



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

April showers bring May flowers – already seeing the grass turning green and some of the trees blooming despite our roller coaster temperatures this past month!! Spring for us means elections and time for the 'changing of the guard'. There are so many ways you can serve our post by volunteering for bingo, helping with post events like the upcoming Children's Easter party and being involved by attending post meetings or running for office. We always appreciate participation from members.

This month we hosted our District 10 Joint Awards Meeting and lunch honoring the winners of Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarship programs as well as our Teacher of the Year. It was a great turnout and the food was outstanding. Kudos to June and Jonathan from the staff who prepared a great lunch that received many compliments from the attendees!! St. Paddy's Day we all enjoyed some great food and entertainment and possibly a beverage or two. It was great to see the turnout of folks and some 'normalcy' returning to our post after two years of pandemic conditions.



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.



We paused reverently at the end of the month to honor and recognize Vietnam War Veteran's Day. These veterans deserve the 'Welcome Home' that was not afforded a lot of them when they initially returned from this war. Thank you to ALL who served in any capacity in Vietnam for your sacrifice and truly selfless service!!

In accordance with our bylaws nominations for Post Officers were held at the March membership meeting. We will have Post Elections on April 20, 2022. Polls will be

open from 9 a.m. and close at the opening of the Post meeting that evening at 7 p.m. Our balloted nominees are as follows:

- 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

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

Calling all members in support of the Inaugural VFW Day of Service - #StillServing. VFW Post 1503 is planning a day of work at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding program (NVTRP) 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 or 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>

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:

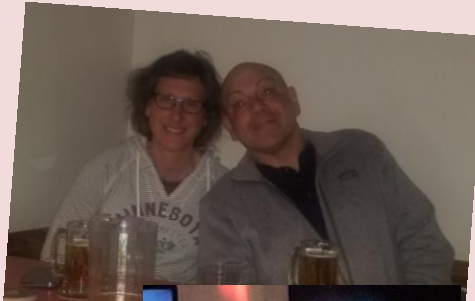
<https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-of-Foreign-Wars-Post-1503-96167622773/>

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





VFW AUXILIARY

April greetings Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters and Happy Spring (I think?!)

Welcome to our new members, Toinette, Diane, Tammi, Emily, Tamika, David and Michelle!

We had great attendance at our March meeting, including four first time attendees!

Membership continues to grow – I do believe we have the potential of getting to 1,000 members by June 30! **recruit – Recruit – RECRUIT!!!** You could earn a cool \$100 – with the Recruiter Challenge!

Additional socks and underwear were purchased and delivered to the elementary schools that we support. As always, they were very appreciative of our donations.

Auxiliary breakfast is always a great time – we have a chance to visit and catch up with one another, in a fun atmosphere. Hope you will join us this month on the 16th at 9:30.

Several Auxiliary members joined the Comrades for Vietnam War Veteran’s Day on the 29th. We had a chance to thank them for their service and extend a never - ending ‘welcome home’.

Several Auxiliary members were on hand for the Post 1503 Awards Ceremony & Brunch on March 6. The 1st place winners were presented with cash prizes, totaling \$750. Our brand new Chaplain, Michael stepped right in to offer the prayer, in the absence of the Post Chaplain!

The 10th District Awards Ceremony, Lunch & Meeting were well attended by Auxiliary 1503 members! District President Betty Gimble ran a great meeting and provided a lot of helpful information. It was a pleasure to have Department President Carol Vangi in attendance.

This month we plan to visit a Tribute at the Glen, Assisted Living Facility, on the 15th. We will do an in person visit, as well as provide bingo prizes, treats and personal care items. There are COVID restrictions in place. **If you would like to attend, you must be on the list, prior to the visit. Please contact me to sign up, as visitor space is limited.**

We also have an opportunity to support the Community Outreach Program with a scheduled volunteer day at A.C.T.S. in Dumfries. Working on dates and details, more info to follow.

Our annual Children’s Easter Party and Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 from 1-3 in ‘A’ Hall. Many hands make light work – and you are needed to help make it a fun day! There is a job for everyone – just show up, if you are able!

Next on the busy calendar is the Auxiliary Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser on the 23rd. Again – Many hands... If you are interested in helping and/or playing, we will start setting up about 10:00. In addition, we are looking for donations for prizes and/or to purchase food. If you’d like to re-gift something you have taking up space in your closet – let me know. Or, maybe you know or are a business owner who would like to make a donation.

If you are participating in our Volunteer Incentive Program – all events for the 3rd quarter (JAN-MAR) must be submitted to Elizabeth via google forms by CoB on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Information and the forms link are here:

[Volunteer Incentive Program](#)

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



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



APRIL ELECTIONS:



In accordance with Section 804A of the Podium Edition By Laws & Rules 2022 –

Nominating Committees shall be permitted.

I have appointed a Nominating Committee to receive (VIA EMAIL) a letter of intent from any interested person who wishes to run for office for the 2022-2023 year. This will help ensure that all required positions have someone nominated as well as safeguard that your intent is in hand, should you be unable to attend the meeting. Please include the following in your email: name, member number, the position you are seeking and who will nominate you.

Emails must be sent to Gina by CoB Friday, April 15, 2022

Regina Meehan – ginameehan06@gmail.com

* Please note – your nomination may be made by the committee, or another member, of your choosing.

There will be **NO ZOOM** option for the APRIL 2022 meeting. Please plan to attend in person.

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

APR 1-3 National President Visit
(Portsmouth)

APR 10th Children's Easter Party 1-3

APR 16th Auxiliary Breakfast 9:30

APR 17th Easter

APR 20th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00

APR 23rd Corn Hole Tournament 11:00

Kelli Levitt

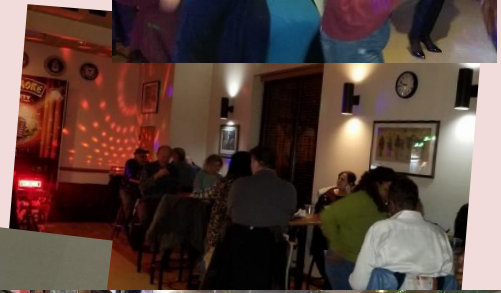
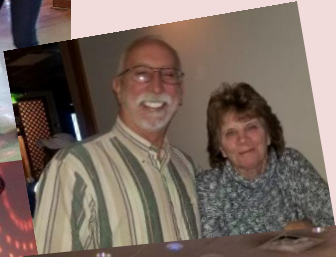
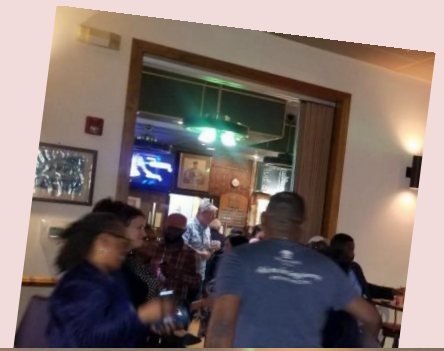
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Please continue to reach out to those who are ill, struggling or lost.

~ 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 TOM.

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



FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Good day to all. Hope you had a chance to join us for our St. Patty's day celebration last month. Getting back to looking more and more like the good old days. Special thanks to Erin and her catering crew and bartenders Kim and Stacey for keeping up with the large crowd from start to finish.

Canteen patrons are asked not to change channels on our TV's at any time. If you want something on please see the bartender or the M/A on duty, they have been reminded that this has been our rule for some time now, and it's in place so no arguments arise among members. They will not be giving remotes to anyone other than staff on duty that day. Thanks for you co-operation.

Last month we raised prices on all of our liquor products, due to the raise in prices from ABC to us. Last time we had to do this was 4 years ago, but had to be done to keep our head above water. Still the cheapest in town.

Door access system should be up and running by middle of this month. As with anything new sure they'll be some hiccup's, your patience is appreciated.

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL MENU - See Flyer Elsewhere in This Newsletter

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - End of This Newsletter



John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a good meeting on Saturday and held our Chapter elections and the results are Commander, Dominique Dionne, Senior Vice, Ron Laney, Junior Vice, David Kline, Adjutant and Finance Officer, Walter Kroptavich, Sergeant at Arms, Matt McGuire, Trustees, Richard Hanscom and Jose Ramos and Chaplain is Florence Iremedio. 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 still plan to find ways to help support our combat wounded veterans and their families this year. We are moving forward with our Chapter High School scholarship awards program and will present a \$500 scholarship award to a JROTC student a Colonial Forge and Mountain View high schools this year. The High School Leadership award program this year is on track and should be completed by May.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, April 16th at 1000 hours at VFW Post 1503. We need to continue to be initiative-taking 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

EASTER SPECIALS...

Sunday, April 17, 2022

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

Monte Cristo Sandwich	\$9.95
Chicken and Waffles.	\$9.95
Crab Cake Benedict	\$10.95

Regular Breakfast Menu Available Also





Flea Market

Saturday
April 30, 2022

VFW Post 1503

Dale City, Virginia
14631 Minnieville Road

8:00 AM – 3:00PM

Sponsored by
Pup Tent 14
MOC and MOCA

Vender Information

Tables inside pavilion: \$25.00

Parking spot: \$20.00

Contact Susan Adamczyk

703-763-6254

Call or Text



MOC / MOCA



Greetings from the MOC/MOCA! We had a streamlined March scratch that was well attended so that we could get to our officer installation and dinner! Even with the accelerated scratch, a great many things were discussed to include our upcoming Day of Service for the VFW, working with the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) in the future, and the post's upcoming Red Cross blood drive on 28 May 2022 (which is open for registration on the Red Cross' website). A special shout-out to our kitchen staff for providing a great dinner!



Congratulations to all our newly elected officers in the MOC and MOCA! (cue the music...) It is beginning to look a lot Check-mas... everywhere we go! The father/daughter team of the Adamczyk clan will lead the charge for us for the next year... what a lousy state of affairs! Check out the photos from the installation...

The McGuire VA Hospital wish-list has been delivered! Guitars and musical therapy equipment and gift cards... oh my! The delivery was dropped off with our McGuire liaison and the veterans in the wards we sponsor, the spinal cord and polytrauma wards, are digging the items we sent them! Once the VAVS has their next meeting, the hospital will send us their next wish-list and the MOC and MOCA will get it done.

Be on the look out for flyers and info about the MOC/MOCA Flea Market that will be coming out soon! 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 Flea Market will be held on Saturday, 30 April 2022.

Once again, the Cooties continue our forever trek in helping comrades and disabled vets all over the place in March! Wellness checks and volunteering in food banks were the main activities recently! 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"!

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!

Ben Guinan
MOC Seam Squirrel
guinanbt@gmail.com

Susan Adamczyk
MOCA President
rednomore@gmail.com

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.

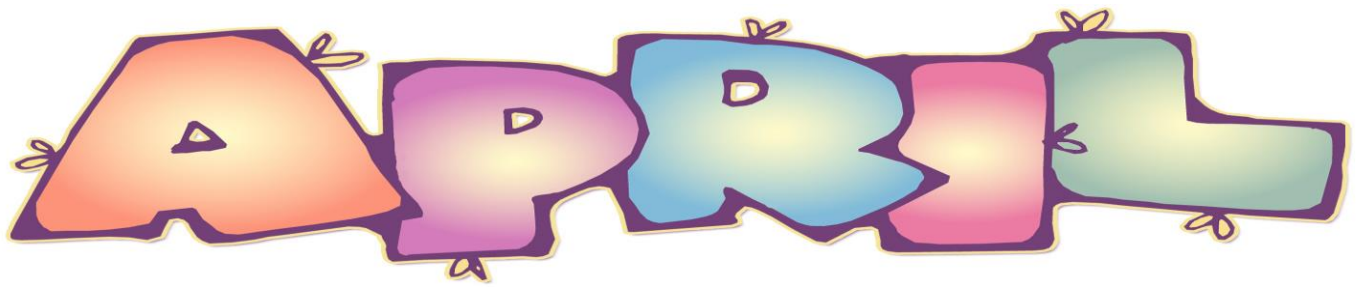


Regards to all,
Ben Guinan

CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE ADVOCATE

Comrades, I would like to announce my candidacy for Post Judge Advocate. For the past two years I've been serving as the Post Surgeon responsible for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Scout of the Year, and Teacher of the Year programs. I've also been serving as a member of the Post Honor Guard, Assistant Bingo Manager, the District 10 Commander, MOC Pup Tent 14 Blanket Bum, MOC Grand Jr. Vice Commander, MOC Grand Hospital Chairman, Department of Virginia IT Committee Chairman, Webmaster for the Post, District, and Department as well as the honorary position of National Aide-De-Camp. I'm well versed in the VFW bylaws, standing motions, and articles of incorporation at all levels as well as Roberts Rules and stand ready to support our incoming commander in these areas. I look forward to serving as your next Post 1503 Judge Advocate and would appreciate your support.

Robert "Check" Adamczyk



VFW April Entertainment

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

Friday Night

Saturday Night

April 1st

DJ Michael

**Kamikaze Karaoke & Dance
Music**

April 2nd

Rockhits!

Classic Rock Band

April 8th

DJ Steve

Video Dance Music

April 9th

The Winston's

Classic Motown Review Band

April 15th

DJ Joe Clay

Karaoke & Dance Music

April 16th

DJ Michael

**Kamikaze Karaoke & Dance
Music**

April 22nd

Patchwork Dorothy

Rock Band

April 23rd

DJ Check

Karaoke & Dance Music/Videos

April 29th

DJ Michael

**Kamikaze Karaoke & Dance
Music**

April 30th

**The Rusty Highway Band
Classic/Modern Rock Band**



VFW AUXILIARY 1503 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & PARTY



EASTER BASKETS PROVIDED



SUNDAY - APRIL 10, 2022

1-3 POST 1503 'A' HALL

14631 MINNIEVILLE RD

ALL CHILDREN

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

BY A PARENT OR ADULT



LUNCH - CRAFTS - GAMES - EGG HUNT

VISIT & PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



VFW AUXILIARY 1503 FUNDRAISER

CORN HOLE **TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022

REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 11:00

GAMES BEGIN @ NOON

VFW POST 1503 PAVILLION

14631 MINNIEVILLE ROAD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PRIZES for WINNERS

50/50 RAFFLE

* 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

\$20 PER PERSON

INCLUDES

FOOD & BEVERAGES

\$10 FOOD & BEVERAGE ONLY

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	2 Rockhits Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
3 Breakfast 9-12:00	4	5 BINGO 7:30	6 Wacky Wacky Seafood	7 BINGO 7:30	8 DJ Steve FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	9 The Winstons Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
10 Breakfast 9-12:00	11	12 BINGO 7:30	13 Wacky Wacky Pot Luck MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	14 BINGO 7:30	15 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	16 DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast Purple Heart WINGS 6:00-8:00
17 EASTER Breakfast 9-12:00	18	19 BINGO 7:30	20 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	21 BINGO 7:30	22 Patchwork Dorothy Band FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	23 DJ Check Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
24 Breakfast 9-12:00	25	26 BINGO 7:30	27 Wacky Wacky Seafood	28 BINGO 7:30	29 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	30 Rusty Highway Band Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 1503

14631 Minnieville Road

Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

Happy Easter

Next Monthly Meeting

April 20TH

vfw1503.org

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

April 6th ... Seafood Specials

Steamed Shrimp	\$10.95
Fried Seafood Platter	\$12.95
<i>(Clam Strips, Shrimp, Flounder, Calamari)</i>	
Broiled Scallops	\$10.95

April 13th ... Pot Luck Specials

Honey Lemon Pepper Chicken	\$10.95
Beef Sirloin Tips	\$12.95
BBQ Ribs	\$11.95

April 27th ... Seafood Specials

Steamed Shrimp	\$10.95
Baja Scallop Pasta	\$12.95
Lobster Ravioli	\$10.95

Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone