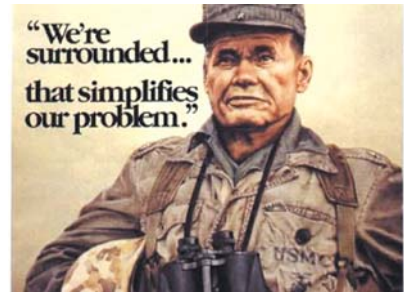




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

JUNE 21



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

Summer arrives this month and post re-opening following the pandemic is gaining speed. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we are working to get the post back to more normal operations. This will take time and the cooperation of the members, staff and guests. The Governor's order that went into effect late last month removed all gathering and social distancing restrictions. Please do continue to stay home if you feel ill, wash your hands regularly and do what you can to prevent a reversal of the gains we have made overcoming this pandemic.

Post installation of officers was on May 1st and we had a great VFW Virginia 10th District Convention on May 2nd. Several post 1503 members have been elected or appointed to positions in District 10. Our own Post Surgeon Robert Adamczyk handily won re-election to Commander of VFW Virginia District 10. Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed District 10 Officers.

Kudos to Erin and our kitchen staff who were able to host a great Mother's Day breakfast with several special menu items. On the 16th of May the Honor Guard conducted a flag retirement ceremony and retired just shy of 1,000 flags. Many thanks to Jimmy from facilities maintenance who quietly prepares all the flags and burn barrels for every flag retirement and stays for many hours until all the flags are properly retired and cleans everything up.

Our Memorial Day weekend was very busy. We had another successful Buddy Poppy drive, blood drive, and fantastic picnic supported by a multitude of staff and volunteers. Thanks to all for making these events successful. Several post members also went down to honor our departed comrades and



POST OFFICERS

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





auxiliary members on the morning of the 29th at Quantico National Cemetery. Each year the Combat Veterans of America Motorcycle Club (CVAMC) sponsor the placement of flags on the gravesites of all of our departed comrades and auxiliary members. Thank you to the CVAMC and all of the post members who turned out to soberly remember the reason for Memorial Day.

This month will continue to be busy as some of the post officers and others will attend our VFW State Convention in Portsmouth and our bingo gets back to full operations. Bingo only continues to operate with the support of

volunteers from the post. New and returning volunteers will be needed more than ever as restrictions are lifted and our bingo crowds return to pre-pandemic sizes. Please come out on Tuesday or Thursday if you are able to help. We will celebrate the Army Birthday this month on Saturday the 19th of June in the canteen – please see the flyer for additional information on this event.

MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed or you know someone who is eligible for membership now is the time to make it happen!! We need your help once again to get us from our current 98.78% membership to our goal of 101% membership this year. The post needs approximately 72 renewals and new members to reach our 101% membership goal by 30 June.

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 June at VFW Post 1503 in the Meeting Room. Please follow CDC recommendations for face coverings if you are not fully vaccinated (14 days after final dose) and attend only if you are healthy.

Stay Healthy and Safe!



Tom Levitt
Post Commander
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VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503 Brothers & Sisters

Thank you to those who attended our May meeting. Welcome to our six new members, Tarry, Diana, Ryan, Beverly, Chelsea & Angela! To reach our goal for membership by June 30th, 7 new, rejoin or transfers are needed – let's do this!!

A word about Auxiliary Membership applications when recruiting - PLEASE ensure that ALL information is filled in, payment attached and signed. Lack of eligibility documents, contact information, payment, etc. have prevented some applications from moving forward.

A small group gathered to enjoy breakfast on the 15th. Hope to see you on the 19th at 9:30 in the Canteen when we meet again.

Congratulations to our own Betty Gimble, who was elected President for the 10th District! Thanks to all who attended the Convention on the 2nd – 1503 had a great turn out!



I do believe it's time to dust off your dancin' shoes and get ready to enjoy lots of fun times at Post 1503!!

If you were able to donate blood or participated in the Buddy Poppy Drive, please let me know so that we can report it!

There were a lot of Auxiliary members who showed up to assist the Comrades in hosting a Memorial Day BBQ for members and the community. It was great to actually have an Auxiliary recruiting table again! Thank you to all who volunteered.

There is still time to register if you would like to attend the National Convention! July 31-August 3, in Kansas City, MO. For mor information, please visit www.vfwauxiliary.org.

Our newly elected Chaplain Andrea will be putting together an email distro list for alerts. If you would like to receive them, please contact her at ajanderson84@outlook.com.

ANNUAL MEMBERS – if you have not yet paid your dues, you still have time! Please contact our Treasurer, Karla Coker for information – kjcoker1503@gmail.com

If you need to update your contact information or you have not created an account on the Auxiliary National website <https://vfwauxiliary.org> please do so!! Click on MALTA member log in.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

June 6th - D-Day Remembrance ñ 6:00 Canteen

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President Kelli Levitt
- Sr. Vice President Milton Moore
- Jr. Vice President Reginald Garland
- Secretary Betty Gimble
- Treasurer Karla Coker
- Chaplain Glorious Burress
- Conductress Jan Kiecker
- Guard Laura Adamczyk
- 1st Yr Trustee Rebecca Moninghoff
- 2nd Yr Trustee Monika Walczyk
- 3rd Yr Trustee Janell Garland
- Historian Joyce Gibbs
- Patriotic Instructor Marvis Jones



June 14th - Army Birthday Celebration - Canteen
June 14th - Flag Day
June 20th - Father's Day
July 31-August 3rd - National Convention Kansas City
July 3rd - Dale City Parade
July 4th - Independence Day

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!

Kelli Levitt
President, Auxiliary 1503
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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

Fathers Day



Flag Day

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We discussed upcoming plans for participating in the National Purple Heart Day at Mt. Vernon on August 6 and 7. We discussed the upcoming Viola Drive on Saturday, August 14th this year, more details to follow. Also, we voted to purchase a Chapter advertisement in the National Purple Heart Convention Book.

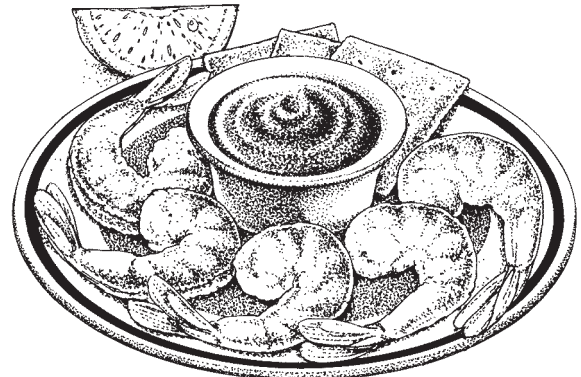


We had 6 Patriots to attend the State Convention at O'Tooles restaurant in Richmond on Saturday, May 1st. The Convention was very informative as the challenges facing the National Organization were discussed. The Patriots elected a full slate of officers for the upcoming year with Commander TC Smith being elected for a second year. Chapter 1775 looks forward to supporting the newly elected officers for the upcoming year.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, June 19th. 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



Wacky Wacky Wednesday Seafood Extravaganza

June 9th

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone

1/2 Lb Steamed Shrimp	\$9.95
Fried Clam Strips w/Fries	\$8.95
Fish-N-Chips	\$7.95
Maryland Crab Chowder	
Pineapple Margarita	\$6.00
Pina Colada	\$5.00

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Writing this the later part of May so as of today looks like June will be a special month that will allow us to get back to some semblance of the good old days.

We are adhering to the CDC guidelines that effectively allowed us to reopen without all the restrictions of COVID 19. In saying that just as we had to adapt to closing down for 3 months and then reopen with limitations, reopening is a little more complicated than turning on a light switch and all is back to normal.

We have already brought back our Saturday and Sunday breakfast's and our Saturday night wing's are back on track. Friday night dinners and our entertainment of bands and DJ's will resume during this month. Main concern is that when we closed down we had over 50 people on our payroll each month. Right now we are down to 26. We are trying to regroup with staffing to make sure we can give you the service you have come to expect from us. Canteen hours are posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

FATHERS DAY ~ SPECIAL BREAKFAST MENU ~ regular menu also available. See flyer elsewhere

WACKY ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JUNE 9th DAILY MENU ~ SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA ~ again see flyer elsewhere

John Meehan
Facility Manager

NEW OPERATING HOURS

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday 12:00 Noon to 11:00 PM

Tuesday 12 Noon to 12:00 Midnight

Wednesday 12:00 Noon to 11:00 PM

Thursday 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight

Friday 12:00 Noon to 12:30 AM

Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:30 AM

Sunday 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Last Call given 1/2 hour prior to posted closing time

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday thru Friday 12:00 Noon to One Hour Prior to Posted Closing Times

Saturday 12:00 Noon to 11:00 PM WINGS 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 Noon to 6 :00 PM

After Kitchen Closes - Each day we will offer a limited menu of cold sub's or a salad

MOC / MOCA



Salutations from the MOC and MOCA! The good works keep on coming as we continue our onward march through the Pandemic era...

Let's see if you've heard this tune before... the visitation restriction policies at McGuire VA Hospital are still in effect... but we haven't let that stop us from supporting our veteran brethren down there!

At our May scratch, the MOC voted to financially support an Eagle Scout's project to improve and beautify grounds and surroundings at McGuire VA Hospital to the tune of \$500! Here is a little bit about that project:

"Matthew Miscikowski Eagle Scout Project at McGuire VA Hospital: The project includes raise, clean, and replant the grow-beds that are scattered throughout the arboretum; fixing a drainage problem that plagues the arboretum; redoing the Phyllis Galanti Memorial pathway which is uneven and paved with rubber pavers as well as adding a patio underneath the pergola; redoing two seating areas by adding another patio in the center and extend a walkway with the rest of the arboretum."

Great stuff and excellent work Eagle Scout Miscikowski! We are proud to support outstanding young people with their endeavors to aid veterans!

Also at the May scratch, we approved funds to complete the purchasing of the wish list items provided to the MOC and MOCA for the Polytrauma and Spinal Cord Injury wards at McGuire. Lots of cool stuff is soon to be on the way to our veterans at McGuire!

Even with the relaxing of various COVID restrictions, we are still looking for any recommendations for our "Driveway Visits"! Let us know if anyone could use a boost from the crazy Cooties of Pup Tent 14!



The MOC/MOCA Food and Clothing Drive on Armed Forces Day (15 May 2021) in the Pavillion went extremely well! We collected several hundred pounds of clothing to donate to the Purple Heart and a couple of hundred pounds of food to donate to our community's local ACTS program. Major props to everyone who donated items/volunteered during the drive and to post personnel who supported the drive... great teamwork all the way around! A special shoutout goes to Star and Charlie for organizing the drive... great to have you both in the Pup Tent!

Elvis is alive and well... and now he is a new member of our Pup Tent! Welcome to the fold Lionel and we look forward to jumping, jiving, an' wailing with you!

Several MOC and MOCA cooties also took part in our Memorial Day activities... blood drives, Buddy Poppies, and cookouts... oh my!

As always, take care of yourself, your families, your friends, and your fellow veterans in this pandemic era. 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
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Doris Miller
MOCA President
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246th Army Birthday Social



Saturday, June 19, 2021

1830

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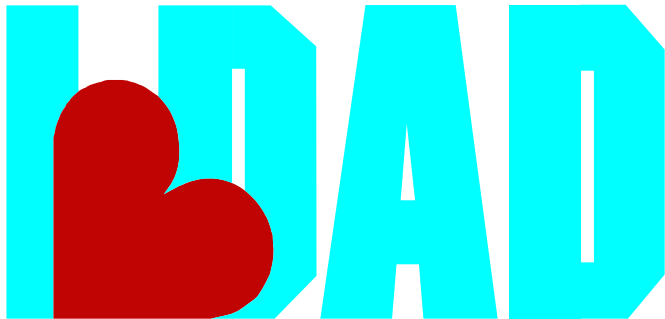


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20 Father's Day Breakfast 9-12:00	21	22 BINGO 7:30	23	24 BINGO 7:30	25	26 Breakfast 9-12:00 WINGS are Back! 6:00-8:00
27 Breakfast 9-12:00	28	29 BINGO 7:30	30		<i>We are No Longer Accepting Wooden Nickels</i>	

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Next Monthly Meeting

June 16th

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Father's Day Breakfast Specials

Sunday, June 20th

9 AM to 12 Noon

\$2.50 to \$11.95

Potato Hash with Bacon or
Corn Beef

Breakfast Quesadilla

Country Fried Steak & Eggs

Eggs Benedict

Chicken & Waffles

Regular Breakfast Menu Also Available

