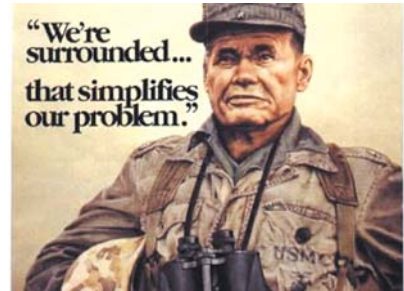




VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

NOV 22



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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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



POST OFFICERS

Team,

Greetings and Salutations, as another month has passed and we inch closer to the chill of winter with much cooler weather. Vibrant colors are all ablaze, signifying the end of summer and eventually placing the demise of fall in the rear-view window.

Lots has transpired, since we last spoke. We celebrated the fine volunteer spirit of our bingo volunteers, observed Columbus Day and held a wonderful Navy Birthday and bell ringing ceremony.

On October 1st nearly 50 bingo volunteers graced the halls of the VFW to dine and celebrate another successful year of working and volunteering in the spirit of comradery and a passion to serve our fellow comrades and auxiliary. It's this kind of attitude that pervades throughout and sustains our VFW as the top organization that you, and our members want to be a part of. And thank you to our facilities cooking staff the meal was superb, first rate and enjoyed by all.

The Navy Birthday Cake Cutting and bell ringing ceremony went off without a hitch on Thursday, the 13th of October. Many gathered in the dance floor area as we read remarks from the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations. Thank you to Ganges "Hop" Hopkins for the outstanding job of the ringing of the bells, culminating in the end of one year and announcing the arrival of another. As the senior officer present, I shared the cake cutting responsibility with the youngest (I know an oxymoron in this case) sailor present, Charles Adams. Thank you, Charles, for celebrating with us another fine haze gray and underway Navy Day.

You may have noticed we've installed two new dart boards toward the back of the canteen just behind the lattice wall. You folks wanted dart boards and now they are here! Right now, two boards are installed, from here we can judge just how interested our members are in playing darts. If the interest is high and we see frequent play, we may expand but that will be up to you. For now, enjoy and please review the times and scheduling of darts under the Facilities Manager news.

- Post Commander Bernie Carter
Senior Vice Ben Guinan
Junior Vice Star Martinez
Quartermaster Carl Richardson
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Surgeon Charles Marlowe
Chaplain Ed Bennett
3 Year Trustee Tim Brown
2 Year Trustee John Dodge
1 Year Trustee Tom Gimble
Adjutant Randy Coker
Service Officer Raymond Bailey
House Committee Chair Lionel Ward
Past Commander Tom Levitt

Also, last month we issued the majority of the entry door FOB's. For the most part, the FOB's are working and we will continue to troubleshoot as needed.

A quick brief of upcoming events for November 2022

- 12 November - Marine Corp Birthday Ball. You don't want to miss!
- 12/13 November - Buddy Poppy Drive - staunch support provided by the Auxiliary
- 26 November - Christmas Trees unloaded

As many of you know, Thomas Williams Jr., a comrade, and two-time All-State and All-American Commander passed on the 16th of October, 2022. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend too many in this post. Thomas is someone I will remember with very fond memories, for his leadership, his candor and a graceful smile along with all of you, our members and our Post 1503 staff. Thomas will be missed greatly by us all. Fly High Comrade.

Until next month, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving as in its name is a time of giving and being grateful. So, remember those family members and co-workers that mean most to you.

As always stay safe, continue to recruit and be kind to others. First impressions are lasting and mean everything. To stay informed watch for emails via Constant Contact and check out what is happening on our post website and Facebook page to stay updated and review all of the latest happenings and pictures from VFW 1503 events.

Bernie Carter
Post Commander
cdrpost1503@vfwva.org



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

- 5-6 Nov – MOC/MOCA Tomb Trek, Arlington, VA
- 10 Nov – Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Service - Quantico Cemetery, 1100
- 12 Nov – Veterans Day BBQ with Masonic Diversity Lodge
- 12 Nov – Marine Corps Birthday Ball - Full Hall, 1800-2200
- 12-13 Nov – Buddy Poppy Drive
- 24 Nov – Thanksgiving Day
- 24 Nov – **No Bingo**
- 26 Nov – Christmas Trees Unloaded (ALL Hands)

VFW AUXILIARY

Hello Auxiliary 1503 and Happy November to everyone – I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful season!

Our October meeting had 24 members in attendance! A crazy thing happened – myself, our SVP Debbie and our JVP Monika all scheduled vacations at the same time!! Thank you to past Auxiliary President Betty Gimble for conducting our meeting!

Welcome to our new members – Elizabeth, Paul, Myrna and Brandon.

This month, our Auxiliary will purchase winter coats, gloves and socks for lots of kiddos at the three area schools that we help support.

Make certain that your voice is heard on NOV 8th – VOTE – VOTE – VOTE!!

Post 1503's second Buddy Poppy Drive of the year is Veteran's Day weekend and you can help support the post by signing up for a shift or two. It is super easy, and will make your heart smile! Sign up book is in the canteen.

On NOV 11th, we will participate in the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery.

GET READY!! NOV 26th – Christmas Trees arrive!! EVERYONE is invited to the pavilion to help off load the trees and if you are able, stay awhile as we will begin selling immediately after unloading. Watch for constant contact messages for the time.

Do you have a login for Malta? What is Malta? It is access to resources, your information and more for the Auxiliary. www.vfwauxiliary.org You can pay your dues, request a replacement membership card and update your contact information.

Are you receiving Department of Virginia Auxiliary Monthly Communications? If not, you may sign up at www.vfwauxva.org

Are you receiving Chaplain Alerts? If not, please email Chaplain Michael at auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com

Auxiliary 1503 will continue to place VFW Store orders, for our members at the end of each quarter. Link and details available here: [VFW STORE ORDER INFORMATION](#)

VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY – thank you to all who have signed up so far! Below is a link for new ways to sign up – please do so and make your voice heard for our Veterans!! **ACTION CORPS WEEKLY** Once you have signed up, be sure to open the weekly e-mails and take action, if requested.

Our next Auxiliary Breakfast is NOV 19th at 9:30, hope you will join us!

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!

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Sr. Vice President Deborah Nichols
Jr. Vice President Monika Walczyk
Secretary Pamela Flores
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3rd Yr Trustee Gina Powers
Historian Mary Seiffert
Patriotic Instructor Rita Maldonado

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**

Over ➔



In honor of **VFW Post1503's Fifty-Second Anniversary**, please enjoy a portion of this month's interview with John Dodge – who was instrumental in establishing our Post. The entire interview can be found on the Post web-site vfw1503.org

[VFW POST 1503 INTERVIEW PROJECT](#)



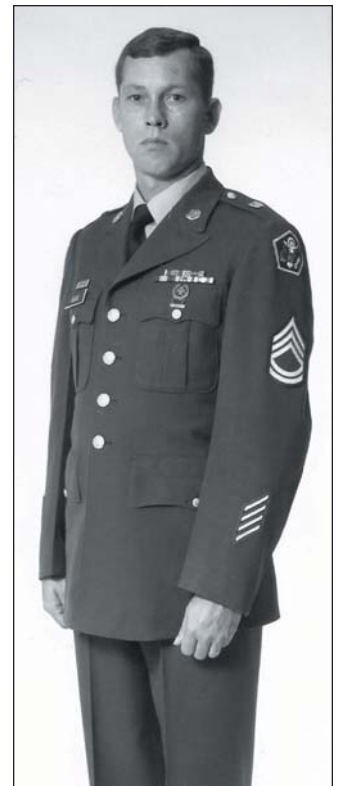
We invite you to follow along as VFW Auxiliary member Elizabeth continues her interview series. Her writings will grow into a collection of the rich histories and experiences of our beloved combat veterans. Please click [HERE](#) to read her interview with **John**

VFW Connections – Getting to Know: John Dodge

John Dodge joined the VFW in 1981. During that time, it was a small group of members with big dreams for the post. John participated in several formal meetings to purchase the land where our building sits today. Many questioned the proposed location for the post, feeling members wouldn't travel there for VFW events. Although it wasn't an easy deal, they eventually purchased the land from Mr. Staples, a local non-combat veteran. John Jenkins, a member of the post and Prince William County's longest-serving supervisor, helped to rezone the land for the building.

On 15 April 1989, the members took occupancy of the current Post 1503 building. For years, they worked hard to ensure they could make the mortgage payments through bingo earnings and other post fundraisers. The group celebrated when the final mortgage payment was submitted, and the building was finally ours for future generations of VFW members. Although many claimed VFW Post 1503 wouldn't succeed, John didn't let their negativity get him down. As we know today, the naysayers certainly weren't right. For over 43 years, Post 1503 has reached over 100% membership levels and has grown to be the largest post in the world by membership. Since those early days, our post has been welcome to all members and continues to serve the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Blessings of Serving Others

We were made to serve each other. We were each made with unique talents, personalities and skills. It seems to me, we all receive the most joy and make the biggest difference when we use our God-given abilities to serve those God brings into our lives, whether they be our neighbors, coworkers, or a perfect stranger.

Serving allows us to add our gifts and abilities to those of others.

1 Corinthians 12 points out the human body consists of many parts serving specific functions. Alone these parts aren't very useful. Likewise, our world is made up of many people with different skills and abilities. Apart we can do good things, but together we can do amazing things.

Serving is good for what ails you!

Studies have shown that symptoms of stress and depression can be eased by volunteering and serving the needs of others. Using our gifts and talents builds self-confidence, energy, and strength. Serving others is a proven way to divert our attention from our own worries.

Serving builds friendships.

Serving side-by-side with other people, a bond inevitably forms. Every veteran can attest to this truth. I am certain this was God's plan for how we should live and thrive. Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."

Serving increases our capacity to serve in greater ways.

Serving has a way of moving us out of our comfort zones and allows us to grow. Serving can reveal and develop new potential. It's not so much about what we can do; rather, it is about what God can do within us and through us. That's when we start eagerly walking through the doors to service that God opens before us.

We all give rational reasons for not serving: I don't have time. I don't know what I would do. I don't have any special skills to contribute. They don't need me.

God not only calls those already equipped to serve, he also equips those he calls to serve. God has called so many persons with these and other doubts to change the course of history. Moses didn't think he was a leader or speaker, but God worked through Moses. David was the youngest, and least significant of all his brothers, but God worked through David. The one thing each of these persons had in common is each answered the call to serve others.

Our VFW Post offers countless opportunities to serve our veterans, active duty military, their families, and our community. You can participate in a VA Hospital visit to serve sick and injured veterans. You can distribute Buddy Poppies on Veterans Day and accept monetary donations for the post Veterans Relief Fund. This is the fund the post draws from to provide assistance to veterans and active duty personnel in need. You can volunteer to work BINGO, which paid to build and payoff our amazing facility, and still pays to maintain our post home and fund operating expenses. You can step forward to run for a position as a post officer, to serve the post and its members by managing our many VFW programs and doing the work needed to conduct the business of our post.

Look for the opportunities to serve that are all around you; and, when a door to serve opens in front of you, walk through it and receive the blessings that are waiting on the other side.

Hebrews 6:10: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Ed Bennett - Chaplain

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

A lot to cover this month so let's get to it. For the first time in months, it seems I can talk about the FOB's, yes those things that gave us headaches, have been installed and are now up and working. There are still a few bugs but mostly because of the input process, not the equipment.

If you have a problem with yours, please see the Bartender or M/A on duty or the office staff during our working hours to have it replaced or re-entered into the computer.

DART BOARDS: Dart Boards have been put up in the canteen's BIG MIRROR room after being requested by members. Since this area is a shared space that we have to use for functions during the week and weekends, we ask initially, that they not be used on Thursday-Friday-Saturday between the hours of 5pm to 9pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday can be used anytime we are open subject to common sense rules (ex: members already in the area for any reason should be asked if your playing darts would disturb them) if they say it would please wait until they leave before playing. If you are there first and are playing then it's OK to continue play. In all cases Bartenders will make decision's if a problem comes up. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

BATHROOM DOORS: Bathroom doors near the main entrance are very heavy doors and hard to open with the closure system that's been used. We have removed the closure's which allows them to open much more easily, but need to be closed manually. This was needed to help those who use walkers, canes, crutches and for some who had to use both hands and a hip to get them open. Again, thanks in advance thanks for your understanding.

NEW YEARS EVE TICKTS ON SALE NOW: Cost this year will be \$80.00 per person or \$700.00 per table of 10 if purchased prior to December 1st, 2022. Band this year will be the ROCKHITS. You can call me at 703-670-4124 x2 or e mail me at vfw1503facmgt@comcast.net for tickets. You can also purchase thru our Website (pay pal button).

DIVERSITY LODGE IN PAVILLION NOVEMBER 12TH HONORING VETERANS WEEKEND. STARTS AT 12 UNTIL SUPPLIES ARE GONE. ALL FOOD FREE.

NO WINGS ON THE 12TH.

John Meehan
Facility Manager



Happy Thanksgiving

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

This month we especially want to recognize all our veterans for the sacrifices made every day in the service to our great country. Each veteran decided to join the military for their own personal reasons. Our units trained, deployed, fought, and succeeded based on our ability to work together as a team. I ask you to remember that there is more that binds us together than separates us as American Patriots. Continue to be an example of what can be accomplished by working together in your family, neighborhood, and community. I salute you! Enjoy Veterans Day with your friends and loved ones.

MOPH Chapter 1775 is planning to clean the Purple Heart memorial in Quantico National Cemetery at 1000 hrs on 19 November, weather permitting. We will gather at VFW Post 1503 afterwards to handle any outstanding chapter business. All Patriots are invited to lend a hand!

All Gave Some, Some Gave All!



Yours in Patriotism,
Dom Dionne
Commander
Chapter 1775

MOC / MOCA

Comrades and Auxiliary members,

We were Busier than a Bee in the MOC/MOCA this month. We had our Grand (State) Council of Administration at Mechanicsville, VA on the 8th to take care of some business. We also dropped off lots of items from the McGuire VA Hospital's wish list for the spinal column injury ward and the polytrauma ward like gift cards, video games, remote control cars, etc. Several of us went down to the Marine Corps Museum on the 22nd to greet the veterans on the Honor Flight buses from Hampton and Richmond. Also, on the 22nd, we had our annual Cornhole tournament! A great time was had by all, and we raised some money that we can use to further our cause of ***Keeping 'em Smiling in Beds of White.***

We're currently preparing for the annual Tomb Trek event from 3-6 November. Every year MOC and MOCA members from around the world come together in Arlington, VA for a weekend of business and fun culminating in our wreath laying in Arlington National Cemetery at the Argonne Cross and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Sunday. We'll be there representing Pup Tent 14 and Post 1503!

On November 22nd we will be having a bake sale in the hallway outside the bingo hall during bingo. Stop by and get some things for Thanksgiving!

Robert "Check" Adamczyk

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Laura Adamczyk

MOCA President
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VFW November Entertainment

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

Friday Night

Saturday Night

November 4th

November 5th

FlowerPower
Classic Rock Cover Band

DJ Pynk Dyamond
Dance Party!

November 11th

November 12th

DJ Steve Bolden
Dance Party!

USMC Birthday Ball
DJ Joe Clay
Dance Party with Karaoke

November 18th

November 19th

DJ Joe Clay
Dance Party with Karaoke!

DJ Michael
Dance Party with Karaoke!

November 25th

November 26th

DJ T Play
Dance Party with Karaoke!

Rusty Highway Band
Rock, Blues, Country

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 247 *Years*

Marine Corps
247th Birthday
Celebration



CHESTY PULLER VFW POST 1503

Date: Saturday, November 12th, 2022 @ 1800

Price: Free to Post members & guests
(Donations accepted at the door)

Dress: Appropriate business casual or Full Military Dress

Guest of Honor SgtMaj Michael T Mack USMC Ret.

Sign up in canteen, starting October 15th

POC's – Randy Coker or Kevin Simpson

rwcoker1@gmail.com,

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NOV 19, 2022

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-Wine Tastings
@ Wineries
-Bus Driver Gratuity
-Lots of laughs 😂
and a Fun time! 😄

No Refunds (unless event
is cancelled)



← scan here to sign-
up! Seats are limited

VERAMAR WINERY



**VFW POST 1503 CHRISTMAS TREE
UNLOADING & SALES**

TREE UNLOADING: SATURDAY 26 NOV

**Please watch for CC message for exact time.
(typically 8-9am)**

TREE SALES:

**SAT & SUN 8-8
MON - FRI 12-8**

**WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL,
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**PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT
US WITH QUESTIONS!**

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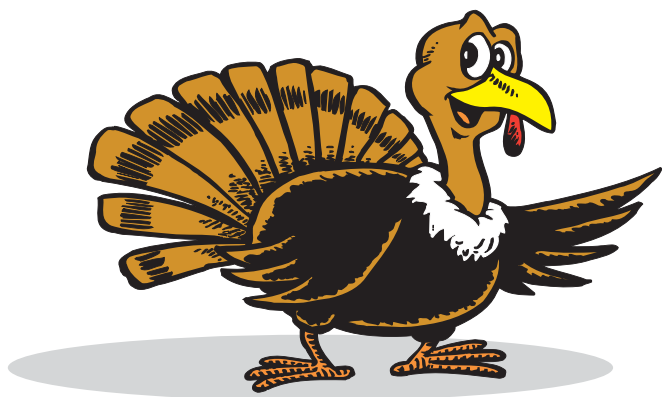
November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BINGO 7:30	2	3 BINGO 7:30	4 FLOWER POWER BAND FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	5 DJ Pynk Dyiamond Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
6 CLOCKS FALL BACK Breakfast 9-12:00	7	8 ELECTION DAY BINGO 7:30	9 Wacky Wacky TexMex MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	10 USMC Birthday BINGO 7:30	11 VETERANS DAY DJ Steve Bolden Friday Dinners 5:00-9:00	12 USMC Birthday Ball DJ Joe Clay Breakfast 9-12 NO WINGS
13 Breakfast 9-12:00	14	15 BINGO 7:30	16 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	17 BINGO 7:30	18 DJ Joe Clay FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	19 DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 AUX Breakfast WINGS 6:00-8:00
20 Breakfast 9-12:00	21	22 BINGO 7:30	23	24 Thanksgiving  Buffet NO BINGO	25 DJ T Play FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-9:00	26 Rusty Highway Band Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
27 Breakfast 9-12:00	28	29 BINGO 7:30	30 Wacky Wacky Seafood			

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 1503

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Next Monthly Meeting

November 16TH

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WACKY WACKY WEDNESDAY'S ...

November 9th ... Wacky Tex-Mex

Nachos Supreme with Taco Meat \$8.95

Shredded Beef Tacos (2) \$9.95

Hard or Soft, Refried Beans, Rice and Pico de Gallo

Chicken Enchiladas (2). \$9.95

with Refried Beans and Rice

Shredded Pork Carnitas \$9.95

November 30th ... Wacky Seafood

Steamed Shrimp \$10.95

Bang Bang Shrimp. \$10.95

Fish N Chips \$9.95

Plus ... Kim's Famous Margarita's

12 Noon until Supplies are Gone