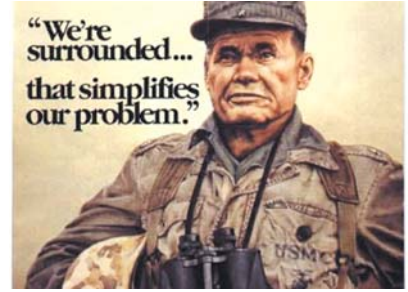




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS®

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General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

Post 1503

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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



POST OFFICERS

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

Happy New Year to ALL!! As we welcome 2022, we continue to remain open and enjoy our activities and holiday celebrations without restrictions due to COVID. I am very hopeful that will continue but I am asking everyone to be vigilant about protecting yourself and others. If you feel sick or believe you have been exposed to COVID please do not come into the facility - follow quarantine procedures or get a negative test before returning. We are trying to avoid an outbreak that would force another shut down of our facility.

- 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.

We opened our December shattering every tree sale record we had selling out in four days' time setting new offload time and one day sales records!! Thanks to Papa Six and all the volunteers who made this possible. Our Auxiliary was able to hold their annual Children's Christmas Party and even had a few comrades show up to help with some of the games - thanks to all the volunteers from both the auxiliary and post who continue to make these events a success.

We also took time to soberly recognize Pearl Harbor Day, although there are few WWII veterans left among our ranks it is important we continue to recognize these significant events. The Space Force celebrated their second birthday and we had some Air Force members on hand to help celebrate and cut the cake - if you are or know a member of the post who is in the Space Force, please let me know so we can include them in future celebrations. Thanks to all who came out or paused to recognize these important events and the sacrifices of those who went before us and those still serving.

January is mid-year for the VFW and the Department of Virginia will be gathering early this month for our Winter Council and mid-year conference in Portsmouth, VA. We will be conducting business of the Department but also taking some time to recognize our Scholarship Awards and Teachers of the Year at the State level. These programs are a big part of giving back to our community and making a big deal out of them lets people know they are important. A lot of effort goes into these

programs each year often unseen by members – many thanks to the chairman, judges and entrants into these programs who spend countless hours to ensure their success.

I continue to be amazed and astounded at how we continue to grow – the Recruiting efforts of our members are on track to shatter the previous year's membership record. No VFW Post makes All American or All State without the efforts of MANY – thanks for all that you do to make our post great and continuing our 40+ years of consecutive growth. We are also doing a lot of great work that should be reported. For those of you who were at the last membership meeting we took some time to really break down the importance of reporting the things we do. If you have questions about what should be reported or how to report please get with any post officer, come to a meeting, or email me to find out how.

Please continue to stay safe and remember 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 **19 January** 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)



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

# VFW AUXILIARY

Happy New Year Auxiliary 1503 Brothers & Sisters!

I hope the Holiday Season was fun for each of you, doing what makes you happy!

**WE DID IT!!** Thanks to the effort of so many – we have made it to over 100% in membership!! We all deserve a huge congratulations for getting to this point! Thank you to all who continue to recruit!

As a thank you and a token of our appreciation to our Comrades, our Auxiliary was thrilled to provide a meal from Olive Garden after our monthly meeting on the 15th. The desserts, provided by our members were definitely enjoyed by all! Pretty certain everyone left with full bellies!

We had a great turnout for our monthly breakfast get together on the 18th and completed it with a cookie exchange and then stuffed goodie bags for the Children’s Christmas party. The cookies were delicious and festive. Hope you will join us this month on the 15th at 9:30.

Our annual Children’s Christmas party was a huge hit! The 1503 staff provided a beautiful, kid friendly lunch buffet. We had crafts, games, THE cake walk and of course a visit from Santa and his elf!

A big, huge thank you to everyone who helped with all of our events/activities last month. Our Auxiliary rocks!!

At our December meeting, our annual drawing for a Life Membership ‘upgrade’ was held. Congratulations to Gerald Angyal, you are now an official Auxiliary 1503 LIFE MEMBER!

January is typically kind of a slow month, with not a lot of events scheduled... so, this is a wonderful time for planning! What would you like to see our Auxiliary do over the next several months? It is also a wonderful time to start thinking about nominations and elections – April will be here in such a short time! Are you interested in holding an office?

Do you know about our [Volunteer Incentive Program](#)? This month, someone will earn \$100! SVP Elizabeth will have the totals ready and make the announcement at our meeting on the 19th!! Information can be found at [Auxiliary Incentive Program](#)

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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

## VFW AUXILIARY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM INFO:

Responding to Action Alerts is simple. To identify the correct members of the House and Senate for your area, access the VFW Action Center, follow the directions and a list of both Federal and State Officials will be provided. You can easily send three emails (one to your Representative and one to each of your Senators) in less than thirty seconds. Take the time to let your elected officials know how you feel and promote the best interests of Veterans everywhere.

You can always check and see what campaigns are active with the National Legislative Service by checking [the active campaigns here](#).

As always, be sure to check out our [Legislative Resources](#) and the [Program Overview](#).

Would you like to receive Chaplain Alerts for our Auxiliary members? How about the monthly Department of Virginia Communications? Maybe you’d like to receive alerts from our Department Chaplain? Need to update your contact info or pay your dues? It’s easy! Here are the links...

[Department Chaplain Alerts](#)

Department Monthly Communications

Auxiliary 1503 Chaplain Alerts

[www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)

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

JAN 7-9 – Winter Council Meeting (Portsmouth)

JAN 15th – Auxiliary Breakfast – 9:30

JAN 19th – Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00

JAN 22nd – VFW/AUX Membership Appreciation Night



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 Star.

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

Hope you all had a safe holiday season. Can't believe its already 2022.

Last month we had our Christmas food basket program delivery of gift card's ranging in amounts from \$50.00 to \$150.00 to 109 families representing 549 people. This was an increase of 19 families over 2020.

We also had our New Years Eve Party return. Once again Nite-Life band entertained us. Big shout out to ERIN and our catering department for the festive decorations and fantastic food.

New door access system still on hold until the permits are approved. Should be sometime this month. Again as a reminder please be sure we have your current e-mail address on file. If your getting Constant Contact notices then you're all set. If your not, then please fill out a Constant Contact sheet located near the main entrance door to the canteen. This will allow us to download an app to your cell phone, which will be how you unlock the door and save your self time of having to be asked for your membership card.

Reminder our Friday night dinners have added PRIME RIB to our menu. We are also looking forward to seeing you on Saturday nights for WINGS.

See calendar on last page of this newsletter for what's happening this month.



John Meehan  
Facility Manager

## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a short and small meeting in December and decided that we would be responsible for painting the reserved parking spaces, purple at the VFW and maintain the upkeep. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with their families and friends and are set for a happy and successful new year!

At our next meetings in January, 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, January 15th. 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

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## MOC / MOCA



Greetings from the MOC/MOCA! From all the Cooties, we hope you had a wonderful and happy holiday season! We are all looking forward to the new year and wish one and all a happy, peaceful, and successful new year!

Our December scratch was well attended and somewhat abbreviated to accommodate our Cootie Christmas Dinner. Thank you to the Post's event staff for providing us with an excellent meal and great service during the dinner! The white elephant gift exchange was a lot of fun! And we were honored to welcome our fallen brother Dennis Davidson's family and friends to join us for dinner. A fine time was had by all!

We delivered our wish-list donations shipment for McGuire VA Hospital on Saturday 18 December 2021! The staff of the hospital and the veterans loved all the goodies... particularly so close to the holidays! The therapeutic equipment and software, games, cooking supplies, a multitude of gift cards, and the bin full of letters and bracelets the students at Minnieville Elementary School made for veterans during the week of Veterans Day were all warmly received! The hospital staff is working up their next wish-list and will get it to us as soon as it is ready. We are hopeful that we may be able to do an in-person, outdoor visit with the veterans at the hospital in the spring... and doing some Mission BBQ with them in conjunction with the Band of Brothers MRC!

The Cooties are planning a bunch of stuff for the new year so stay tuned for info! Flea Markets, donation drives, and other events... oh my! All our events generate funds for our programs supporting our brethren at VA Hospitals and facilities. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to having you join us for upcoming events this year!

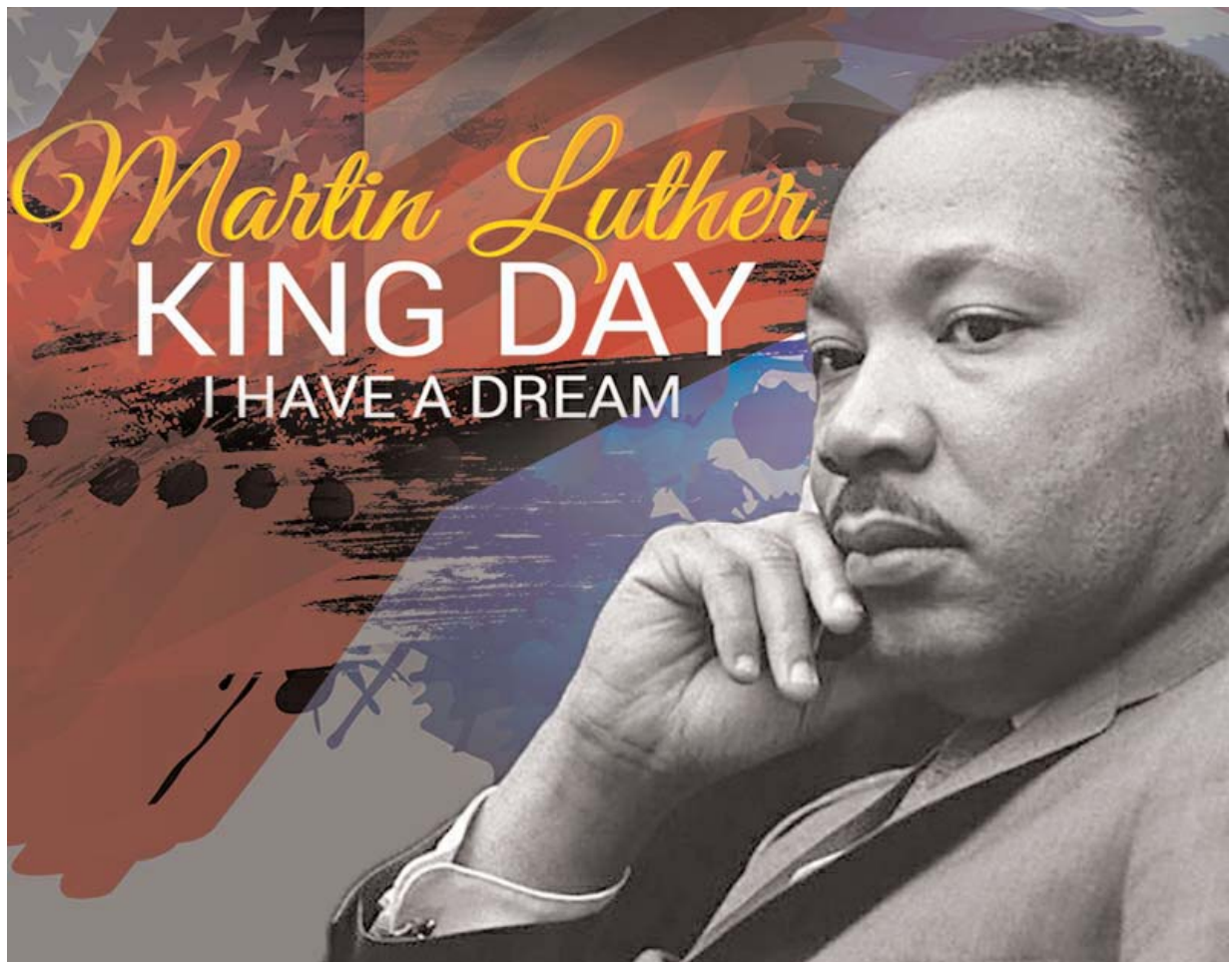
As always, take care of yourself, your families, your friends, and your fellow veterans in this pandemic era. Stay diligent... COVID is still out there! Omicron and other variants are rearing their ugly heads all over the place! All the best to everyone in these trying times! If there is anything we 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 January Entertainment

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

**Friday Night**

**Saturday Night**

**January 1st**

**Normal Hours**

**No entertainment scheduled**

**January 7th**

**DJ Joe Clay**

**Karaoke and Dance Music**

**January 8th**

**The New Classics**

**Variety Band**

**January 14th**

**Caroloke!**

**Karaoke**

**January 15th**

**DJ Check**

**Karaoke, Videos, Dancing**

**January 21st**

**DJ Steve Boldin**

**Dance Music and Videos**

**January 22nd**

**DJ Michael**

**Kamikaze Karaoke and Dance Party**

**January 28th**

**DJ Michael**

**Kamikaze Karaoke and Dance Party**

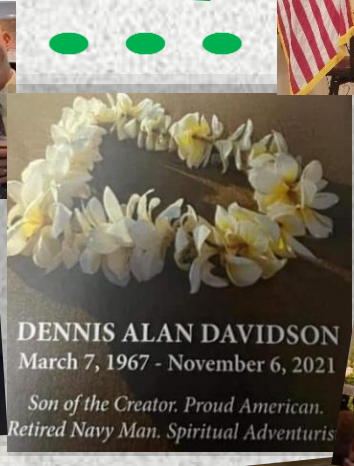
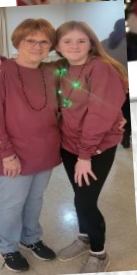
**January 29th**

**The Janus Project Band**

**Blues based Rock band**







# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>NO Breakfast</b> <b>WINGS</b> 6:00-8:00
2 Breakfast 9-12:00	3	4 BINGO 7:30	5	6 BINGO 7:30	7 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	8 The New Classics Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> 6:00-8:00
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# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Post 1503

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Woodbridge, Virginia 22193



Next Monthly Meeting

**January 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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

### January 12th ... Pot Luck Specials

Chicken Pot Pie . . . . .	\$10.95
Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots . . . . .	\$9.95
Lasagna Bolognese . . . . .	\$9.95

### January 26th ... Seafood Specials

Steamed Shrimp . . . . .	\$9.95
Fried Calamari with Fries . . . . .	\$9.95
Brown Sugar Glazed Salmon . . . . .	\$10.95

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

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone