



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

FEBRUARY 26



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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COMMANDER'S CALL

The snow is coming down as I write this article. Best wishes from me and Mom that you all are safe, comfortable, warm, and in good spirits as we navigate this wintry weather.

I was texting with Mom this morning to let her know I was thinking about her and had tried some of her fantastic ham and bean soup. She was happy that I enjoyed it and related a quick note about a simple act of kindness that I felt was worth sharing with you: someone wrapped up tight against the sleet and snow with a small riding snowplow cleared her driveway. No knock on the door. No need for thanks. Just a simple act of kindness from one person to another. If you ever feel down, isolated, alone, forgotten, remember this little story and remember that there are still good people in the world that do kind things just to make the world a bit brighter. I hope this story makes you smile like it did for me.

On to some Post matters: I want to reach as many Post members as possible. We had excellent attendance at our January Post meeting. If you were there, this will sound familiar.

The New Years Eve event was ultimately successful but not everyone was satisfied with the event. The intention this year was to do something within the means of the Post, to not overspend on the event, and to do something simple, relaxing, and fun after a tumultuous 2025. We were able to keep the price point low and provide an opportunity for people to have some good food and share the night with friends and family in a safe environment. Not every event is going to meet everyone's expectations, but I want to remind our membership that we have a Post home where we can host these kinds of events. I recommend comrades visit other Posts around the State and see how blessed VFW Post 1503 members are to have what we have. There are numerous VFW Posts in our state, and across the country, that have far less than we do, much less have a post home.



POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander... Ben Guinan
Senior Vice... Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Junior Vice... Dan Walczyk
Quartermaster... Kurt Hense
Judge Advocate Charles "Romeo" Marlowe
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
Benefits Advisor... Will Triplett
Past Commander... Bernie Carter



Keep this in mind as you enjoy the unique nature of our Post.

As a VFW Post, we are a veteran service organization. We are also a non-profit business. The business aspects of the Post support the upkeep of our facility, grounds, and employee operations, as well as the Post's charitable and service aspects. The leadership of our Post has the fiscal responsibility to make sure the Post remains operational. We are developing a new pricing model for food and beverages in the Post. We will be adjusting prices on everything to reflect the current financial climate, fine tuning and refining the Post food menu offerings and bar items based on supply and demand vs. cost analysis and working to improve our menus for Friday dinners and daily specials. Evolution is difficult but necessary to continue to grow, thrive, and survive.



One month into 2026

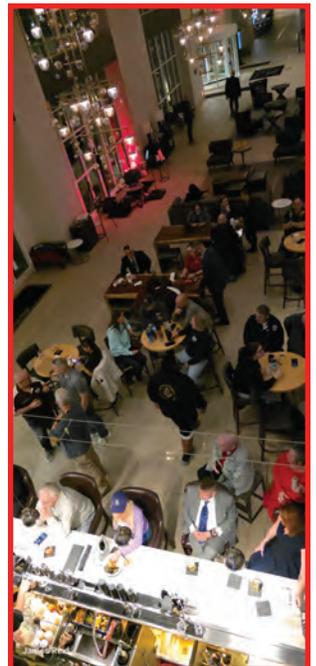
Once again unto the breach, dear comrades! January is generally less chock full of events than other months, but we were still busy in certain regards. Several Post, Auxiliary, and Cootie members attended the VFW and Auxiliary Winter Conference/MOC and MOCA Grand Scratch in Harrisonburg, VA. During the conference, we held the State Scholarship Awards Banquet to honor the top three State winners in the Patriots Pen (Pats Pen) and Voice of Democracy (VOD) programs and the top Teacher of the Year (TOY) in each of the three scholastic categories: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. I have been working

the Scholarship Programs for several years and have never heard a more outstanding State VOD winner's speech. I would be surprised if she doesn't place in the top 10 at the National level this year. We observed Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday with a toast on MLK Day. Due to the small number of people at the Post on MLK Day, I will be moving the speech I had prepared to a day in February to coincide with Black History Month. The concealed carry class was well attended and ran well, as usual. A special thank you to our Entertainment Committee for putting together a fun NFL Jersey party night. It was done so well that we had to close the Post for two days... oh wait, that was the snow/ice storm. We held our Post's Pats Pen, VOD, TOY and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards Ceremony and Luncheon to close out the month. It was a true privilege to be able to host and honor all our awardees for this VFW year.

A month to Remember...

A bit of history I find interesting and wanted to share is how February became associated with Black History Month (BHM). It began as "Negro History Week" back in 1926, created by scholars and historians with the week being chosen as it coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (12 Feb) and Frederick Douglass (14 Feb). The event evolved into a month-long commemorative observance in 1970. We will continue to observe BHM at our Post. We will be holding a Super Bowl Party on Sunday 8 Feb in the canteen (see the flyer in this newsletter for information on the event). The Post will be hosting a special Valentine's Day dinner menu in the canteen on Saturday 14 Feb from 1700-2000. People wanting to attend must register for the dinner. To do so, you must fill out a menu form and make the payment at the bar in the canteen. The menu can be found in the flyer later in this newsletter. We will be holding a gun show in the Hall to close out the month on Saturday 28 Feb – Sunday 1 Mar. And don't forget to join us for Movie Nights and popcorn every Tuesday! We have an internal passworded website that lists what movies are showing on which Tuesday here: <https://1503movies.vfwus.org/>

[Password hint: The password is included in the website's name]





Upcoming Dates - February 2026

- Sun 8 Feb – Super Bowl Party, Canteen, 1600 (Food @1730)
- Sat 14 Feb – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, A-Hall, 1300
- Sat 14 Feb – Valentine’s Day Dinner, canteen/dining area, 1700-2000. Pre-registration required. See flyer in this newsletter for info and fill out the menu forms and pay at the canteen bar.
- Sun 15 Feb – 1503 Riders Monthly Ride - front parking lot, 1300
- Mon 16 Feb – Presidents’ Day
- Sat 21 Feb – Cub Pack 289 Blue and Gold Dinner – Hall, 1600
- Sat 28 Feb-Sun 1 Mar – Gun Show, Hall, 0900

Things to Consider

A couple of important pieces of Post business are coming up soon: nominations for Post officers will occur during the March meeting. Post elections will be held in April, and results will be announced at the April meeting. If you would like to have your candidacy announcement included in the April newsletter, make sure to submit those to me after the March meeting. You can reference past candidacy announcements in last year’s April 2025 edition of our Post newsletter posted on our Post’s website under the News tab for content and structure.

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, snail mail, photography... 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





VFW AUXILIARY

Greetings Auxiliary Members!

Great turnout for our January meeting, with Thirty-one plus members in attendance!! I encourage and invite those who have not attended, or those who have been absent for a while to come and get involved.

Welcome to our newest life members, Elizabeth, Dennis, Regina, Marlene, Robert and Scott. Our new annual members, Calvin and Veronica. Look forward to seeing you soon!



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** Brenda Richardson
- Guard** Gloria Wiley
- Trustee #1** Brenda Richardson
- Trustee #2** Patricia Wootten
- Trustee #3** Venee Alicea
- Historian** Venee Alicea
- Patriotic Instructor** Joyce Gibbs

Our January breakfast was at Post 1503. Good turnout with Auxiliary members, couple comrades and a special visit for our Post Commander Ben Guinan. Thanks, Ben, for joining us.

To sign up for Auxiliary Chaplain alerts – please contact Michael at Auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments or you need assistance, please 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.

Happy Valentines Day!

Debbie Nichols

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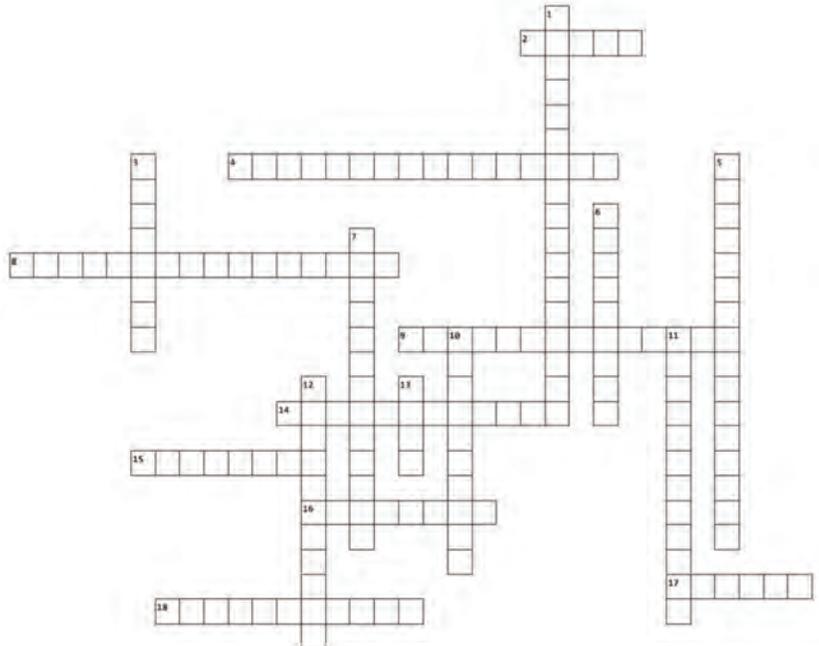
Black History Month Word Find

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Justice	Strength	Courage	Equality
Integration	Emancipation	Activism	Abolition
Inclusion	Heritage		

HEAD GAMES

Black History Month



Across

- 2. I have a _____
- 4. A peaceful protester who countered prejudice in the United States
- 8. A movement that began in July 2013
- 9. Best selling artist in the US for 2009
- 14. 49th vice president
- 15. Black History Month
- 16. A form of helping each other
- 17. The quality of being fair and impartial.
- 18. The first African-American US president.

Down

- 1. Prominent activist who was a former slave
- 3. The state of being equal
- 5. Calculated critical calculations of orbital mechanics
- 6. Known as "the first lady of civil rights"
- 7. "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up."
- 10. Frequent use of your imagination"
- 11. American poet, writer, and professor,
- 12. First black woman to work for NASA
- 13. A dance style that originated from African folk dances

MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week



Carmella Laspada worked as a White House Special Projects Aide during the Vietnam War. She organized a USO tour to the Philippines and Japan in 1966. While visiting a military hospital, she met a seriously injured medic who had seen 35 of his fellow soldiers die before he was wounded. He asked her to do something so that his comrades and their families would be remembered.

She went to Bethesda Naval Hospital and asked the veterans there what they wanted. They said, “Pretty women and athletes.” She asked her friends in Washington, DC, and members of the New York Yankees for help. From this, the non-profit organization No Greater Love was born in 1971. The organization is dedicated to holding wreath-laying ceremonies, remembrance events, and memorials for families who have lost a loved one while serving their country or because of an act of terrorism. In 1978, the Veterans Administration became the official sponsor of the program and linked it to Valentine’s Day.

To honor National Salute to Veterans Week, people and communities are encouraged to send handmade Valentine’s Day cards to veterans. During the week, people are asked to visit VA medical centers and spend time with our veterans, and volunteer to help with special events at VA facilities. Individuals and groups can also donate food, money, and items to create comfort kits to help with the various veteran programs run at VA centers.

If you are interested in helping to honor the more than 9 millions veterans that receive care at VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes, reach out to your local Veteran Service Organization to see what they have planned during the National Salute to Veteran Patients week.

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!

January was cold, snowy, icy and I was glad to see it go! Apologies to those of you who like snow and ice. The weather did not hinder our Scratch or Meetings, and we were able to gather and discuss the Lousy business of our order. Our Hospital Chair is meeting with the Puller Center volunteer coordinator, and we are hoping that we will soon be able to start visiting. Fingers crossed that is sooner than later – maybe February!!

Earlier in the month we attended the Grand MOC and MOCA Winter Council meeting in Harrisonburg, VA. We were joined by our Lousy VFW Commander in Chief Carol Whittmore. All of the Lousy MOC and MOCA had a great time. We did learn that our Grand will be adopting the VFW website platform – if you have questions, I am sure our Supreme Code Slinger can answer them. We are a bit behind the other pup tents in reporting, and we are working to improve that. I believe we are on the way to fix that.

Your next Scratch will be interesting; the Crummy Seam Squirrel will be bobbing up and down in the waves on a ship while our Blanket Bum presides. That Lousy Cootie runs a very interesting and fun Scratch from the reports I have received. Enjoy and see you at the March Scratch – we will have our elections, Installation and dinner for both the MOC and MOCA.

We must report another sad loss – Our Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric Bell passed away in his sleep on 19 January. A Celebration of Life will be held in Michigan on 22 February. Details have been disseminated. If you have questions, please reach out to me directly for additional information.

The next MOC/MOCA Meeting is 11 February. Hope to see you there.

Keep Them Smiling In Beds Of White!

Tom Levitt

MOC Seam Squirrel



Peggy Palomares

MOCA President

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://vfwvdist10.org/>

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

POST HISTORIAN'S ARCHIVE

February offers VFW Post 1503 members excellent opportunities to explore **military history** in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. With **Black History Month** highlighting African American contributions to the armed forces, **Presidents' Day** commemorations, and ongoing exhibits tied to America's 250th anniversary, several events and sites stand out. Here are key recommendations for visits in February 2026:

In Virginia

- **Virginia War Memorial** (Richmond): Observe **National Salute to Veteran Patients Week** (February 8–14, 2026), honoring veterans with special programming and history displays. Also, attend **Storytime at the Memorial - Black History Month** on February 14 for family-friendly insights into African American military service. Visit: <https://vawarmemorial.org>
- **National Museum of the United States Army** (Fort Belvoir): This free museum features the special exhibit **"CALL TO Arms: The Soldier and the Revolutionary War"** with artifacts and stories from the Army's founding era – perfect for 2026's semiquincentennial focus. Timed-entry tickets recommended. Visit: <https://www.thenmusa.org>
- **Virginia Museum of the Civil War** (New Market): Enjoy **Miss Elizabeth's Birthday Tea** on February 7, a themed historical event at New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. Visit: <https://www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war>
- **American Civil War Museum** (Richmond): Attend the **Relationships Forged in War Symposium** (February 13–15), exploring human connections in conflict through expert talks and experiences. Visit: <https://acwm.org> (check Eventbrite for tickets)
- **George Washington's Mount Vernon** (near Alexandria): Free admission on **Presidents' Day** (February 16, 2026) for Washington's birthday, with special programming, exhibits like "George Washington: A Revolutionary Life," and Revolutionary War encampment elements. Visit: <https://www.mountvernon.org>

In Maryland

- **Southern Maryland Civil War Round Table Meeting** (February 10, 2026): A local discussion on Civil War topics – ideal for history enthusiasts. Details at: <https://somedcwr.org>

In Washington, D.C.

- **National Museum of the United States Army** History Talks (various dates): Virtual/in-person sessions include topics like **"Military Gold: Army Athletes on the World Stage"** (early February) and **"We the People – The Women's Army Corps in World War II"** (February 26). Visit: <https://www.thenmusa.org/public-programs/history-talks>
- **National Museum of African American History and Culture** (Smithsonian): Special **Black History Month** programming and exhibits on African American military service – reserve timed passes. Visit: <https://nmaahc.si.edu>
- **Other Sites:** Explore the National Mall memorials (e.g., WWII, Vietnam, Korea) for self-guided reflection, or check **Presidents' Day** events on February 16 for expanded programming at sites like the Lincoln Memorial.

Many events tie into **America's 250th** celebrations, emphasizing Revolutionary War and founding-era military history. Always confirm details, tickets, and weather-dependent activities closer to the date, as schedules can change. These visits honor our shared veteran heritage – plan a trip and bring fellow members! If you need anything please contact me at vandergriffdonald@usa.net or phone 571-344-0886.

Don Vandergriff

Post Historian
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

FEELING OVERWHELMED

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
Philippians 4:6*

There are many stressors and sources of anxiety that lead to being overwhelmed: Work and life responsibilities, relationships, traumatic experiences, financial worries, and health concerns are among the most prevalent.

Feeling overwhelmed is a natural part of life that comes from trying to always take on more than we should. This can be difficult to avoid in a world that is always pressuring us to do more, to give more and to sign-up and commit to more; however, there are things we can do to reduce these feelings.



Health is Key

Being worn-out can create anxiety and lead to a defeated attitude. When we are not getting enough sleep, our troubles can seem much larger. Daily life in our fast-paced area places many demands on our time, and it's easy to neglect our health. Be sure to make time for rest, relaxation, exercise, sleep and eating well. Good health helps us to better cope with life's challenges.

Break Big Problems Down to Smaller Steps

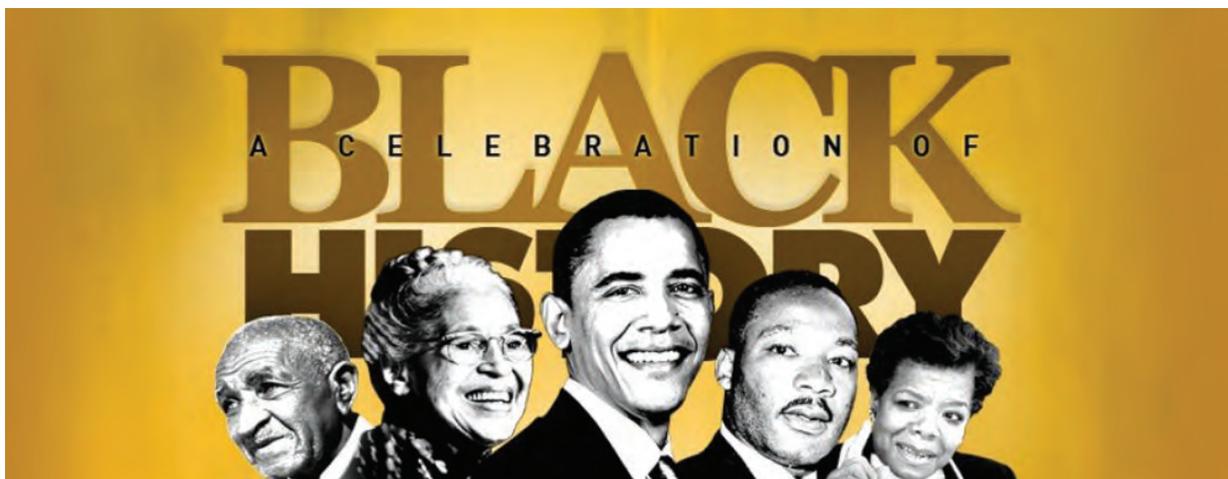
Many challenges seem insurmountable when we focus on the totality of the overwhelming problem. When we are overwhelmed by something we need to do, let us start by considering the larger task then break it down into smaller steps we can take each day toward the bigger goal. Having a plan and taking incremental steps to resolve the challenge will greatly reduce our daily stress and anxiety.

Pray

Prayer helps us focus on what is most important. It enables us to have clearer minds. Prayer resets the mind—lets us mentally start over—and allows us, with God's help, to find alternative ways to deal with our challenges.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank you for always being here for me. Thank you for your promises and that you never change. When I am overwhelmed help me to rest in the fact that you know what is best for me and want what is best for me. Help me to lean upon your grace and mercy, and to turn to you to control the outcome of the situations in my life. Amen

Ed Bennett – Chaplain



FACILITY HAPPENINGS

We started out the year with some long needed repairs in the canteen and the fireplace area and we will get to the dining room area and canteen in the near future. The entertainment committee is planning a Super Bowl potluck, with games and other activities for our members and we hope that you can come out and enjoy yourself. I want to thank the staff for coming out in this cold weather to help keep the canteen open. We were able to get most of the parking lot cleared but unfortunately the remaining snow and ice will be with us for awhile so be careful as you walk across the parking lot. We have a wonderful Valentine's dinner planned. Seating is limited so get your reservation early.



Carl Richardson
General Manager



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!

VETERAN NEWS

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

– Martin Luther King Jr.

VFW News

Remembering the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Monday, Jan. 19, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Auxiliary join the nation in honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., whose leadership, courage, and commitment to peaceful progress helped shape a stronger and more inclusive America.

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 starts search for permanent Veterans Benefits Administration leader

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs today announced it has established a commission to find candidates to lead the Veterans Benefits Administration. VA Deputy Secretary Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D., will chair the commission.

The commission will help VA find candidates for the department’s Under Secretary for Benefits position and is a prerequisite to the president’s nomination of a candidate, subject to Senate confirmation, for the role.

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

Remains of Two West Virginia POWs Finally Identified

Sgt. William L. Harper, a Korean War soldier from White Sulphur Springs, and Pvt. Ira Warren from Seth, a World War II veteran, were both identified last year thanks to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Harper was accounted for on Aug. 7 while Warren was accounted for on June 11. DPAA held off on informing the public until the soldiers’ families could be fully briefed on the findings.

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SEAHAWKS VS PATRIOTS

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

- ★ DJ MoeVibez
- ★ Line dancing
- ★ Tailgate party starts @ 1600 food starts @ 1730
- ★ Bring a Pot-luck dish to add to what the post is providing
- ★ Drink specials
- ★ Door prizes

★ Open to members and their guest only ★

Saturday February 14th 5-8pm

Reservations required



VFW Post 1503

February 14, 2026



Starters

Cesar Salad

Seafood chowder

Shrimp tempura

Veggies Eggrolls

Desserts

Vanilla bean cheese cake top with strawberries

Red Velvet cake

Dinner Menu

Ribeye \$35.00

Served with roasted potatoes and green beans

Crab Stuffed Shrimp \$35.00

Served with roasted potatoes and green beans

Chicken Caprese \$30.00

Served with roasted potatoes and green beans

**Please select number of each appetizer ,
entrée and dessert in the box located next to menu
item**

Name of reservation _____

Number of guests _____

Time _____

BANDS Are Back In Town!

Come Enjoy the Five By Five Band



***Saturday, February 28th from 8:00 to Midnight
Our First Band to Kick Off 2026!***

VFW Post 1503 Movie Nights

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

Upcoming Schedule at
1503movies.vfwus.org

Ask a staff member for the passcode



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VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

GUN SHOW

*Modern | Antique | Collector Arms
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Saturday & Sunday

February 28 - March 1, 2026

Sat. 9:00AM - 5:00PM | Sun. 10:00AM - 4:00PM

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Montclair (Dale City), VA 22193

Website: www.vgca.net Instagram: @vaguncollectors

Facebook: VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc

For tables - Contact Andrew @ (301) 613-5718 or show_director@vgca.net

Scan QR Code to
visit our social media,
website and join our
mailing list



Daily Admission: \$10

Weekend Pass: \$15

*Free for Children under 12, Uniformed Law Enforcement
SHOW DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CONTACT VGCA FOR LATEST NEWS*

SPECIAL DISCOUNT ENTRY

**→ \$2 Off Admission ←
with this flyer**

*All firearms transactions to be done in full compliance with all applicable Federal, State, & Local Laws
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Women's
**SMALL BUSINESS
EXPO**

Saturday March 28, 2026

**Call for
Vendors**

VFW POST 1503



**Climate controlled
Open to the public
Doors open 10 am to 5 pm**

Location:

**VFW post 1503
14631 MINNIEVILLE RD
Dale city, Va 22193**

Registration \$40.00

**REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/1503EXPO26](https://givebutter.com/1503EXPO26)
SCAN BARCODE**



****All proceeds go to the VFW Relief Fund to assist troops, military families & veterans****

For More Information Contact

**HEIDI.ORTIZ2@GMAIL.COM
Text: 757-751-1335**

**This month serves as a time
to honor the achievements
and contributions
made by women throughout
the history of the United States**





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

The VFW Department of Virginia has created a new partnership with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Since September 2025, VFW Post 1503 has hosted 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. Due to the success of the itinerant site, we will now be offering two(2) additional days on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays 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:





COMBAT TESTED GAMING

By the **VFW**
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

THE VFW'S INAUGURAL GAMING LEAGUE EXCLUSIVELY FOR VETERANS.

Join the community!



Combat Tested Gaming (CTG) has become the fastest-growing veterans gaming community in America. We are approaching 2,500 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

2,250+
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.

INTEREST SIGN-UP BOOK IN THE CANTEEN

5-NIGHTS

ROYAL CARIBBEAN



Aug 01 - Departing Baltimore
Aug 02 - Cruising at sea
Aug 03 - Bermuda
Aug 04 - Bermuda
Aug 05 - Cruising at sea
Aug 06 - Return to Baltimore

Inside stateroom: \$987pp
Oceanview: \$1148pp
Balcony: \$2351pp
Offers military discounts & flexible payment schedule!



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VFW ENTERTAINMENT

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Friday, February 6 | 8pm - 12pm

DJ Danny | Let's Dance and Karaoke

Saturday, February 7 | 7pm - 9pm

Line Dance Lessons w/ Cornelius Jackson

Friday, February 13 | 8pm - 12pm

DJ T-Play | Let's Dance and Karaoke

Saturday, February 14 | 8pm - 12pm

DJ Michael | Let's Dance and Karaoke |
Red and White Theme **"Valentines Day"**

Friday, February 20 | 8pm - 12pm

DJ Mario | 70's Funky Get Down |
Let's Dance

Saturday, February 21 | 8pm - 12pm

DJ Steve | Let's Dance

Friday, February 27 | 8pm - 12pm

DJ Big C | Let's Dance

Saturday, February 28 | 8pm - 12pm

5x5 Band | Live Music | Classic Rock,
Motown, and Country - **Bands are back**

SAVE THE DATE

UP-COMING EVENTS PAGE POST 1503

MARCH 17 TH, SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SHENANIGANS IN THE CANTEEN

Women's

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

Saturday March 28, 2026

- ** DJ'S
- ** BANDS
- ** LINE DANCING CLASSES
- ** More to come

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VFW Events DJ Kelly





February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9-12:00	2 	3 BINGO 7:30	4	5 BINGO 7:30	6 DJ Danny FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	7 Line Dance Lessons Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
8 Breakfast 9-12:00	9	10 BINGO 7:30	11 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:00 pm	12 BINGO 7:30	13 DJ T-Play FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	14  DJ Michael Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
15 Breakfast 9-12:00	16 	17 BINGO 7:30	18 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	19 BINGO 7:30	20 DJ Mario FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	21 DJ Steve AUX Brkfst Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
22 Breakfast 9-12:00	23	24 BINGO 7:30	25	26 BINGO 7:30	27 DJ Big C FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	28 5 By 5 BAND Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Next Monthly Meeting

February 18th

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