



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

We made it through a chilly February dodging weather and avoiding any more weather closures of the facility. Our COVID numbers continue their downward trend and we are all cautiously optimistic that it will continue in that direction. Please continue to exercise precautions as necessary, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms and follow CDC quarantine guidelines to protect yourself and others.

In addition to our outstanding Wacky Wednesday menus, special meals were prepared this month for Black History and Valentine's Day – the staff did a great job and the crowds came out!! I had the honor of delivering winter clothing with our Auxiliary President to three title 1 schools our post supports. Our sponsored Scout Troop 1919 hosted an Eagle Ceremony and Court of Honor for four new Eagle Scouts this month. To hear more about their journey, check out the Inside NOVA article about them – [Troop 1919 Eagle Scouts](#)

This month we host our District 10 Joint meeting on the 20th and we will pause at 6 p.m. on the 29th of March to recognize National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. The Vietnam War ended nearly 60 years ago claiming more than 58,000 American lives and producing over 3.4 million veterans. Our post has no shortage of Vietnam Veterans – come out to honor them as we take time to "Welcome Home" our Post's Vietnam Veterans.

We have our normal business of post nominations and elections over the next two months. Nominations for post officers will be at the March monthly meeting on the 16th. Although write-ins are permitted to be added to the ballot you must be



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.





nominated and accept nomination via letter or in person at the post meeting to be on the published ballot. Candidates who are nominated may publish an article of no more than 500 words in the April Newsletter. Email articles to cdrpost1503@vfwva.org by 21 March 2022 for the April newsletter. In keeping with our Post By-laws our elections will be in person on the 20th of April, details will be published in the April newsletter.

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

Follow and Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-of-Foreign-Wars-Post-1503-96167622773/>

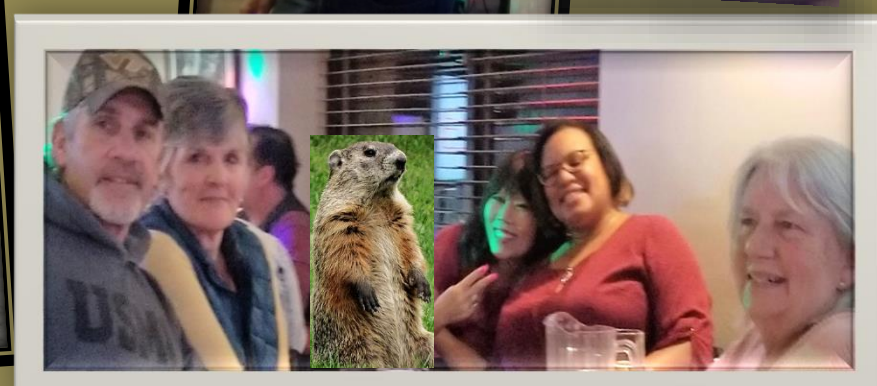
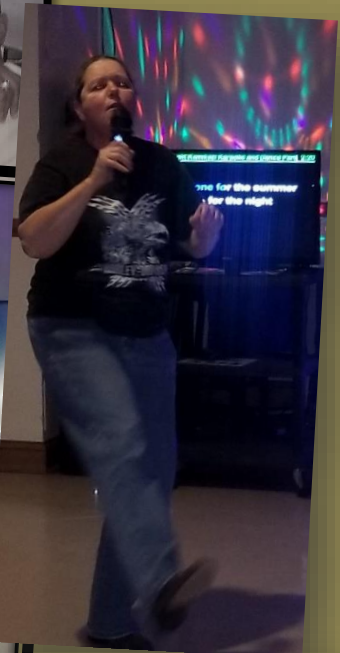
Our **Next Meeting** will be at **7:00 p.m.** on **16 February** at VFW Post 1503 in the meeting room. Please follow CDC recommendations for face coverings and attend only if you are healthy. We will continue to conduct in-person only meetings unless there is a compelling reason to add a Zoom option.

Stay Healthy and Safe!



Tom Levitt
Post Commander
cdrpost1503@vfwva.org

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



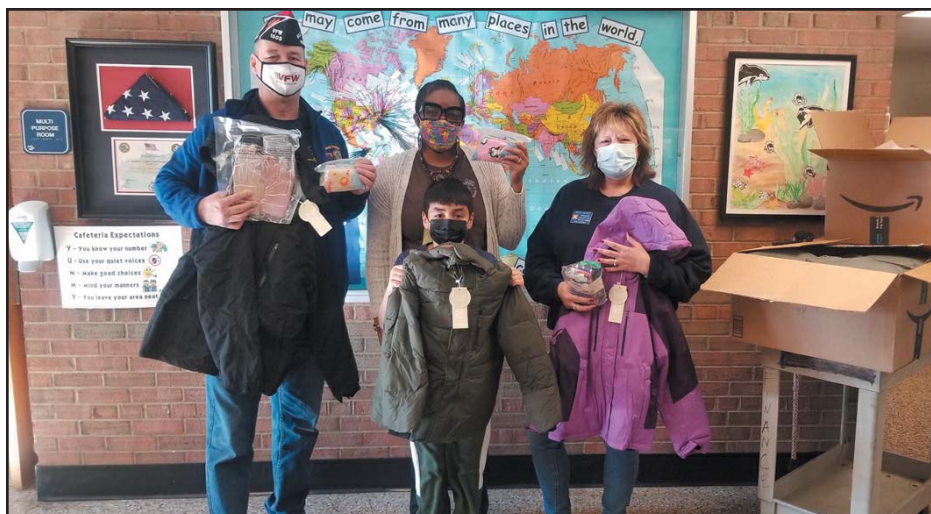
VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Auxiliary 1503 Brothers & Sisters! March already? Like every month/year, it is hard to believe that time moves so quickly.

Welcome to our new members, Bina, Kathleen, Latissa, Samuel, Audrey, Erik, Tamara, Toni, Francine, Diana, Tava and Brian.

Our membership is currently 102.05% / 946 members!! We received a Membership Award from the Department of Virginia, for reaching 100%+1 by December 31st! Thank you again to all who continue to recruit!

We had such a great time at Auxiliary breakfast on the 19th – we forgot to get a picture! Hope you will plan to join us this month, also on the 19th. 9:30 am at Post 1503.



Coats for Kids! With the help of a very generous donation from our VFW Comrades, we were able to purchase even more for the three schools we support. Thanks to the Commander for helping with the deliveries of 32 coats, 48 pairs of gloves and 54 pairs of socks! This month we will donate additional socks and underwear, as requested by the schools.

The 10th District Meeting is coming up on the 20th, at Post 1503. District President Betty Gimble invites and encourages all to attend! Lunch begins at noon, followed by joint opening/awards ceremony at 1:00.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to Chaplain, Michael Alicea and 3rd Year Trustee, Patricia Wootten – who were nominated and elected to serve for the remainder of the 2021-2022 year.

Annual Membership Dues

If you are an annual member, look at your Auxiliary membership card to see when your membership expires... if it was December 31, 2021 – PLEASE, stop what you're doing and get your dues paid! You can do it in Malta or you can leave cash/check (\$25) with the bartender at the Post.

Nominations and elections for the 2022-2023 year coming in April! Though not required, if you plan to be nominated, please let me know so that I am able to prepare the script. I would also ask that you understand and that you are willing to fulfill the duties and commitment of holding office. Resources are available in our Podium book and in Malta at www.vfwauxiliary.org

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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 Michael Alicea
Conductress Jan Kiecker
Guard Donna Morton
1st Yr Trustee Monika Walczyk
2nd Yr Trustee Janell Garland
3rd Yr Trustee Patricia Wootten
Historian Joyce Gibbs
Patriotic Instructor Regina Meehan



Plans are underway for our Annual Children's Easter party and Annual Corn Hole Tournament, both in April. If you would like to help, please let me know.

As mentioned from John Meehan, there is a new Post 1503 door card system coming soon! Please be sure that your contact information is current – you can update in Malta, let me know, or fill out an update card, available in the Canteen.

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

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 20th – 10th District Meeting

March 29th – National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Kelli Levitt

VFW Auxiliary 1503 President

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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

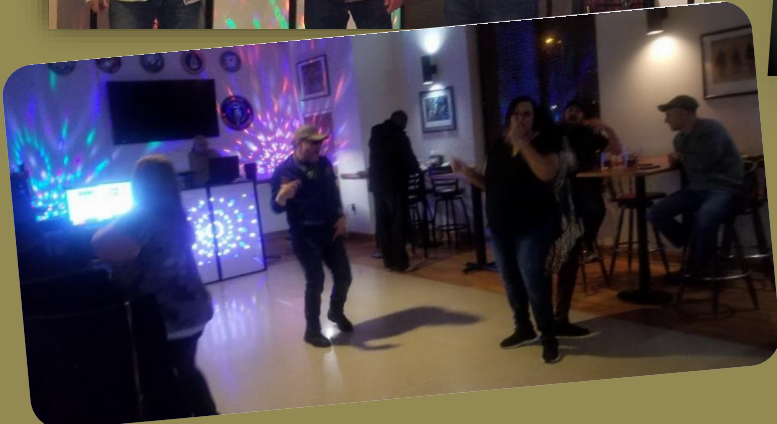


VFW POST 1503 INTERVIEW PROJECT



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 RON.

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



FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Hopefully days of wine and roses are here and days of ice and snow are gone. What a ride we had during the month of February. With the weather and also at the club. If we had one thing break we had another go out the next day. Anywhere from a locked out safe to a broken garbage disposal in the kitchen and ABC stores that had no liquor to fill our orders get the idea?

Door access install will be starting early this month. Again please let us know your e mail address if you want to have access to the canteen from your cell phone. Contact me at vfw1503facmgt@comcast.net, or fill out a constant contact sheet located on the table as you enter the canteen.

This being March we are looking forward to seeing you on St. Patty's Day Thursday, March 17th. Best corned beef meal in town, get here early, we only have so much on hand and when it's gone it's gone. We will have entertainment in the dance floor area between 3 and 4 until 8 pm and party favors.

WACKY WEDNESDAY is Expanding to – 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

WINGS EVERY SATURDAY – 6 TO 8 PM

DJ AND/OR BAND – Every Friday and Saturday

See last page of this newsletter for list of all events during this month.



John Meehan

Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a good meeting on Saturday and discussed the upcoming Chapter elections next month and that we hope more members will show up and participate in the elections. We look forward to Patriots helping with our Chapter Viola Drive on April 16th. We need as many Patriots as possible to help with this important Chapter function.

We decided to hold a raffle this year on raising funds to help support combat wounded veterans and their families. We will print 1,000 raffle tickets at \$5 a piece and have 2 \$500 gift cards awarded to the raffle winners. We will move forward on having tickets printed and giving out raffle ticket books to Patriots to help sell at our next meeting in March. The drawing will be on August 7th, National Purple Heart Day. We decided at our meeting to move forward with our Chapter High School scholarship awards program and present a \$500 scholarship award to a JROTC student a Colonial Forge and Mt. View high schools this year. Also, we need Patriots to help with the High School Leadership award program this year. Please contact me for coordination of schools.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, March 19th at 1000 hours at VFW Post #1503. 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



Greetings from the MOC/MOCA! The February scratch was well attended, and we discussed a great many things that are upcoming! A lousy time was had by all!

The next McGuire VA Hospital wish-list is in, and we are underway in purchasing the requested and needed items. The MOCA has gathered a plethora of gift cards and the MOC is working on purchasing a bunch of items for the hospital's musical rehab program as well as several tech items that will help improve the lives of the long term stay veterans in the Spinal Cord and Polytrauma wards that we support. We will let everyone know if there are any opportunities to donate things for the veterans at the hospital! Perhaps a drive of some kind may be coming up in the future for just that kind of purpose...

The Cooties continued our forever trek helping comrades and disabled vets all over the place in February! Wellness checks and transportation to and from hospitals and operations abounded this month! If anyone needs any kind of help with things, please reach out to the post and get a message to the Cooties... or just shoot me and/or Susan an email (they are listed below)! We are always willing to help with whatever we can!

We are always looking to increase and multiply! If you have the volunteering spirit and drive, you are an ideal candidate for Cootieship! If you are interested in learning about the MOC and/or MOCA, reach out to a Cootie! We are a bunch of crazy, fun-loving, and dedicated veterans that are always looking for other likeminded people to help further our mission to "Keep them smiling in beds of white"!

A big Cootie welcome to our newest MOC member, Kurt Hense! You will be a lousy asset to the Pup Tent indeed!

Another big thing to come out of the last scratch... we held our nominations and elections for next year's slate of MOC Officers! Congratulations to all our newly elected officers:

Seam Squirrel (Commander): Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Blanket Bum (Senior Vice Commander): Sam Rhodes
Hide Gimlet (Junior Vice Commander): Charles "Romeo" Marlowe
CCDB (Quartermaster): Sterling Moninghoff
Tight Wad 2-Year (Trustee): Ken Eggers

I know the Pup Tent will continue to thrive with the new officers and will continue to do my part "8 days a week!"

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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Ben Guinan
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Susan Adamczyk
MOCA President
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ST. PATTY'S DAY

Come Join Us for a Full Day of Fun and Good Eating.
Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is the Best in Town.

We will have Plenty of Music with **DJ JOE CLAY** from 4-8 for Your Listening Pleasure and You Can Count on Hearing and Seeing Things Only Available at the V.

We will have Noise Makers, **COLD BEER**, Hats, **COLD BEER**, Beads, **COLD BEER**.



CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

After an Army career that was cut far too short by injury, I eventually found my way to the VFW and Post 1503. After joining, I felt a sense of purpose and camaraderie that had long been missing in my life. I dedicated myself to doing all I could for the Post and the VFW in general. Along with volunteering for a multitude of activities during my tenure with our Post, I have served two terms as Post Surgeon, one as Post Adjutant, and two terms as Post Junior Vice Commander. In my capacity as Post Surgeon, I oversaw two successful seasons of our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy youth scholarship programs as well as spearheading the reestablishment of Blood Drives held at our Post. As Post Adjutant, I have been involved with many facets of Post and VFW related administration. As Junior Vice Commander, I oversaw four Buddy Poppy drives, helped organize multiple events including Blood Drives at the Post, and the Band of Brothers inaugural Charity Poker run (to benefit McGuire VA Hospital). During my time with our Post, I continue to have the great honor of being a part of the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) Pup Tent and have served as the Seam Squirrel (Commander) for the past two years as well as holding the role of Grand (State) Junior Vice Commander of Virginia and Grand (State) Senior Vice Commander of Virginia. I have also served in multiple positions in VFW VA District 10 over the last three years to include Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, and Inspector. In all roles, it continues to be my honor to work with all the Posts in our district. I look forward to working with the VFW and Post 1503 and will continue to strive to lead our Post into the future. Therefore, I am announcing my intention to run for the office of Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 1503. It continues to be my honor and privilege to serve our brethren, our Post, and our community. I would sincerely appreciate your vote.



Regards to all,
Ben Guinan



VFW March Entertainment

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

Friday Night

Saturday Night

March 4th

DJ Joe Clay

Joeyoke and Dance Music

March 5th

Comedy Show

DeWayne White All Veteran Comedy Show

March 11th

DJ Michael

Kamikaze Karaoke & Dance Music

March 12th

The Winstons

Motown Review!

Thursday March 17th

Special St. Patty's Day Entertainment 4pm – 8pm

DJ Joe Clay

March 18th

DJ Steve

Video Dance Music

March 19th

DJ Joe Clay

Joeyoke and Dance Music

March 25th

DJ Check

Karaoke & Dance Music

March 26th

Mars Rodeo Band

Classic and Modern Rock!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BINGO 7:30	2 Wacky Wacky Seafood	3 BINGO 7:30	4 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	5 All Vet Comedy Show Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
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13 Breakfast 9-12:00 	14	15 BINGO 7:30	16 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	17 BINGO 7:30  DJ Joe Clay 4-8	18 DJ Steve FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	19 DJ Joe Clay Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart WINGS 6:00-8:00
20 Breakfast 9-12:00	21	22 BINGO 7:30	23 Wacky Wacky Seafood	24 BINGO 7:30	25 DJ Check FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	26 Mars Rodeo Band Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
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Next Monthly Meeting

March 16TH

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WACKY WACKY WEDNESDAY'S ... NOW THREE TIMES A MONTH!!!

March 2nd ... Seafood Specials

Bang Bang Shrimp (Fried Shrimp w/Spicy Mayo)	\$10.95
Fried Catfish	\$10.95
Steamed Shrimp	\$10.95

March 9th ... Pot Luck Specials

Pork Chops	\$10.95
Eggplant Parmesan	\$9.95
Lobster Ravioli	\$10.95

March 23rd ... Seafood Specials

Steamed Shrimp	\$10.95
Honey Glazed Salmon	\$10.95
Fish Tacos	\$9.95

Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone