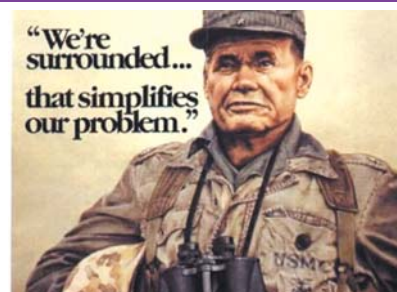




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Message from the Commander

"It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known." Dickens really knew how to package complex thoughts into a few simple words. Among several themes the above quote speaks to, one sings out clearly when viewed from a veteran's perspective: sacrifice. I take pride in the fact that I can call all veterans my brethren. The drive to serve our fellow human beings is what sets us apart from the general populace. The contract we made with our country to serve it to the best of our ability is a core value that veterans cherish and maintain. The Veterans of Foreign Wars are dedicated to making sure that contract is upheld by our government. In these uncertain times, we must keep fighting that good fight. In the Veterans News article later in this edition, take the time to read the VFW's Legislative Priorities that were presented to Congress by our Commander in Chief, Al Lipphardt. He delivered a passionate and respectful address to the congressional membership that left no doubt as to the strength and purpose of the VFW's advocacy for veterans' rights and benefits.

Regardless of all the seeming chaos we can see happening, we all know someone who has been impacted by the recent changes in governmental policies. For some, things are working out fine. For others, things are getting tough. A significant portion of those who are being negatively impacted are veterans. Employment issues are being felt by a great many people. Reduction of work force at VA facilities affects all veterans. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." See what I mean about Dickens knowing how to spin a phrase saying so much with a few words? Stressors abound today. Make sure that you are looking out for one another.



POST OFFICERS

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Past Commander Bernie Carter



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March Events

Thank you to Star Martinez, our Post Senior Vice Commander and her team, the volunteers, and staff that worked to make our first Women's Small Business Expo a huge success! A special shoutout to Post member Heidi Ortiz for helping the cause with organizing more than 50 vendors to support the event. The event was well attended, vibrant and appreciated by attendees and vendors alike. Everyone exuded an extremely positive spirit throughout the event. There are many small businesses in our community. Supporting small business strengthens our community's economy. If you missed this one, you missed out on not only a good time but an important celebration of Women's History Month.

Partnering with the AARP to bring their Aging Gracefully in Place Expo to the Post was another great success! The entire A-Hall was full of attendees and the panelists provided excellent information and recommendations for people. The vendors that attended had plenty of goodies and information for everyone. The event opened with Senator Jeremy McPike, Virginia District 29, addressing the crowd.

I am enthusiastic about having more of these kinds of events at the Post. Celebrating history, supporting small businesses in our community, and providing relevant information and opportunities for our Post members and our community are just a few things we are going to keep promoting. One of the events we are currently working on is a job fair. There are going to be plenty of veterans and community members who will be looking for employment soon and I believe this is a way we can do good things to support them.

Post Historian

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" - George Santayana

Wise words, and they underscore one of the several reasons I believe the Post needed a Post Historian. I am pleased to announce that Post member and award-winning military history author, Don Vandergriff, has graciously accepted the new position. You can learn more about Don from his first newsletter article, which can be found later in this edition.

UPCOMING DATES – April 2025

- 4-5 Apr – Boy Scouts Mulch Setup/Delivery – Back Parking lot
- 5-6 Apr – Gun Show, Bingo Hall
- 12 Apr – Membership Appreciation Day: w/ food, games, and music, specials in the canteen, etc.
- 13 Apr – Auxiliary Children's Easter Party: A Hall, 1300-1500
- 16 Apr – Post Officer Elections - From open to meeting time, Front Foyer
- 20 Apr – Easter Sunday Brunch (special menu)
- 20 Apr – 1503 Riders Monthly Ride – Pavilion parking area, 1300
- 26 Apr – Buffalo Soldiers Cookout – 1100-1600, Pavilion/Parking Lot
- 26 Apr – Movie Screening: My Dead Friend Zoe - 1900, Hall



As always, keep informed on what is going on of the Post in whatever medium works for you: Constant Contact, Facebook, newsletter, flyers posted in the canteen on the walls and on the big TV, drums, pay phones... there are plenty of information sources. And remember: **ABR (Always Be Recruiting)!** Recruiting is the lifeblood of our Post and the VFW. Keep up the outstanding work you all do in our recruiting efforts.

Ben Guinan

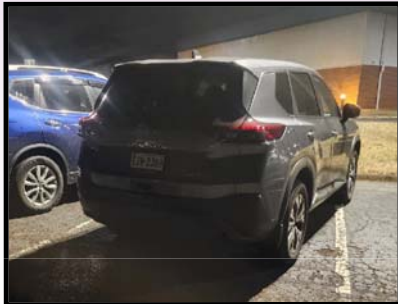
Post Commander

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Post Commander's You Can't Park for s#!t Club April Edition



Look at all the Easter eggs I found! Thank you
Easter Bunny!



VFW AUXILIARY

April Greetings Auxiliary 1503!

We had another fantastic turnout for our March meeting, with 37 members present! Thank you to everyone for making an effort to attend – we are doing great things for our Veterans and community!

Welcome to our nine new members: Diana, Phil, Lindsey, Jordon, Roland, Thomas, Victoria, Barbara and Lotoya. Our membership continues to grow every month. Thanks to those who continue to recruit!

The Auxiliary volunteers will meet at Post 1503 on Saturday, April 12th @10:00 A.M. to fill the Easter eggs for our Children's Easter Party on Sunday, April 13 (1:00-3:00). Volunteers are needed to set up at 11:00, and clean-up after the party.

March Breakfast was at Post 1503 on March 15th, with 4 members and lots of laughs, great conversation and yummy food. We are planning a special lunch this month on April 19, at 11:30 - El Paso Restaurant 3031 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, Va. 22192.

Nominations and elections for the ensuing year will take place and your vote matters!! I am requesting that anyone who wishes to be nominated send an email to me with the office you intend to run for and who will nominate you. This will help me in preparing the meeting agenda and facilitate a smooth election process.

To sign up for Auxiliary 1503 Chaplain Alerts, please contact Chaplain Michael at auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com

If you have not attended a meeting since joining, please do so! 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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Guard	Gloria Wiley
Trustee #1	Venee Alicea
Trustee #2	Brenda Richardson
Trustee #3	Patricia Wootten
Historian	Venee Alicea
Patriotic Instructor	Joyce Gibbs



Debbie Nichols

VFW Auxiliary 1503 President
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VFW AUXILIARY 1503

CHILDREN'S



EASTER EGG HUNT & PARTY

**VFW & AUXILIARY 1503 MEMBERS & FAMILY
ONLY**

SUNDAY - APRIL 13, 2025

1 - 3 POST 1503 'A' HALL

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ALL CHILDREN

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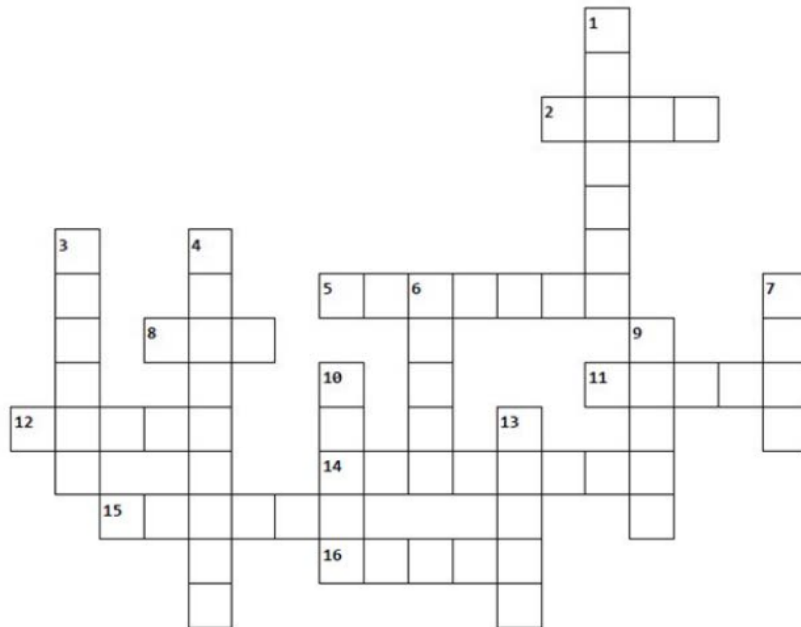


LIGHT SNACKS - EGG HUNT

VISIT & PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

EASTER BASKETS PROVIDED

April Crossword



Across

- 2. April fool's action
- 5. April fools day activity
- 8. April follower
- 11. A practical joke
- 12. To deceive
- 14. An easily deceived person
- 15. You are caught
- 16. April forecasts

Down

- 1. Enjoyable
- 3. Wildly unreasonable
- 4. Someone who plays pranks on other people
- 6. 4th month of the year
- 7. Something that makes you laugh
- 9. Sign of April fool's Day babies
- 10. Exploding April fool's prop
- 13. April fools day

April Word Search

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EASTER
BASEBALL
EQUINOX
FOOLS
FLOWERS
UMBRELLA
SHOWERS
BLOSSOM
MAYPOLE
PRACTICAL

HEAD GAMES

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE VFW?

The info is out there!

National level info, news, and programs: <https://vfw.org>

Department (State) level info, news, and programs: <https://vfwva.org/>

District level info, news, and programs: <https://vfwvadist10.org/>

If you are reading the newsletter in paper format, put the URLs above in a browser to go to the sites.

VFW POST 1503 INTERVIEW PROJECT



You are invited to follow along as VFW Auxiliary 1503 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 previous interviews...

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

VFW RIDERS GROUP

The Chapter is growing and we are always looking for riders and supporters to join the crew! Look for the VFW Riders vests and talk to us about it.

For information, check out the **“VFW Riders”** section of **“Programs”** on the post’s website, VFW1503.org



Chapter Motto: So the road has us surrounded – good! Now we can ride in any direction!

YOUR PHOTOS NEEDED

**Comrades this is a newsletter for all of us...
Please submit your PHOTOS of our Post Events to**

<https://vfwus.org/1503pics>

**We are not able to use all photographs submitted to us,
but we appreciate every bit of input!**

MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART

OPERATION VIGILANT RESOLVE

The First Battle of Fallujah



After three attacks on Americans in and around Fallujah, four Blackwater contractors who were conducting a food delivery for contracted food caterers bypassed a Marine checkpoint in two trucks.

They were ambushed, killed, dismembered, and their bodies burned. Two of the bodies were hung off a bridge over the Euphrates River while a large crowd cheered. Videos were shown on the news all across the world. Political leaders back in the US demanded an immediate retaliation.

Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) and other US forces encircled Fallujah on the evening of April 4, 2004. During the next five days, Marines were involved in urban combat that is frequently compared to the Battle of Hue City during the Vietnam War.

The units were engaged in almost constant combat from house to house and destroyed several insurgent defensive positions. The Marines successfully took control of strategic areas throughout the city that enabled them to cutoff insurgent withdrawal routes.

While the battle was underway, members of the newly formed Iraqi Governing Council quickly voiced their criticism of the “heavy-handed tactics and indiscriminate killing of civilians in the city.” The city sustained severe destruction and several mosques were destroyed because they were turned into reinforced strong points and weapon caches by the insurgents. It was estimated that up to two third’s of the population decided to remain in the city during the battle, this led to a high number of civilian casualties.

The United States yielded to political pressure and announced a unilateral ceasefire within the city of Fallujah beginning at noon, April 9, 2004. The Marines had successfully occupied one-third of the city up to this point. Humanitarian aid was allowed into the city for the first time since the battle started. Despite the ceasefire, insurgents continued to assault Marines throughout the following weeks.

On May 1, 2004, the I MEF commander announced all Marines were withdrawing from the city and were being replaced by the newly trained 1,100 Soldier Iraqi Fallujah Brigade, a Sunni security force formed by the CIA. The Brigade was equipped with US weapons and equipment.

The withdrawal of Marines from the city officially ended Operation Vigilant Resolve. 39 U.S. Marines and Army service members died and 90 were wounded during the 1st Battle of Fallujah. Estimates are that approximately 200 insurgents and 600 civilians were killed.

In September, soldiers from the Fallujah Brigade announced their loyalty to the insurgents, turned over their equipment and joined the various jihadist groups in the city. Marines would return to the streets of Fallujah and engage in another violent house-to-house fight during the Second Battle of Fallujah starting in November 2004 and this time completely occupying the city.

All Gave Some, Some Gave All!

If you are a Purple Heart recipient and are interested in learning more about our Order, contact me at cdrchapter1775@outlook.com



Dom Dionne

Commander
Chapter 1775



MOC / MOCA

Listen up Cooties and MOCA!

Do you ever arrive at this article and wonder what the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) and Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA) are? We are a subordinate order of the VFW whose mission and primary focus is on visiting and entertaining veterans in hospitals and VA facilities, aiming to bring smiles and good cheer to their lives. The name 'Cootie' is a term that invokes a positive and fun spirit, even though the term "cootie" can also refer to body lice. Ask any MOC or MOCA member in their funny red hat and unusual uniforms what they are about and how to get involved. We are always looking to 'increase and multiply' to replenish our ranks with worthy specie pediculi.

In other news, welcome to Spring in Northern Virginia – coats on, coats off. Hopefully this month there will be more coats off. Bring on the yellow vehicles and sidewalks along with seasonal allergies – better pollen than snow! Weather cooperated this month and we had in-person scratch and meetings with elections, installations and breakfast for dinner – a lousy time was had by all. Thanks to both Crummy installing officers. We wish the best of luck to the newly installed shavetails and officers for the ensuing year and appreciate all who take the opportunity to lead. Those installed will assume their duties in June following the installation of the Grand Commander and MOCA Grand President at convention.

Scheduling with Richmond VA for our next Hospital visit has been challenging but our Cooties and MOCA are busier than bees trying to coordinate a bingo for the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Poly Trauma Patients. We all can't wait to begin support for the Puller Veterans Care Center in Warrenton, VA once they have enough residents moved in and are ready for visits! We are in touch with the Admissions Director, and we hope to begin visits in the Early Summer. Another opportunity to Keep Em Smiling in Sheets of White!!

Now is the time to start planning to attend Grand MOC Scratch and MOCA Meetings! The Grand Convention is in conjunction with the Department June 18-23, 2025, at the Hotel Madison in Harrisburg, VA. This is our first time there and it should be a nice conference center. See the Department General Orders as you will need to call to make your reservations before the 22 May cutoff, rooms are \$129 per night.

An update for our inaugural Del-Mar-Va days MOC/MOCA weekend event with the Grand of Delaware and Maryland. We are shifting six months to the right and hoping to converge on the Grand of Virginia for a lousy time in April 2025 for all!

Our next regular Scratch/Meeting is 9 APR. Hope to see you there.

Keep Them Smiling In Beds Of White!

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POST HISTORIAN'S ARCHIVE

For my first article, here is a short introduction to the new Post Historian for Post 1503. My name is Don Vandergriff and you can learn more about me in my post interview [HERE](#). I am a retired Marine (infantry) and US Army Armor officer. I am also an award-winning author, teacher and speaker (Google my name if you would like to see more info on my work). I had a great meeting with our Post Commander, Ben Guinan, where we talked about some ideas for expanding military history information and events at the Post. If you have any ideas on including military history information and events into the Post, feel free to contact me at vandergriffdonald@usa.net.

My new role, created by our Post Commander, is to bring more military history awareness and educational opportunities to the Post. We plan on adding a military library to the Post, adding a monthly article in our Post newsletter to highlight local military history events, facilitating quarterly battlefield tours to numerous sites all around Virginia, adding speakers from within and outside the Post to our Post commemorative events, instituting a reading club at the Post, and creating/setting up special military historical events where we will invite guest speakers from both Post members and other guests.

I will be focusing my articles on military history relevant to each month. I hope you enjoy this new addition to the Post newsletter.

April's Focus: Virginia Civil War History

- On Saturday, April 5th, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation is holding their 2025 National Civil War Conference. This event will focus on the actions during the summer of 1864, including tours of Cool Spring, Rutherford's Farm, Kernstown, and other key locations.
- On Saturday, April 5th: A "Black Thursday" commemoration at Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park, featuring Union and Confederate public historians bringing the battle to life through reenactments and living history experiences.
- On Saturday, April 5th: the Kernstown Battlefield Association will participate in the American Battlefield Trust Civil War Park Day.
- On Monday, April 7th: 160th Anniversary Battle Walk: High Bridge and Farmville: A guided battle walk, exploring how the battles played a critical role in the closing days of the Civil War, leading to the surrender at Appomattox.
- On April 25-27th: the city of Buchanan VA is hosting a Civil War History Weekend.
- On April 12-13th: The American Civil War Museum in Richmond, VA will host a Surrender Commemoration & Freedom Day Celebration, commemorating the end of the Civil War.

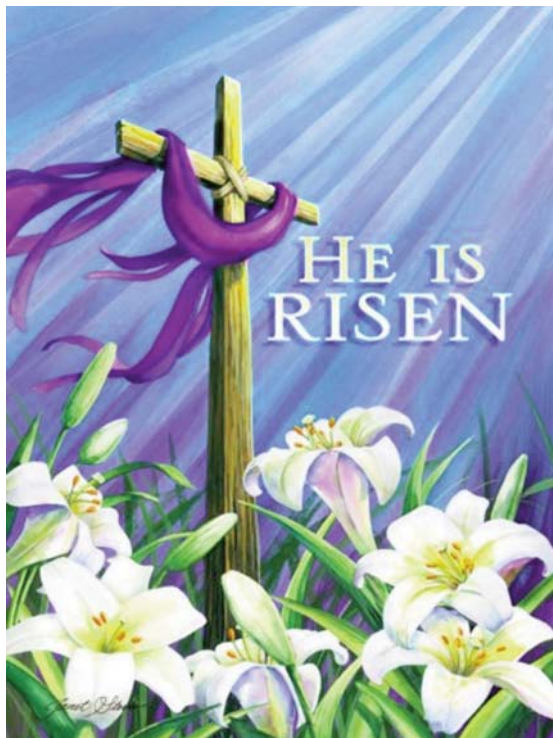
Don Vandergriff

Post Historian



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Post Chaplain, Ed Bennett, has been out of town taking care of his brother who has been having significant medical issues. As such, he was not available to write his usual Chaplain's Corner article this month. We send our thoughts and prayers to him and his family.



*"Then your light will
break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will
quickly appear; then your
righteousness will go
before you, and the glory
of the Lord will be your
rear guard."*

—Isaiah 58:8

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To help anyone who may be looking for new employment opportunities, we created this new monthly article to put out any recent job announcements from various sources. If you have any you might like to add to the next article, please feel free to send them to cdrpost1503@vfwva.org and we will get those added to the announcements.

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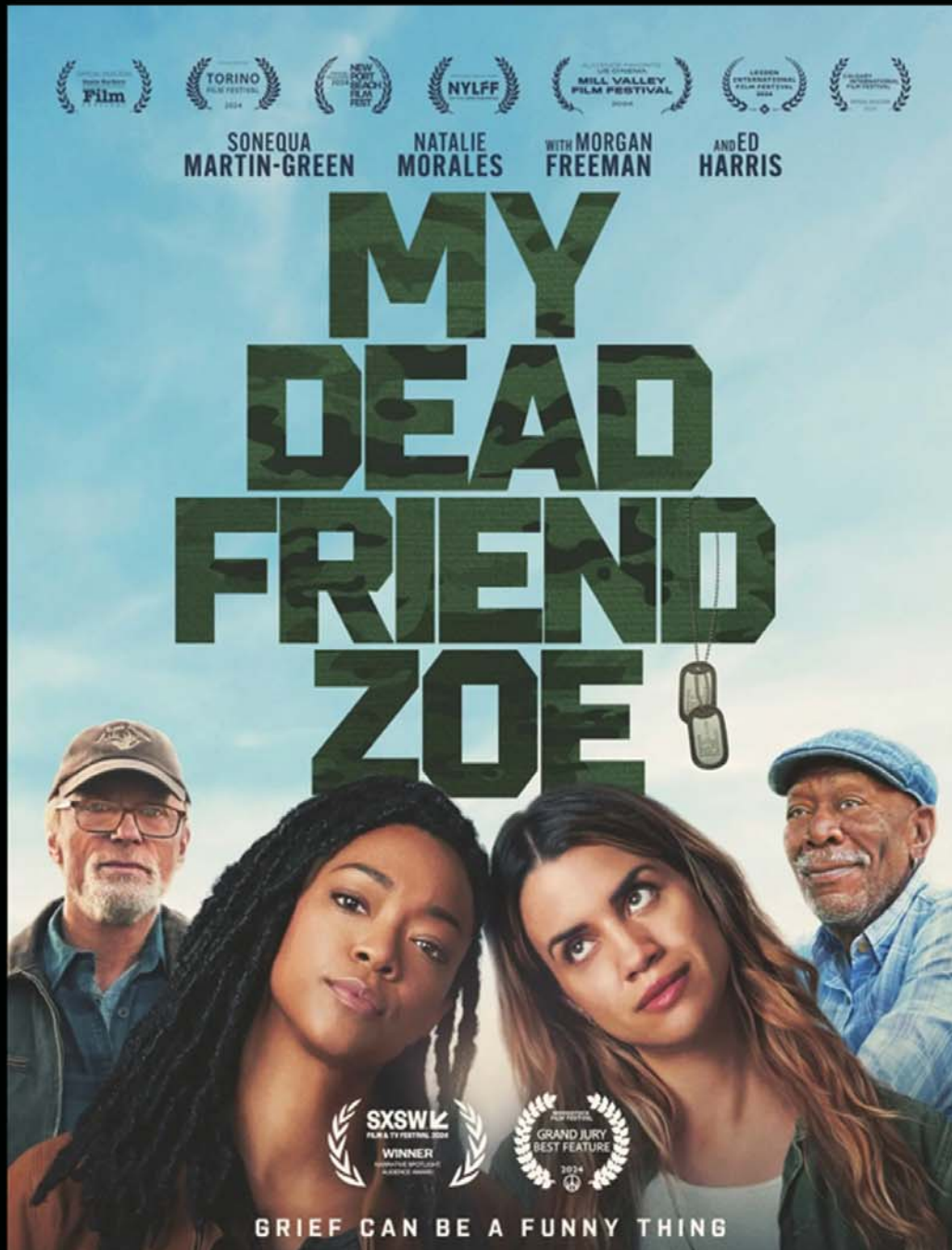
The VFW's DC office has published two vacancies, one for the legislative staff and one for the service officer staff. If you are looking for a job in the DMV area, please take a look at the job openings posted by clicking on the following link:

[VFW Job openings](#)

You can refer any questions to Ken Wiseman at kwiseman@vfwva.org, and he will happily detail more about the positions if people are interested.

If you are reading the newsletter in paper format, go to the VFW Post 1503 webpage and look for the **Employment Opportunities** page under the **Resources** tab to look to view the job openings listed above.

FREE SCREENING!
VFW POST 1503
APRIL 26th – 7pm – A HALL



Engaged in a mysterious relationship with her dead best friend from the Army, a female Afghanistan veteran comes head-to-head with her Vietnam vet grandfather at the family's ancestral lake house. Inspired by a true story.

VETERAN NEWS

Everyone who served honorably, like every member of the VFW, met our end of this agreement. We demand our leaders do the same. By contract, you must ensure the VA has the resources and staff to provide veterans their full earned benefits. This is not an ask. Honor the contract!

– VFW CIC Al Lipphardt in his 2025 Congressional Testimony

FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH: **VFW 2025 Legislative Priorities**

The PACT Act

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 included an enduring framework, known as the Presumption Decision Process, to guide VA's continuous and systematic evaluation of toxic exposures. This law directs VA to announce in the Federal Register, at least annually, its selections of military environmental exposures and adverse health outcomes for formal evaluation. Congressional oversight is needed to ensure VA is being transparent with veterans about its ongoing evaluation of toxic exposures and related conditions.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

- Require VA to publicly post announcements, updates, and the current status of research pertaining to presumptive conditions stemming from service-connected exposures.
- Conduct oversight hearings to ensure VA's compliance with the PACT Act's Presumption Decision Process for the ongoing evaluation of conditions associated with toxic exposures.

Transition from Service

Leaving service is often complicated by service-related ailments, family needs, loss of identity and support networks, and the required training to enter a new career field. Sadly, the initial year following discharge also comes with increased suicide risk among veterans, heightening the need to ensure all transitioning service members are connected to post-service benefits and resources as quickly as possible.

In early 2024, VA launched its improved curriculum of VA benefits and services covered during Transition Assistance Program (TAP) classes. TAP 6.0 includes having an accredited representative physically present to assist service members with filing their BDD claims.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

- Pass legislation such as the *TAP Promotion Act* to codify VA's practice of including accredited claims representatives from national, state, and local organizations in TAP classes.

Exploring Alternative PTSD Treatments

Many veterans experience PTSD. If not properly treated, the effects can be detrimental in many ways including risk of homelessness, substance abuse, relationship problems, financial instability, difficulties in transitioning back to civilian life, or suicide. Veterans have shown a willingness to confront mental health challenges. Still, not all treatments work for all veterans, which is why the VFW is urging Congress and VA to research and provide alternative, non-conventional solutions for certain veterans. Some such treatments that have shown potential include stellate ganglion block, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, ketamine infusion, MDMA-assisted therapy, medical cannabis, and other plant-based alternative therapies.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

- Direct the Department of Defense and VA to implement innovative PTSD treatments currently used in the private sector.
- Direct VA to review its current mental health treatments and prescribing practices to address the possible over-reliance on pharmaceutical interventions.

Cracking Down on Predatory Claims Companies

The VFW is concerned that bad actors are preying on veterans by skimming their earned Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits. Claim Sharks often charge veterans the equivalent of 5-10 months of their future disability payments. This is money these veterans may not have, which could put them in debt simply for trying to access their earned benefits. This is unethical and illegal.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

- Pass legislation that would prohibit the exploitation of veterans and survivors by unscrupulous Claim Sharks and strengthen the accreditation system.

To find an accredited VSO, go to the following link:

<https://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/find-rep/>

If you are reading the newsletter in paper format, Google “VA find an accredited vso” to go to the site.

GI Bill Parity

The sacrifices of National Guard and Reserve members have continued to be overlooked for decades despite an increase in deployments since September 11, 2001. Though they have served alongside active-duty service members during increasingly frequent activations both domestic and abroad, they do not always earn their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits at the same rate. This inequity has been highlighted during the frequent activations due to natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, and border security missions as National Guard and Reserve members have stood on the front lines administering relief and services.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

- Pass the *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2025* to allow any day in uniform for which military pay is received to count toward Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility, creating equity for National Guard and Reserve members.

Retirement and Military Personnel

For more than two decades, Congress has failed to address the long-standing injustice of withholding military retirement pay from disabled veterans. Department of Defense (DOD) military retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation are separate, distinct benefits earned for different reasons, yet Congress continues to wrongly treat their concurrent receipt as “double-dipping.” The VFW believes this policy is fundamentally unfair, and it is time for Congress to act.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

- Pass legislation such as the *Major Richard Star Act*, either as a standalone bill or via the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, to enable Chapter 61 retirees who sustained combat-related injuries to receive their vested DOD retirement pay and VA disability compensation without offset.
- Pass legislation to eliminate any offset of DOD military retirement pay and VA disability compensation.

BEN GUINAN FOR POST COMMANDER

Comrades, I would like to announce my candidacy for Post Commander for the upcoming year. Over the last year, we have been working on evolving Post business practices, promoting greater inclusivity for all our membership, and moving the Post forward in the new world we find ourselves living in. The work is not done, and I would be honored to continue leading the efforts that our Post Officers, Auxiliary, Staff, and volunteers have supported and helped me implement at the Post. Over the past several years, it has been my honor and privilege to have held leadership and support positions in the VFW, MOC, and VFW Riders organizations at the Post, District, and State levels and as a Council of Administration member of the MOC at the National/Supreme level. I was awarded All-American and All-State honors as a VFW District Commander and All-Star honors (MOC equivalent of VFW All-American) as the Virginia Grand (MOC equivalent of State) Commander for the 2022-2023 VFW year. Last year, I also had the honor of chairing the Department (State) Voice of Democracy (VOD) program and administering the new ScholarsApp online platform for management and adjudication of both the VOD and Patriots Pen programs. I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support.

Yours in Comradeship,
Benjamin “Ben” Guinan

ROBERT “CHECK” ADAMCZYK FOR JR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, during our March membership meeting I accepted the nomination for Post Jr Vice Commander. For the past year, I've been serving as the current Jr. Vice Commander. Prior to that, I served two years as Post Judge Advocate and two years as Post Surgeon. I've also been serving as a member of the Post Honor Guard, MOC Pup Tent 14 Tight Wad, MOC Grand Hospital Chairman and Chief of Staff, MOC Supreme Codeslinger, Post IT Committee Chairman, District 10 - 1-year trustee, Department of Virginia IT Committee Chairman, and Webmaster for the Post, District, and Department. I'm also the person that manages the information and pictures on the TV in the canteen and the digital sign out front. We continue to be fully reported with our Community Service reports and I've now streamlined the process to make it easier for myself and anyone that follows in the position. I look forward to continuing to serve as your Post 1503 Jr Vice Commander and would appreciate your support.

Robert “Check” Adamczyk

KURT HENSE FOR POST QUARTERMASTER

'Comrades, I would like to announce my candidacy for Post 1503 Quartermaster (QM). I have been entrusted with the office of CCDB (QM equivalent) for the previous year with the Military Order of the Cooties and was recently installed as CCDB again for this upcoming year. I feel confident being able to assume this responsibility as Carl has been gracious enough to familiarize me with numerous QM functions over the last several weeks to include the most recent monthly audit procedure. Having Lean Six Sigma experience, I hope to play an integral part as we continue to refine and improve post processes. I would appreciate your support for the opportunity to become the next Post 1503 QM.'

Kurt Hense



Easter Buffet Style Meal

Sunday, 20 April • 9:00AM – 1:00PM

- Scrambled Eggs • Bacon • Sausage Patties •
 - Sausage Gravy & Biscuits • Fried Chicken • Sliced Ham •
 - Rice Pilaf • Mac & Cheese • Mashed Potatoes & Gravy •
 - Glazed Carrots • Green Beans • Fruit Salad • Garden Salad •
 - Assorted Desserts •
- \$17.95 per person**

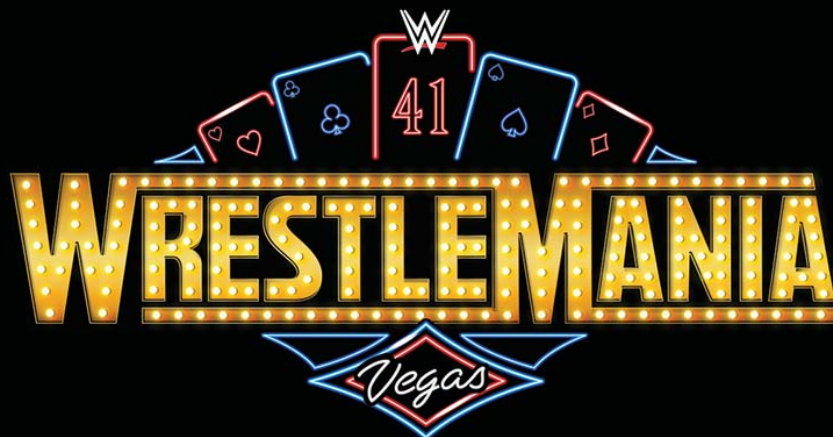
DAN WALCZYK FOR POST JUDGE ADVOCATE

Comrades,

I would like to announce my candidacy for a second term as Post Judge Advocate and am seeking your vote. I'm a life member of the post and have been actively supporting post activities since I joined. During my first year as Judge Advocate, I have been working on the 125th Anniversary of the VFW, committee, house rules & bylaws, and participating in activities to strengthen the Post's success and viability for the future. and Two years ago, I was the Post Surgeon running a very successful scholarship and teacher of the year program. Prior to that, I was the Officer of the Day, greeting everyone and checking membership cards at the Post meetings. I assist regularly at Bingo and try to participate in other activities as much as possible. I'm familiar with post processes, policies and procedures. I also have a strong background in plans, operations and project management thanks to many years of military service. I am prepared to support the membership and post leadership in running the organization. I look forward to helping keep the post strong and serving you as the next Post Judge Advocate.

Very Respectfully,
Dan Walczyk

Watch Party at VFW Post 1503!



April 19th & 20th at 7pm

April Entertainment

All DJ's & Bands start at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights

Friday Nights

April 4th

DJ Protege

Dance Party

April 11th

DJ Mario

Dance Party

April 18th

DJ Steve

Dance Party

April 25th

DJ MoeVibez

Dance Party

Saturday Nights

April 5th

DJ Danny

Dance Party

April 12th

DJ T-Play

Karaoke / Dance

April 19th

DJ Ed

Dance Party

April 26th

DJ Michael

Dance Party



Easter Buffet Style Meal

Sunday, 20 April • 9:00AM – 1:00PM

- Scrambled Eggs • Bacon • Sausage Patties •
- Sausage Gravy & Biscuits • Fried Chicken • Sliced Ham •
- Rice Pilaf • Mac & Cheese • Mashed Potatoes & Gravy •
- Glazed Carrots • Green Beans • Fruit Salad • Garden Salad •
- Assorted Desserts •

\$17.95 per person



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BINGO 7:30 	2	3 BINGO 7:30	4 DJ Protege FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	5 Gun Show DJ Danny Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
6 Breakfast 9-12:00 Gun Show	7	8 BINGO 7:30	9 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:30 pm	10 BINGO 7:30	11 DJ Mario FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	12 Member Appreciation DJ T-Play Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
13 Breakfast 9-12:00 Children's Easter Party 1-3	14	15 BINGO 7:30 	16 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm Elections	17 BINGO 7:30	18 DJ Steve FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	19 DJ Ed AUX Brkfst Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
20 EASTER Buffet 9-1 	21	22 BINGO 7:30 	23	24 BINGO 7:30	25 DJ MoeVibez FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	26 Buffalo Soldiers Cookout 11-4 Movie Screening A Hall 7:00 DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
27 Breakfast 9-12:00	28	29 BINGO 7:30	30			

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503

14631 Minnieville Road
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193



Next Monthly Meeting

April 16th

vfw1503.org

250th Army Birthday Ball



The Chocolate Factory Band
DJ Steve
Hors-d'oeuvres
Dinner
Guest Speaker
Army Birthday Cake

Saturday, June 28, 2025

1830 Semi-Formal

VFWPost 1503

14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, VA 22193

Comrade
Conrado B. Morgan
Chairman/9108241911
Dress: Semi-Formal
(Coat and Tie)
COST: \$25.00
TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS
ARE ACCEPTED

<https://VFWPOST1503-250thArmyBirthdayBall.eventbrite.com>