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The year is flying by and we still have much to accomplish, but the good news is that we have time to complete our tasks. I would like to thank all members that came together and made, "A Day to Change Direction" "such a success in Virginia.

Post 1503 hosted the State Homecoming for me and President Shema Peppers. It was truly a good time and I would like to thank all those who attended. A special thanks to the members

of Post 1503 and its Auxiliary for all the hard work they put in to make the event the success that it was.

Our annual Day on the Hill in Richmond will be January 19, 2017. The meeting format will be different; in the past we visited the Hill on the second day of the session which is a very popular day. Many other groups have their day on the Hill that day, so our meeting this year will be one week later. That way we won't have to compete with the other groups.

The work that has been accomplished to date is that 114 of 135 Posts are 100% reported in Community Reports and I know that the other 21 Posts are working to have the Department achieve the goal of every Post being 100% reported for the first half reporting cycle.

Membership is always a challenge and the Department is over 81% in membership. The renewals for the annual members should start picking up since a large number will expire on December 31. We need each Post to start contacting the annual members and encouraging them to renew. I am encouraged at the number of recruiting events that have been held and are scheduled throughout the State. Please keep up the good work.

Kudos to Post 873 Gretna, Post 10387 Petersburg, and Post 1811 Manassas Park for achieving over 100% in membership this year. Please keep up the great work.

The State Service Officer has relocated to Post 637 Hopewell. The move has increased the office space available for Service Officer Operations and will allow the hiring of a very much needed administrative assistant. We are hoping to hire the assistant in the very near future.

We still have work to do this year such as VOD, Patriots Pen, Buddy Poppies, Military Assistance and Legislative to name a few. We also need to recruit, reinstate and renew a little over 6,000 members to meet our goal of 100% membership for 2016-2017. It will take the efforts of every member of Team Virginia to accomplish our mission.

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Please address all comments to the above address.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted articles for timeliness, clarity and syntax.

From the Editor's desk

October 8 was the kickoff for the VFW's national Mental Wellness Campaign. Many Posts throughout the nation participated in an event focused on awareness or the five signs of emotional suffering. Arlington Post 3150 along with Posts from the Department of Washington, DC and Maryland participated in events at the Armed Forces retirement home. Their article is on page 3.

Another significant event was Comrade Jason Redman from Chesapeake Post 2894 being selected Grand Marshall at NASCAR's Brickyard 400 race. See page 4.

Buchanan Post 5895 awarded the VFW's Civil Air Patrol medal to two members of the Lynchburg Composite Squadron and reported on page 10.

Hopewell Post 637 reports on page 13 of an effort to do pond restoration with services donated by a local company.

Two Northern Virginia Posts, Manassas and Occoquan celebrated their 70th anniversaries this year. Articles on page 14.

Ken Wiseman reports on the 4th annual SVA conference on page 15.

Lastly, let's not forget that Virginia has an excellent chance to have our first Commander in Chief of the VFW in the presence of our own Hal Roesch. There has been very encouraging news where, as of the date of this publication, he has been endorsed by all of the 14 states that make up the Southern Conference. Let's all get behind Hal and help him succeed.

Thanks to all of the Posts who submitted articles for this edition. They serve as clear indication of the great work you are doing and the positive image you are helping to project for the Department of Virginia and the VFW.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rick Raskin

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VFW Aims to Destigmatize Mental Health

National mental wellness campaign events began Oct. 8 with 'A Day to Change Direction'

Washington D.C.

More than 150 VFW Posts held events Oct. 8 to help kick off VFW's national mental wellness campaign.

"A Day to Change Direction" is part of the overarching initiative, launched by Give an Hour, to "change the greater culture" surrounding mental health.

VFW's goal for the day, which included 179 Posts nationwide, was to make the public "aware of the five signs" of emotional suffering – Personality change, agitation, withdrawal, poor self-care and hopelessness.

Posts hosted events in their communities or displayed information regarding mental health awareness.

—VFW—

Post 3150

By J. Gary Wagner

At least twelve members of John Lyon Post 3150 in Arlington VA (including family members plus one infant) and the Virginia State Auxiliary President Shema Peppers joined members of the VFW's Washington Office and members of the Departments of the District of Columbia and Maryland in traveling to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in DC to assist with light maintenance and scheduled activities at the home.

The volunteers helped with dusting in the library and other public spaces, sorting books in the library, helping with activities such as bowling and bingo. Perhaps most importantly, they had lunch with the residents providing them some contact with non-residents and listening to their stories. The five signs were some of the topics discussed in many of the conversations. The project began with a briefing at 10 am, then volunteers dispersed to their assigned projects until lunch conversations, and then finished up their projects. An end of day meeting ended the program at about 2:30 pm.

I personally ended up eating with a World War II vet and a Korean War vet who self described themselves as the characters of the home. Our conversation lasted way beyond lunch as we had been told to engage in conversation and not worry about getting back to work.

Past State President Cathy Graham (Aux 3150) and Past National President Cortina Barnes (DC Aux) were among the local volunteers.



Gregg Orto

(L to R) State Auxiliary President Shema Peppers, Post and Auxiliary members from Post 3150 (Arlington): Ryan Gallucci, Cathy Graham, J.Gary Wagner, Krysti Corbett, Brendan Curley, Elizabeth Pletcher, Patrick and Debra Clark gather at Armed Forces Retirement Home the end of the day. Also attending from Post 3150 were Desi Gurule, Bill Kelly, and Geoffrey Kintzer.



Comrade Jason Redman is Grand Marshall at NASCAR'S Brickyard 400

by Chris Mulholland, Commander, VFW Post 2894

During the spring and early summer of 2016, NASCAR ran a national contest for the naming of the Brickyard Crown Royal 400 race in Indianapolis. Incredibly, our own Jay Redman's *Combat Wounded Coalition* (CWC) was selected as the winner!

Jay and his wife, Erica, were invited to Indianapolis over the weekend of 22-24 July to participate in a number of events before Jay assumed the role of Grand Marshall for the race on that Sunday.

The city of Indianapolis declared Friday, 22 July, as Jason Redman Day and asked him to help dye the water in the City Fountain purple in honor of Crown Royal. Jay then attended the Kid Rock concert where he then addressed and was cheered by the crowd.

The Redmans then attended the driver's pre-race meeting where they got to meet and shake hands with all the great names in current NASCAR racing.

Finally, on the big day, Jay rode in the Pace Car as it led the pack before the race began. After the race, which was won by Kyle Busch, Jay and Kyle knelt at the finish line and kissed the historic bricks.

All in all, Jay and Erica had a great and memorable adventure!

CWC's mission is to optimize the potential of combat-wounded warriors by mitigating the effects of trauma, expanding personal capabilities, and inspiring our heroes to find individual, unique purpose to create the life they want.

CWC provides program services to Combat Wounded Warriors who have been awarded the Purple Heart. The current focus is on Purple Heart Recipients from 9/11 forward but, if resources are available, will support all living Purple Heart Recipients.

CWC partners and provides connections to organizations which offer excellent resources, programs and proven strategies for success to wounded veterans. Another CWC mission is to provide clothing modifications and a unique line of apparel available only to Purple Heart recipients and families of the fallen.



Kyle Busch and Retired Navy SEAL and Crown Royal "Your Hero's Name Here" winner, Jason Redman and his wife, Erica after the Combat Wounded Coalition 400 presented by Crown Royal at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motorspeedway on July 23, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana. (Photo: Tasos Katopodis, Getty Images)



Kyle Busch Jr and Jay Redman kneeling at the famous "Brickyard finish line" preparing to kiss the bricks (photo courtesy of Jay Redman)



Crown Royal's "Your Hero's Name Here" winner, Retired Navy SEAL Jason Redman, center right, is honored by Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, center left, and Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Doug Boles, left, and Crown Royal Brand Director Jim Ruane. (AJ Mast /AP Images for Crown Royal)

September 11th Marked the 15th Anniversary of 9/11

by Chris Mulholland, Commander, VFW Post 2894

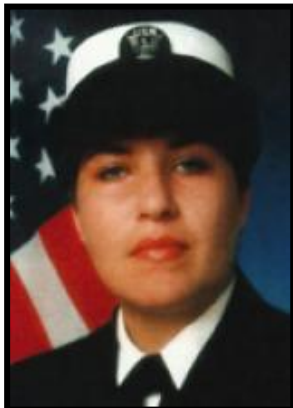
2016 marks the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. WE MUST NEVER FORGET what happened that day when terrorists tried to strike at the heart of America.



The attacks resulted in the deaths of 2,996 people and the injuries of more than 6,000 others. The death toll included 265 on the four planes (from which there were no survivors), 2,606 in the World Trade Center and in the surrounding area, and 125 at the Pentagon. Nearly all of those who perished were civilians with the exceptions of 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, 55 military personnel, and the 19 terrorists who died in the attacks. After New York, New Jersey lost the most state citizens, with the city of Hoboken having the most citizens that died in the attacks. More than 90 countries lost citizens in the September 11 attacks. The attacks of September 11, 2001, marked it the worst terrorist attack in world history and the deadliest foreign attack on American soil since the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

In Arlington County, Virginia, 125 Pentagon workers lost their lives when Flight 77 crashed into the western side of the building. Of these, 70 were civilians and 55 were military personnel, many of them worked for the United States Army or the United States Navy – including a Chesapeake, Yeoman Third Class Melisa Rose Barnes. Melissa is buried in Riverside National Cemetery, California.

From a 17 Sept 2001 article in the LA Times by Elizabeth Shogren and Warren Vieth:



'Melissa Rose Barnes, 27, was preparing to leave the Pentagon to move back to California. She had worked at the Navy's headquarters for two years after holding several assignments since 1992, when she enlisted from Redlands, California. Her mother, who is divorced from her father, still lives in California. She also has a brother.'

'Promoted to yeoman third class in June 2000, Barnes held an administrative job in telecommunications at

the Pentagon and reported to the Chief of Naval Operations, according to a Navy spokesman. She stayed in touch with her former husband, Petty Officer 1st Class Chris Barnes of Chesapeake, Virginia. They separated in 1998 after four years of marriage. He kept one of their dogs, Sasha, and she kept the other, Honey.'

'Barnes began her naval service as a corpsman – a medical aide – at the naval hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, and later received communications training in Mississippi. In 1997, she left the Navy but returned nine months later. "She missed the military," Chris Barnes said. "She wanted to try something else, but she came back into it."'

The Army lost 47 civilian employees, six civilian contractors, and 22 soldiers, while the Navy lost six civilian employees, three civilian contractors, and 33 sailors. Seven Defense Intelligence Agency civilian employees were also among the dead in the attack, as well as a contractor with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Lieutenant General Timothy Maude, an Army Deputy Chief of Staff, was the highest-ranking military official killed at the Pentagon.

In New York City, more than 90% of the workers and visitors who died in the towers had been at or above the points of impact. In the North Tower, 1,355 people at or above the point of impact were trapped and died of smoke inhalation, fell or jumped from the tower to escape the smoke and flames, or were killed in the building's eventual collapse. The destruction of all three staircases in the tower when Flight 11 hit made it impossible for anyone above the impact zone to escape. 107 people below the point of impact died as well.

At least 200 people fell or jumped to their deaths from the burning towers (as exemplified in the photograph *The Falling Man*), landing on the streets and rooftops of adjacent buildings hundreds of feet below.

A total of 411 emergency workers died as they tried to rescue people and fight fires. The New York City Fire Department (FDNY) lost 343 firefighters, including a chaplain and two paramedics. The New York City Police Department (NYPD) lost 23 officers. The Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) lost 37 officers. Eight emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics from private emergency medical services units were killed.



VIRGINIA WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION COMMISSION



Update from the Commission

The Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission (the Commission) was created by the General Assembly during the 2016 Session by expanding the existing World War II 75th Anniversary Commission to include observances of the 100th anniversary of World War I. The Commission is led by Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, Chairman, and Senator Frank M. Ruff, Jr., Vice-Chairman, and members of the General Assembly, including Delegate Richard L. Anderson, Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Senator Bryce E. Reeves, and Delegate Marcus Simon. The commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, the executive director of the Virginia War Memorial, and noted historians also serve on the Commission. A robust advisory council composed of museum partners, government officials, stakeholders, and experts serves in a consultative capacity to the Commission.

Primary goals that guide the work of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission include:

Honoring our veterans: Honor the service of veterans, whose sacrifices can never be forgotten. When we remember yesterday's veterans we are also communicating to today's service members that they won't be forgotten, either.

Inspiring a desire to learn more: Provide opportunities for people to explore personal connections and highlight multiple perspectives of Virginia's role in World War I and World War II (e.g., battlefield and military support, home front and civilian support, Holocaust and stories of survival, and more)

Connecting through travel and tourism: Make it easy for visitors to connect to museums, memorials, and sites in Virginia related to World War I and World War II.

Preservation of historic sites: Encourage preservation and interpretation of significant sites in Virginia related to World War I and World War II.

Commission programs and events

The Commission is planning a number of Signature Events and programs that include:

Dawn of Infamy: America Goes to War - A Tribute to Veterans

University of Richmond

Thursday, December 8, 2016

A tribute to World War II veterans, this program will be held to mark the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and America's entry into World War II, which was a turning point in a conflict that had been raging since September 1939. More than 400,000 Americans would pay the ultimate price of freedom, more than 11,000 of whom were Virginians. We can never forget their sacrifice.

Plan now to join the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission at the University of Richmond on Thursday, December 8 to mark these climatic anniversaries. But even more, to thank the men and women who bravely stand in harm's way to secure our freedom . . . yesterday, today, and forever.

World War II veterans will be recognized and honored at this Signature Event, and are encouraged to register early.

This program is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required at www.VirginiaWorldWarII.org/2016tribute.

Legacy Project: WWI and WWII Profiles of Honor Tour

The Profiles of Honor Tour is a mobile tour that will travel across Virginia to bring an interactive exhibit to museums, libraries, and historic sites, as well as serve as a collection point for the scanning of images related to WWI and WWII for inclusion in the Virginia Pro-

files of Honor project. The mobile tour will begin in December 2016.

Statewide teacher symposium

The Commission will work with the Virginia Department of Education, colleges, and historians across the state to hold a symposium for teachers, providing resources for teaching WWI and WWII history. The symposium will be widely accessible to teachers - it will go on the road to be held in each of the eight superintendent regions, and also be recorded for internet download on demand. The teacher symposium will be held in summer 2017.

World War I and World War II Tourism Marketing Grants

Matching grants of up to \$5,000 available to museums, historic sites, and organizations involved in the commemoration for the marketing of initiatives related to the 100th anniversary of World War I or the 75th anniversary of World War II. The first round of grants opens June 30, 2016. More information is available at vatc.org.

In addition to the programs listed above, special events will be held to mark key anniversary dates, which include:

April 6, 2017: 100th anniversary of the US entry into World War I

June 4-6, 2017: 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway

November 11, 2018: 100th anniversary of Armistice Day

June 6, 2019: 75th anniversary of D-Day

September 2, 2020: 75th anniversary of V-J Day

Get involved

There will be many opportunities to be involved and to include your family's story during Virginia's commemoration of World War I and World War II. First steps to get involved:

Visit VirginiaWorldWarI.org and VirginiaWorldWarII.org to find a comprehensive calendar of events and listing of places to visit in Virginia related to WWI and WWII

Join the mailing list at VirginiaWorldWarI.org and VirginiaWorldWarII.org

Follow on Facebook at **Virginia World War II 75th Anniversary Commemoration** or **Virginia World War I Centennial Commemoration**

Plan now to attend the Tribute to Veterans on December 8, 2016 at the University of Richmond. The program is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required: VirginiaWorldWarII.org/2016tribute

If you have questions about Virginia's commemoration and how you can get involved, please feel free to contact Cheryl Jackson, Executive Director at (804) 786-3591, ext. 276 or by email to cjackson@dls.virginia.gov.

We look forward to working together to remember the people, places, and events that shaped the world we live in . . . then and now.

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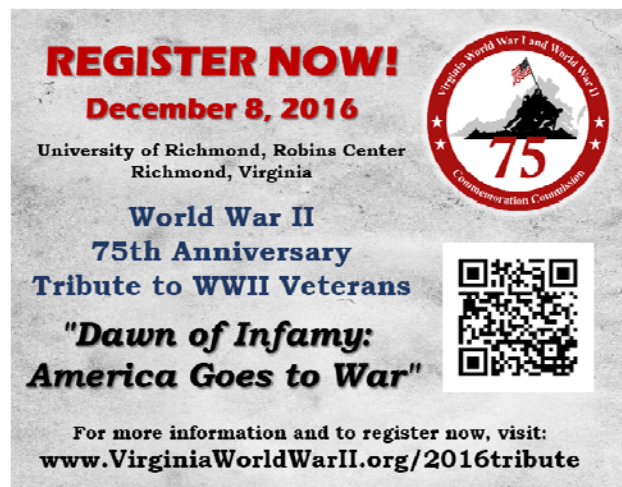
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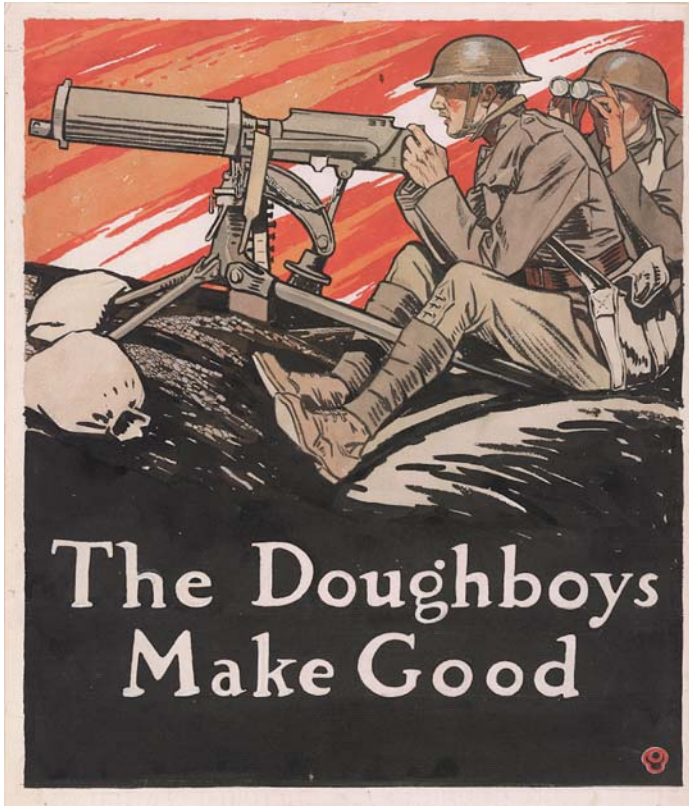
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"The Doughboys Make Good", Edward Penfield (1918)

WWI, Through Artists' Eyes

Library of Congress Exhibition Explores How Artists Viewed the Great War

By Mark Hartsell

Editor, *Library of Congress Gazette*

Illustrator Charles Dana Gibson had a simple directive for the artists working for him in the U.S. government during World War I: "Draw 'til it hurts."

They did. Over the course of two-plus years, Gibson and his colleagues at the federal Division of Pictorial Publicity produced hundreds of patriotic and propaganda works designed to help recruit troops, sell bonds and shape opinion about the war – a then-unprecedented government marketing campaign.

"Nothing like it had been seen before," said Katherine Blood of the Prints and Photographs Division at the Library of Congress. "They felt that we really needed to fight for public opinion, the hearts and minds. At that particular time, it wasn't a universally popular thing."

The Library this month opened a new exhibition exploring how government-funded artists like Gibson and other, independent artists viewed World War I and tried to sway public perceptions of it.

"World War I: American Artists View the Great War" opened May 7 in the Graphic Arts Galleries of the Jefferson Building and

closes May 6, 2017. Blood and Sara Duke, also of the Prints and Photographs Division, led the curatorial team. Betsy Nahum-Miller of the Interpretive Programs Office is the exhibition director.

The exhibition features 25 fine prints, drawings, cartoons, posters and photographs. An additional 70 photographs in a slide show – many scanned from glass-plate negatives for the exhibition – illustrate the service of soldiers, nurses, journalists and factory workers, from the home front to the front lines.

The United States entered the war on April 6, 1917 – more than 2.5 years after it began – and, within days, the federal Committee on Public Information and its Division of Pictorial Publicity began working to support the war effort.

In an era of lower literacy and before television and mass radio broadcasts, that meant art: strong images, plastered everywhere – buildings, billboards, interiors, buses, trolley cars.

"The thinking was that audiences might miss or ignore text," Blood said. "But you're inevitably going to encounter the billboard, you're going to see the poster."

Gibson recruited many of the best artists from the golden age of illustration: George Bellows, Wladyslaw Benda, Joseph Pennell, William Allen Rogers and hundreds more.

In less than two years, the division's 300 artists produced more than 1,400 designs.

"There were thoughtful and fantastic artists who were making a good living as illustrators for the magazine industry," Duke said. "They could have just turned their backs on it and said, 'We're not really for the war.' But they chose to fall in and produced some fantastic things."

One of the most prominent was James Montgomery Flagg, creator of perhaps the most-famous image of Uncle Sam. In 1916, the story goes, Flagg hoped to avoid paying a fee for a model, looked in the mirror and drew himself as Uncle Sam. He used the image again the next year for an "I Want You" recruitment poster – one of the most famous posters ever printed. His Uncle Sam appears again in his work for the division and in the exhibition.

In their works, Flagg and his colleagues warned of the dangers of inaction ("Wake up, America!" reads a poster depicting a sleeping beauty dressed in red, white and blue), sought to harness the skills of the civilian population ("Stenographers! Washington needs you!") and attempted to shape perceptions.

In 1918, Bellows created a series of works depicting German outrages, such as the execution of British nurse Edith Cavell. Cavell had tended to soldiers from both sides but was caught helping Allied soldiers escape German-occupied Belgium. Bellows' work imagines Cavell's last moments before she faces the firing squad.

Not all artists represented in the exhibition worked for the Division of Pictorial Publicity. Not all even supported the war.

Russian immigrant Maurice Becker worked for "The Masses," a socialist publication, and as a conscientious objector declined to

participate in the war in any fashion.

Some 450 conscientious objectors – including Becker – were imprisoned in Leavenworth, Kansas. There, he documented the mistreatment of prisoners that he witnessed – a charcoal drawing shows prisoners, stripped to the waist, strung up by their wrists.

“Here was somebody with artistic talent who is traumatized by his experience and working through that trauma with some very powerful renderings of his experience,” Duke said.

Other artists worked independently or for other organizations. Kerr Eby served with an artillery unit in France; Samuel J. Woolf served there as a war correspondent. They, and others, documented life and death on the front lines, as they witnessed it.

“So often, art gets overlooked as an ‘extra,’ ” Duke said. “Together, these photographs and artworks reflect the American experience through art.”

The exhibition is made possible by the Swann Foundation for Caricature and Cartoon. An online version of the exhibition [is] available at:

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/american-artists-view-the-great-war/online-exhibition.html>

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Curators’ Picks

Katherine Blood and Sara Duke of the Prints and Photographs Division highlight several items from the Library’s new exhibition.



First Call (1917)

James Montgomery Flagg
Virtually every American knows Flagg’s Uncle Sam but

how many realize it was created just before the United States entered World War I and repurposed during World War II? We are fascinated by the artist’s story of using his own face for the

now-iconic image of Uncle Sam to save on modeling fees.

C. O.’s [sic] in Leavenworth (1919)

Maurice Becker

During World War I, more than 64,000 men refused to don a uniform on religious and political grounds. In 1918, the Army sent artist Maurice Becker, along with 449 other men

to Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. He poignantly used his skill as an artist to show his direct experience of their imprisonment, torture and later, resistance.



Facing the Future (1919)

C. F. Chambers

Though not by a well-known artist, this stunning poster is one of our favorites. Through a series of visual choices, it conveys complex content and emotions. For example, the artist leads our eyes past the foreground using progressively brighter colors until they surround the amputee veteran, haloed in white and literally standing on a threshold.



The Murder of Edith Cavell (1918)

George Bellows

Bellows genuinely heart-wrenching of the Red Cross nurse’s last moments connects

us to the story of a specific, living and heroic human being. His masterful telling reads as nightmarishly surreal and stage-like. Bellows famously used a geometrical proportional system called “Dynamic Symmetry” and this composition’s drama is heightened by such features as the steep, diagonal staircase.

District 6 and Buchanan Post 5895 present VFW Civil Air Patrol medals

Two members of the Civil Air Patrol, Lynchburg Composite Squadron, were presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Civil Air Patrol medal for leadership at the Squadron's Annual Gala on 7 May. Herm Prilipp, Sarah Ware and Frank Ware represented VFW District 6 of Virginia and Post 5895 of Buchanan to make the presentations at the Liberty University School of Aeronautics.

Cadet Deitrich Fassero was awarded the Commissioned Officer Medal "In special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability as a Cadet Officer." Cadet Jesse T. Greene was awarded the Non-Commissioned Officer Medal "In special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability as a Cadet NCO."

For more information about the Lynchburg Civil Air Patrol, please visit <http://www.lyncburgcap.com>.

Buchanan VFW Post meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Buchanan Town Hall at 7PM. There are 13 Posts in District 6 and for more information please email Frank Ware at cdrdist6@va.vfwwebmail.com or write to VFW Post 5895, P.O. Box 363, Buchanan VA 24066.



Pictured left to right are: Sarah Ware, Jesse Greene, Herm Prilipp, Deitrich Fassero and Frank Ware.



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Non-commissioned Officer

VFW Post 1841 at Roanoke Golf Tournament

Two members from the VFW Post 1841 of Daleville, worked the golf tournament putting green at Roanoke Country Club on Saturday, May 28, 2016. This tournament was sponsored by an organization to help raise funds for the local western Virginia DAV chapter.

Lee Crabtree, (post trustee on left), and Jerry Jacobsen, (Post quartermaster on right) posed for pictures at lunch time. Post 1841 also sponsored the 9th hole with a donation of \$300 to the cause. It was a beautiful day and all had a good time and a healthy lunch was also served.



Dan Boyer with Congressman Morgan Griffith at the Blue Ridge Veterans Memorial dedication in Galax on May 29th. They presented a wreath from Grayson Post 7726.

Marking The Graves Of The Brave

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Article by The Fauquier Times — Photos by Doug Stroud.

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7589 in Manassas and its auxiliary had a full schedule of Memorial Day activities planned. The members held their annual Memorial Day Buddy Poppies sales last week and concluded Memorial Day activities with a service at the Manassas Veteran's Monument and the presentation of wreaths at the Manassas Ceremony in Manassas on Monday [May 30]. Scouts from across the area participated in the decorating of the veterans' graves.



Pete MacLeod, Commander VFW Post 7589, leads the members of the Boy and Girl Scouts at the Manassas Veterans Memorial.



Lily Blanchard of Troop 919 and her dad, Rob Blanchard of Pack 1355, place a flag at the grave site of a veteran during the Memorial Day Service at the



Seven-year-old Lily Blanchard of Troop 919 and six-year-old Seth Armstrong of Pack 1355 present the wreath at the Manassas Veterans Memorial.



Zachary Pleet, 11, and Zach Sedmak, 10, salute after presenting the wreath at the grave site of Francis Cannon during the Memorial Day service.



Koa Mintz, 7, watches his brother Tonchi, 8, of Centreville place a flag at the grave site of a World War II veteran in the Manassas Cemetery.

Post 7916 presents VFW Award at Hylton HS AFJROTC Dining Out

May 20, 2016, This joyful Friday evening, the Air Force Junior ROTC at Hylton High School held their annual Dining Out at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503. Almost 300 Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Marines, Cadets, School Administrators, teachers, moms, dads, brothers, sisters and distinguished guests came to celebrate and recognize achievement. Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson and Post 7916 Junior Vice Commander Bob Fenlason were part of this memorable event.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award of Excellence presented to

Col USAF Ret, presented the award. Cadet Lewis also received a \$200.00 scholarship award from VFW Post 7916.



The Order of Daedalians Achievement Award was presented to the JROTC Cadet Cadet Isabel Sarmiento. Cadet Sarmiento received this award for superior academic achievement in her Hylton HS Class, leadership, and intent to pursue a military career. Colonel Chuck Wilson also presented the Order of Daedalians Achievement Award. The Order of Daedalians is the National Order of Military Pilots, of which Wilson is a USAF Command Pilot and 35 year Daedalian member, dates back to World War I.

Some background on Dining-Ins and Dining-Outs:

A dining-in is a formal event for military organizations believed to have begun in 16th-century England, in monasteries and universities. The British Army incorporated it during the 18th century, in the form of formal dining within the regimental mess. Rules of the mess were institutionalized as "the Queen's Regulations." The "mess night" or "dining in" became a tradition in all British regiments.

Our Army, Navy and Air Force refer to this event as a dining-in. The Marine Corps and Coast Guard call it mess night, while the Army sometimes calls it a regimental dinner. The Air Force dining-in probably began in the 1930s with General H. "Hap" Arnold's "wing dings." The close bonds enjoyed by Air Corps officers and their British colleagues of the Royal Air Force during World War II surely added to the American involvement in the dining-in custom.

A Dining-In involves only the members of the unit. Dining-Outs allow guests. The dining-out follows the same basic rules of the dining-in, but is sometimes tailored for the civilian guests to encourage their involvement.



Cadet Gabriela Leon. Cadet Leon was recognized for her outstanding leadership and Americanism as an AFROTC Cadet. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson,

Congressman Wittman Women Veteran Forum Supported by VFW Post 7916

April 30, 2016, Woodbridge, VA. U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman, 1st District, Virginia, and member of the House Armed Service Committee, held the Women's Veteran's Forum at the Heritage Baptist Church, also in Woodbridge. The Forum featured Dr. Betty Moseley Brown Keynote Speaker and Acting Director of the Center for Women Veterans.



Dr Brown spoke on her experiences in the United States Marine Corps and how they enabled her to succeed in life.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7916 supported the Forum with a VFW Exhibit outlining all of the areas that the VFW is involved in and the resources that are available to female veterans. VFW Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson and Senior Vice Commander Turk Maggi were the representatives who discussed the issues.

Other exhibitors also came for a conversation about the federal, state, and non-profit resources available to female veterans.

SOLitude Lake Management coordinates donation of services in support of Local VFW

Submitted by Post 637

SOLitude Lake Management, SePRO Corporation and Crop Production Services, have agreed to join forces in support of the Hopewell VFW Post 637 in their pond restoration efforts. They are controlling a non-native nuisance aquatic weed called Brazilian elodea that has invaded the pond. Not only is the weed growth unsightly, but it also negatively impacts the ecology of the pond and makes it harder for the fish to thrive.

The services and management plan were donated through SOLitude's "Love Your Lake" program as a part of their community outreach effort called The SOLution, which is focused on helping non-profit and veterans' organizations. To be considered for a lake makeover, non-profit organizations can submit photos and their story to www.solitudelakemanagement.com/loveyourlake.

When asked why SOLitude Lake Management decided to get involved, Aquatic Ecologist Shannon Junior was quoted as saying "Our company feels that it is important to give back to our communities and non-profit organizations. We have the expertise and resources to help, and we are so happy to know that our efforts will allow Veterans and their families to have access to a cleaner pond with a healthier fish community."

Property manager of the VFW Post, Jim Cooper added, "As a member of the VFW Post 637 and on behalf of our membership, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Shannon Junior, Derek Johnson and Charlie Smyth for their continuous support. It is awesome to see companies such as SOLitude Lake Management and their partners support our nation's veterans and their families."



Manassas Post 7589 celebrated 70 years on June 4

Post 7589 was formed in June 1946 and named after Francis Cannon a Manassas resident who was killed during the battle of Saipan. Our first Post commander John Gregory led a procession of Manassas veterans when Francis' repatriated remains were reinterred in 1949.

We were honored to have Charter Commander John Gregory present at our 70th anniversary as well as outgoing VFW State Commander Doug Keller. A number of other area dignitaries also attended the celebration.

Post 7589 focuses on community service and youth programs. In 2007 the Post was cited as one of the VFW's Community Service Posts of the Year.



Charter Commander John Gregory speaks on the origin of the Post.



State Commander Doug Keller provided inspiring words about the VFW.

Occoquan VFW Post 7916 celebrates its 70th anniversary

June 26, 2016, Occoquan, VA. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7916 celebrated its Platinum Anniversary with an open house and reception. Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson welcomed everyone, "We've come a long way from our start with 36 veterans in June of 1946, to over 586 veterans (active duty, retired, and honorably discharged) along with over 140 Auxiliary members in Post 7916 today."

Department of Virginia Commander Tom Gimble congratulated Post 7916 and said, "Congratulations to Post 7916 for your 70th birthday. Seventy years is a significant milestone and you join an exclusive number of Virginia Posts that have done this."

Edward Miller, Past President of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Fire Department, came and provided pictures of the rear of Post 7916, from the 1930's and 40's when it was where the Fire Department was then located, as seen above. The Fire Engines are on what is now the alley. VFW Post 7916 was relocated to the Occoquan Fire House circa 1960.



Current Post 7916 members have served in conflicts from WWII through Afghanistan and continually support those who have sacrificed so much for this country: U.S. military veterans and those currently serving in our Armed Forces as well as their families, through community service, a commitment to national security and a strong national defense. Including its Post Auxiliary, VFW Post 7916 has a congregation of over 700 members.



Virginia Department Commander Tom Gimble congratulates Post 7916 for its 70th year



Life Member VFW Post 1503 Lew Rosen, (AKA "Woodbridge Willie Nelson"), played the guitar and sang a wide variety of hit music.



Quartermaster James Adams, Col USA Ret, cut the Post 7916 Anniversary Cake with his US Army Officer's saber. He also arranged for the logistics surrounding this momentous event.

Virginia Is the Lead Sponsor for The 4th Annual Student Veterans Conference

Four years ago, student veterans across the Commonwealth came together to network, learn from each other, and to better adapt their colleges and universities for the needs of veterans returning to the classroom. October 14-15th, 2016 was the fourth annual Student Veterans of Virginia Conference and the VFW Department of Virginia served as the lead sponsor. Moving throughout the state, the conference was held this year at Mary Baldwin College and had a focus on the needs of female veterans.

“Virginia has one of the fastest growing populations of both veterans and student veterans and we have the largest population of female veterans, by state, in the country” said State Junior-Vice Commander Ken Wiseman. Ken also chairs the Department’s committee on student veterans. “We have to show the veterans community that the VFW is the premier organization to belong to, that we have been and will continue to be their chief advocate, and that the needs of those veterans on campus are important.” Ken was invited to the conference as a keynote speaker and to lead two breakout sessions because of the fact that the VFW is the only veterans groups with a state headquarters in Virginia to have a committee dedicated to student veterans. Additionally, Ken had a table with various VFW provided resources which a veteran can use and Ken was able to get funding from the VFW National Headquarters to help fund the event.

While the VFW has been a sponsor since the beginning of these conferences, the Department became the lead sponsor starting last year. Ken’s breakout sessions were “Being the Veteran’s Advocate” and “The Road Ahead, Life After Service.” Joining Ken on the student veterans committee is Rebekah Lloyd. Rebekah is an Army veteran and a member of Tidewater Post 4809 in Norfolk. She attends Regent University as a graduate student and was also a 2016 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellow. “Being on the committee and working to help student veterans is an honor but also part of that continuing commitment that we have to each other as veterans” said Rebekah. She was a panelist discussing issues faced by female veterans on campus while at the conference.

Those Posts and members interested in learning more about how the VFW partners with student veterans can contact Ken Wiseman at jrvicedr@va.vfwwebmail.com or kwiseman@vfw.org for more information.

Recruiters in action



Fairfax Virginia Post 8469 and Auxiliary



Tom Hines & Mike Boehme at the Virginia State Fair



Post 7589 & Post 1811 joint recruiting at Tractor Supply

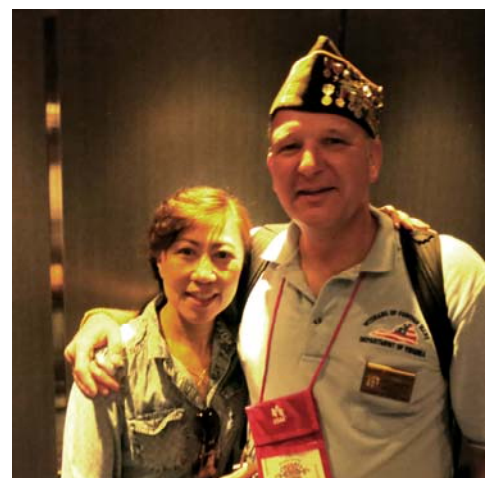


Nelson Betancourt & Rick Raskin at The Nation's Gun Show

Virginia well represented at 117th National Convention

Photos by Doc Crouch & Rick Raskin





The Pledge of Allegiance – Salute or... not?

By Patrick Mobley, Sous Correspondant National

Voiture Nationale 40&8



We recently received an inquiry from a veteran that attended a local advisory board meeting where several veterans' organizations were represented, including the 40 & 8. He was surprised and confused to see a large number of the board and audience members (including Voyageurs) rendering hand salutes to the colors during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked us for some clarification.

As you might guess, this question has been discussed and debated from the halls of Congress to the local posts of veterans' organizations all over the country. I will do my best to clarify the current circumstances with regard to this issue.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed in October 2008. However, that legislation did not offer any sort of parity for veterans (in or out of uniform) who are present during recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

By itself, the legislation still wasn't clear until 2013 when Public Law 113-66 clarified the procedure, which adds a line at the

end of the previous version of 4USCCh.1 § 4 - **Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery**

It now reads:

4USC CH.1 § 4

"The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headgear with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. **Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.**"

As veterans, I'm sure we're all aware that traditionally, members of veterans' service organizations have rendered the hand salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head gear; Public Law 113-66 now offers veterans the opportunity to render the hand salute regardless of the presence of head gear, official or otherwise.



I hope that you find this information useful. In the event that you are now more confused than ever,

I'll offer the advice that I received many decades ago as a young sailor; when in doubt...salute.

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West Point Honors Class of 1946

Post 7916 Member is part of the class

West Point NY, May 15-18. Eugene "Gene" Deatrick, aviation legend and Life Member of VFW Post 7916 took part in the Ceremonies at West Point Honoring members of his Class of 1946.

Colonel Deatrick, USAF, Ret., is responsible for the rescue of US POW Navy Lt Dieter Dangler while in Vietnam. He flew 405 combat missions in Vietnam and was the Commander of the 1st Air Commando Squadron. He was in the first test pilot class in 1951 and Commandant of the AF Test Pilot School in 1968.



'Bulldogs' on Campus

Hampden-Sydney College Alumni in the United States Marine Corps

Comments by

Colonel Greg Eanes, USAF (Ret)

Visiting Lecturer and Member of VFW Post 7819

Hampden-Sydney College and the United States Marine Corps have a common heritage: both were founded in the early days of the American Revolution on November 10th 1775 for the protection of the American Republic.

One protects basic American liberties and republican principles by defense against foreign threats and the other through a solid liberal arts education that prepares future leaders to protect American liberties domestically through peaceful political processes.

Both organizations establish a foundation for leadership in the public interest.

Both prepare young men of character for lives of consequence.

The mutual commitment of these two organizations to the fundamental concepts of traditional American liberty is what enables them to attract the nation's best and brightest. At least 132 members of the Hampden-Sydney family have served in or with the United States Marine Corps since the first World War. This number can likely be increased with additional research.

Statistics

A variety of source documents helped identify Marine Corps Alumni. At least two were faculty members, one was a former Trustee, three served alongside Marines as civilians and five were U.S. Navy medical personnel attached to Marine Corps units.

While most received an officer's commission, a number served in the enlisted ranks to include one Hospital Corpsman.

Among senior ranks, we were able to identify one Major General, six full Colonels and three Lieutenant Colonels. There are likely many more senior officers that can be added to the list but that information is not readily available.

They served in peace and in war, from the major conflicts to the smaller expeditionary efforts that seemed to dominate that 'era of violent peace' between Vietnam and the Gulf War era. At least 15 served in World War I; 43 served in World War II; eight in the Korean War era; 14 in the Vietnam era; 22 in the Cold War period; seven in the Gulf War-era and 18 during the Global War on Terror.

Swords into Ploughshares

Many returned from uniformed service to turn their swords into ploughshares taking up civilian occupations that allowed them to continue to serve their community in business, industry, politics and judiciary.

Among these was the late Prince Edward County General District Judge William P. (Billy) Hay. A member of the Hampden-Sydney Class of 1942, then Second Lieutenant Hay was assigned

to Marine Torpedo Bombing Squadron 143 in the South Pacific flying 'Avenger' fighter bombers. His aircraft was known as the 'Doris Mae' and had a three man crew. Together they earned three campaign battle stars for supporting Marines at Okinawa, supporting Australian forces during the liberation of Borneo and for preparing the Japanese Home Islands for invasion. He went to law school after the war returning to Farmville. He was an assistant football coach at Hampden-Sydney from 1948 to 1952. In 1956 he was appointed to his judgeship and held it for 42 years.

Dr. Charles Lorraine Cabell was another such man. He was a young Navy doctor attached to the First Marine Raider Battalion, better known as Edson's Raiders. As key medical personnel he supported this early special operations unit in a variety of actions and was later awarded the Bronze Star for Valor for his actions at Guam. As a civilian doctor he continued public service as the director for the California Division of the American Cancer Society.

It should be noted that this Hampden-Sydney man was there at the birth of Marine Special Operations. The Raiders were later disbanded but, following a major defense reorganization in 1986 were 'born again' as the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company for a Marine Special Operations Capability. It was a Hampden-Sydney man that was selected to reactivate that command; the now retired Major General Gordon Nash, Class of 1971.

Valor Awards

The awards for valor earned by these Hampden-Sydney men are too numerous to detail today however at least three were recognized with the Navy Cross for combat valor. The Navy Cross is second only to the Medal of Honor.

The first Hampden-Sydney Marine to be recognized with that award was First Lieutenant Benjamin Spottwood Preston, Jr, Class of 1936 who, in World War II, was a member of "I" Company, Third Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. This Hampden-Sydney man neutralized a series of Japanese strongpoints on the island of Namur, Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands before single-handedly engaging 17 enemy soldiers killing several of them before he lost his life on February 2nd, 1944.

The second was Navy Surgeon and LCDR Jack Clark McCurdy, Hampden-Sydney Class of 1935 who earned the Navy Cross while serving with the Marines during the liberation of Guam in the Marianas Islands on July 21, 1944. McCurdy was in the second assault wave on D-Day. He was seriously wounded in the arm, knocked unconscious and suffered bodily powder burns when his landing craft was destroyed killing everyone except him. He regained consciousness, made his way under fire to shore, and single handedly established an aid station to treat the many wounded on the beach. He refused to be evacuated until late afternoon when relief was obtained. His actions saved many Marine lives.

The third is the man we honor here today, Second Lieutenant Stephen Francis Snyder, Hampden-Sydney Class of 1965 of 'F' Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

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2LT Stephen Francis Snyder

During Operation PRAIRIE I in Quang Tri Province a platoon from Echo Company was ambushed on what became known as 'Razorback Ridge', a series of caves which provided cover for the North Vietnamese. Lieutenant Snyder led his 'F' Company platoon to relieve pressure on the ambushed troops and recover casualties. Lieutenant Snyder successfully recovered two wounded Marines and directed actions that stalled a Vietnamese attack overnight. When an early morning Vietnamese attack was launched, Lt. Snyder led an immediate counterattack to break the Vietnamese momentum. He was killed in this counterattack which was successful and saved the lives of many Marines.

Lieutenant Snyder's story is one of a continuum of stories of Hampden-Sydney Marines, past, present and future. May their service always be remembered.



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The Department Honor Guard

Representing Virginia VFW at local events

June 1: The Department Honor Guard presented the colors at the Richmond Diamond Squirrels baseball game.

August 27: Posting colors at a Lee Greenwood concert Saturday

afternoon and night. We presented colors during the singing of "God Bless the USA" at the close of his shows. This was at the Old Dominion Barn Dance in Sandston.

August 28: Led the Patriotic Day Parade at the Chesterfield County Fair. The parade at the fair is an annual event that the Honor Guard has been part of for the past three years.



Richmond Diamond Squirrels baseball game

From the right: Bob Thompson, Post 2239; Tom Ferguson, Post 2239; Mark Maggio, Post 4639; Jim Collins, Post 4639; Jon Merrill, Post 12145 and Richard Zick, Post 4639



Chesterfield County Fair August 28 2016.

Jim Collins Post 4639 and Jimmy Pitts Post 8529 are in the lead. Bringing up the rear are Jon Merrill Post 12145, Donnie Duncan Post 2239. Herb DeGroft Post 8545 and Jarl Christensen Post 4639.



The Honor Guard prepares at the Lee Greenwood concert on August 27.

(Front to Rear): Bob Thompson, Post 2239; Jon Merrill, Post 12145; Herb DeGroft, Post 8545; Donnie Duncan, Post 2239; Jarl Christensen, Post 4639 and Jimmy Pitts, Post 8529

Day of the Hill — Washington, DC



Doc Crouch with Cong. Gerry Connolly (D11, VA)



Cong. Morgan Griffith (R9, VA), Dan Boyer and Doc Crouch



Doc Crouch & Cong. Robert Hurt (R5, VA)



Tom Gimble with Cong. Rob Wittman (R1, VA)



Doc Crouch & Cong. Bobby Scott (D3, VA)



Dan Boyer, Cong. Barbara Comstock (R10, VA) and Doc Crouch



Doc Crouch & Cong. Dave Brat (R7, VA)



Doc Crouch & Cong. Don Beyer (D8, VA)



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Council
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Guard Enlisted
Association
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Association
Women Marines Association*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Summary of 2017 Initiatives

Initiative	Recommendation
JLC 2017-01 <i>Virginia Veteran and Family Support Services</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate additional funds and new FTE positions for VVFS as requested by the work group.
JLC 2017-02 <i>Virginia War Memorial</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate additional \$100,000 (GF) FY18 to ensure the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.
JLC 2017-03 <i>Guard Income Tax Subtraction</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.
JLC 2017-04 <i>In-state tuition for all members of the Reserve Components</i>	That the Governor and the General Assembly change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equally to the active components and veterans
JLC 2017-05 <i>VMSDEP</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent service-connected disability rating of at least 90%, plus satisfaction of the other requirements currently in the Code, would qualify a veteran's spouse or child for VMSDEP benefits.
JLC 2017-06 <i>Electronic Ballot Return</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members to enfranchise their voting privileges.

State Commander's and Auxiliary President's Homecoming

Tom Gimble and Shema Peppers honored at Dale City Post 1503 — October 22

Photos by Doc Crouch



Post 1503 Honor Guard



Betty & Tom Gimble



Tom Gimble receives the Department Commander Certificate of Election from Past CNC & John Smart



Shema Peppers & Tom Gimble exchange gifts and pleasantries



Shema Peppers and her sons



Department Line Officers



Auxiliary Line Officers



The Gimble family

Where do you stand?



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Reasons For Members Leaving Our Organization

- Disorganized Post Leadership
- Inadequate Orientation (Mentoring)
- Social Cliques, Lack of Friends
- Lack of Recognition
- Lack of Growth / Development
- Lack of Important Programs
- Not Listening to or supporting what (Younger) Members Want

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Members Will Remain In the Post if:

- It is well organized
- It is financially stable
- It has a direction and purpose
- It is dedicated to important projects
- It promotes a sense of trust among all members
- It keeps members involved
- It considers the input of all members in the Post decisions
- It provides recognition for members efforts

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DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND VFW AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 13 - January 15, 2017
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
Williamsburg, Virginia
757-220-2250

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

Noon	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Petersburg Hall Foyer
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	Dept. President's Room
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	McClellan's

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

8:00 AM	3:00 PM V	FW Headquarters Table Open	Petersburg Hall Foyer
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Petersburg Hall
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	VFW Auxiliary Floor Practice	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:15 PM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Service Officer Training	Jefferson Davis Amphitheater
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Petersburg Hall
12:00 PM	2:00PM	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Lees
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	National Military Services Workshop	Petersburg Hall
2:00 AM	3:00 AM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Petersburg Hall
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Lees
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Program Chairmen	Dept. President's Room
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	TBD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Longstreet
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Auxiliary Conference, if needed	Richmond Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	Petersburg Hall

VOD & BANQUET TICKETS: \$25.00

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE.

Department Hospitality Room - Kearney's

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Third District Hospitality Room – 467

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WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 13 – 15, 2017

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 757-220-2250 ~
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(Group Rate Deadline is December 21st)

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BANQUET SATURDAY EVENING 4-6 PM

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