustrious Sky Pilot for putting that one together!), a fiery time at the post's flag retirement activity in the post pavilion area, and all around the area drumming up support for the MOCA/MOC Cornhole Tourney on Saturday 9 October 2021!

Come join us for a great time at the MOCA/MOC Cornhole Tourney! There are flyers all around the canteen... but here is some info on it: Registration for the tourney kicks off at 1100 and the games will start around 1200. \$20 entry fee for both playing in the tourney and grabbing some good food and drinks, \$10 for the grub and drinks if you just want to come and hang out! The teams will be drawn at random before the games start and there will be amazing cash and prizes for the top teams (or at least some cool stuff...)! There will also be a 50/50 raffle from what I hear... We always have a great time at these tourneys and all proceeds go to our veteran support programs so please come and join us!

Our Post Commander and Past Seam Squirrel have asked your faithful narrator to chair the post's upcoming Afghan Refugee Donation Drive and I am extremely honored and please to be doing so! To that end, I went and helped out with VFW Post 9274's donation drive delivery to a foundation hosted over in Chantilly. It was well organized, and I got some great intel to incorporate in to Post 1503's drive! More info will be coming further on our drive... this is a great cause and I hope we can drum up some great support for it. Big thanks to the MOPH for their monetary donation to the drive!!!

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 variant is rearing its ugly head 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!

Ben Guinan

MOC Seam Squirrel
guinanbt@gmail.com



Susan Adamczyk

MOCA President
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PATRIOT'S PEN

A NATIONAL PATRIOTIC WRITING COMPETITION



COMPETE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE:

\$5,000

AWARD

2021-2022 THEME:

How Can I Be a Good American?

TO ENTER, CONTACT:
PP@VFWUS.ORG

FOR DETAILS, VISIT:
VFWUS.ORG/PP

WITH OTHER PRIZES ALONG THE WAY!

A national patriotic writing competition open to 6th-8th grade students.
To enter the competition a student writes a short, 300-400 word essay expressing their interpretation of the assigned patriotic theme.
Student entry deadline: October 31st, 2021. For a VFW Post near you, go to www.vfw.org/find-a-post
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ANNUAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS & TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Each year the VFW gives away over \$1.9 million in educational scholarships and incentives through the 9-12th grade Voice of Democracy audio-essay program, \$900,000 in state and national awards through the 6-8th grade Patriot's Pen essay contest, along with thousands of dollars to teachers and their schools through the Teacher of the Year program.

Student and teacher submissions for these programs can be dropped off or mailed to VFW Post 1503: Post Surgeon - Robert Adamczyk, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, VA 22193. Teachers are now allowed to nominate themselves.

Details about these programs along with entry forms can be found in the Post Canteen or online here: <https://vfwus.org/1503scholarships>

Robert "Check" Adamczyk

Post Surgeon
1503surgeon@vfwus.org

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



*One Voice Can
Make a Difference*



COMPETE TO WIN
THE GRAND PRIZE:

A \$30,000 SCHOLARSHIP

2021-2022 THEME:

**America: Where Do We
Go From Here?**

TO ENTER, CONTACT:
VOD@VFWUS.ORG

FOR DETAILS, VISIT:
VFWUS.ORG/VOD

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A national patriotic speech writing competition open to 9-12th grade students.
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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

50/50 raffle Prizes for winners

October 9, 2021

\$20 / PP

INCLUDES

FOOD & DRINKS

\$10 PP - food/drink ONLY

FUNDRAISER

*sponsored by the
MILITARY ORDER
of the COOTIE
and it's AUXILIARY
PUP TENT 14
DA-LEG-174*

** teams will be assigned by random draw once
all players are checked in and paid*

** bags will be provided - and must stay at
each board, NO carrying of bags from board
to board*

Sign In @ 11am

Games @ NOON

VFW POST 1503

PAVILION

**14631 Minnieville Rd
Dale City**

Kelli Levitt

703-895-8855 itsmekelli@aol.com



VFW AUXILIARY 1503

**INVITES YOU TO OUR
HALLOWEEN**

**DRIVE/WALK THRU
TRUNK-or-TREAT**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH 1-3

VFW POST 1503

**OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN,
ACCOMPANIED BY A
PARENT or ADULT**





VFW October Entertainment

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

Comedy Show will start at 9:30pm

Friday Nights

Saturday Nights

October 1st

DJ Caroloke

VFW's Karaoke Queen!

October 2nd

Rockits!

Classic Rock Band

October 8th

DJ Joe Clay

Karaoke DJ

October 9th

DJ Michael

Dance Party with Karaoke!

October 15th

DJ Q-Clay

Dance Party

October 16th

Hot Rod Rockers

Classic Rock Band

October 22nd

Dewayne White Comedy Show

Dewayne White Comedy presents
an All-Veteran Comedy Lineup

Show starts at 9:30

October 23rd

DJ Michael

Dance Party with Karaoke!

October 29th

DJ Caroloke

VFW's Karaoke Queen!

October 30th

Halloween Costume Party!

Pam Pelano Band



Dewayne White Comedy
PRESENTS

ALL-VETERAN COMEDY SHOWCASE



Dewayne White

OCTOBER 22

9:30 PM

ADULTS ONLY



PT Bratton



Doug Bennett



David McOwen



Dan Kaufman



Mike Brown



Jennifer Amo



SEPTEMBER AROUND THE POST



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NOTICE</p>  <p>FACE MASKS REQUIRED TO ENTER THIS BUILDING</p>					<p>1 Caroloke FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00</p>	<p>2 Rockits Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00</p>
<p>3 Breakfast 9-12:00</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>8 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00</p>	<p>9 Cornhole DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00</p>
<p>10 Breakfast 9-12:00</p>	<p>11 Columbus Day</p>	<p>12 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>13 Navy BDay Wacky Wacky Octoberfest MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>15 DJ Q-Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00</p>	<p>16 Hot Rod Rockers Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart WINGS 6:00-8:00</p>
<p>17 Breakfast 9-12:00 Navy BDay Observed 1</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>20 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>21 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>22 Comedy Show FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00</p>	<p>23 DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00</p>
<p>24 Breakfast 9-12:00 31 Halloween Breakfast 9-12</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>27 Wacky Wacky Seafood</p>	<p>28 BINGO 7:30</p>	<p>29 Caroloke FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00</p>	<p>30 Trunk or Treat Breakfast 9-12 Halloween Costume Party Pam Pelano WINGS 6:00-8:00</p>

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Next Monthly Meeting

October 20TH

vfw1503.org

Wacky Wacky Wednesday's ...

October 13th ... Octoberfest Specials

Lemon Thyme Roast Chicken	\$9.95
Roast Pork Tenderloin	\$10.95
German Sausage.....	\$9.95
Grilled Fish	\$11.95

October 27th ... Seafood Specials

Steamed Shrimp.....	\$10.95
Fried Fish	\$9.95
Broiled Scallops.....	11.95

Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone