



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

MAY 22



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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

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

Post Officers for 2022-2023 will be installed at the Post on 7 May at 1800 HRS in the A Hall - all are welcome. Newly elected or appointed officers will assume their duties upon the election and installation of our new State Commander during the State Convention June, 11 2022. At that time current Post Officers will retire from their position and 2022-2023 elected or appointed Post Officers officially assume their duties. Your 2022-2023 Elected Officers are:



- Commander - Bernie Carter
Senior Vice Commander - Ben Guinan
Junior Vice Commander - Star Martinez
Surgeon - Charles "Romeo" Marlowe
Chaplain - Ed Bennett
Judge Advocate - Robert Adamczyk
Quartermaster - Carl Richardson
3 Year Trustee - Tim Brown

Along with the elections we had a busy month. We hosted a contingent from the Department of Pennsylvania and they were very appreciative of both the comradeship and the service the staff provided as their visit was on a very busy night!! Several comrades came out to support the Auxiliary during the Children's Easter Party and the Cornhole Tournament - both events set records in attendance and participation by Volunteers. Thanks to all who came out to support

Despite our Inaugural National Day of Service being a typical work day, Friday 13 May, we hope to see people who can flex

POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander . . . . . Tom Levitt
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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.



their work schedule or take a day off to start the weekend off early by serving our community. This is a great cause and 'many hands make light work' - Information below:

**\*\*VFW NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE\*\***

VFW Post 1503 is planning a day of work at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding program (NVTRP) [www.nvtrp.org](http://www.nvtrp.org) in Clifton on 13 May 2022. The project is to replace wooden fence boards at the farm. If you have questions, you may contact project organizer Ken Eggers at [eggerskf@yahoo.com](mailto:eggerskf@yahoo.com) or [cdrpost1503@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost1503@vfwva.org) for more information. We are seeking support from our Post and Auxiliary members to volunteer on the day of the project.

**Volunteer Sign Up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fabae22ab9-vfwday>

Our District 10 convention and elections are on 15 May, 11:30 a.m. Lunch – 1:00 p.m. meeting, all members in good standing are welcome. We will wind down a busy May with a packed Memorial Day weekend including placing flags at Quantico and a Blood Drive on Saturday. We also have Buddy Poppy distribution sign up books in the canteen for Saturday and Sunday on Memorial Day weekend – get involved in this event that helps fill the coffers of our Relief Fund. We will finish our weekend on Memorial Day Monday with a tribute to the fallen attending an 11 a.m. ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery followed by a picnic in the Post Pavilion – both are open to ALL.

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 **18 May** at VFW Post 1503 in the meeting room. Please follow CDC recommendations and attend only if you are healthy.

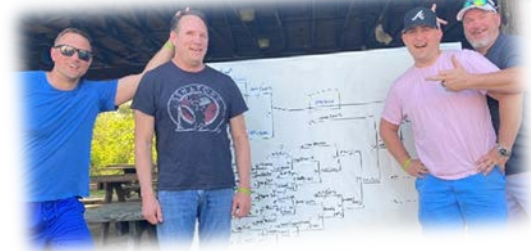
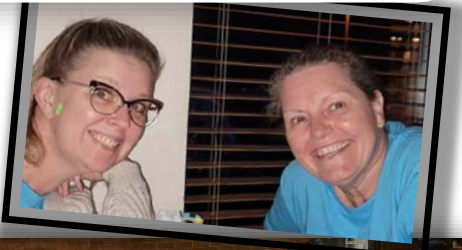
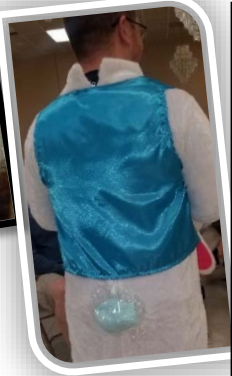
***Stay Healthy and Safe!***

**Tom Levitt**

Post Commander

[cdrpost1503@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost1503@vfwva.org)





# VFW AUXILIARY

Hi Auxiliary 1503! May is here, and packed full of events, which provides you many opportunities to volunteer!

Welcome to our new members: Josephine (L), Samantha (L), Renee (A), Kenneth (L), Allen (L), June (L), Lina (L), Thomas (A), Becky (L), Kimberly (L) & Jennifer (L). Looking forward to your involvement with our Auxiliary!

We need SIXTEEN members to reach 1,000! 16 additional chances for you to earn \$100 – in our Recruiter Challenge!!

Congratulations to Pam for winning \$100 in the 3rd quarter Volunteer Incentive Program! One more quarter to go for this year – will it be you? Details can be found here - [Volunteer Incentive Program](#)



Hope you will join us this month on the 21st at 9:30 at Post 1503.



the day perfect in every way! Special thanks to our 1st time Easter Bunny, Ken Wiseman.

Our April meeting had 48 members in attendance! Nominations & Elections, business and a little fun! We have a lot of Chairman Positions that need filled for the new year – if interested, please visit [Auxiliary National](#) to learn more about the programs we support. Our Auxiliary needs you!

I present to you your 2022-2023 Officers - elected & appointed.



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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

# 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

On April 1st & 2nd, Betty Gimble and I traveled to Portsmouth for our VFW Auxiliary National President, Jean Hamil's official visit to Virginia.

We had 13 at Auxiliary breakfast on the 16th – darn close to a record! So much fun visiting with one another.



To say The Annual Easter Party was a success is a massive understatement! We had a record 96 children; along with their families visit us for lunch, activities, egg hunt and pics with the Bunny! It was chaotic, fun & exhausting. Additional tables were added, more food was put out and we had to forgo kid's bingo – however, the 2,100+ filled eggs were grabbed in record time! A thousand thanks to everyone who attended and helped to make

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 3rd Year Trustee – Gina Powers  
 Secretary – Pamela Flores

Our Auxiliary had the opportunity to visit Tribute at the Glen Assisted Living Facility on the 15th. We purchased and handed out gift cards, snacks & toiletries. We played bingo, listened to music & got to chat with a couple of Veteran's. It was a great Day! Next visit to Brookdale Senior Living later this month. Details to follow.

Keeping up with the record-breaking theme for April – I think it is safe to say that our Annual Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser also made that cut! 21 teams and countless others enjoyed the beautiful weather, the food, the beverages, the fun & the opportunity to support a great cause. Just over \$1,700 was raised, between 50/50, registration & donations! Again – a thousand thanks to everyone who attended and helped!! Special thanks to our Comrades who always show up to support us with heavy lifting and to our very own server – Paul 'beer-man' Kiecker, who absolutely refuses to allow anyone to go thirsty!!

If you are noticing a trend here – you are right! Our Auxiliary ROCKS!! Without each of us showing up and working together, none of what we plan to do would happen. It takes all of us and I am grateful for each of you!

We applied & received a \$1,000 #StillServing VFW National Community Service Support Grant!! We will present the check to NVTRP during the VFW National Day of Service on Friday, May 13th. You may sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fabae22ab9-vfwday> to volunteer for either shift. Our Auxiliary will provide lunch & beverages for the volunteers. Please wear an Auxiliary shirt, if you have one.

10th District Convention is May 15th at Post 1503. Please plan to attend! Lunch is provided and will begin at 11:30 a.m.

To sign up for Auxiliary 1503 Chaplain alerts – please contact Chaplain Michael at [Auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com](mailto:Auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com)

**Memorial Day Weekend** – LOTS going on!! Sign up book for **Buddy Poppies** is in the Canteen. **Blood Drive** sign up is at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> click on **FIND A DRIVE** & type in **vfwpost1503**. 'Flags In' at Quantico Cemetery begins with breakfast at Post 1503 at 9 am on the 28th. Depart at 10am. Memorial Day Ceremony at Quantico Cemetery on the 30th. Memorial Day - **Post 1503 Annual Community BBQ** at noon.

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

MAY 7th – VFW/AUX Officer Installation  
MAY 8th – Mother's Day  
MAY 13th – VFW #still-serving National Day of Service NVTRP  
MAY 15th – 10th District Convention  
MAY 18th – Auxiliary Meeting  
MAY 21st – Auxiliary Breakfast  
MAY 28th – Blood Drive  
MAY 28th – Buddy Poppy Drive  
MAY 28th – 'Flags In' @ Quantico Cemetery  
MAY 29th – Buddy Poppy Drive  
MAY 30th – Memorial Day  
MAY 30th – Memorial Day Ceremony @ Quantico Cemetery  
MAY 30th – Post 1503 Annual Community BBQ  
JUN 10-12 – Department Convention

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!

Loyally, **Kelli Levitt**  
VFW Auxiliary 1503 President  
[itsmekelli@aol.com](mailto: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**

## MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT

On 10 June 2022, at 1100 hrs, the Missing In America Project will lay-to-rest at Quantico National Cemetery the previously unclaimed cremains of 6 veterans (2 Navy, 1 Marine, 1 Army, 1 Air Force, and 1 Coast Guard). Everyone is welcome.

The mission of the Missing In America Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremains of veterans and their eligible dependents. We are a 100% all volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. In Virginia, we have, so far, visited 132 funeral homes, mortuaries, crematoriums, coroner's offices, Sheriff's Office, etc., and located 711 unclaimed cremains. Of those unclaimed cremains, we've identified and interred 232 veterans and 28 spouses. Additionally, in cooperation with the National Park Services, the Virginia Missing In America Project has interred (at a local cemetery) 84 cremains that were left at The Wall.

Any questions, please contact **Forrest Lingenfelter**, Virginia State Coordinator, 703-407-5356.

Respectfully,  
**Forrest Lingenfelter**  
VFW Post 1503 Member

## 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 **MIKE**.

If you would like to share your story, you may reach Elizabeth at [mrs.elizabeth.marlowe@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.elizabeth.marlowe@gmail.com)



# **VFW May Entertainment**

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

**Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Special Cinco de Mayo Entertainment 4pm – 8pm**

**DJ Joe Clay**

**Friday Night May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**DJ Steve**

**Video Dance Music**

**Saturday Night May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**The Janus Project**

**Blues Based Rock**

**Friday Night May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**DJ Joe Clay**

**Joeyoke & Dance Music**

**Saturday Night May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Hot Rod Rockers**

**Classic Rock/Vintage Rock Band**

**Friday Night May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**DJ Michael**

**All 70's/80's Karaoke & Dance Party!**

**Dress up for the decade you like!**

**Saturday Night May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Comedy Show**

**DeWayne White**

**All Veteran Comedy Show**

**Friday Night May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**DJ Steve**

**Video Dance Music**

**Saturday Night May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**DJ Check**

**Video Dance Party and Karaoke!**

**Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Special Memorial Day BBQ Entertainment 12pm – 4pm**

**DJ Michael and Special Guests**

# MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

Happy Mother's Day 

**VFW Post 1503**

14631 Minnieville Road • Dale City, Virginia

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

- **Omelette & Egg Station • Waffle Station •**
- **Assorted Breakfast Meats & Sides •**
- **Fruit & Chocolate Table • Assorted Pastries •**

*Remember, there is no breakfast served on this Sunday.*

**Reservations Appreciated! Adults \$16.95 • Children \$9.95**

## FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Would like to send out congratulations to the incoming Commander Bernie Carter and newly elected BOD for the upcoming year. Look forward to working with you and keeping 1503 as not only the largest VFW in the world, but also the best in service to our members and guests.

By now we should be up and running with our new door access system. Like everything new, I'm sure we will have our challenges, so please be patient for the first few weeks of implementation. We are expecting to have approximately 1,000 users. E-mail will be sent to you if you want the access code downloaded to your cell phone, or to receive a FOB. If you are receiving constant contact then we have yours on file. If you don't, on your next visit to the Canteen, please sign up at the front entrance door. Rule of thumb initially I believe, we will take our old door card book for downloading the initial users for either cell phone access or FOB'S.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday May 20th – 1 to 4 – OPEN to Members and the Public

SHREDDING – SHREDDING – SHREDDING

Please limit 3 or 4 regular size box's per family

Shredding will take place on premises and receipts will be given if you request one.

Please see flyers/calendar on back page for upcoming entertainment and events.



**John Meehan**  
Facility Manager



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots,

Today, we had low attendance but a fruitful **Viola Drive**. Tom Gimble, Matt McGuire, Dick Hanscom and I collected donations in front of Pitkin's Ace Hardware and in the canteen at the VFW. We collected \$353! After we were done with the **Viola Drive**, we held a brief meeting to discuss some upcoming events.



High School JROTC Leadership Awards. The local high schools in the area will start conducting their end of year award ceremonies. If you volunteered, please let Ron or I know if you have not received the certificate and medal for the schools you are supporting, thank you for your assistance recognizing the future leaders of our country.

The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association is conducting a reunion 26-29 May in Tampa, FL. So far, our Chapter will have two representatives attending!

On 10 June there will be a funeral conducted at Quantico National Cemetery with full military honors for unclaimed remains of veterans and family members. I would like to have one of our Semper Fi Chapter Members attend and render final respects for the entire chapter. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

The Department of Virginia MOPH meeting and annual officer elections is scheduled to occur at the Virginia War Memorial on 7 May at 9AM. If you are interested in attending please contact me at [domdionne@hotmail.com](mailto:domdionne@hotmail.com).

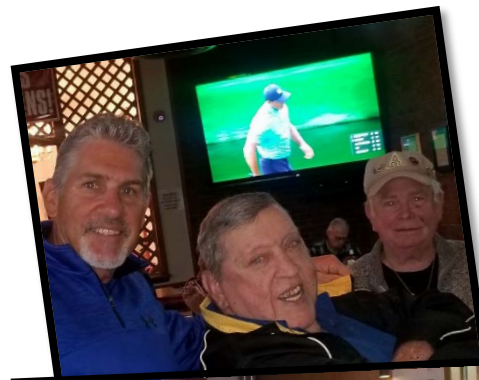
Remember, our mission is to help the combat wounded veterans and their family members. If you know of anyone in need of assistance please let contact me at 703-618-1837. Leave me a brief message if I do not answer and I'll get back with you as soon as I am able.

Our **Next Chapter Meeting** is scheduled for **21 May** at **1000 hrs** at **VFW Post 1503**. I hope to see you there!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**

Yours in Patriotism,  
**Dom Dionne**  
Commander  
Chapter 1775

**Mothers Day**



# Cinco De Mayo

## MOC / MOCA



Greetings from the MOC/MOCA! We had a lousy turnout for our April scratch! We welcomed our newest MOC member to his first meeting and discussed our plans for all kinds of stuff: joining with other post groups and members for the upcoming Day of Service for the VFW... working with the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) to rebuild fences around the property, the post's upcoming Red Cross blood drive on 28 May 2022 (which is open for registration on the Red Cross' website, use the drive code "vfwpost1503" to search for it), Memorial Day flag installations at headstones at Quantico National Cemetery, and our upcoming MOCA/MOC Flea Market.

The MOC/MOCA Flea Market is a go for Saturday 30 April, 2022! The Flea Market will be held in the pavilion and if you are interested in renting a table to hawk some goods or donating some well cared for stuff to the Cooties to sell at our table, please let us know.

The Cooties infested the entire area with service, volunteering, and taking part in Post activities! You could find Cooties working Bingo, volunteering at food banks, aiding and assisting disabled and convalescing veterans with all kinds of things, and at/taking part in several post events! If anyone needs any kind of help, 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"!

As always, take care of yourself, your families, your friends, and your fellow veterans in this pandemic era. Even though COVID rates are dropping, particularly in the Prince William County area, stay diligent... it 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  
guinanbt@gmail.com

**Susan Adamczyk**  
MOCA President  
rednomore@gmail.com

# VFW Post 1503

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM

## It's a 70's vs 80's Battle!

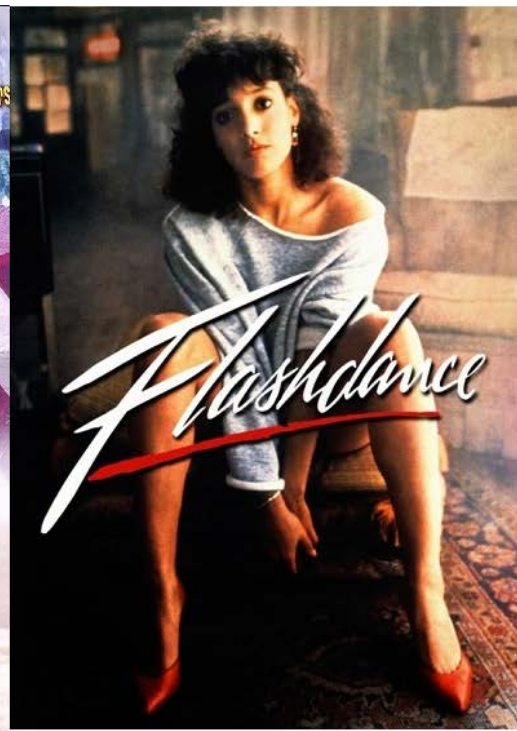
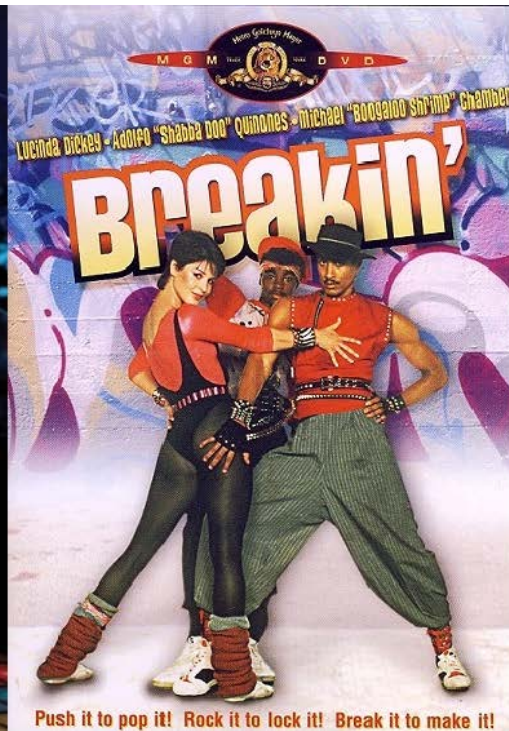
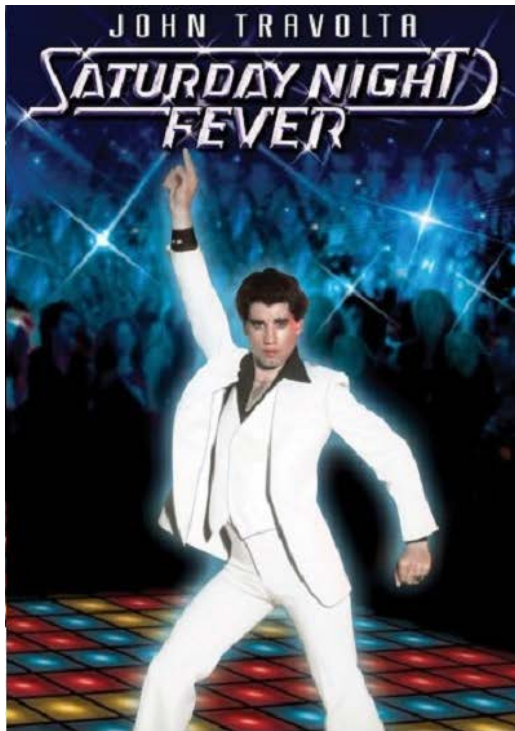
All music and karaoke will be from the 70's or 80's!

You are encouraged to bring out your best 70's or 80's style!

Polyester suits, leg warmers, bell bottom jeans, double up those polo shirts and pop the collars, or get your Miami Vice on!

**Pop and Lock or Disco down or just get Foot Loose!**

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with DJ Michael





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9-12:00	2	3 BINGO 7:30	4 <b>Wacky Wacky Seafood</b>	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b> DJ Joe Clay 4-8 BINGO 7:30	6 DJ Steve FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	7 Post Installation of Officers The Janus Project Breakfast 9-12 <b>NO Wings</b>
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> Breakfast 9-12:00	9	10 BINGO 7:30	11 <b>Wacky Wacky Pot Luck</b> MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	12 BINGO 7:30	13 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	14 <b>Hot Rod Rockers</b> Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b> 6:00-8:00
15 Breakfast 9-12:00	16	17 BINGO 7:30	18 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	19 BINGO 7:30	20 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	21 All Vet Comedy Show Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart <b>WINGS</b>
22 Breakfast 9-12:00	23	24 BINGO 7:30	25 <b>Wacky Wacky Seafood</b>	26 BINGO 7:30	27 DJ Steve FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	28 Flags @ Quantico Buddy Poppies DJ Check Breakfast 9-12 <b>WINGS</b>
29 Buddy Poppies Breakfast 9-12:00	30 Memorial Day Serice Quantico Cemetery BBQ 12-4 DJ Michael Open to Public	31 BINGO 7:30				

# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Post 1503

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Next Monthly Meeting

**May 18TH**

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

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

#### **May 4th ... Seafood Specials**

Steamed Shrimp . . . . .	\$10.95
Bang Bang Shrimp . . . . .	\$10.95
Fish N Chips . . . . .	\$10.95

#### **May 11th ... Pot Luck Specials**

Grilled Pork Chops . . . . .	\$11.95
Eggplant Parmesan Pasta . . . . .	\$10.95
BBQ Baked Chicken . . . . .	\$10.95

#### **May 23rd ... Seafood Specials**

Steamed Shrimp . . . . .	\$10.95
Fish Tacos . . . . .	\$10.95
Fried Calamari with Hush Puppies . . . . .	\$10.95

**Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's**  
12 Noon until Supplies are Gone