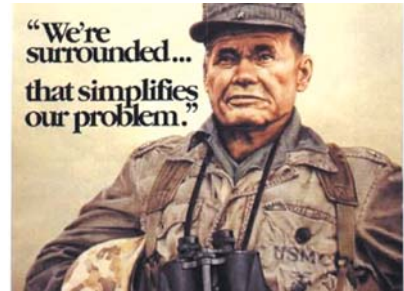




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SEP 22



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

Post 1503

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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

Team,

Greetings and Salutations, the hottest month of the summer (August) is behind us and we're moving forward. Wilted shrubs, grass and trees will slowly come back to life for a short stint in preparation for Fall's full bouquet of color. With the kids back in college, along with our local high, middle and elementary levels, a well-deserved reprieve is in order for all.

As the summer comes towards an end here are a few of the subjects I would like to touch on. Many of us can be thankful for the passage of the hard-fought PACT ACT, which now gives our veterans compensation for the years of suffering from toxic exposure. The Auxiliary has busily prepared for our upcoming Family Day and the NEW door entrance system is active, giving us the ability to control access when necessary.

The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) or what we commonly refer to as the PACT ACT, is the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history.

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
• Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
• Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
• Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
• Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures
• Sets a framework for new conditions in the future, so that veterans tomorrow will not have to fight the way past generations have

We owe this achievement to you our veterans and we told Congress "Every Veteran Counts" and they listened. If you're a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits. So, please contact our VFW Service Officer, Mr. Raymond Bailey at 703-670-4124 ext. 6 or email at adsodalecity@vfwva.org

Family Fun Day (3 Sept 2022) is right around the corner and it's the last big summer event and a



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2 Year Trustee John Dodge
1 Year Trustee Tom Gimble
Adjutant Randy Coker
Service Officer Raymond Bailey
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Past Commander Tom Levitt

neat way to show our members and the community just how much we appreciate their support and comradery. Festivities will begin at the Post Pavilion at 1200 and end around 1500. We have fun games for children, along with popcorn, candy cotton, ice cream truck, the petting zoo, the bouncy house, the dunk tank, and entertainment provided by the Janus Project. Additionally, the Auxiliary is assembling several tents/stations such as recruiting tables, and a myriad of other membership committees we at Post 1503 and Auxiliary are engaged in.

As many of you know, the new door entrance system is fully installed and active. If you haven't gone by and picked up your new FOB for the door entrance, please do so. This initiative has been in the works for months and it will serve as an enhancement to our old system and allow us the ability to have greater control over who has access.

Until next month, stay safe, continue to recruit and be kind to others. (First impressions are everything).

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/>

Lastly, don't forget my CDRs Suggestion Box on the web under the heading of Resources and then 1503 Feedback.

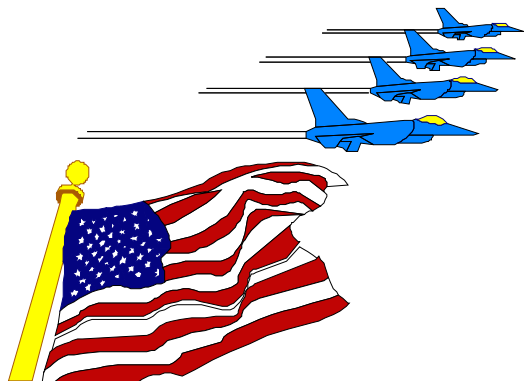
Our **Next Meeting** will be at **7:00 p.m.** on **21 September** at VFW Post 1503.

Bernie Carter

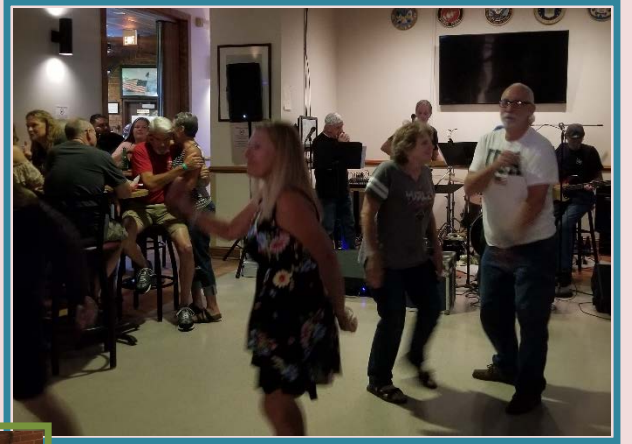
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AIM HIGH



**U.S. Air Force
Birthday
September 18th**



VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Auxiliary 1503! A couple of interesting tidbits for this month...

- ✓ There are more pop and classic songs with "September" in the title than any other month – can you name any?
- ✓ September 17th is Constitution Day, which marks the day that the U.S. Constitution was adopted.
- ✓ In addition to Patriot Day, September 11th is also Grandparents Day!

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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2nd Yr Trustee Patricia Wootten
3rd Yr Trustee Gina Powers
Historian Mary Seiffert
Patriotic Instructor Rita Maldonado



As we begin this month, I would like to share a reminder that September is National Suicide Prevention Month. You may see Auxiliary members wearing or offering you a *Blue Teardrop Pin* – it is a great way to show our support of, remember those lost and speak about the devastating tragedy that is suicide.



We had a great meeting on the 17th, with 25 members in attendance! Welcome to our newest members, Desmond, Stacey, Venee, Samuel, Brittani and Angela.

There were ten of us at Auxiliary breakfast on the 27th. Hope you will join us this month on the 24th.

Congratulations to Bina, who won the monetary equivalent of a Life Membership, in the second place drawing for the Volunteer Incentive Program! If you are not submitting your events – you are really missing out! It is SO easy and you just might earn \$100! All the details are here: [VIP](#)

This month is certainly going to be busy! We have the Family Fun Day & Auxiliary Family Freedom Festival on the 3rd. Lots of activities, live music, food and I heard something about a DuNk TaNk!!! Hope to see you there!

We will again provide lunch for the crew and family members for the Mr. Handyman National Day of Service Project on the 9th. The 10th we have the opportunity to attend the National President's C.A.F.E. at the Flight 93 Memorial. On the 16th, we will be on hand to register players and hand out goodie bags at the Post 1503 Golf Tournament. Please plan to attend the District 10 School of Instruction and meeting in Falls Church (Post 9274) on the 25th. We will also join the Comrades in a Remembrance Ceremony on the 11th, a POW/MIA Day on the 16th and the Birthday Celebration for the USAF on the 18th.

We are in the process of purchasing School wish list items and will be delivering those in the coming weeks. Plans for Halloween will be on the meeting agenda this month! Please plan to attend!

ANNUAL MEMBERS – please check your membership card. If it shows an **expiration date of 12/31/2022** – now is the time to RENEW!! \$20 until 10/31/2022 – after is \$25.

For all who renew between July 1 and October 31, you are eligible for a Life membership 'upgrade; drawing, in November.

Checks or cash may be given to the bartender in the Canteen.

Checks may be mailed to:

Karla Coker, Treasurer • 13212 Trails End Ct. • Manassas, VA 20112

Do you have a login for Malta? If not, you definitely should!! It is THE go to place for all things Auxiliary – www.vfwauxiliary.org

Are you receiving Department of Virginia Auxiliary Monthly Communications? If not, you may sign up at www.vfwauxva.org Chaplain Alerts? Please email Chaplain Michael auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com to receive alerts.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

SEP 3rd – Family Fun Day & Auxiliary Family Freedom Festival

SEP 5th – Labor Day Holiday

SEP 9th – Mr. Handyman National Day of Service

SEP 10th – Auxiliary National C.A.F.E. Event - Shanksville, PA

SEP 11th – Patriot Day Ceremony - Canteen 6:00

SEP 16th – Post 1503 Golf Tournament - Forest Greens

SEP 16th – POW/MIA Ceremony - Canteen - 6:00

SEP 17th – Air Force Birthday Celebration - Canteen - 1:00

SEP 18th – Air Force Birthday

SEP 21st – Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00

SEP 24th – Auxiliary Breakfast - 9:30

SEP 25th – District 10 School of Instruction & Meeting - Post 9274 Falls Church

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!

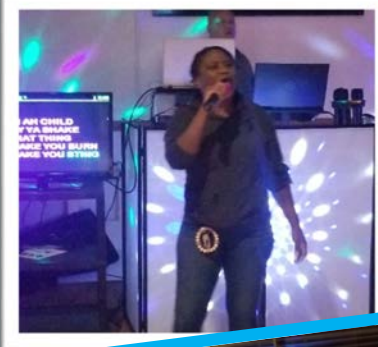
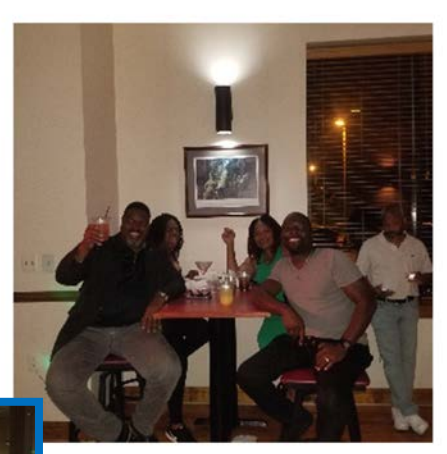
Loyally, [Kelli Levitt](#)
VFW Auxiliary 1503 President
itsmekelli@aol.com
703-895-8855

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](#)





FACILITY HAPPENINGS

R U ready for some FOOTBALL... Yep its that time of year again.

College and PRO no better place to watch then here at the VFW. Great drinks, prices and TV's to help you find your favorite team. As in past years, free food will be served in the Canteen during the 1 o'clock game's halftime.

Bartenders and MA's on duty will be in charge of the TV's and games shown. If you want to see a particular game please be here at least by 12:30 to make your request. Remote's will not be passed out.

September we are extending our Sunday hours to 9 p.m. to accommodate those watching the 2nd game of the day, and other member's that have requested that we do it. This will go TO SUPERBOWL weekend, and we will take a look on keeping the extended hours or go back to the 7 PM closing, depending on the volume of business we had during that timeframe.

We have a stair elevator in excellent condition that needs to be moved out of our storage area. If anyone is in need of one please contact me at 703-670-4124 x 2.

New access system is up and active. If you have not picked up your new FOB, please do so at your earliest convenience. Door cards will no longer be used as a means for entrance.

WINGS – SATURDAY NIGHT 6 TO 8 IN CANTEEN

BAND OR DJ – EVERY FRI AND SAT 8 TO 12 PM

FAMILY FUN DAY – SEPT 3RD SEE INFO ELSEWHERE IN NEWSLETTER



John Meehan
Facility Manager

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

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Purple Heart fact: If you come across a Purple Heart medal with a name engraved on the back, this normally signifies that the veteran was killed in combat and the government had the medal engraved and presented to the veteran's family.

As we enter the Fall, I want to ask all our veterans to make sure you see your doctor and make a point to get all your aches and pains looked at. A lot of people put off getting a checkup due to COVID during the last two plus years. If any of your conditions have gotten worse meet with a Service Officer to see if your disability rating can be updated. The recently passed PACT Act expands VA healthcare benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. Please take advantage of this to get the care and benefits you earned by serving your country.

All Gave Some, Some Gave All!



Yours in Patriotism,
Dom Dionne
Commander
Chapter 1775



Labor Day

MOC / MOCA

Comrades and Auxiliary members,

We had a good scratch in August and approved spending \$1,000 towards Wish-List items to be donated to the patients at McGuire VA Hospital. Visitation is still closed so we're doing what we can to Keep'em Smiling in Beds of White.

We had our first Cootie Night at Bingo on Thursday, 25 August. It was great seeing all those lousy shirts worn by our crummy MOC and MOCA members. Our next Cootie Night will be Tuesday, September 27th.

On 27 August, some of our Pup Tent 14 members traveled down to Ocean View, VA to participate in Pup Tent 1's annual Cootie Safari. We traveled to several VFW Posts in the Norfolk area on a double decker bus. Certainly a fun time!

Our **Next Scratch** will be on **14 September** at **1900** for **MOCA**, **1930** for **MOC**. Hope to see you there!

Robert "Check" Adamczyk
MOC Seam Squirrel
mrcheck@gmail.com

Laura Adamczyk
MOCA President
lauraadamczyk2@gmail.com





SEPTEMBER

VFW September Entertainment

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

Friday Nights

September 2nd

DJ Joe Clay

Karaoke DJ

September 9th

DJ Michael

Dance Party with Karaoke!

September 16th

DJ Pynk Dyamond

Dance Party

September 23rd

DJ Joe Clay

Karaoke DJ

September 30th

DJ Michael

Dance Music Only!

Saturday Nights

September 3rd

Rockhits!

Classic Rock Band

September 10th

Janus Project Band

Blues based Rock

September 17th

DJ T Play

Karaoke and Dance Party!

September 24th

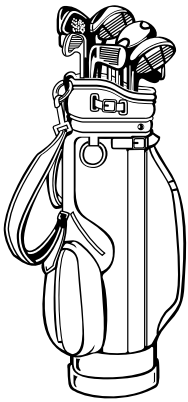
DJ Steve Boldin

Video Dance Party!

VFW Post 1503

Annual Golf Tournament

It's time to prepare for our golf tournament to be held at Forest Green Golf Course, Friday 16 September 2022. Lunch will be served at Post 1503 after the tournament. Contact Carl Richardson at 703-670-4124 ext 5 for more information.



Friday 16 September 2022

Forest Green Golf Course
4500 Poa Annua Lane • Triangle, Virginia 22172

Check-In 7:00 a.m. • Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per person (non-refundable)

Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd



Individual Prizes:

Closest to the Pin, Men's/Women's Longest Drive, Door Prizes

Name (Please Print Legibly)

Military Rank (Retired, Active Duty, Eligible Civilians)

Return Entry Form, With Payment, To VFW Post 1503

Donations Also Accepted



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BINGO 7:30	2 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	3 Rockhits Band Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
4 Breakfast 9-12:00	5 LABOR DAY THE 1 ST MONDAY AFTER LABOR DAY	6 BINGO 7:30	7	8 BINGO 7:30	9 DJ Michael FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	10 Janus Project Band Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
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Next Monthly Meeting

September 21st

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WACKY WACKY WEDNESDAY'S ...

September 14th ... Wacky Burgers

Smokey Burger	\$10.95
Pepperjack Cheese, Shredded BBQ Pork, Fried Onion, Lettuce, Tomato, BBQ Mayo	
California Burger Avocado Mayo, Cheddar Cheese, Bacon, Avocado.	\$10.95
Chili Burger Pepperjack Cheese, Chili, Jalapeno Peppers	\$10.95
Swiss Cheese Mushroom Burger	\$10.95
Red VFW Burger Fried Egg, American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo	\$10.95
Quesadilla Burger	\$10.95
Pepperjack Cheese, Bistro Sauce, Bacon, Pico de Gallo	

September 28th ... Seafood Extravaganza

Mahi Mahi Fish Taco	\$10.95
Steamed Shrimp	\$9.95
Fish-N-Chips	\$10.95

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