



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 1503

JUNE 26



General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

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COMMANDER'S CALL

Let's do the Time Warp again!

Due to some scheduling changes to this VFW year in Virginia, we have a bit of a conundrum. By the time this newsletter comes out, our incoming Commander will be our Commander but until then I am still the Commander and the Commander writes this article. So here we go... Hold up, wait a minute...

Greetings from your new Commander, Robert "Check" Adamczyk. This is the first newsletter that comes out during my time as Commander. Wait, what's that? We print this before I take Command? Never mind. Ben, all you!

Copy that. And now back to our regularly scheduled program:

To echo some of the things I put out in the May newsletter, thank you for the support during my two years as Commander. Through our challenges and our many successes, it has been my honor to serve you in this capacity, and I look forward to seeing where our next Commander and his officer group take the Post. I am also looking forward to moving into my role as Past Commander and will continue to support the Post however I can. I thought the best use for this article would be to put out some of things that were announced at the last monthly meeting so that the information could be shared with more of our members. As of this writing, we stand at a robust 3,765 members. The Post has qualified once again for All-State and All-American honors for the 2025-2026 VFW year. Our Post 1503 Newsletter was awarded the Grand Award for the District/Post Publications Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year) category in this year's 2026 National Publications Contest. We are drawing ever closer to possibly repeating as the Community Service Post of the Year for Virginia. If you do something in any of the report categories (Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth Activities, and Hospital), say something so that we can get the report added in to the system. Every little bit helps not only the Post but our entire community. We all work together to earn these honors so be proud and help the Post stay successful going into



POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander... Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Senior Vice... Conrado Morgan
Junior Vice... Kendall Jones
Quartermaster... Kurt Hense
Judge Advocate... Heidi Ortiz
Surgeon... Zully Goya
Chaplain... Ed Bennett
3 Year Trustee... Bernie Carter
2 Year Trustee... Tom Gimble
1 Year Trustee... John Dodge
Adjutant... Charles "Romeo" Marlowe
Benefits Advisor... Ken Wiseman
Past Commander... Ben Guinan





the future. One last thing: the Post got some good press coverage in InsideNOVA recently. The article is called: “Poppies for Patriots: Prince William veterans speak on true meaning of Memorial Day”. You can see the article by [clicking here](#) or if you are reading the newsletter in hard copy, you can google the article on your phone or computer.

May

We kicked off May with a lightly attended Loyalty Day observance in the canteen. Thank you to those who attended the occasion. We hosted another successful VFW District 10 Convention where we presented the District 10 Scout of the Year award to this year’s winner. We have several Post members that were elected and installed as District Officers for the ensuing year. A special congratulations to our very own Tom Levitt who led the District to All-State and All-American honors this year. Later that same day, we installed our Post and Auxiliary officers for the ensuing year. Once again, congratulations to our newly elected and installed officers. We had a very successful turnout for our Day of Service Roadway Cleanup activity. Thank you to everyone who took the time to help us serve our community. Our Memorial Day weekend activities kicked off with our Buddy Poppy drive over Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to the volunteers that gave their valuable time to the drive. Our Memorial Day activities began with several Post and Auxiliary members taking part in or attending the Potomac Region Veterans Council (PRVC) Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico. Our Troop 1503 First Class Scout, Kennedy Calavas, led the Pledge of Allegiance for the ceremony. After the ceremony, we headed back to the Post for our Memorial Day Community Cookout. The volunteers and staff had everything ready to go and we started the cookout with the Pledge of Allegiance and a blessing for the event. To quote our incoming Commander: “I don’t believe I’ve seen our cookouts ever run this efficiently.” I must agree: the volunteers and staff kept everything moving along splendidly. Several Post, Auxiliary, MOC, and MOCA officers and members are currently getting ready to head down to our Department Convention. I’m sure our incoming Commander will provide updates on what happened at the Convention in his first official article next month.

June

June is another busy month around the Post so make sure you know what is going on so you can participate. The month kicks off with Scout Troop 1196G and 19198 holding their court of honor on Wednesday 3 June. The Post will be hosting a Gun Show on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 6-7 June. The Post will hold our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at PWCS Safety Training Facility on Saturday 13 June. The 251st Army Birthday will be observed and celebrated in the canteen on Sunday 14 June. Our Post’s Army Ball will take place on Saturday 20 June. On Sunday 21 June, we will celebrate Father’s Day with a special breakfast menu. The monthly 1503 Riders ride is scheduled for that same day. Our Post’s namesake General “Chesty” Puller’s birthday is on Friday 26 June. We will be celebrating General Puller’s birthday with specials in the canteen. Our monthly activities finish up with Lionel Ward’s annual Cancer Awareness Concert on Saturday 27 June. More information on these events can be found in the Upcoming Dates section below and in flyers later in this newsletter.

Upcoming Dates - June 2026



- 3 June – Scout Troop 1196G and 19198 court of honor, B-Hall, 1900
- 6-7 June – Gun Show – Hall, 0900-1600 (opens at 1000 on Sunday)
- 12 June – Women Veterans Day
- 13 June – Flag Retirement Ceremony at PWCS Safety Training Facility, 1100
- 14 June – Army Birthday (banner in canteen)
- 20 June – Army Ball – Hall, 1800
- 21 June – Father’s Day (special breakfast menu)
- 21 June – 1503 Riders Monthly Ride - front parking lot, 1300
- 26 June – General “Chesty” Puller’s Birthday (specials in the Canteen)
- 27 June – Lionel Ward’s Cancer Awareness Concert – Hall, 1100

Things to Consider

As a VFW Post, it is good to review the purposes of organization from time to time. They are presented in Section 230102 of our National Bylaws and are listed here:

The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational, and are:

1. to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;
2. to assist worthy comrades;
3. to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans;
4. to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
5. to foster true patriotism;
6. to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
7. to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

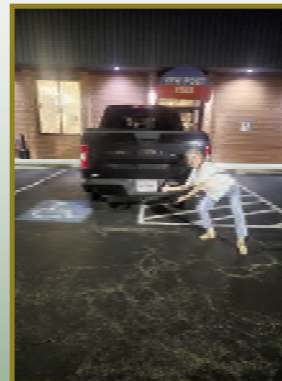
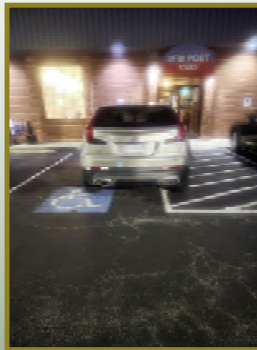
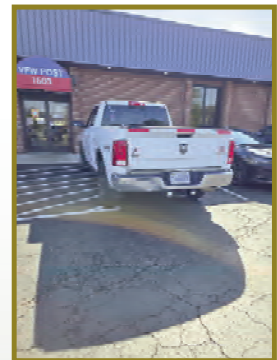
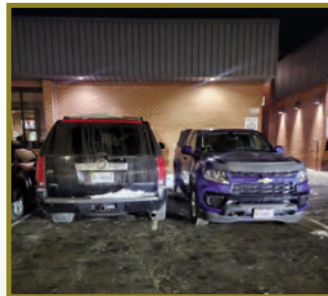
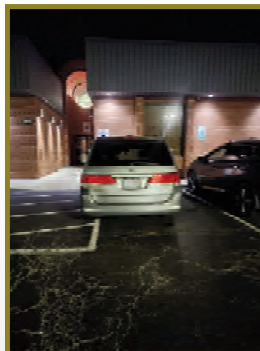
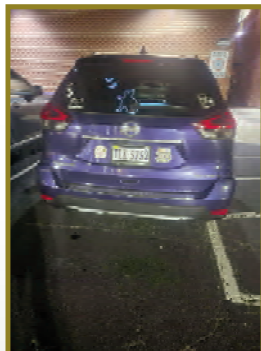
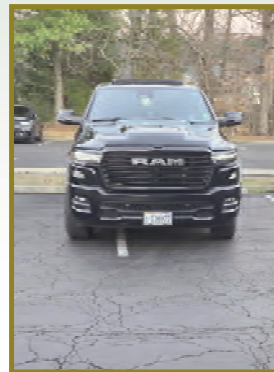
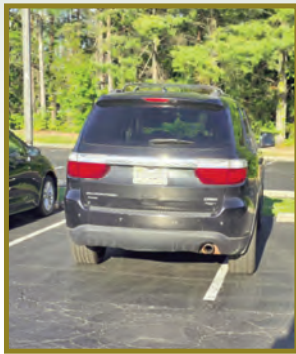
As always, stay informed on what is going on at the Post in whatever medium works for you: Constant Contact, newsletters, flyers posted in the canteen on the walls, info on the rolling billboard on the big TV, our Post website, announcements on social media, telex machine, wireless telegraphy... there 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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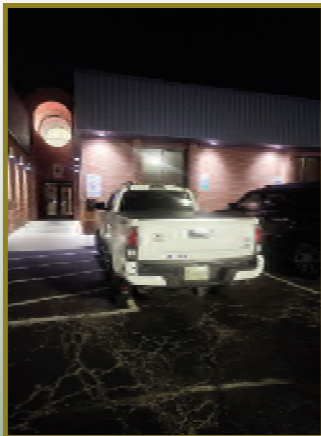
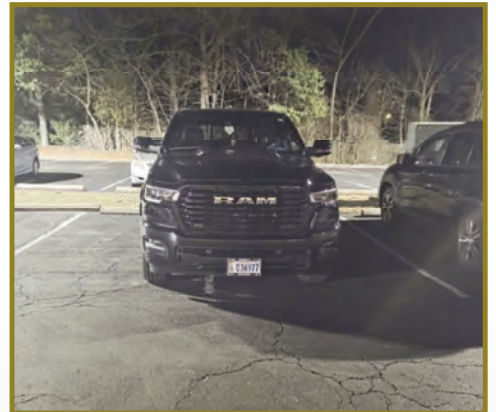
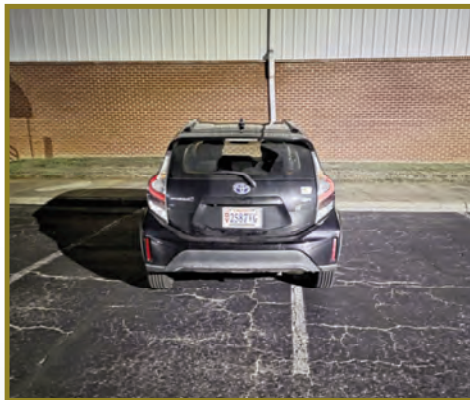
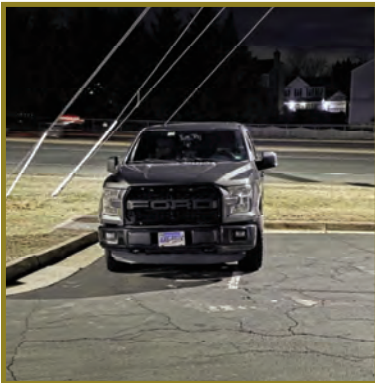
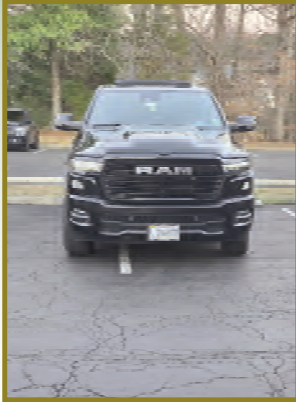
Post Commander's You Still Can't Park for s#!t Club Anniversary Edition

Yep...we still have people that can't park for s#!t. Hopefully your insurance is paid up!



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



I mean really...how hard
can it be when a tractor
fits in a parking spot
just fine?!?





Winners of VFW Publication Contest Announced

Top magazines, feature stories and Post newsletters honored for outstanding community storytelling

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 12, 2026)- The VFW has announced the winners of the 2026 National Publications Contest. Like previous years, to encourage further participation, this year's contest included the categories of Best Magazine and Best Feature Story.

Two non-VFW affiliated journalism professionals served as judges for the competition. This is designed to guarantee impartiality and objectivity in judging. One of the judges commented that this year saw some of the best submissions for the VFW Publication Contest, particularly in the category for Best Feature Story.

**VFW Post 1503 Newsletter has won the Grand Award
for the District/Post Publications, Large Frequency
(printed 5+ times per year)**



VFW AUXILIARY

Welcome to June and the first month of new officers for the Post 1503.

May has been a very busy month! Several members went to help at Quantico for the memorial service thank you Karla and Marvis for helping with the flags. Our Auxiliary breakfast is the third Saturday of the month as usual. I would like to thank everyone that did come out for the breakfast on Saturday.

Buddy Poppy started this weekend. Thank you to everyone that participated our Memorial Day.

The annual VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia convention was May 27 through the 31st at hotel Shenandoah Valley conference center. We learned a lot and enjoyed seeing everyone from other Post.

Welcome to our new members. We hope to see each new member at the post.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who was installed in a leadership position for the next VFW year. To sign up for Auxiliary 1503 Chaplain or alerts please contact Chaplain Michael at Auxiliarychaplain1503@gmail.com

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments or need assistance please do not hesitate to contact us or any of the officers we are here to help.

Mr and Mrs Ward will continue with the Annual Cancer Benefit on June 27, at Post 1503. Please come and show your support.

UPCOMING DATES from our new president June 1 there will be a basket for donations for the cancer fundraiser new items only • June 13 a brainstorming tea at 1400 hour • June 20 Auxiliary breakfast • July 4 volunteers needed for the parade and decorating our vehicles.

As the president for the past two years of the Auxiliary at post 1503, I would like to thank everyone for their help, their support and well wishes.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

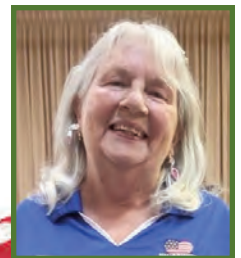
AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Monika Walczyk
Sr. Vice President	Betty Gimble
Jr. Vice President	Kelli Levitt
Secretary	Kelli Levitt
Treasurer	Karla Coker
Chaplain	Michael Alicea
Conductor	Monica Stevens
Guard	Evette Strain
Trustee #1	Venee Alicea
Trustee #2	Brenda Richardson
Trustee #3	Sandra Schirmbeck
Historian	Venee Alicea
Patriotic Instructor	Joyce Gibbs



Debbie Nichols

VFW Auxiliary 1503 President
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June Word Find

F H T M M E C S I M C A N E S
 N C E P I C N I C C O A C V E
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Honeysuckle
 Summer
 Juneteenth

Picnic
 Strawberry
 Flags

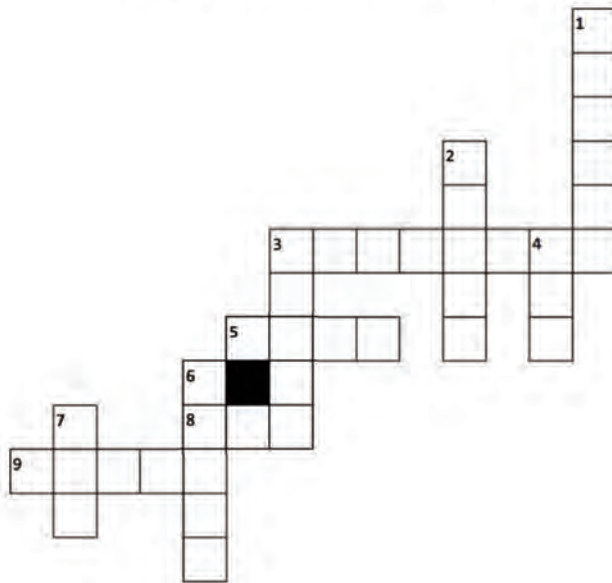
Solstice
 Barbeque

Vacation
 Lemonade

HEAD GAMES



Flag Day Crossword



Across

3. Holds the flag high
5. Loud parade instrument
8. Congress passed this for Flag Day
9. Blue part of the U.S. flag

Down

1. Shape of some flags
2. Where a flag pin goes
3. Decorated parade platform
4. Flag Day created by this
6. Worn with pride
7. Small flag accessory

MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART

OPERATION OVERLORD

June 6, 1944



Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious invasion in human history and one of the most complex military operations ever attempted. After years of German occupation across Western Europe, the Allies sought to open a new front that would relieve pressure on Soviet forces in the East and begin the systematic dismantling of Nazi control. Planning for the invasion took more than a year and involved intricate coordination among the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and several other Allied nations. Commanded by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the operation required deception campaigns, massive logistical preparation, and precise timing to exploit a narrow window of favorable tides and moonlight.

In the early hours before dawn, the assault began with airborne operations. Thousands of American paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, along with British and Canadian airborne units, were dropped behind enemy lines. Their mission was to seize bridges, disrupt German communications, and block reinforcements from reaching the beaches. Although many units were scattered due to poor visibility and heavy anti-aircraft fire, their presence created confusion among German defenders and helped secure key positions.

At first light, a vast armada of more than 5,000 ships and landing craft crossed the English Channel. Naval bombardments targeted German fortifications along the coast, though many strongpoints remained intact. The Allies assaulted five beaches, each with its own terrain and challenges: Utah and Omaha (American sectors), Gold and Sword (British sectors), and Juno (Canadian sector). Resistance varied dramatically. At Utah Beach, currents pushed American forces slightly off course, ironically placing them in a less fortified area and enabling a relatively swift advance inland. In contrast, Omaha Beach became the bloodiest landing zone. Steep bluffs, well-positioned German machine-gun nests, and beach obstacles created devastating fields of fire. Casualties mounted rapidly, and for hours the outcome hung in the balance. Through small-unit initiative, naval gunfire support, and sheer determination, American troops eventually broke through the German defenses.

Further east, British and Canadian forces faced minefields, artillery, and entrenched infantry but succeeded in capturing key towns and pushing inland. By nightfall, the Allies had secured all five beachheads, though the front remained shallow and vulnerable. Still, the foothold in Normandy allowed the Allies to begin pouring in reinforcements—men, tanks, fuel, and supplies—at a scale Germany could not match.

D-Day did not end the war, but it made victory possible. The landings opened a Western front that forced Germany into a two-front struggle it could not sustain. Over the following weeks, the Allies fought through the hedgerows of Normandy, liberated Paris in August 1944, and continued their advance toward Germany. D-Day endures as a symbol of international cooperation, strategic ingenuity, and the extraordinary courage of the soldiers who stormed the beaches under fire.

By the end the day the Allies had sustained over 4,000 KIA and 10,000 WIA. German losses are not precisely known, but estimates are between 4,000 - 9,000 casualties (KIA, WIA, and MIA).

All Gave Some, Some Gave All!

Dom Dionne

Commander • Chapter 1775

MOC / MOCA



Listen up Cooties and MOCA!

It has been a roller coaster of a year for our Crummy fraternity, but our Cooties and Auxiliary remained unfazed in our primary directive of having fun while performing serious service. Over the past months, we kept our hospitalized veterans smiling, from serving Mission BBQ on the polytrauma patio to hosting a festive pizza and bingo party in the Richmond VA Hospital multipurpose room. We proudly marched in the Dale City Independence Day Parade, paid our respects during the annual Tomb Trek pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery, and celebrated the historic grand opening of the Puller Veterans Care Center. Our members embodied the true spirit of optimism.

A massive, heartfelt thank you goes out to our outgoing MOCA President, Peggy Palomares, for her outstanding and dedicated leadership throughout her tenure. Peggy worked tirelessly to guide our Auxiliary and keep the spirit of camaraderie alive. Her hard work ensured our programs flourished, and her commitment to the "Honor Degree of the VFW" has left a lasting impression on our entire Pup Tent. It has been "Crummy" to serve as your Seam Squirrel this past year, and I am thankful for all who infest our seams.

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome our "lousy" new leaders! Ken Wiseman has officially taken the reins as our new Seam Squirrel (Commander), and Kelli Levitt has stepped into her role as the new MOCA President. Both have already shown their incredible dedication to our mission and are sure to do a "crummy" job this year!

Our newly elected shavetails and officers officially assumed their duties following the installation of the Grand Commander and President at the Grand Scratch in Harrisonburg on May 30th at the Department Convention, marking a strong, Lousy turnout to launch our new term. As we head into the summer, let us continue to "increase and multiply" our ranks, stay busier than bees, and keep 'em smiling in beds of white as we charge backward into a fantastic new year!

The next MOC/MOCA Meeting is 10 June. I hope to see you there.

Keep 'Em Smiling In Beds Of White!

Tom Levitt

MOC Seam Squirrel

Peggy Palomares

MOCA President



BUDDY POPPYS

I would like to thank the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, members of the Auxiliary and Comrades who participated in the Buddy Poppy Drive. Your work, through the wet and miserable weather, raised over \$700 for veterans.

Thank you! **Dan Walczyk**
Junior Vice Commander

POST HISTORIAN'S ARCHIVE

Military History Events and Sites in the Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Area – June 2026 marks a vibrant season for military history enthusiasts in our region, highlighted by the **250th anniversary of the U.S. Army** and ongoing **America 250** commemorations of the Revolutionary War. This is an ideal time to visit local sites, attend living history events, and reflect on the sacrifices that shaped our nation.

Flag Day and U.S. Army 250th (June 14) Congress established the Continental Army on **June 14, 1775**. In 2026, celebrations include:

- **Army Birthday Festival** on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., featuring historical exhibits, military vehicle displays, parachute demonstrations, music, and a cake-cutting ceremony.
- **Wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery.**
- **Twilight Tattoo** performances at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia, showcasing ceremonial units.

Revolutionary War Sites and Events

The **America 250** initiative brings special programming to Virginia:

- **Mount Vernon** (Virginia) hosts Revolutionary War Weekend reenactments with Continental, British, and Hessian drills and encampments.
- **Yorktown Battlefield, Colonial Williamsburg, and Historic Jamestown** feature anniversary events.
- **Sail250 Virginia** tall ships gather, including a Parade of Sail in ports like Alexandria (late June).

Fort McHenry National Monument in Baltimore, Maryland, offers programs tying into the War of 1812 and broader independence themes, near where Francis Scott Key was inspired.

Civil War Highlights

- **Battle of Brandy Station** (June 9, 1863) — Largest cavalry battle of the Civil War, near Culpeper, Virginia.
- **Second Battle of Winchester** (June 13-15, 1863) in Virginia.
- **Heart of the Civil War** events in Frederick, Maryland, include walking tours like “One Vast Hospital” highlighting Civil War medical history.
- **Manassas National Battlefield Park** and **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park** provide excellent interpretive programs year-round.

Fort Stevens in D.C. commemorates the July 1864 Confederate raid (nearby events often spill into June planning).

Must-Visit Sites

- **Arlington National Cemetery** (Virginia) — Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Memorial Amphitheater, and section burials.
- **Vietnam Veterans Memorial, WWII Memorial, and Korean War Veterans Memorial** (National Mall, D.C.).
- **Pentagon Memorial** (Arlington) honoring 9/11 victims.
- **Antietam National Battlefield** (Maryland) — Site of the bloodiest single day in American history.
- **U.S. Naval Academy** (Annapolis, Maryland) for naval heritage tours.

Additional June 2026 Events

- **Military History Day** (June 6, Winchester, Virginia) — Living history displays, vehicles, and reenactors.
- **Battle of Midway Commemoration** (June 4, D.C. area) honoring WWII naval victory.

For the latest details, visit the linked websites or check local VFW resources. You can also contact me at my email vandergriffdonald@usa.net or cell 571-344-0886.

Don Vandergriff
Post Historian
vandergriffdonald@usa.net

POST'S ACTIVITY REPORTING

Comrades,

We are reaching out to all to help improve our Post's activity reporting to the VFW Department of Virginia.

The VFW reporting system is used to track Post performance, document compliance with nonprofit status, provide data for legislative lobbying and capture post service activities.

Our Post's Community Reports are based on reports submitted to Department Headquarters via the State's reporting tool on the State website.

The officer who holds the Junior Vice Commander role submits our Post's recurring events to the Department monthly in the following Community Report categories: Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth Activities, and Hospital Reports.

We need your help in capturing all individual and small group activities that our members do or take part in. These activities are often overlooked as things we do as volunteers, advocates, and service-oriented citizens and go unreported.

Examples for what can be reported include:

1. Americanism – Attending an observance ceremony away from the Post.
2. Community Service – Cutting the lawn for a homebound neighbor.
3. Safety – Safety briefing before an activity or event.
4. Youth Activities – Judging one of the youth scholarship programs.
5. Hospital Report – Taking a neighbor to a medical appointment that they couldn't drive to.

The above examples are just a few of the types of reports that can be entered for each Community Report category. If you are not sure which category your report falls under, feel free to ask one of the Post officers for guidance.

There are two ways to submit your report.

Option 1:

1. Go to <https://vfwva25-26.reportin.org/>
2. Enter our Post Number: **1503**
3. Enter our Post's password: **post1503**
4. Click on **Submit Reports**
5. Select the Community Report category your report applies to and click **Continue**.
6. Enter the report information in the appropriate fields and click **Submit** when complete.

Option 2:

1. Write up a short description of the event. The report should contain the following information: your name, number of members involved, number of hours the event took, miles driven to accomplish the event, total cost, the date completed and if the VFW Riders group was involved. **Note:** if submitting a hospital report, make sure to report the number of patients the activity/event helped as well as the rest of the information listed above.
2. Email the information to: danwalczyk@yahoo.com .

If you have any questions, please email me, give me a call at **571-232-0186**, or ask me when you see me at the Post.

Dan Walczyk
Junior Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In All Things... Give Thanks

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”

1 Chronicles 16:34

The term divine providence relates to the idea that God is actively involved in our lives, and that he guides, cares for, and provides for us. The root of the word providence is “provide” and providence comes from the Latin word providere which means “to foresee” and “to make provision.” Essentially, divine providence means God is aware of what is happening in our lives and provides what we need.

Believing in the providence of God makes it possible for us to be thankful when things go well and patient when things go against us. So sometimes we need to be thankful, and sometimes we need to be patient.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances...”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

It is important to point out this verse is not saying we should be thankful for all circumstances... but thankful in all circumstances. When things seem to go against us, God wants us to be grateful that His hand holds us and helps us to endure under the strain. That can be a heavy lift for us at times – to look for reasons to be thankful when life is tough, and we are struggling.

Other times, it can be equally difficult for us to be thankful when things are going well. We might not think it would be that way. After all, when things go well, we have much to be grateful for, right? But by our very nature, when life is good, we tend to overlook the bounty of God’s good gifts to us every day.

God’s divine providence enables me to give thanks to God each day, each season, and each year of my life. It is a source of reassurance which reminds me to be thankful when times are good and helps me get through troubled times. I hope and pray it is the same for you.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Almighty God, thank You for your goodness and blessings over my life. Forgive me when I don't thank You enough... for who You are, for all that You do, for all that You have given. I am grateful for Your ever-present love and care, mercy and grace. Thank You for always working on my behalf, even behind the scenes when I am unaware. Thank You that you are always with me and though many times I may forget about You... You will never forget about me or leave me. Renew my spirit and fill me with Your peace and joy today and every day. Amen



Ed Bennett
Chaplain

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

This summer we plan to have more activities in the pavilion to get people outdoors as much as possible. Some of you have already been in the pavilion hanging out and that's great, but please keep in mind our rules and regulations.

1. You can purchase a drink in the canteen, put it in a plastic cup and take it to the pavilion. Our ABC license covers us, but it doesn't cover anyone bringing alcohol to the pavilion without authorization.
2. Drugs of any sort are not authorized in the pavilion.
3. Remember to turn off the lights and clean up after yourself.

Have an Enjoyable but Safe Summer!



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, **VFWI503.org**



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



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/I503pics>

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

VETERAN NEWS

“It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.”

– Abraham Lincoln

VFW News

Pending Legislation to the VFW supports

Statement of Kristina Keenan, Director National Legislative Service, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; For the Record: United States Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

S. 3000, FRAUD in VA Disability Exams Act of 2025

The VFW supports this legislation to require VA to identify and report instances of fraud with respect to VA Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQ) forms. It would also require VA to regularly inform the appropriate congressional committees of the program’s effectiveness. Since DBQs provide foundational evidence for many VA disability compensation claims, they must accurately reflect a veteran’s injury or illness to preserve the integrity of the claims process.

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VA News

Introducing the Claim Assist Portal: A new, easier way to respond to VA claim requests

VA is making it easier than ever to keep your claim on track. With the new Claim Assist Portal, you’ll have a faster, more convenient way to respond when additional information is needed.

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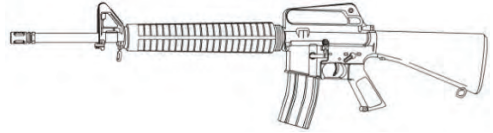
Military News and History

Air Force Overhauls Basic Training to Build ‘Airminded’ Warfighters

The U.S. Air Force is undertaking what leaders describe as its most significant overhaul of basic military training in more than seven decades. Maj. Gen. Davidson told Military.com that the effort is designed to fundamentally change how new Airmen think about their role in war.

But the imbalance is important to understand.

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VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

GUN SHOW

*Modern | Antique | Collector Arms
Educational displays, evaluations, ammo, and more!*

Saturday & Sunday

June 6-7, 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

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For tables - Contact Louie at (757) 528-3869 or show_director@vgca.net

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SHOW DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CONTACT VGCA FOR LATEST NEWS*

SPECIAL DISCOUNT ENTRY

\$2 Off

Admission with this flyer

Limit one discount per entry

All firearms transactions to be done in full compliance with all applicable Federal, State, & Local Laws

Version: VGCA Show Flyer - 2026-06



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FLAG

RETIREMENT

CEREMONY

SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2026
1100

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER
13101 PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVE,
NOKESVILLE, VA 20181



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

CELEBRATE
THE MAN.
THE MYTH.
THE LEGEND.



1 STEAK & CHEESE OMELET

★ WITH YOUR CHOICE OF
ONE SIDE AND TOAST ★

\$10



2 2 EGGS *any style*

WITH KIELBASA SAUSAGE,
YOUR CHOICE OF
ONE SIDE AND TOAST

\$10



3 FATHER'S DAY FEAST

2 EGGS ANY STYLE,
BACON AND SAUSAGE
★ WITH YOUR CHOICE OF ★
ONE SIDE AND
TWO PANCAKES

\$14



Thank You, Dad!

WE APPRECIATE YOU TODAY AND EVERY DAY.



251st Army Birthday Ball



U.S.ARMY



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

Saturday, June 20th 2026

1800 Semi-Formal (Coat & Tie)

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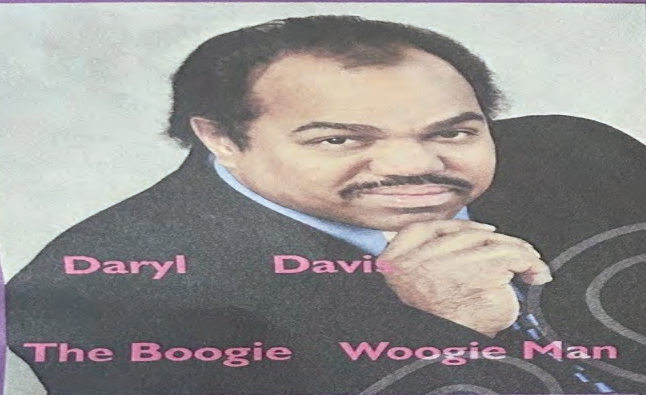
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June 27th 2026
VFW 1503
14631 Minnieville Road,
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GENERAL LEWIS B. (CHESTY) PULLER VFW POST 1503

2026 GOLF Tournament

HONORING VETERANS • SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



FRIDAY
AUGUST 21, 2026
REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM
SHOTGUN START: 9:00 AM



**FOREST GREENS
GOLF CLUB**

15957 Forest Greens Drive
Triangle, VA 22172



**FOREST GREENS
GOLF CLUB**

**VFW
Post 1503**
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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN
7:30 AM



SHOTGUN START
9:00 AM



FORMAT
CAPTAIN'S CHOICE



PRIZES & GAMES

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams
- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive (Men & Women)
- Putting Contest

ENTRY FEES

\$105
PER PLAYER

OR

\$400
PER TEAM

INCLUDES:

- ✓ 18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART
- ✓ RANGE BALLS
- ✓ AWARDS BANQUET

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

SCAN TO DONATE
OR SPONSOR TODAY!

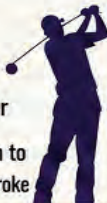


GiveButter

EVERY CONTRIBUTION
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

SUPER TEAM TICKET – \$100

- ★ 1 Mulligan per player
- ★ 1 Toss per player
- ★ 4 Raffle tickets per player
- ★ 3 Ft of String-cutoff portion to complete put without counting stroke



50/50 CONTESTS

\$5 ENTRY FEE PER EVENT
WINNER GETS HALF OF PROCEEDS
COLLECTED FOR EACH EVENT:

1. Putting Contest
2. Closest to the Pin
3. Closest to Straight Line Drive
4. Long Drive Men
5. Long Drive Women



HECKEL HOLE

\$5 DONATION

Tackle the Heckel Hole
challenge and help
support our veterans!
All proceeds benefit
VFW programs.



**BENEFITING OUR
VETERANS
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★ AWARDS CEREMONY FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT AT VFW POST 1503 ★

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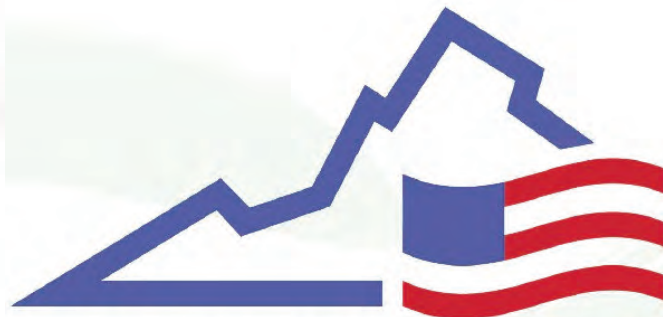
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(571) 414-1635



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★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND OUR COMMUNITY! ★



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.

VFW ENTERTAINMENT

JUNE MUSIC LINE UP

Fri June 5th

DJ Mario Let's Dance

Sat June 6th

DJ Lee Karaoke Time

Fri June 12th

DJ Danny Let's Dance

Sat June 13th

DJ Steve Let's Dance

Fri June 19th

DJ A-Ron Lets' Dance

Sat June 20th

DJ Michael Karaoke & Dance

Fri June 26th

DJ T-Play Karaoke & Dance

Sat June 27th

DJ Mario Let's Dance

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BINGO 7:30	3	4 BINGO 7:30	5 DJ Mario FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	6 Gun Show DJ Lee Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
7 Gun Show Breakfast 9-12:00	8	9 BINGO 7:30	10 MOCA 7:00 pm MOC 7:00 pm	11 BINGO 7:30	12 DJ Danny FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	13 DJ Steve Breakfast 9-12 WINGS 6:00-8:00
14 Breakfast 9-12:00 	15	16 BINGO 7:30	17 Auxiliary 7:00 pm Post Meeting 7:00 pm	18 BINGO 7:30	19 DJ A-Ron FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	20 ARMY BALL DJ Michael AUX Brkfst Breakfast 9-12
21 Breakfast 9-12:00 	22	23 BINGO 7:30	24	25 BINGO 7:30	26 Chesty's Birthday DJ T-Play FRIDAY Dinners 5:00-8:00	27 WINGS 6:00-8:00 Cancer Awareness DJ Mario Breakfast 9-12
28 Breakfast 9-12:00	29	30 BINGO 7:30				WINGS 6:00-8:00

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 1503

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FATHER'S
DAY!

Next Monthly Meeting

June 17th

vfw1503.org

VFW Post 1503 Movie Nights

Fourth Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Upcoming Schedule at 1503movies.vfwus.org

Ask a staff member for the passcode



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