



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

OCT 25



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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COMMANDER'S CALL

There is a quote that I am often reminded of when the season changes to Autumn: "Fall is proof that change is beautiful." The weather cools a bit; trees create a kaleidoscope of colors; Autumn brings a true bit of beauty to a world that sometimes feels bereft of it. Enjoy the season and be good to each other. And of course, Halloween, my second favorite Irish holiday, occurs at the end of October. As many of you know, I don't have that much of a sweet tooth but I do enjoy all the other trappings of a good Halloween season: costumes, scary movies, and having a good time with friends and family.



POST OFFICERS

Post Commander..... Ben Guinan
Senior Vice Star Martinez
Junior Vice..... Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Quartermaster..... Kurt Hense
Judge Advocate..... Dan Walczyk
Surgeon..... Heidi Ortiz
Chaplain..... Ed Bennett
3 Year Trustee..... Tom Gimble
2 Year Trustee..... John Dodge
1 Year Trustee..... Danny Gibbs
Adjutant..... Charles "Romeo" Marlowe
Service Officer..... Raymond Bailey
Past Commander..... Bernie Carter

A Look Back at September

A busy and successful September is in the books. Things got kicked off with our Post hosting this year's State School of Instruction. This training session and presentation provided great details on all our State programs, Bylaws, and general guidance for the management of a VFW Post. If you are interested in knowing more about any of these topics, you can find a lot of useful information on our State website: <https://vfwva.org/>. Thank you to everyone who took the time to take part in our Patriot Day and National Day of Remembrance observance in the canteen. A special thank you to the Hylton High School Air Force JROTC for performing their 'missing man' ceremony at our Post's POW/MIA Memorial Service. They did an excellent job once again. Our Post Chaplain, Ed Bennett put together another enjoyable Air Force Birthday celebration, with VFW Post Life Member Sam Lerman supplying a moving and heartfelt speech during the Keynote Speaker's address. I'm also glad to report that the VFW Post 1503 Riders chapter is growing member by member. The chapter had a great turnout for the Post 1503 Riders monthly ride in September. The chapter's monthly ride is held every third Sunday of the month at 1300 and the rally point for the ride is the front parking lot of our Post. If you are





interested in finding out more about our Post 1503 Riders group, check out the Riders page on our Post's website: <https://vfw1503.org/>.

What's up in October

We kick off another busy month with our Post Scouts holding one of their Mulch deliveries on the 4-5 October weekend. They will be out in the back lot with approximately 1,000 bags of mulch for purchase/distribution. We will have a busy day on Saturday, 11 October. The Post will be hosting this year's State Commander/State Auxiliary President's Homecoming. The festivities will begin at 1700 in our Hall. The Marine Corps Ball committee will be holding a Cornhole tournament on Saturday, 18 October to help raise funds for the Ball. The event will start at 1100 in

the Pavilion. You can register online (see info on the flyer later in this newsletter) and at the event. We then move on to all things Halloween with the Auxiliary Children's Halloween Trunk or Treat on Saturday, 25 October in the back parking lot at 1300. The Trunk or Treat will move inside to the Hall if the weather doesn't cooperate. The adults get their turn for Halloween hijinks on Friday, 31 October. The party will start at 1900 in the canteen and there will be a costume contest with prizes and other fun things. The Military Order of the Cootie and Auxiliary will be holding our annual Tomb Trek up in Arlington Virginia from Friday, 31 October to Sunday, 2 November. We will be laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery on that Sunday. Finally, there will be a gun show in the Post Hall held on the weekend of 1-2 November. I know this one is in November, but the next newsletter comes out that weekend and I wanted to get the info on the gun show into this newsletter. There are plenty of things for the membership to take part in during October and I encourage everyone interested to get involved and enjoy.

October 2025

Wed Oct 1 - VFW Riders Meeting

Sat-Sun Oct 4-5 - Boy Scouts Mulch Setup/Delivery 1,000 bags - Back Parking lot

Sat Oct 11 - Angry Crab-fest - Pavilion, 1500

Sat Oct 11 - State Commander/Auxiliary President Homecoming - Hall, 1700

Mon Oct 13 - 250th NAVY Birthday (banner in canteen)

Fri Oct 17 - Recognition of Women in Military Service

Sat Oct 18 - MC Ball Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament - Pavilion/Side Parking lot, 1100

Sun Oct 19 - 1503 Riders Monthly Ride – front parking lot, 1300

Sat Oct 25 - Auxiliary Children's Halloween Trunk or Treat - back lot [A-Hall alternate], 1300

Fri Oct 31 - Adult Halloween Party/Costume Contest – canteen, 1900

Fri-Sun Oct 31-Nov 2 - MOC/MOCA Tomb Trek - Arlington, VA

November 2025

Sat-Sun 1-2 Nov – Gun Show – Hall

Things to Consider

September 29th marked the VFW's 126th birthday. In 1899, the VFW was founded by a group of veterans from the Spanish-American War and the Philippines Insurrection. These veterans came together to fight for their rights and secure the benefits they had earned through their service. Their efforts laid the foundation for what would become the nation's largest and oldest war veterans service organization. We are dedicated to advocating for the rights and benefits of veterans and their families. Per Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter: "The purpose of this corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and

educational.” Our Post reflects these tenets with our service to veterans and our community. Keep up the excellent work.

As always, stay informed on what is going on at the Post in whatever medium works for you: Constant Contact, newsletters, flyers posted in the canteen on the walls, info on the rolling billboard on the big TV, our Post website, announcements on social media, radio, Petroglyphs... 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
cdrpost1503@vfwva.org



All-American Post Commanders



Bernie Carter
2022-24



John Dodge
1985-86, 90-91,
93-94, 95-96, 2004-5



Gary Wheelehan
2006-07



Tom Levitt
2020-22



Ben Guinan
2024-present



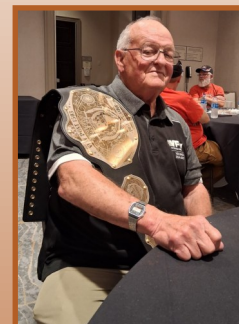
Sterling Moninghoff
2010-11



Tim Brown
2016-18



Randy Coker
2014-16



Tom Gimble
2011-12

Over the years



VFW AUXILIARY

Happy October... Greetings Auxiliary 1503!

Great turnout for our September meeting 26 members attended!! Welcome to our new members.

We had six members help with the Post 1503 Annual Golf Tournament, checking in players, handing out snack bags, selling raffle tickets.



walk Recruiting table for Auxiliary new members.

October 25, 2025 – 1-3 – Trunk or Treat members should arrive at 12:00-12:30 to receive your candy and decorate your car in the back parking lot. (bring your own decorations) Candy will be supplied by the Auxiliary.

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

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or 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.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President Deborah Nichols
Sr. Vice President Monika Walczyk
Jr. Vice President Betty Gimble
Secretary Kelli Levitt
Treasurer Karla Coker
Chaplain Michael Alicea
Conductor Jan Kiecker
Guard Gloria Wiley
Trustee #1 Brenda Richardson
Trustee #2 Patricia Wootten
Trustee #3 Venee Alicea
Historian Venee Alicea
Patriotic Instructor Joyce Gibbs

The Auxiliary Breakfast was lots of fun with 9 members joining us to enjoy a special time together. We will meet again October 18 @ 9:30 at Post 1503.

Hospital chairperson Lorraine Thomas has been in contact with the Arbor Chase Assisted Living to set up a day for Bingo. Volunteers will be needed. More info to come.

We continue to have a need for Program Chairman. This is a vital part of our Auxiliary – please consider helping!

We will have election for Conductor on October 15, 2025, the next Auxiliary meeting.

October 4, 2025 @ 10:00 – Quantico – 24 hour

Debbie Nichols VFW Auxiliary 1503 President

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HALLOWEEN WALK THRU TRUNK-or-TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH 1-3

VFW POST 1503 - (back parking lot)

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN,
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A PARENT or ADULT



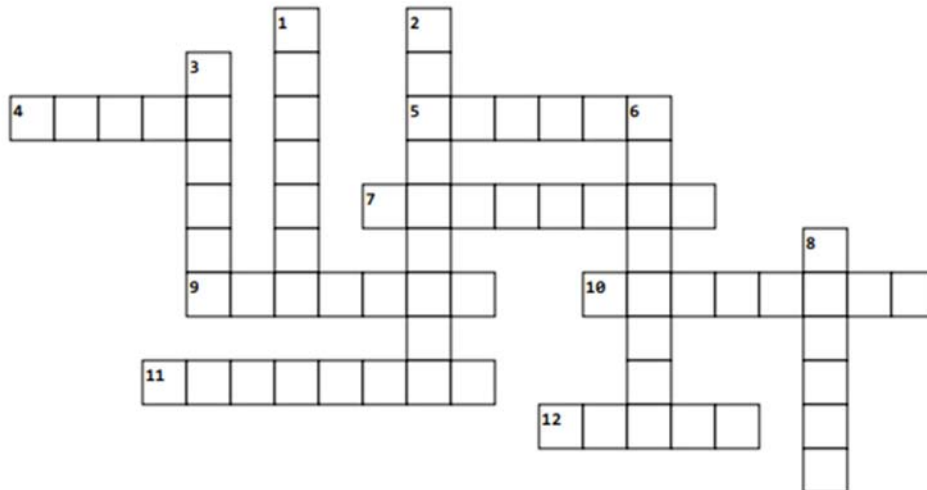
Halloween Word Find

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VAMPIRE
MONSTER
PUMPKIN
WITCH
SPOOKY
TREAT
TRICK
COSTUME
GHOUL
GHOST

HEAD GAMES

October



Across

4. people who use magic are often seen riding brooms
5. These fall a lot and change color
7. people wear these disguises while trick or treating they can be of a character or a monster
9. People wear these when it's cold
10. Monsters that turn into wolves on full moons
11. People carve these and put candles inside
12. People often get this while trick or treating

Down

1. Immortal shapeshifting beings who crave blood
2. A holiday celebrated on the 31st of October
3. An apparition of the dead
6. these are often found inside of animals and consist of bones
8. the undead who have a strange obsession with brains

MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART

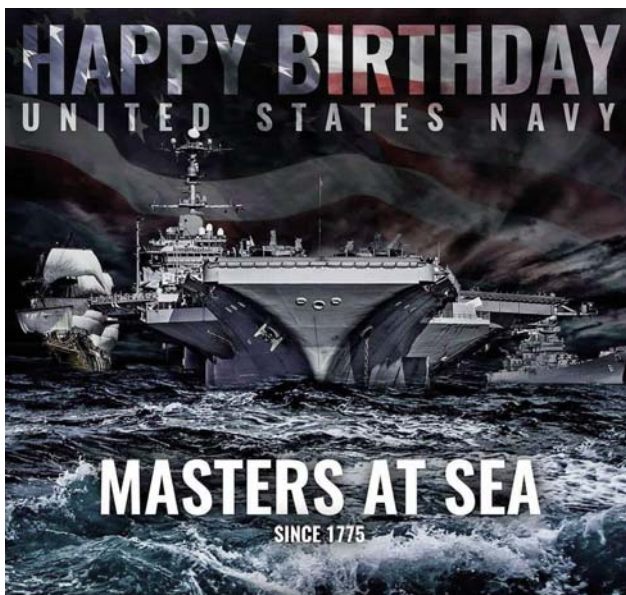
National Day of the Deployed

October 26 marks the National Day of the Deployed, a day dedicated to recognizing United States military personnel who have been deployed and acknowledging the sacrifices made by their families during these periods. The observance originated in North Dakota following a proclamation driven by Shelle Michaela Aberle, who petitioned Governor John Hoeven for its establishment. The date, October 26, was selected in honor of Shelle's cousin, LTC David Hosna, who was deployed to Iraq and whose birthday is on October 26th. By 2012, all states across the nation recognized this observance.

Military deployments can vary in duration and do not always involve combat operations; however, they typically require extended hours, specialized duties, and challenging living conditions. The impact of deployment extends beyond service members, affecting spouses who assume full responsibility for household and parenting tasks, as well as children who may experience the challenges of separation and, depending on their age, comprehend the risks associated with their parent's service. Thank you to all service members, veterans, and their family members on National Day of the Deployed in 2025!



All Gave Some, Some Gave All!



Dom Dionne

Commander • Chapter 1775



YOUR PHOTOS NEEDED

Send us your photos so we
can use them around the Post...
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!

MOC / MOCA



Listen up Cooties and MOCA!

Fall is upon us and soon the Holidays will follow. Our Lousy fraternity has a lot of stuff going on this Holiday Season. The annual Trek to the Tomb of the Unknowns 31 October - 2 November, Cootie Christmas at the National Home 4-7 December, and our own MOC/MOCA Christmas party following our 10 December Meeting and Scratch! We are also working on planning another Hospital visit to Richmond to host a Christmas Party for the patients in December!

Speaking of Hospital Visits – we had a great time hosting a pizza party and bingo for the patients at the VA Hospital this past month on 20 September in the multipurpose room. We were small in numbers but large in effort and enthusiasm. It was great to see some of the longtime residential patients that we have not seen since pre-covid times. Hopefully the ability to gather larger groups in the multipurpose room continues. Meanwhile we continue to monitor the progress at the Puller Center so when they have residents and are ready for visits, we can establish that relationship.

AUXILIARY TO THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

OBJECTIVE: The main objective of this organization shall be to assist the Military Order of the Cootie in promoting hospital work, programs and social activities; to keep alive the spirit of optimism and humor; and to promote the well-being of the parent organization.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie, provided they are **sixteen (16) years of age** and have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary for at least **six (6) months**.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: Every application for membership must be in writing on an approved card setting out the required information in detail. Applications are available in the Canteen. The application shall be accompanied by proof of membership in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, together with the **\$5 initial fee and \$20 annual dues**.

(Reference: By-Laws Auxiliary MOCA)

The next MOC/MOCA Meeting is 8 October. Hope to see you there.

Keep Them Smiling In Beds Of White!

Tom Levitt

MOC Seam Squirrel

Peggy Palomares

MOCA President



POST HISTORIAN'S ARCHIVE

Military History Related events for NOVA area for the month of October

On **October 12**, head to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., for the Army Ten-Miler race, a longstanding tradition since 1985 that promotes fitness and Army spirit. Whether you're running or cheering from the sidelines, this event draws thousands and honors the resilience of our service members. That same day, celebrate the U.S. Navy's 250th birthday with Navy Night at a Washington Wizards game in D.C., featuring special tributes and military-themed activities.

Mid-month brings major professional development with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition from **October 13-15** at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in D.C.

For Revolutionary War buffs, join the Battle Brief on Lafayette's Well-Conducted Retreat: The Battle of Barren Hill, 1778, on **October 14** in Fairfax County, Northern Virginia. Hosted by historians, this in-person session explores George Washington's strategic decisions and the young Marquis de Lafayette's role in the Continental Army's maneuvers.

The weekend of **October 18-19** is packed with Civil War immersion at Manassas National Battlefield Park in Northern Virginia, courtesy of the American Battlefield Trust's hikes and tours. On **October 18**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., take an easy-to-moderate walking tour of Matthew's Hill, tracing the opening clashes of the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861. The next day, **October 19**, starts with a 9:15 a.m. tour of Henry Hill, where "Stonewall" Jackson earned his nickname amid the war's early chaos. In the afternoon, from 1:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., hike the grounds of the Second Battle of Manassas, delving into troop movements and the desperate defenses that shifted the Eastern Theater in 1862. These guided experiences, costing \$20-50, bring history alive on the very fields where it unfolded – wear sturdy shoes for the trails!

On **October 19**, don't miss the POW/MIA Recognition Day Wreath Ceremony in Washington, D.C., part of the Navy's 250th anniversary observances, honoring those who remain unaccounted for from past conflicts.

History tour enthusiasts should consider the Heart of American History Tour from **October 20-24**, organized by Landmark Events. This multi-day journey includes visits to iconic sites like the U.S. Capitol, National Archives, Arlington National Cemetery, Antietam Battlefield in Maryland (site of the bloodiest day in American history), and Mount Vernon in Virginia. With lectures, guided walks, and a farewell banquet, it's an in-depth exploration of our nation's founding and Civil War eras.

Veterans of the Vietnam era will appreciate the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Conference of State Council Presidents on **October 23** at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. This one-day meeting fosters leadership and advocacy among state councils.

Wrap up the month with a Cold War perspective on **October 26** at 7:00 p.m. at the Cold War Museum in Vint Hill, Northern Virginia. The lecture, "Suburban Sprawl: A Newly Recognized Cold War Artifact," examines how post-WWII urban planning tied into national security strategies.

Finally, on **October 29**, attend "An Evening with Ken Burns: Film Preview" at George Washington's Mount Vernon in Northern Virginia. This event previews Burns' upcoming series on the Revolutionary War, offering insights into our founding struggles.

Don Vandergriff

Post Historian
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Not So Random Acts of Kindness

“Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.”

Matthew 5:42

We are all familiar with the concept of random acts of kindness. These are those small, often unexpected, helpful, or thoughtful gestures performed for someone else without any expectation of reward or return. These acts are about offering kindness and support intended to have a positive impact on others, whether they are friends or strangers.

It is important to remember when we are discussing “acts” of kindness that we are not simply referring to deeds or overt acts, but also kindness in the form of words and attitudes. We have all seen a store clerk berated for something out of their control because it satisfied someone’s frustration. Being gracious, polite, understanding and not being hard-hearted during difficult moments is also an act of kindness.

Now, let’s discuss the idea of “not so random acts of kindness.” These refer to intentional, deliberate, and regular acts of kindness, versus spontaneous, one-off gestures. These acts foster a habit of giving and help us incorporate kindness into our daily routines.

There are two basic distinctions between random and non-random acts: Opportunity and Intention. An act of kindness may arise from an opportunity that presents itself suddenly and unexpectedly. While another act of kindness may occur because the actor is aware of a need and intentionally makes a conscious choice to give, to help, to share and to soothe.

Here’s the cool part – if we adopt a life “practice” of intentionally acting in kindness when opportunities to help others suddenly and unexpectedly appear, then these are no longer random acts of kindness. The kindness arises from an intention to “be kind” followed by an action. While the act may be directed toward anonymous people or friends, the person’s act of kindness is anything but random — it is deliberate and directional — and not random in nature.

God instructs us to “be kind” and when we display kindness in our deeds, words and attitude, we are emulating God. We know what to do. We just need to do it.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Almighty God, give me eyes to see and ears to hear so that I can be a source of comfort and support to those in need, and lead me to value others above myself. Father, I know that kindness is not always easy, especially when I encounter difficult people or situations. I pray that you would give me the strength and wisdom to respond with grace, kindness and love. *Amen*

Ed Bennett

Chaplain

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!

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

The month of September 2025 has come and gone and now we are looking forward to bringing in the month of October with an Oktoberfest celebration in the Canteen with good food and drinks, Corn Hole Tournament, and our annual Halloween Party. So please come out and have fun.

Game Room: Reminder that the VTABS machines in the game room are for members only. Please do not have your guests playing the VTAB machines, the bartenders will not cashout the ticket, and if you must leave your machine for a period of time, I strongly recommend that you cash out your ticket before you leave the machine, unfortunately several people lost money that was left in the machine.

Canteen: Some of you may not have noticed but we have two signs in the canteen behind the bar on both ends that say **"Notice Bartenders Have Been Instructed to Refuse Service to Anyone Obviously Intoxicated Or Using Loud Abusive Or Profane Language."** Comrades, let's not forget that we are a family Post and we need to respect each other, our family and guests, we are not the neighborhood bar.

Catering: To provide better service and be available for customers the Catering Manager will be available: Mondays 8 am to 12 pm, Wednesdays 9 am to 1 pm, and Fridays 8 am to 12 pm. The phone number is 703 670 4124 Ext 1.



Carl Richardson
General Manager

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

VETERAN NEWS

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it."

– Norman Schwarzkopf

VFW News

VFW Pledges It Won't Rest Until They're All Accounted For

On Sept. 19, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) reaffirms its sacred commitment to those who never returned home. For the VFW, the third Friday in September serves as a powerful reminder of the more than 142,000 former American prisoners of war and less than 81,000 service members who remain missing and unaccounted for, and it reinforces our unwavering pledge to their families and to the nation: We will not rest until we have the fullest possible accounting for every single service member.

For more info on this story, please click [HERE](#). If you are reading this in hard copy, search the title of this article online to read more.

Stay up to date on VFW News by signing up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly update. You can get the weekly updates sent to your email by registering here: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

VA News

VA awards \$84M in grants to fight Veteran homelessness

The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced \$84 million in grants to 176 organizations across the country to help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

\$42 million in grants will cover legal services and another \$42 million in grants will go toward case management services to improve housing retention by Veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless or who were previously homeless and are transitioning to permanent housing.

For more info on this story, please click [HERE](#). If you are reading this in hard copy, search the title of this article online to read more.

Military News and History

DOD agency identifies missing remains of Medal of Honor recipient killed in 1945

NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC, Hawaii — The Defense Department announced Friday that it had identified the missing remains of a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in the Philippines in 1945 while a prisoner of war. Capt. Willibald C. Bianchi was awarded the medal posthumously for his actions in defense of the Province of Bataan from Japanese invasion in 1942, during which he was taken prisoner.

For more info on this story, please click [HERE](#). If you are reading this in hard copy, search the title of this article online to read more.

General Lewis B "CHESTY" PULLER VFW Post 1503



**USMC Birthday Ball
Cornhole Tournament
FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, October 18th 11am-2PM
\$20.00 per person - Post 1503 pavilion
Includes Lunch & Beverage
14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City, VA 22193



Tickets: <https://givebutter.com/1503CH25>



2025-2026 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Post 1503



**"VFW made it possible
for me to go to college."**

- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 31, 2025

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, **"How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"**
- National Prize is currently **\$5,000**

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.



bit.ly/4aIn91d



bit.ly/4bDvl4k

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
This year's theme is, **"How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"**
- National Prize is currently **\$35,000**

<https://scholarsapp.com>



Scholar's App



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Virginia Department of Veterans Services
www.dvs.virginia.gov

To continue to provide veterans with access to Certified Service Representatives for any benefits and claims assistance, the VFW Department of Virginia has created a new partnership with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Beginning in September 2025, VFW Post 1503 will host an itinerant site to provide a location for veterans to meet in-person with a DVS Veterans Services Representative (VSR) on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of each month

The DVS VSR assigned to our location is George Johnson.

Until the online registration process is fully in place, appointments to meet with Mr. Johnson at VFW Post 1503 must be made by contacting him directly via email at:

George.Johnson@dvs.virginia.gov

**To visit the site for the
Manassas DVS website
for additional info, use
this QR Code:**





THE VFW'S INAUGURAL GAMING LEAGUE EXCLUSIVELY FOR VETERANS.

Join the
community!



In just half a year, Combat Tested Gaming (CTG) has become the fastest-growing veterans gaming community in America. We are approaching 2,000 veteran gamers on our Discord server and streaming gameplay on our Combat Tested Gaming Twitch channel. Join our Discord community to connect with other veterans and active duty server members who play your game of choice! Subscribe to our Twitch and YouTube channels to watch our gameplay and experience the thrill and camaraderie of our gamers.

GAMES

- Rocket League
- Call of Duty
- Call of Duty: Warzone
- World of Warcraft
- Valorant
- Madden
- MLB: The Show
- Rainbow Six Siege
- NBA 2K
- Helldivers 2
- Apex Legends
- Fortnite
- League of Legends
- The Finals
- EA Sports FC
- And more! We are adding games consistently.

IMPACT OVERVIEW

1,500+
Veteran
gamers.



**DEDICATED VFW
SERVICE
OFFICER**



answering VA benefits
questions daily.

**4 VFW
POSTS**



have leveraged CTG to start
gaming nights – one building
a gaming room to support
student veterans.

**5 VETERANS'
LIVES SAVED**



during crisis by
using connections
made through CTG.

CTG has quickly succeeded in reaching its early objectives. Now, as we look to the future, we set our sights on becoming THE leader in the veteran gaming space by continuing to promote the program and through partnering with a veteran-owned company which specializes in building the gaming infrastructure needed to support our growth and long-term success.

Donate Blood In Honor Of **Thomas Williams Jr**



Thomas retired from the Red Cross, was a past commander at the VFW, and was very instrumental in the Red Cross coming back to the VFW. Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.

Thomas Williams Jr. Memorial Blood Drive VFW Post 1503

Main Hall
14631 Minnieville Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Friday, November 7, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: "VFWPost1503" to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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*General Lewis B “CHESTY” PULLER VFW Post 1503
Welcomes you to the 250th birthday celebration
of the*



Saturday, November 15th, 2025 @ 1800

Dress: Coat & Tie or Military Dress A

Cost: 10.00 per person

Guest of Honor – BGen David R Everly USMC

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VETERANS ROUND TABLE

Join the Conversation. Share. Learn. Connect.



Why:

- Big Beautiful Bill
- Veterans Benefits
- Taxes
- Health Insurance



When: Saturday, November 15, 2025
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Where: VFW 14631 Minnieville Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22193



Cost: Donation-Based
Seats Available: 40 (Reserve Yours Now!)



Point of Contact:
Chris Hardnick – 571-435-5309

Raffle Prizes



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IT TAKES EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT

October Entertainment

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

Friday Nights

October 3rd

DJ Danny

Dance Party

October 10th

DJ Diggy

Dance Party

October 17th

DJ Slick

Dance Party

October 24th

DJ T-Play

Dance Party

Saturday Nights

October 4th

DJ MoeVibez

Dance Party

October 11th

DJ Big C

*80's & 90's Dance Party
and Line Dancing*

October 18th

DJ Joe Clay

KARAOKE TIME

SING ALONG

October 25th

DJ Protege

Dance Party

HALLOWEEN *In The Canteen*

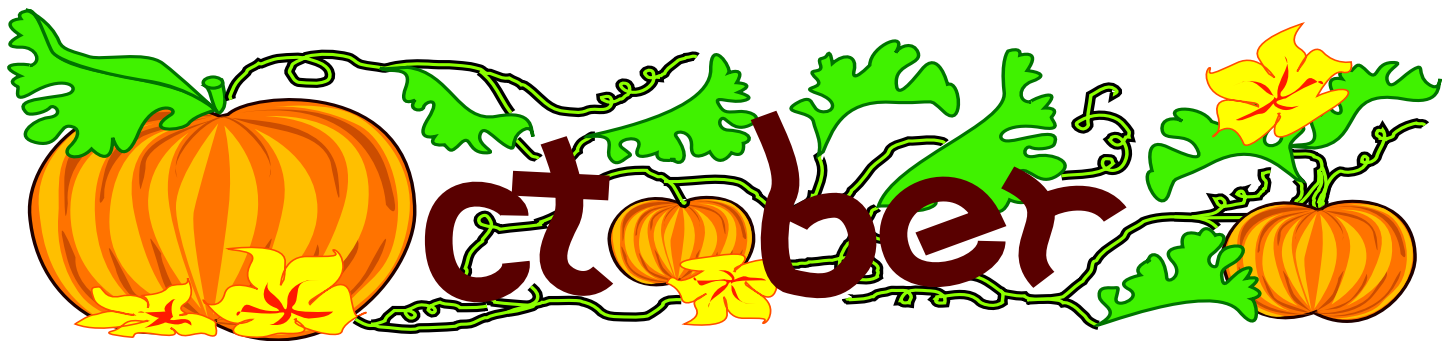
October 31st

DJ Michael

Dance Party

Costume Contest





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 BINGO 7:30	3 DJ Danny FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	4 DJ Moe Vibez Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
5 Breakfast 9-12:00	6	7 BINGO 7:30	8 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:00 pm	9 BINGO 7:30	10 DJ Diggy FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	11 DJ Big C Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
12 Breakfast 9-12:00	13 Columbus / Indigenous Peoples' Day NAVY Birthday 	14 BINGO 7:30	15 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	16 BINGO 7:30	17 DJ Slick FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	18 DJ Joe Clay AUX Brkfst Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
19 Breakfast 9-12:00	20	21 BINGO 7:30	22	23 BINGO 7:30	24 DJ T-Play FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	25 DJ Protege Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
26 Breakfast 9-12:00	27	28 BINGO 7:30	29	30 BINGO 7:30	31 FRIDAY Dinners 5-8 Adult Halloween Party in the Canteen DJ Michael Costume Contest	

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 1503

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Woodbridge, Virginia 22193



Next Monthly Meeting
October 15th

vfw1503.org

VFW POST 1503 CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

RECEIVE YOUR
TRAINING
CERTIFICATE
NEEDED TO
OBTAIN A
CONCEALED
WEAPONS



UTILIZING A LASER-
BASED INDOOR
RANGE: NO
FIREARMS/AMMO.
EVERYONE SHOOTS
THE LASER PISTOLS!

Saturday, January 17, 2026 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM \$65.00

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The course presenter is Glenn Blandford. Mr. Blandford holds numerous weapons instructor certifications from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) as well as the National Rifle Association (NRA) and has served as a police officer, investigator, police academy instructor and firearms unit supervisor during a 30+ year law enforcement career.

REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concealed-carry-class-tickets-1640782427409?aff=oddtcreator>