



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

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Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday 12 Noon - 12 Midnight • Friday 12 Noon - 2 AM

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Team 1503,

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones. New Year is a time to unfold new horizons and realize new dreams, to rediscover the strength within you and gear up to new challenges. Many successes, brave dreams, satisfaction and prosperity for the entire 2020 year.

Just some photos to share with you from December 2019 events:



POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander . . . Thomas Williams, Jr.
Senior Vice Thomas Levitt II
Junior Vice Bernie Carter
Quartermaster Tim Brown
Judge Advocate Randy Coker
Surgeon Star Martinez
Chaplain. Ed Bennett
3 Year Trustee Ron Laney
2 Year Trustee. John Dodge
1 Year Trustee Tom Gimble
Adjutant Ben Guinan
Service Officer. Ed Tatum
Asst. Service Officer Tami Brown
House Committee Chairman. Joe Saitta
Past Commander Tim Brown



Christmas Basket Delivery and Children's party. Thanks all for a job well done.

Martin Luther King Day January 20th The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 20, 2020, marks the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is

the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

We have a new Recruiting Program Initiative that's enclosed in this newsletter please take a few minutes to read it.

Please remember to tip your server when enjoying a meal at the Post. Also to clear your table of glasses when leaving the Post. Friday dinner and breakfast are the only days the Post has table service.

Join us for the next Comrade Meeting Wednesday, January 15th @ 1900hrs.

Thomas Williams, Jr.
Commander Post 1503



VFW AUXILIARY

Happy New Year Auxiliary Members! I hope that each of you had a blessed and joyful holiday!

We have had an incredibly busy, fun and productive first six months; I am confident that the next six will be as well. As long as there are Veterans, our work continues.

We started off December with our "Coats for Kids". With help from our Comrades, we were able to donate and deliver 60 coats to three schools in our community! Youth Chairman Margo used her mad shopping skills to score a huge deal on really nice coats that are warm and super cute!

Thank you to the many Auxiliary members who helped with Food Basket packing & delivery. A fantastic chance to help our Post, in supporting our community.

Our annual Children's Christmas Party on the 15th was enjoyed by over 100 people! Our own Carol and Ronnie provided music and Kids Karaoke - they loved it! They also enjoyed crafts, games and lunch. Santa and his elf arrived to cheers and hugs. Every child had time to visit and chat with the big guy and each received a special gift. Christmas really is magical, through the eyes of a child!

Each December, as a gift to our Comrades, our Auxiliary pays for the meal after our membership meeting. The food was fantastic! It was nice to visit and have dinner together. Great job by the kitchen staff - thank you!!

Hospital Chairman Laura did a terrific job putting together the Auxiliary sponsored pizza party luncheon for the resident Veteran's at Potomac Place. Every Thursday we visit at 11:30 am, please feel free to join in, they genuinely appreciate and look forward to our visits.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President Kelli Levitt
- Sr. Vice President Reggie Garland
- Jr. Vice President Susan Adamczyk
- Secretary Betty Gimble
- Treasurer Karla Coker
- Chaplain Joyce DeVecchio
- Conductress Jan Kiecker
- Guard Laura Adamczyk
- 1st Yr Trustee Judy Bridges
- 2nd Yr Trustee Rebecca Moninghoff
- 3rd Yr Trustee Monika Walczyk
- Historian Joyce Gibbs
- Patriotic Instructor Janelle Garland

Nine of us attended this month's Auxiliary breakfast! Lots of conversation and good food, and then the cookie exchange! So much fun! You should join us in January ~ it's totally a lot of fun!

Did you know that at the past three meetings we have had 35 or more members present?!?! I am inspired every day ~ by you! We have an outstanding, dedicated group that truly enjoys being together, volunteering together and serving together. Meetings are open to all eligible members, and children are welcome, as needed. Please plan to be there on January 15th ~ our Auxiliary needs you! Also, free dinner after the meeting!

Wing night will resume for us on the 18th, with "A" team ~ {Susan, Laura, Bonnie, Stan & Kelli} If you would like to be on a team, please let me know.

Auxiliary Meetings, Councils & Conventions are open to all eligible members! Information is available at vfwauxva.org and vfwauxiliary.org If you are interested in attending, check it out!

I look forward to all the activities and events our Auxiliary has planned in the months ahead.

~ Dates to Remember ~

Every Thursday ~ Visit to Potomac Place ~ 11:30

JAN 10-12 ~ Winter Council ~ Portsmouth, VA

JAN 15th ~ Membership Meeting ~ 7:00 "A" Hall

JAN 18th ~ Wing Night ~ "A" Team ~ 5:30

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*

Kelli Levitt

Auxiliary 1503 President

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Remember to like and follow our Facebook page... VFW Post 1503 - Auxiliary

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to 2020. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it. December is always special around the club, with parties going on, Christmas Tree sales and Food Basket program. Congrats to Papa Six and his helpers who sold 400 trees in 8 days a new record.

Food basket program this year had 99 families receive them and a total of 546 people will enjoy a great meal. Want to thank all who once again stepped up to make Christmas just a little bit better for some in our community that needed help. And a big thank you to Commander Williams for treating the workers to breakfast after they returned from delivering their routes. Some new (younger) member's got involved and hope to see you back next year.

Canteen floor replaced last month. Funny how when you put down a new floor (that's lighter in color), makes the entire bar area look like it had a expansion job done on it.

This month we will have the return of WINGS every Saturday night except the months that have a 5th weekend. We do not have a team to cover that. If you would like to help out by putting a team together (4 people) let me know.

GUN SHOW – Jan 21st and 22nd.

John Meehan
Facility Manager

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We had a short but Happy December meeting. We decided to continue with our JROTC awards to Quantico High School and to have our Patriots that gave out the MOPH Leadership awards to contact the schools and let them know that our Chapter will order and pay for the awards in 2020. Thanks to our Patriots that participated in the Sgt. Mac wreath program at Quantico. I was happy to see all the Patriots that came out on a wet day to deliver Food baskets to our needy families last month. A special thanks to Mariana for providing translation for those families to help them understand what we were doing! I hope that everyone will show up for our January 18th meeting to help the Chapter to develop a 2020 goal or goals. This will give us something to work toward this year to help our combat wounded veterans and their families.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, January 18th. 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

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a healthy and happy holiday. We have had a very busy year as we reach our half way mark for the 2019-2020 MOC/MOCA year.

We had a very crummy scratch and meeting followed by an even crummier Christmas Party in the A Hall ~ the food prepared by the staff was delicious!! The white elephant gift exchange was lousy, with several of the gifts being stolen; despite the protest of their owners.

Despite so many events this month occurring together we were able to wrangle up 17 volunteers for our visit to McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond. We visited the poly trauma and spinal cord injury units and dropped off a host of special gifts for those units that were on their wish list. We followed up our room visits with a holiday concert from the 370th USAR Band Quartet playing holiday music as we enjoyed some lousy cakes and pies. Thank you to all who participated! We even got to see lousy cootie John Butcher who was serving a sentence at the hospital but was sprung early the next week and back to work at bingo!!

Our December bake sale was a success, with tons of crummy treats! Thanks to all who donated and helped at the tables.

Things never seem to slow too much around here and next month is no different. We will be back to wings on the 4th of January and our sauce boss Bert should be back in full swing.

We have a lousy Grand Scratch and Meeting in Portsmouth, VA during the VFW Winter Council 10-12 January.

Once again Happy New Year to all let's have a great one!!

Our next regular Scratch/Meeting is 8 JAN. Hope to see you there.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE!!!

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VFW POST 1503 RECRUITING PROGRAM INCENTIVE INITIATIVE

As we all know, recruiting new members is the lifeblood of the VFW worldwide. As the largest post in the world, VFW Post 1503 has a particularly distinct need for recruiting... the more members you have, the more new members you need to recruit in order to maintain honors such as All-State, All-American, and Honor post awards. More so than that, recruiting our brethren into our ranks strengthens both our esteemed post and the VFW in general. To that end, VFW Post 1503 is proud to introduce a new incentive program to help advance our recruiting efforts.

Program Structure

When a member recruits at least 5 new members, their name will be entered in a pool that will be drawn from quarterly. For each subsequent increment of 5 new members recruited by the member, their name will be added again to the pool. Example: 5 new members = 1 pool entry, 10 new members = an additional pool entry, 15 new members = an additional pool entry, and so on. These additional entries increase the chance of the member to be selected for the incentive awards. Once an entry is drawn, it will not go back in the pool. If a member has more than one entry, their other entries will remain in the pool for subsequent drawings. Entries will remain in the pool for drawing each quarter until the entry is drawn or the current VFW business year (July - June) ends. At the beginning of the new business year, a new pool will start.

Award Structure

When a member's name is drawn from the pool, the member's membership status is reviewed.

- If the member has an Annual Membership, their membership will be advanced to Life Membership paid for by the post.
- If the member is already a life member, the member will receive their Bronze Level Legacy Life Membership which will be paid for by the post.
- If the member is already a Legacy Life Member, they will receive the next Legacy Life Membership level which will be paid for by the post.

Remember! We Are All Recruiters!

Best of luck to all in our recruiting efforts!



VFW POST 1503 Entertainment

DJ Danny

January 3rd and 24th

DJ Caroloke

January 4th and 18th

DJ Arclight

January 17th

(Dance & More)

DJ Michael

January 31st

(Karaoke)

**Madison Hyway – January 10th
(Pure Country)**

OZ Review – January 11th (R&B)

**OMG Band – January 25th
(Current Dance & More)**

**February 8th... Comedy Night Is Back!
(Free for Members)**

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 BINGO 7:30	3 Dinner 5-9 DJ Danny	4 Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
5 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	6	7 BINGO 7:30	8 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	9 BINGO 7:30	10 Dinner 5-9 Madison Hyway	11 OZ Review Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
12 Breakfast 9:00 - 12:00	13	14 BINGO 7:30	15 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30	16 BINGO 7:30	17 Dinner 5-9 DJ Arclight	18 Purple Heart Mtg. Carolokie Breakfast 9-12 WINGS Weekly Drawings
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Next Monthly Meeting

January 15th!

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S

BIRTHDAY