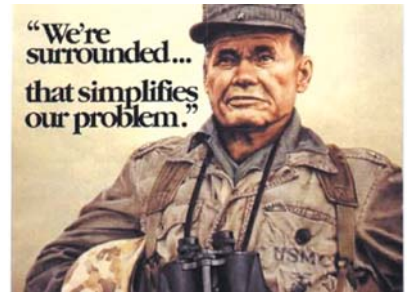




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

MARCH 21



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CANTEEN HOURS: Sunday / Monday / Wednesday 12 Noon - 11 PM

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# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

This month we bid farewell to our 10 p.m. restrictions as we move into March. Beginning on the 1st of March we are now permitted by the Governor of Virginia to stay open until 12 a.m. Social quarter hours and actual closing times will be determined by the Manager on duty and the Facility Manager.

February is in the rearview mirror and with all of the weather challenges and closings I am glad to see it go – I would rather get a foot of snow than one inch of ice. Thankfully we were able to keep everyone safe by having a pro-active staff and doing our best to make decisions without the help of a crystal ball! Many thanks go to the often not seen, Ron Laney aka Papa Six, The Post Honor Guard along with a stalwart group of Scouts of America retired 805 flags braving the brisk cold on President's Day. The staff did an excellent job preparing meals in honor of Black History month and as always timely suggestions for



## 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.



an appropriate menu to honor Black History month are welcomed.

March welcomes Women's History month and on the 17th of the month we have a packed agenda. Comrade Williams-Moore is chairing an effort to recognize Women's History coinciding with our Post Meeting and St. Patrick's Day meal on the 17th. Come out to attend the post meetings, recognize Women's History and enjoy a great meal prepared by the staff. Later in the year on June 12th we will take time to recognize Women Veteran's Day which was established formally in 2018.

We will pause at 6 p.m. on the 29th of March to recognize National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. Nearly 60 years after the end of this war where over 3.4 million veterans and claimed more than 58,000 American lives. Our post has no shortage of Vietnam Veterans and all are welcome to attend as we take time to "Welcome Home" our Vietnam Veterans.

Post business is moving along despite the pandemic and we have our normal business of post nominations and elections on the horizon. Nominations for post officers will be at the March monthly meeting on the 17th. Although write ins are permitted to be added to the ballot you must be nominated and accept nomination via letter or in person at the post meeting to be on the published ballot. Candidates who are nominated may publish an article of no more than 500 words announcing their candidacy in the April Newsletter. Articles for candidates must be sent to [cdrpost1503@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost1503@vfwva.org) NLT 19 March 2021 to be included in the April newsletter. In keeping with our Post By-laws our elections will be in person on the 21st of April, details will be published in the April newsletter.

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 17 March at VFW Post 1503 in the B Hall to accommodate social distancing and will include a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in-person. Please follow CDC guidelines for face coverings and attend only if you are healthy and are not in a quarantine status due to travel or potential virus exposure.

***Stay Healthy and Safe!***



Tom Levitt  
Post Commander  
[cdrpost1503@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost1503@vfwva.org)

# VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503 Brothers & Sisters

Well, so much for the blizzard that I was wishing for! February brought plenty of cold temps, rain & ice and some snow, but definitely not a blizzard! Maybe March?!?!

With Daylight Savings Time beginning AND the first day of Spring happening this month, I am doubtful!

Auxiliary Breakfast on February 20th was rather small, but nonetheless, enjoyable. Betty, Monika and Debbie were able to visit and share a good meal together. Hope to see you this month, also on the 20th at 9:30.

February was supposed to bring a visit from our National President, Sandra Onstwedder to the VA Beach area. I was putting my bags in the car, ready to head south, when I received a call that she was snowed in! We are now awaiting her arrival on the 4th. If you have any interest in attending any of the events – please let me know ASAP, as space at each post is limited due to COVID gathering restrictions.

Thank you to Susan and Laura for helping with the Post Flag retirement ceremony on February 15th. If you have been unable to take part in the past, please make an effort to attend in the future – it is a memorable way to learn proper flag retirement etiquette – for yourself and children. The post typically has hundreds of flags to retire and they sure do appreciate our help.

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# 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

## DID YOU KNOW?

The VFW National Auxiliary is on Social Media:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- YouTube
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest

Links and more may be found at:  
[vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org)

I am so appreciative of everyone who is recruiting! We are currently at 96.52% in membership!! SO close – WHO is going to earn \$100? If you have not paid your annual dues – please do so!

Children's Easter Party – Susan is working on plans for an event similar to Halloween. A drive-thru party, with "treat stops" along the way and of course the Easter Bunny! More details at our March 17th Meeting.

*I invite you to join me in remembering and honoring our  
Vietnam War Veterans on the March 29th.  
"welcome home and thank you for your service"*

March 7th is the 10th District Meeting. All are encouraged to attend. Lunch served at 11:30 (thank you Post 1503!) Meeting at 1:00.

Please remember to update your contact information, as needed, in Malta, [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) or with me for Constant Contact.

To be included on Chaplain alerts, please contact Glorious at [auxilliary1503chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:auxilliary1503chaplain@gmail.com)

Remember that nominations and election of Officers will take place at our April meeting. All members in good standing are eligible to run for office.

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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703-895-8855

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

March 4th & 5th ~ National President's Visit

March 6th ~ WINGS are back!!

March 7th ~ District 10 Mtg

March 17th ~ Auxiliary Mtg

March 17th ~ St. Patrick's Day

March 28th ~ Children's Easter Party - TBD

March 29th ~ National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Patriots:

We had a good in person meeting this month. We discussed a few items including our upcoming election next month, reaching out to National Headquarters and our local High schools on the Leadership awards program, the upcoming State conference at O'Tooles restaurant in Richmond on Saturday, May 1st and to proactively reach out to Patriots in our Chapter to get updated contact information and to see how well everyone is doing during this pandemic.

The next Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, March 20th. We need to continue to be proactive in helping our wounded Veterans and their families!! Our Chapters 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



## FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Hope this month gives us a break from the snow/ice troubles we had last month. All in all we had to close down a few days, something that we don't like to do.

Our decisions are based on weather forecasts, keeping in mind the safety for our members, guests and employee's will always come first in our decisions to close early or not open at all.

Thanks for your understanding on this matter. We do send out alerts via Constant Contact and do updates over our phone's automatic message options when you call our main number of 703-670-4124 announcing changes to our normal hours of operation.

SATURDAY NIGHT WINGS are back starting March 6th. Because of the increased cost of the wings and no longer having volunteer teams do the work, we have to increase the cost per wing to .90 cents. Sales will be from 6 pm to 8 pm. Request initially no take out orders please. Will address this going forward once we see how the sales are going in house.

ST. PATTY'S DAY We will be offering our usual corn beef dinner, sandwich and Ruben's starting at 12 pm. Recommend you get here early to be sure we have food left and seating is available. TAKE OUT ORDERS welcome.

CHILDRENS EASTER PARTY March 28th.

John Meehan  
Facility Manager



# MOC / MOCA



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

Second verse, same as the first: the visitation restriction policies at McGuire VA Hospital are still in effect... but we are hard at work nonetheless taking care of our veterans!

The inaugural Cootie Driveway Visit was a huge success! Despite the cold, wet, icy, and snowy weather, MOC and MOCA members showed up in droves at Joe Saitta and Sarah Stanley's house to bring the love and fun to them during Joe's ongoing health concerns and Sarah's incredible efforts in caring for him! You all rock and we love you... we are always here for you! And thanks for letting us crash your place to see you! We have a few other people currently in mind to visit soon, but please let us know if you have any recommendations for veterans in the area who could use a Cootie visit!

Got some news from one of our post members that the DC VA Hospital is accepting appointments for veterans 65 and over to get/schedule COVID vaccinations. If you are interested, here is the number: 202-745-4342 Seamy B called the number to confirm and it sounds good. When you call, there will be a standard series of medical questions based on CDC guidelines... it is straightforward stuff though.

It is that time of year again... MOC and MOCA officer nominations and elections! We did both at our February scratch and have an all-new cast of characters for the 2021-2022 year! While many of the officer positions didn't change hands, we do have some cool Cooties in some new positions on our crew! Thank you to all officers for their efforts in the last year... it was not an easy year all the way around and your perseverance and support was fantastic! Congratulations to all incoming officers and here's hoping that we can continue to think of new ways to get our mission done in the coming year!

Installation of MOC and MOCA officers for the new year will happen at our March scratch. The way I hear tell... we are going to have some great grub and good times!

Please continue to keep in mind all our family and friends that have had rough times in the last year. Family passing away or ailing... people suffering from the pandemic in many ways... a myriad of other reasons... please keep everyone in your prayers. From all the MOC and MOCA, you have our thoughts and prayers always.

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!

***We Are Better Together!***

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MOCA President  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BINGO 7:30	3	4 BINGO 7:30	5	6 Breakfast 9-12:00 <b>WINGS are Back!</b>
7 Breakfast 9-12:00	8	9 BINGO 7:30	10 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	11 BINGO 7:30	12	13 Breakfast 9-12:00 <b>WINGS are Back!</b>
14 Breakfast 9-12:00 Daylight Savings Time	15	16 BINGO 7:30	17 <b>Saint Patrick's Day</b> Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	18 BINGO 7:30	19	20 Breakfast 9-12:00 Purple Heart Mtg. <b>WINGS</b>
21 Breakfast 9-12:00	22	23 BINGO 7:30	24	25 BINGO 7:30	26	27 Breakfast 9-12:00 <b>WINGS are Back!</b>
28 Breakfast 9-12:00 <b>Childrens Easter Party</b>	29 National Vietnam Veterans Day 6:00 p.m.	30 BINGO 7:30	31		<b>We are No Longer Accepting Wooden Nickels</b>	

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Next Monthly Meeting

**March 17th**

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# ST. PATTY'S DAY

Come Join Us for a Full Day of Fun and Good Eating.  
Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is the Best in Town.

We will have Plenty of Music for Your Listening Pleasure and You Can Count on Hearing and Seeing Things Only Available at the V.

We will have Noise Makers, COLD BEER, Hats, COLD BEER, Beads, COLD BEER.

