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**Department Commander**



Where has the year gone? This will be my last Commander's article for the Virginia Veteran. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Department Commander. The support from the Comrades and President Shema Peppers and the Auxiliary has been truly outstanding.

National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Keith Harman visited Virginia in April for a membership roundup. We were able to visit 15 Posts throughout the state in the five short days that he was here. We visited Posts of all sizes from large to small from

the coast to the mountains. His visit is one of the highlights of our year.

We had very successful days on the Hill at both Richmond and Washington DC. Thanks to Dan Boyer and Doc Crouch for setting up the visits with our Federal Representatives and Senators and our State Senators and Delegates. We were able to communicate to our elected officials the concerns and priorities, both State and Federal. Our presentations were well received.

Jay Falk our Virginia Voice of Democracy winner and Sophia Crowder our Patriot's Pen winner both did very well in the respective National Contests. Auxiliary President Peppers and I had the privilege to escort Ms. Falk in the Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners at Crystal City, Virginia on February 27, 2017. What an honor!

Our Teachers of the Year are outstanding and the competition was intense. Our K-5 teacher was Ms. Theresa Early sponsored by Post 8469 Fairfax, VA. Our 6-8 teacher was Ms. Kathy Doren sponsored by Post 2894 Chesapeake, VA. Our 9-12 teacher was MSgt Lamont Eubanks sponsored by Post 7916 Occoquan, VA.

I am proud to report that in the first half Community Reporting all 135 Posts were 100% reported in all categories. I am also encouraged that 133 of the 135 Posts are 100% reported in all categories for the second half. I am sure that the remaining 2 Posts will complete and report their work before the April 30, 2017 deadline.

Membership is always a challenge. The Department is almost at 96% and needing about 1,300 members by the June 30, 2017 deadline. I am encouraged at the number of recruiting events that are scheduled for the remainder of the year. Membership is a team effort and the team is working hard to complete the mission of achieving 100% plus in membership.

Kudos to the 46 Posts and the four Districts that have already achieved 100% plus in membership. Congratulations to Post 8241 for winning the \$1,000 drawing for Posts that attained 100% membership by April 13, 2017.

We have accomplished much this year but we still have work to do. We also have community service to do and report as well as membership. It will take the efforts of every member of Team Virginia to finish our mission.

Yours in comradeship,

Tom Gimble  
 State Commander  
 Department of Virginia  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars



National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Keith Harman chats with Marion Post 4667 Commander Sam Rosenbaum at the Post's veterans monument.

Photo by Rick Raskin



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**Articles for the next issue must be received before  
 October 20, 2017.**

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



Rick Raskin

It has been my pleasure to be the editor of Virginia Veteran for the past several years. But like all good things my assignment is coming to an end. As I advance through the Chairs in the Department my responsibilities will increase and the time I could devote to publishing would be diminished.

So, Virginia Veteran is getting a new editor. Curt Vaughn is a member of Post 7589 in Manassas and is stepping up to the plate. Over the past several years Curt has helped me procure computers for our project to supply Posts in need. He is well qualified to assume the helm as he already publishes a newsletter for another organization of which he is a member.

Future article submissions should be emailed to:

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Occoquan Post 7916 is featured numerous times in this edition. Why? Because they send in numerous articles. If more Posts did the same, they would be featured prominently too. Just a thought.

Other features in this edition include an article from the Library of Congress (Copy Editor Janet Raskin is an employee) about how the Library is digitizing film footage from WWI and making it available to the public. There is even a link where you can watch the feature length "On the Firing Lines with the Germans".

Other articles from Posts 1811 (Manassas Park), 2894 (Chesapeake), 3150 (Arlington), 7589 (Manassas), 7800 (Stuart), 8613 (Shenandoah) and 9640 (Richlands) highlight some of the services they provide in their communities and the activities they participate in.

We have photo essays from our Days on the Hill, our Membership Roundups and National Senior Vice Commander Keith Harman's visit to Virginia.

Again, it has been my honor to serve as your editor and I am confident that Curt will continue with the degree of excellence this newspaper has attained.

Respectfully,

*Rick*



## National Senior Vice Commander in Chief Keith Harman visits Virginia

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith E. Harman represented the National Organization at our Department Membership Roundup, April 09-14, 2017, throughout the State of Virginia.

Keith E. Harman was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 27, 2016, at the 117th VFW National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Keith served in the U. S. Army from 1967 to 1969. He served in Vietnam as a crew chief and door gunner on UH-1 Huey helicopters. His decorations include the Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citations, and the Aircraft Crewmember Badge.

Keith joined the VFW in 1983 at Post 3035 in Delphos, Ohio, where he is a Gold Legacy life member. He has served in elected and appointed positions at Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as Commander of the VFW Department of Ohio in 2004, where he achieved All-American status. On the national level, he has served on several committees, including chairman of the National Veterans Service Committee.

Our Roundup began when we met Keith at the Richmond Airport on Sunday, April 9. We visited the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond followed by a stop at Richmond Post 6364. The team accompanying Keith included Past National Commander in Chief John Smart and the following State officers: Commander Tom Gimble, Senior Vice Commander Mike Boehme, Junior Vice Commander Ken Wiseman, Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano and Judge Advocate Rick Raskin. State Surgeon Eric Mallett joined us for a part of the tour.

On Monday we began with breakfast at Mechanicsville Post 9808 and over the next four days visited Posts in Williamsburg, Phoebus, Norfolk, Franklin, Buckingham, Appomattox, Danville, Martinsville, Hillsville, Marion, Bridgewater, Berryville and Dale City. We enjoyed excellent meals at many of the Posts and appreciate the generosity and hospitality provided our party.

Throughout the tour Keith spoke about how the VFW has provided millions of dollars in community and veteran support but has asked for nothing in return. He also provided a detailed explanation of Sequestration and why its elimination is the number one priority goal for the VFW. He congratulated Virginia for the work we are doing and urged us to continue on.

On Sequestration Keith implored us to answer VFW Calls to Action so that the Congress would be flooded with requests to repeal that law which has had devastating effects on our military. Responding to those calls is simple. A pre-written letter will be sent to individual Congressmen with the click of a button. All the sender need do is to fill out their contact information and the rest is automatic. He also asked that everyone be subscribed to

the VFW Action Corps Weekly so that they could keep current on VFW legislative activities.

It was an exceptional five day tour in which we were able to show our incoming Commander in Chief a broad cross section of Virginia and how even the smallest Posts are actively doing the work of the VFW.



At the Virginia War Memorial



Mechanicsville Post 9808



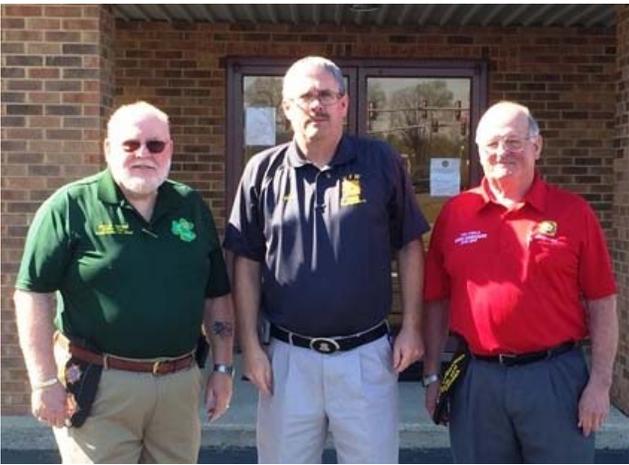
Williamsburg Post 4639



Visiting the Virginia War Memorial on Sunday afternoon



Our Membership Roundup kicked off at Richmond Post 1426



Mechanicsville Post 9808



Phoebus Post 3219



Norfolk Post 4809



Franklin Post 4811



A unique wall at Buckingham Post 8446



Appomattox Post 9855



Danville Post 647



Danville Post 647



Preparing some of the 2500 Easter eggs at Hillsville Post 1115.



Hillsville Post 1115



Marion Post 4667



Marion Mayor David Helms presents a plaque commemorating Keith's visit.



Bridgewater Post 1216



Berryville Post 9760



Our membership Roundup concluded at Post 1503 in Dale City.

## VFW Post 7916 Hosts Community Event

### Featured Congressman Rob Wittman and Recognizing Police Chief Sheldon Levi

By Chuck Wilson, Commander Post 7916

November 1, 2016, Occoquan, Virginia. Woodbridge Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7916 opened its doors to the Prince William community and hosted Congressman Rob Wittman (R-VA First District, Armed Services) . It also recognized Occoquan Police Chief Sheldon Levi for his decades of public service.. In attendance were Elizabeth Quist, Mayor of Occoquan; Pat Sivigny, Vice Mayor; and members of the Occoquan Town Council.

Congressman Wittman addressed the crowd speaking about the importance of U.S. veterans; active duty, retired and honorably discharged, to this country. Congressman Wittman informed the audience on current legislation affecting Veterans' Affairs and an exceptionally detailed outlook, by Service, on the National Defense Authorization Act, along with the issues that the House Armed Services Committee faces.

Post 7916 recognized Police Chief Sheldon Levi for his many years of outstanding service. Chief Levi first joined the Town of Occoquan as an Auxiliary officer in 2007, and was appointed Chief in 2010. In June 2013, Levi, in addition to his police responsibilities, was appointed as Acting Town Manager. Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Levi in grateful recognition of his unyielding adherence to the highest ideals of law enforcement by maintaining, preserving and protecting the rights of all citizens.

Chief Levi retired on December 1, 2016. The public was invited to wish Chief Levi good luck on his retirement during a special retirement reception on Tuesday, November 29 at Occoquan Town Hall.



Congressman Rob Wittman, Police Chief Sheldon Levi, Post Commander Chuck Wilson



Congressman Rob Wittman discussed current legislation affecting Veterans affairs and answered questions from the audience.

## Potomac Region Veterans Council gets new chairman

From *Potomac Local*

Charles P. “Chuck” Wilson, Colonel, USAF, Ret., was elected as Chairman of the Potomac Region Veterans Council. Wilson, also the Commander and Executive Director of VFW Post 7916 in Occoquan, is a Aerospace Business Consultant with the Goyak Group, and a business executive who has been with L-3 Communications, and the Raytheon Company. Wilson completed a distinguished Air Force career that includes three Command tours (chief executive) at multiple Command levels, served in key positions within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, The Joint Staff, and the US Department of State. Additionally, he was a U-2 pilot, U-2 instructor pilot, Director of U-2 operations, and Commander that piloted highly sensitive missions worldwide.

The Potomac Region Veterans Council (PRVC) was formed in June 1972 to coordinate and promote the common good of veterans of the Northern Virginia area and to honor our fallen comrades on Veterans’ Day and Memorial Day. The Council today represents over 15,000 veterans in 29 different veterans’ organizations.

The Council proudly sponsors the “Avenue of Honor” at Quantico National Cemetery. The Avenue of Honor is erected every Memorial Day and Veterans Day and is made up entirely of flags donated by families of deceased veterans. The flag poles used are not provided by the Veterans Administration. The flags are displayed on flagpoles donated entirely by families, organizations, towns and private individuals. The original design for the “Avenue of Honor” included only 80 flag poles. Today over 200 flags are flown. The project continues to expand from the main gate to every corner of the cemetery.

The Council was in the planning stages for the November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery where General Robert Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, provided the keynote address.



Delegate Rich Anderson congratulates Chuck Wilson on his election as Chair of the Potomac Region Veterans

## Occoquan VFW Post 7916 awards Home Depot for their assistance



Occoquan’s VFW Post 7916 honored Home Depot for the work they funded and donated to the Post. According to a release, the Home Depot Team of Northern Virginia was awarded a certificate “For Meritorious and Distinguished Service in Furthering the Aims and Ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.”

The award was given to thank Home Depot and the Home Depot Foundation for a \$2,500 grant they gave to the VFW, as well as the labor they provided to make much needed repairs on the building.

“Located in the historic town of Occoquan, the non-profit VFW Post 7916 resides in an aging 100 year- old building in need of some repairs,” stated Commander Chuck Wilson.

“I want to express my sincere appreciation for the generosity from the Home Depot Foundation and for your outstanding support to the ‘Warriors Still Serving’ here at VFW Post 7916.”



Submitted Photo

While visiting the 9th District we came upon this display of campaign pins at Bluefield Post 9696. If anyone can tell us the supplier we'd like to circulate it. It seems to us a good idea as a recruiting incentive or simply a thank you for our comrades. Please notify us if you know how to contact the supplier.



### VFW presence at University of Scouting Effort also yields 4 new members!



Submitted Photo

At the February 18, 2017 University of Scouting, Terry Meehan (L) and Tom Troy, both from Burke Post 5412, gave away hundreds of handouts on Scout of the Year, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Wood Badge scholarships. We set up by 0730 and stayed until 1400 when we were finally running out of paper. In our spare time, we also recruited 4 new VFW members for Alexandria, Springfield, Leesburg, and Fredericksburg. A fun day.



Submitted Photo

Patrick County Post 7800 distributed Buddy Poppies over the Veteran's Day weekend 2016 at the Walmart in Stuart, VA. Over 1900 Poppies were given out and the Post received over \$1500 in donations.



Submitted Photo

## Commandant of the Marine Corps Speaks at Veterans Day Ceremony

### *Occoquan VFW Post 7916 in Lead Role*

Nov. 11, 2016, Quantico, VA. Since 1983, A Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Quantico National Cemetery. Over 1,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Marines, along with many families and distinguished guests came



Submitted Photo  
Commandant of the Marine Corps General Robert Neller



Submitted Photo  
Ninety-six year old D.C. native and World War II veteran Albert Delucien with the Commandant of the Marine Corps General Neller.

to commemorate National Veterans Day, at the Ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery this year. The Parade of Colors featured the US Marine Corps Color Guard, and Color Guards from 20 Veterans service Organizations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

General Robert Neller, 37<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the US Marine Corps Was a riveting keynote speaker. "Veterans Day first began as Armistice Day with the commemoration of the armistice which ended World War I, on "the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup>

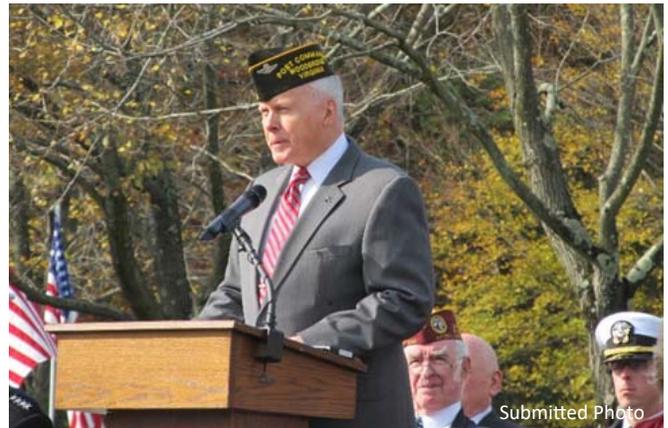
month," 1918." This ceremony is held to honor all of America's veterans past and present.

The Chairman, Potomac Region Veterans Council (PRVC), and Commander of VFW Post 7916, Chuck Wilson, Colonel, USAF (Ret), was the Master of Ceremonies.

Ninety-six year old D.C. native and World War II veteran Albert Delucien posed for pictures with the Commandant of the Marine Corps General Neller. Delucien enlisted with the Marines at the Naval Yard immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Quantico Marine Corps Band played service melodies and music resounding with Americanism. Chuck Wilson, Chairman of the Potomac Region Veterans Council gave the Call to Order.

Sponsored by the Potomac Region Veterans Council (PRVC) partnering with Marine Base Quantico and Quantico National Cemetery, A Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th. The Potomac Region Veterans Council that represents 26 Veterans Service Organizations, and 15,000 veterans across Northern Virginia.



Submitted Photo  
Post Commander Chuck Wilson was master of ceremonies.



Submitted Photo  
Post Quartermaster Jim Adams & Senior Vice Commander Turk Maggi

## Shenandoah Post 8613 and its Auxiliary donate towards community efforts

Shenandoah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8613 and its Auxiliary presented checks totaling \$750 to the Shenandoah Police Department in support of their effort to obtain a new K-9 Officer.

Shenandoah VFW Post 8613 and Auxiliary would like to challenge all non-profit organizations and small businesses within Shenandoah to open their hearts and wallets and show their support of the Shenandoah Police Department and their mission to succeed in obtaining this new K-9 Officer.



Pictured: (L) to (R) Shenandoah Police Chief Paul Davis, Shenandoah VFW Auxiliary President Brenda Lam, Shenandoah Police 1st Sgt. William Wheeler and Shenandoah VFW Post 8613 Commander Tommy Jenkins.



Auxiliary President Brenda Lam (L) and Post Commander Tommy Jenkins (R) present our annual donation to Phyllis Robertson (C) of Shenandoah Page One

then got to choose a gift from under the tree.

The year long effort Page One has provided assistance to 679 different households, aided 2347 people spending \$29,633.52. This includes assistance for power bills, rent, medical, including prescriptions and especially food from the ongoing food bank.

One of the Post's favorite days of the year is our annual donation to Page One.

This year the Post and Auxiliary donated \$1346 for a children's Christmas party, gifts and assistance to needy families during the holiday season.

Page One of Shenandoah, VA, is a volunteer organization that assists citizens in need with clothing, food, some utility payments, etc. Each year they hold a Christmas Party (with Santa in attendance) on the second Saturday in December. At this annual Christmas party they distributed turkeys, groceries, and toys to families and children in need.

This year 65 children from 50 families attended. Refreshments were served and Santa visited with the children who

## VVMF needs Photos of those who died in Vietnam

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the organization raising funds for construction of a museum on the Mall in Washington DC. Since there is no room for additional memorials above ground, the VVMF will be built underground. It will feature an interactive visual display of the faces of those listed on the Wall. It will also display many of the items left at the Wall by visitors which are presently stored at the Smithsonian and are unseen by the public. The intent of the VVMF is to collect photographs of all those listed on the Wall, and display their faces on their birthdays.

Obviously, gathering over 58,000 photos dating back nearly fifty years is an arduous task, and there are only a few individuals working on the project in their spare time.

Perhaps you can help.

Many of us know of someone killed in Vietnam and could obtain a photo of that person. Prior to submitting a photo please visit [www.vvmf.org/thewall](http://www.vvmf.org/thewall) and search for the person you knew. If a picture exists then no further action is needed. If however there is no picture please send me a copy of what you have. Please also include the home of record along with the full name of the individual.

We are only about 8,000 photos short of achieving our 100% goal. The last ones are going to be the most difficult to identify. While the Wall is a fitting memorial to those who gave their all during the Vietnam War, the Wall of Faces will be a much more personal connection with those whose names are on the granite wall.

Submit photos to Joel Chase, 6925 Mill Valley Dr, Warrenton, VA 20187-9212 or by email [joelchase07@comcast.net](mailto:joelchase07@comcast.net).

Submitted photos will be forwarded to the project coordinator for inclusion in the Wall of Faces exhibit

Sorry, photos cannot be returned.

Joel Chase  
Chaplain, VFW Post 7589 - Manassas



## Manassas VFW member participates in honoring Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier

Honoring veterans can come in many different ways. Our Nation's first veterans fought for our independence from the shackles of Britain in the American Revolution. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) are direct descendants of patriots who fought or supported the Revolution. These patriotic organizations help keep the public aware of the cherished valor of our patriot ancestors.



Submitted Photo

Shown here are Compatriot William Schwetke (Vietnam Veteran, Commander of the Virginia State SAR Color Guard and former President of the Culpeper Minutemen) with Compatriot Paul Chase (Vietnam Veteran, thirty year life member of the VFW, Post 7589 Adjutant and Historian and member of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter of the SAR) with two members of the DAR.

On February 20, 2017 they participated in a formal wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier in the cemetery of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, VA. Following the ceremony members of the SAR and DAR participated in the annual Alexandria Virginia George Washington Birthday Parade witnessed by tens of thousands of cheering citizens.



## Thanksgiving Dinner for "Warriors Still Serving"



Submitted Photo

November 24, 2016, Post 7916 Occoquan Virginia. We all know how we felt all those years we were deployed and away from home for Thanksgiving. Because we remember when our loved ones were on the other side of the world and we were praying for their safe return, Post 7916 Members and Auxiliary served a full turkey dinner to Warriors and Warriors Still Serving. Redskins @ Dallas was at 4:30 PM. Dinner was at 5 -8 PM

## VFW Post 7916 Auxiliary Donates to Occoquan Charity

On November 1, 2016, Occoquan, Virginia. The VFW Auxiliary from Post 7916 donated 30 coats, as well as a closet full of underwear, socks, leggings and sweatpants to The Good News Community Kitchen. Leading the effort is Post Auxiliary President Mary Adams and Mrs. Walter Schatz. These items are to be delivered to a local school to be distributed to the children in need.



Submitted Photo

Ms. Walter Schatz, Mercedes Kirkland -Doyle and Mary Adams

Started by US Army veteran and Veterans Affairs employee Mercedes Kirkland-Doyle, The Good News Community Kitchen is a not-for-profit charity that has a mobile meals program to feed people in the community, an emergency food pantry, a program that provides hygiene products to the unsheltered in Prince William, they work to provide professional attire to individuals transitioning back into the workforce, a resume writing workshop for veterans, makeovers for women transitioning back into the workforce, and coat and blanket distribution in the winter.

# 2017 VFW Virginia Day on the Hill— Richmond, VA

Photos by C. D. (Doc) Crouch

The Virginia Legislative team met with Legislators and were recognized in the House session on January 19, 2017. Members of the team included: Tom Gimble, Shema Peppers, Dan Boyer, Mike Boehme, Rick Raskin, Geoff Lyster, Chris Birch, Butch Shupska, Monroe Tuggle, Cathy Graham, Doc Crouch, Tim Brown, Thomas Williams and Larry Clance.



The Virginia team assembles for addresses by State legislators



Delegate Jeremy S. McPike (D-29)



Delegate Bryce E. Reeves (R-17)



Delegate M. Kirkland Cox (R-66)



Delegate Frank W. Wagner (R-7)



Delegate L. Mark Dudenhefer (R-2)



Delegate Rich Anderson (R-51) with the Virginia Delegation



The House comes to order for introductions including the VFW delegation.



The Virginia delegation in the House gallery



Tom & Betty enjoy a late lunch at Mechanicsville Post 9808

# VFW National Day on the Hill— February 28, 2017

The Virginia Legislative team visited the offices of many senators and representatives. Members of the team included: Dan Boyer, Doc Crouch, State Commander Tom Gimble (VFW-1503). State Sr. Vice Commander Mike Boehme (VFW-9808), State Inspector Phillip Arendsen (VFW-637), Student Legislative Fellow Juwell McClendon (VFW-5311), Said Omar Lazo (VFW-637) . VFW Handouts: Less is More, Our Choice 2017 and Priority Goals Brochures 2017 were left at each office, the details of which were discussed in each meeting.

The team was well received with many of the Congressmen requesting additional information and follow-up visits.



L-R: Student Legislative Fellow Juwell McClendon (VFW-5311), National Legislative Committee Member Dan Boyer (VFW-7726), Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-9th VA) and Department SVC Mike Boehme (VFW-9808)



Doc Crouch, Congressman Bobby Scott (D-3rd VA) and Virginia Dept. Commander Tom Gimble.



Doc Crouch and Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11th VA)



Tom Gimble, Congressman Rob Wittman (R-1st VA) and Doc Crouch



Congressman Rob Wittman meets with Tom Gimble



Robert Knudson

Department of Virginia Commander Tom Gimble, VFW National Commander Brian Duffy, Virginia VOD Winner and 13th Place National Jay Falk (Sponsored by Alexandria Post 609), VFW Auxiliary President Colette Bishop and Virginia Auxiliary President Shema Peppers.



Tom Gimble and Mike Boehme



Dan Boyer, Mike Boehme and Tom Gimble at the Congressional hearing where CNC Brian Duffy addressed Congress.



Tom Gimble, Dan Boyer and Kim DeShano



VFW.org

CNC Brian Duffy addresses Congress on March 1, 2017.



## State VFW leaders visit Richlands

JIM TALBERT Mar 22, 2017

Fix it and keep it is the overwhelming response to the question of what to do with the Veteran's Administration medical program.

State Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Tom Gimble and members of his staff visited Post 9640 in Richlands March 21. While recruiting members was the major part of the visit they also talked about medical care and other topics.

Ken Wiseman, [Junior Vice] Commander said 10,800 members had responded to surveys about the VA and 75 percent said things were either getting better or were already good. He said more than 50 percent said they had other options and still used the VA for their health care needs.

The veterans at the Claypool Hill meeting used either the centers in Beckley, Salem or Johnson City or the clinic at Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital. They said wait time is the biggest complaint at any of the facilities.

They said the doctor at Tazewell has such a large volume of patients that it is hard to get in for help with a minor problem. They said the care is good but moving records is a problem.

Wiseman and Gimble said the VA is making a big push to get mental health assistance to veterans that need it. The VFW mental wellness campaign is aimed at getting veterans and their families to recognize the five signs of emotional suffering and providing the resources to help.

They also talked to the veterans about helping them file and process or appeal a claim for benefits. The state VFW recently added a fulltime position to assist with claims and are training Post Service Officers to get the process started.

Wiseman likened the Service Officer to the scout in the military. "You have to tell them where to go to get help and what they need to take with them to file a claim," he said.

Gimble said the VA is one of three federal agencies that had their budget increased under the new administration. He said the six percent hike should provide funds to modernize the appeals process.

The VFW advocates for veterans programs and monitors bills in the legislature and the VA budget. Gimble said they will sponsor a two day workshop on benefits and filing claims in Marion later this year.

He said Post 9640 did an outstanding job and the state was pleased with their efforts. He encouraged them to make the community aware of their work and to always be looking for potential new members and be prepared to educate them on the benefits the VFW offers.

The group also visited Posts in Marion and Tazewell while in the district. Gimble said he will visit the majority of VFW districts in the state this year.



# 4th District Roundup—January 10—12

Photos by Rick Raskin



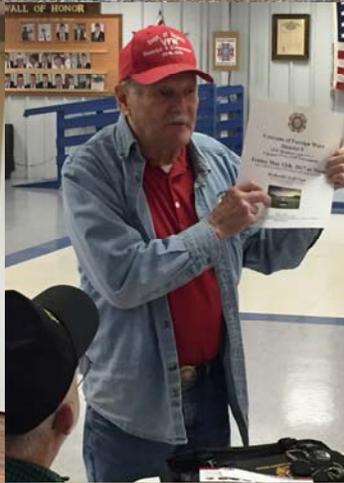
# 5th District Roundup—February 15—17

Photos by Rick Raskin



# 9th District Roundup—March 20—23

Photos by Rick Raskin





Correspondent Wilbur Durborough talks with German Gen. Limbrecht von Schlieffen in a frame from "On the Firing Line with the Germans."

From "On the Firing Line with the Germans"

## The Great War, Captured on Film

### Library of Congress Digitizing Footage from World War I

By Mark Hartsell

Editor, The Library of Congress Gazette

World War I was unlike any war the world had ever seen: a global conflict with tens of millions of casualties, waged across continents and fought with revolutionary weapons – tanks, airplanes, Zeppelins, poison gas.

As armies fought abroad, Americans at home were able to watch, thanks to the pioneering filmmakers who, in cinema's early years, went "over there" to document the war for audiences back here.

Some of their work will appear in "Echoes of the Great War: American Experiences of World War I," a major exhibition that opens at the Library of Congress in April to mark the war's centennial.

As part of that effort, the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division (MBRS) is digitizing nearly 19,000 feet of 35mm nitrate film and 7,200 feet of safety film from its collections related to the Great War.

"We are awash in images of World War II – there is a lot of film documentation of World War II. There's just not as much for World War I," said Mike Mashon, head of the Moving Image Section. "Part of it is the age of the film and what's been lost over the years. It's particularly incumbent upon us to preserve as much of this material as we possibly can."

The bulk of World War I film is held by major archives in the European countries that did most of the fighting, such as the Imperial War Museums in Great Britain, the Bundesarchiv in Germany and Cinémathèque Française in France.

The Library's holdings are the U.S.'s largest – hundreds of reels of U.S. Army Signal Corps films; Committee on Public Information propaganda films; newsreel excerpts; actuality films; official films made by England, France and Germany; war-related

films from the Theodore Roosevelt Collection of the former president and his son Quentin.

### Filmmaking Goes to War

Those films weren't the first moving images of war; filmmakers, to a limited degree, had documented the Spanish-American and Second Boer wars over the previous two decades.

Nevertheless, at the outbreak of World War I in 1914, the craft of filmmaking and its equipment still were young – especially for the harsh test of battlefield conditions.

A hand-cranked metal camera, together with its oak tripod, might weigh over 100 pounds; heavy film canisters added to the burden. Getting footage on the battlefield with such a cumbersome rig was difficult and perilous.

"You had to raise your camera above the trench, and immediately snipers would find you and start shelling you or shooting at you," said Cooper Graham, co-author of "American Cinematographers in the Great War, 1914-1918" and a contractor on the digitization project. "They were basically a large target."

The Library's footage documents war as men and women experienced it, in the trenches and at home, on both sides of the lines: American soldiers celebrate July 4 in France, women work farms for their absent men, the Kaiser greets his troops, American soldiers fight at the Meuse-Argonne in 1918 – the bloodiest battle of



Correspondent Wilbur Durborough (in car) talks with German soldiers in 1915.

the war for the U.S.

"It was surprising to me how good it was; I thought it would be very amateurish," Graham said of the Argonne footage. "They had incredible shots of shellfire and very poignant shots of dead and wounded. I'd always heard that the World War I films avoided showing fatalities and blood and gore. Not at all."

Last year, MBRS completed the restoration of "On the Firing Line with the Germans," one of the few American feature-length documentary films produced during the war.

The film was shot in 1915 by Wilbur Durborough and cameraman Irving Ries, who boarded a Stutz Bearcat sports car and crossed Germany to document the country at war – folks handing out flowers and cigarettes at a military hospital, correspondents drinking at the Adlon hotel in Berlin, German troops visiting a delousing station, soldiers writing letters home in the trenches

hours before an attack.

The restoration was carried out by George Willeman and Lynanne Schweighofer of MBRS, who chose the best surviving scenes from reels of nitrate film, paper print fragments and footage from the National Archives, then assembled them, in digital files, as a nearly two-hour film.

### History, in Bits and Pieces

That feature-length film is a rare survivor.

In the 1920s, Graham said, the film industry realized there was a market for war-film compilations – a practice that had both good and bad effects.

“You want to cry because it means that the original film has been gone or chopped to shreds and reused somewhere else,” he said. “On the other hand, it means that some of the film did survive.”

World War I films add a few more difficulties to the usual challenges faced by preservationists working with historical material.

Higher-quality materials, Willeman said, were diverted to war efforts, such as manufacturing ammunition. So, film companies made do with second-best for film stock – a problem compounded by the increased volume of films and faster production time during the war.

“Films had to be processed and printed faster, which of course is going to lead to sloppy work and not being able to clean them properly,” he said. “That would leave a lot of chemical residue on them that would cause them to deteriorate faster.”

It’s difficult to determine how much Great War film was made or how much survives – even if only in pieces, jigsaw puzzles of history waiting to be put back together again.

“It’s arguably one of the most important groups of films that we have here – it’s the first full record of a world-scale war,” Willeman said. “To be able to see these people who are all gone now and see what they look like and how they marched and the rare shots you see of actual battle carnage – they should be out there.”

“*On the Firing Line with the Germans*” is available for viewing on the Library’s website at <http://go.usa.gov/x8a5q>.

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From “On the Firing Line with the Germans”

German soldiers attack at Biondi in Russian Poland, captured in “On the Firing Line with the Germans.” Kneeling near the top of the frame, Wilbur Durborough loads film.

February 26, 1916 THE MOVING PICTURE WORLD 1359

*We sent Durborough to Europe with a car and cameraman - 7 months with the German Armies*

**“On the Firing Line With the Germans”**  
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**The CHICAGO TRIBUNE Says** } “There are War pictures and War pictures, but the Blue Ribbon goes to those taken by DURBOROUGH.”

War Film Syndicate, 308 Mallers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

In answering advertisements, please mention The Moving Picture World

*On the Firing Line With the Germans* advertisement, Moving Picture World, 26 February 1916

# Cub Scout Pack 611 Meets Veterans of VFW Post 7916

Submitted Photos

Occoquan, VA, Saturday, 25 February. Cub Scouts from Pack 611 Arrow of Light Den in Lake Ridge who are working on their "Build My Own Hero" project visited Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7916. Cub Scout Den Leaders thought one place to find real "heroes" is from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. One of the requirements of their project is that they: "Discover what it means to be a hero and invite a local hero to meet with your Den."

VFW Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson welcomed the Scouts and provided both a verbal and video presentation of flying the U-2 "Spy Plane." Post Quartermaster and Life Member James Adams spoke on how to load and fire the Abrams tank 105 mm gun with Scouts participating, Life Member Jim Radigen spoke on flying the Navy C-130 over the Antarctic, Life Member Karen Jefferies spoke on "driving" a Navy ship off of the treacherous waters near the Golden Gate Bridge, and Life Member Kerry Kachejian spoke about rebuilding Iraq during a raging insurgency. Kachejian is the author of "SUVs SUCK in Combat: The Rebuilding of Iraq during a Raging Insurgency," and each Scout was provided a signed copy of his book. Additionally, Life Member Mike Niblack came in his Navy Dress Master Chief uniform and conversed with the scouts about Navy nuclear submarines. They also learned about the path to Eagle Scout.

Following the "show and tell" presentations several of the Scouts were given the opportunity to put on Wilson's personal USAF Jet Pilot helmets, and pictures were taken.



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Post Commander Chuck Wilson with several Scouts wearing the helmets that he once wore as a jet pilot.

## VFW Post 7916 Honors Vietnam Veterans from Woodbridge-Occoquan Community



**Back Row:** L to R: Major Gordon Tassi, U.S. Army Military Police; LTC Mark H. Magnussen U.S. Army; Harold "Ralph" Holecek, Boiler Technician Second Class U.S. Navy; Wayne Dearie, Master Chief Boiler Technician U.S. Navy; Major David G. Cotts, U.S. Army; Marvin Coon, U.S. Army Aviator.

**Front Row:** L to R: Captain Walter Schatz, U.S. Army; Ronald Janicki U.S. Army; PFC John C. Prosch, Jr., U.S. Army; Captain Howard Steers, U.S. Army; LtCol Ken Strafer U.S. Army, and Colonel Eugene Deatrick, Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Air Commando Squadron, USAF. Standing along side is Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson.

April 4, 2017, Occoquan, VA. Veterans of Foreign War Post 7916 hosted the Vietnam Veteran Recognition Ceremony that honored Veterans who fought in the Vietnam War from the Woodbridge & Occoquan Community.

Veterans of Foreign War Post 7916 is a Partner with the U.S. National Vietnam War Commemoration. In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598; the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and recognize our Veterans who served in Vietnam.

Tuesday night, we did however celebrate these humble, patriotic and selfless men, and remembered our over 58,000 brothers and sisters who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation in Vietnam, changing our country for the better.

The U.S. Commemorative Partners, such as VFW Post 7916, have inspired multitudes of Americans in towns and cities across the country to thank and honor 1.4 million Vietnam veterans and 1.7 million of their families!

## VFW Post 7916 Hosts Veterans Roundtable for Community Veterans



Delegate Scott Lingamfelter, Candidate Ed Gillespie, Col Chuck Wilson, Delegate Rich Anderson

"Roundtable" discussion of issues important to the Veterans of Virginia. There are over 800,000 veterans and 120,000 active duty in Virginia. Virginia is #4 in the United States in terms of veteran population.

Gubernatorial candidate Ed Gillespie, along with Prince William County VFW Life Member Virginia 31st District Delegate Scott Lingamfelter, and Prince William County VFW Life Member Virginia 51st District Delegate Rich Anderson, came and engaged with the veterans, all from Northern Virginia, on many issues they face.

There were a wide range of issues that concerned the veterans. Illegal immigration, numerous reports of thousands of illegal votes in Virginia, the Virginia taxation that causes transitioning veterans to move to a more tax friendly state, the hardships of disabled veterans in Virginia, are all having an impact on Virginia's veteran population.

Gillespie informed the audience of the many benefits the Virginia veterans do have including the building of a new Veterans Care Center not far from Manassas. Both Delegates Anderson and Lingamfelter supported the dialog with many examples of legislation that they have put forth for Virginia veterans.

Occoquan, VA, Saturday March 4, 2017. VFW Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson, Colonel USAF Ret, welcomed over 50 veterans, active duty, retired, and honorably discharged, for a

## Post 7916 Auxiliary Donates Food to Local Community

February, 2017, Occoquan, VA. Led by Post 7916 Auxiliary President Mary Adams and partnering with the Good News Community Kitchen, the Post 7916 Auxiliary bought and donated \$500 worth of food goods to complete 100 meals-to-go bags for Occoquan Elementary School. Each kit included oatmeal, peanut butter, cans of soup (vegetable & chicken noodle), along with several cans of ravioli. The members of the Post Auxiliary also helped to bag the groceries and to deliver them.

Additionally, the Post Auxiliary donated \$100 to help buy emergency family meal kits that included bags of rice, cans of beans, containers of steel oats, juice, and peanut butter.



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## VFW Post 7916 Auxiliary Provides Clothes to Homeless Shelters

March, 2017, Woodbridge, VA. VFW Post 7916 Auxiliary is a champion of efforts for charity. Auxiliary President Mary Adams' herculean writing of the justification to acquire the VFW Community Service Grant succeeded. Upon receiving this grant, the Post Auxiliary donated \$400.00 in clothing and personal care items that were given to the homeless shelters in the Occoquan/Woodbridge area. The Post Auxiliary is made up of 150 auxiliary members and supports VFW Post 7916 in the conduct of part of its mission with Community Service.



(L-R) Jim Relyea from Old Bridge United Methodist Church, Auxiliary Guard Sharon Swartz, and VFW Auxiliary 7916 President Mary H Adams.

## Post 1811 participated in the Manassas Park Light Parade

By ALEX BLIEM—Post 1811

Submitted Photos

On 12-17-2016 Post 1811 walked with the Venturers, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts that we charter.

The VFW also participated by carrying the American flag while each Scouting unit carried their own flag for the length of the parade.

The parade was 5.5 miles long. It started at Generals Ridge golf course and eventually ended at the Community Center. We had 2 VFW members from Post 1811, 20 scouts, and roughly a dozen adults participating.

The Scouts pulled 3 Scout-built Klondike derby sleds that they retrofitted with wheels just for the parade. Some of the younger Scouts rode in the sleds during the parade, while being pulled by older Scouts.



Alex Bliem (Post 1811) carried the American flag and Kris Gardner Sr. (Scoutmaster Troop 1372) carried the World Scouting flag.



Scouts gather at the end of the parade with Old Glory, their Pack, Troop and Crew flags.

### “POT O’ GOLD” Member Drawing

Three (3) winners will be drawn and accompany the Commander-in-Chief on an all-expense paid trip to Ireland (Fall 2017) along with their spouse or guest.

For any new/reinstated member recruited between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017:

- You will receive one (1) chance for every five (5) new/reinstated members recruited
- You will receive ten (10) chances for every increment of 25 new/reinstated members recruited

➤ **Attention Post and District Commander:**

- ✓ You will receive ten (10) chances in recognition of 85%+ post and district retention

Drawing will take place **July 1, 2017**

- **All awards are non-transferable**



## SSG Dozier VFW Post 2894 Newsletter

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Several of our members recently participated in charity events with historic “themes”.



Submitted Photo



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Grace and Matt Schweers (above left) attended the “1940’s Valentine’s Hangar Dance” at the Virginia Military Aviation Museum dressed in “high style”! Meanwhile, Karen and Matt Hamel (above right) participated in the Central Business District Association 8th Annual Casino Night, “A Night at the Gatsby’s” in Virginia Beach with all proceeds benefitting the Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads.

Chris and Barbara Mulholland (left) attended a Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance fundraiser hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 8240 in Chesapeake.



(photo courtesy of Francher Photography)

## Call for Color Guard sharing

Since several Posts have color guards and could benefit from equipment trades or knowledge of where Army-Navy stores and other vendors exist. I was asked to see who would like to be available to answer questions from other color guards in the state of Virginia.

I will ask, if you are willing to help each other, to send me the name and contact phone and/or email address.

I will compile a list and send it out to those Posts who are participating.

Thanks in advance.

Ken Wiseman  
Junior-Vice Commander  
State of Virginia



R. Raskin

## Post 3150 hosts Project Gemini

By J. GARY WAGNER—Post 3150

Submitted Photos

On 3 April, 2017, VFW Post 3150 in Arlington hosted eight veterans of Project Gemini, a joint initiative of the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) of the U.S and Blind Veterans UK for an evening of dinner and camaraderie.

Project Gemini is in its seventh year and is named for the transatlantic cable that connects the two countries and continents. The group's visit to Washington, DC was in recognition of the centennial anniversary of World War I and the beginnings of blind rehabilitation programs in both countries which followed. The weeklong trip to DC included visits to Washington's military memorials, various agencies, vision rehabilitation experts, and eye trauma specialists, among others.

Post Commander Dave Hanisch, Jr. Vice Commander Brenna McVaney, Quartermaster James Bertine, Adjutant J. Gary Wagner, Post Advocate Desi Gruel, and Post members Michael Beaty, Jonathan English, E. Ganser, and Walter Sweeney, welcomed the group and joined in discussions of military service, their experiences within the greater veteran service organization community, and the vets' adaptation to blindness

The Project Gemini veterans included BVA National President Dale Stamper, BVA Government Relations Committee Chairman Tom Zampieri, Monaca Gilmore, and Bryan Corcoran. Participating from the United Kingdom was Blind Veterans UK President Colin Williamson, Steven Birkin, Sue Eyles, and Alan Walker. Also in attendance was the Blind Veterans UK Director of Research and Innovations, Dr. Renata Gomes, Volunteer and Retired Army Ranger Joe Amerling, and Montgomery County Crisis Intervention Team Officers Scott A. Davis and Michael Chindblom.

Collectively, the Project Gemini and Post 3150 members represented service in the Vietnam War era, the Falklands War, Gulf War Era, Afghanistan and Iraq.



95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
FORT MAGRUDER HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA  
JUNE 15 – 18, 2017

Eugene Chavis  
Convention Chairman

Kathy Goodall  
Convention Vice Chairman

Tentative Subject to Change

Thursday,  
June 15, 2017

11:00 AM	NOON	COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATOR MEETING	MT VERNON
NOON	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	WAKEFIELD
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES	POTOMAC
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	JOINT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	POTOMAC

Friday,  
June 16, 2017

8:00 AM	5:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	WAKEFIELD
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	JOINT OPENING SESSION	POTOMAC
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	COMMANDERS CLUB LUNCHEON	RESTAURANT
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (NOMINATION OF STATE OFFICERS)	MT VERNON
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	VFW RIDERS DANCE (OPEN TO ALL)	POTOMAC

Saturday,  
June 17, 2017

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PAST STATE COMMANDERS/PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST	KENMORE
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	REGISTRATION, VFW	WAKEFIELD
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION	MT VERNON
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION (ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS)	MT VERNON
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW RIDERS MEETING	MT VERNON
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	MENS AUX MEETING	KENMORE
6:00 PM	10:00 PM	RECEPTION/ DANCE – DJ	POTOMAC

Sunday,  
June 18, 2017

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	JOINT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	MT VERNON
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	NEW DISTRICT COMMANDERS SCHOOL	MT VERNON
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONVENTION	MT VERNON

Registration \$5.00 (All VFW members are required to register)  
FRIDAY VFW RIDERS DANCE: (Open to all members) \$10.00 per person

**SATURDAY RECEPTION/DANCE WILL BE FREE TO ALL ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION**

Bottles will be permitted in the ballroom during Fridays dance. The hotel will furnish ice and mix.

**HOSPITALITY ROOMS**  
State – 218 \*\*Second District – 2 Room Suite\*\*  
Third District – 2 Room Suite



Harold "Butch" Schupska  
Candidate for State Surgeon  
Department of Virginia

Comrades, I would like to introduce myself. I am Harold "Butch" Schupska and I am a candidate for State Surgeon for 2017-2018, Department of Virginia.

I have been a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 25 years. I am currently a member of Ocean View Post 3160 Norfolk, where I was All American Commander four times. I was 2015-2016 District 2 Commander, achieving All American recognition. I have also served as District 2 inspector as well as other leadership roles with the VFW. In addition, I am a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie having been a past Grand Commander.

Currently I am serving as the Grand Surgeon. I retired from the Navy with 20 years of service. My wife Peggy and I have been married for 33 wonderful years.

Since VFW was formed the mission has been to be an advocate for all Veterans. Our organization's focus has always been to insure that the rights and benefits for all Veterans are preserved. We do this by making sure our voices are heard in Washington through our National Legislative Service, who monitors all legislation affecting Veterans. We must demand that the health care issues facing our veterans today be resolved. I will encourage all members to support and be involved in making our voices heard in Washington.

There are too many veterans that "fall through the cracks" and this is not acceptable. The Post Service Officers must have all information and training available to them in order to assist the members of their Post through the benefit process.

In order for this great organization to continue as an advocate for our Veterans, we must look to the future. To achieve this, recruiting new members must be our priority. Once you have recruited that new member encourage them to get involved with the post and with the issues facing our veterans. You never know what talents that new member will bring to the organization.

Working together, we will continue the success of the Department of Virginia.

I thank you for your support!!!



# **Veterans of Foreign Wars District 9**

## **VFW Members, and Guest Captains Choice Golf Tournament**

**Friday May 12th, 2017 at Noon**

**Open to Members, Auxiliary, VFW Prospects, and Friends of the VFW.**

### ***Wytheville Golf Club***

*1325 W Lee Hwy, Wytheville, VA 24382*

*(276) 228-5931*



**\$200 a team**

**Lunch served prior to tee time**

**For more information contact Gary Adams, Perry Barnes, or Howard Minton.**

**(276) 728-2911**

# Jerry Ellis Memorial



May 13, 2017

Prince George Golf Course-Prince George, VA.

**PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT HUNTER HOLMES McGUIRE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, VFW PROGRAMS, THE TRICITIES COMMUNITY AND THE RICHMOND FISHER HOUSE**

**Where: Prince George Golf Course**

**Time: 8-9 AM Registration - Shotgun Start 9:00 AM**

**Format: Four Man Captains Choice**

**Entry Fee: \$65 Individual (\$260 per team)**

**Includes: Green Fees, Cart, 2 Drink Tickets, Hot Dogs on the course and BBQ at the Awards Luncheon**

### PRIZES

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy or Plaque**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy or Plaque**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy or Plaque**

**Seniors 70 and older hit from Red Tees**

**Long Drive - Hole #18 Red, White, and Gold**

**Closest to the Pin – All Par Three's**

**\$20/Per Team Hole #15-Hit from 100 Yard Marker Par 5**

**Mulligan's-One for \$5.00 3 for \$10.00**

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**KEEP MULLIGAN TICKETS FOR DOOR PRIZES**

**Awards and Lunch to Follow at the VFW**

**For more information call:**

**VFW Post 637 Commander: Phil Arendsen – 269-397-0030**

**Butch Morris: 712-0969 (Tournament Coordinator)**

**Steve Hughes: 458-8221 (VFW Clubroom Manager)**

**Registration Form**

**May 13, 2017**

**9:00 A.M. - Shotgun Start**

**Please submit this form with payment to:**

**VFW Post 637 ATTN: Golf Tournament**

**1400 Lynchburg Street**

**Hopewell, Virginia 23860**

**(receipt available upon request)**

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Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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