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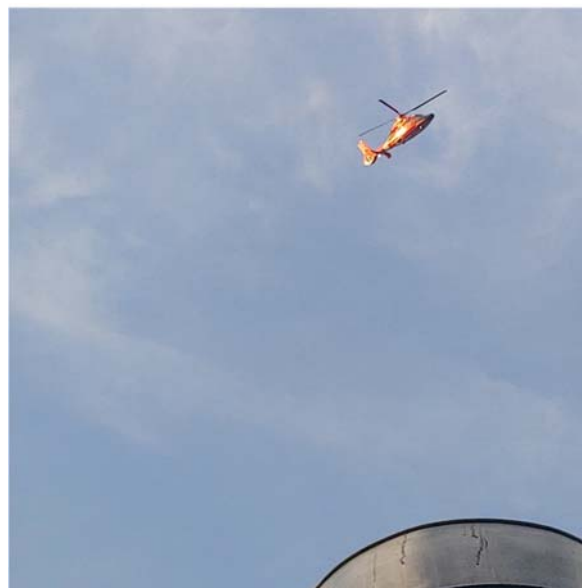


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Purple Heart Day and U.S. Coast Guard 230th Birthday



U.S. Coast Guard veterans Zac Mathews, Bryon Dixon, and Chris Brock watch while Petty Officer 3rd Class Niko Parinella, USCG cuts the cake for the 230th Birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard. The ceremony was paired with commemoration of Purple Heart Day. The highlight of the evening was a show-stopping training flight fly-by over the area of the Post by a MH-65D "Dolphin" helicopter based at the USCG National Capital Region Air Defense Facility. Past Post Commander Cliff Clevenger was in town and attended the event. He noted that the 19 people in attendance was the largest crowd for such an event he had seen and commended the Post for its growth and activities.

From the Commander:

Comrades and Friends,

I wish to thank comrades Nancy Springer, Richard Lane, and Jurgen "Tank" Gonzalez for stepping up to serve as Post officers. Additionally, I'd like to thank comrade Mike Morella for taking on management of our social media. Furthermore, we owe a debt of gratitude to comrade Darrell Smith, who is serving "dual-hatted", taking on the duties of canteen manager, in addition to serving as Post Sr. Vice Commander. This is truly above and beyond.

Last month I spoke of an ambitious effort to survey all the members of the post. As it turns out, that effort was perhaps *too* ambitious, as we didn't garner enough volunteers to make the initial round of calls, but that's ok. I'm not here to wag my finger at the membership. I'm truly confident that folks are doing what they are able in this trying time. Instead of an individual calling effort, I invite each of you to complete this online poll: [VFW Post 3150 online poll](#). Your responses will be confidential, on my honor as Post Commander, so please respond with brutal honesty. While it's true that we can't please everyone, without your input, we're more likely to move in a direction that you disagree with.

Apart from member outreach, the Post leadership is working through the process of evaluating our Post home, to determine what the most appropriate next steps are. We would welcome any input and/or assistance on that front that you're willing to provide.

Lastly I just want to wish you all well during this most challenging time. The pandemic has touched each of us to some degree, and I want you to know that your Post stands ready to assist if we can.

Yours in comradeship,

Nick Knowles
Post Commander
John Lyon VFW Post 3150

From the President of the Auxiliary:

September is a time that meant school was open, when you should be watchful when driving, as children do not always look before crossing streets and it gets darker earlier. This year the dynamic has changed as school is now a hybrid of virtual and in person learning.

To recap the virtual National Convention, the Department of Virginia received awards in Legislative and Hospital, while President Marcia Semones was accepted into the Circle of Excellence (for Outstanding State Presidents). There were no resolutions passed at the Convention as only those needing to be elected and installed were present.

The Department school of instruction was informative and fun. A change in programs on the National level was discussed. A new program was added called Community Outreach. This is similar to the old Community Services Program. This will take in the work we do for organizations like Meals on Wheels, and what does not fit into the other program categories.

The District 10 Auxiliary School of Instruction is at VFW Post 1503 on Sunday, September 20, at 10am with lunch following and a District 10 meeting starting at 1pm. All are encouraged to attend. You will have the opportunity meet members from across the District and receive the updates from the Department School of Instruction.

This year's Celebrating America's Freedom Event, which was cancelled, was to be held at the VFW National Home for Children with the National President's homecoming that same weekend in September. All were invited to attend. It was to be followed by the Council of Administration meeting for the National Organization.

Annual membership dues are now being accepted. You can pay our treasurer, Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc at the post address by \$25 check or go to the National Auxiliary website and pay by credit card. Your annual membership expires December 31. You must renew prior to that date to be eligible for the Cancer Grant or the Continuing Education Scholarship which is open to Auxiliary members and their immediate family.

As always check on the sick and elderly. Happy Anniversary and Birthday to those celebrating in September.

Cathy Graham
President VFW Auxiliary 3150

Welcome to Our New Member

Welcome to new Post member Jürgen Gonzalez (USCG – Iraq x2) elected at the August meeting.

Hours for Post Canteen

The Post Canteen is open as follows:
Every Friday from 6-10 pm
Every Saturday from 6-10 pm
Every Sunday from 1-6 pm
Post may extend hours for various events.

Congratulations to New Officers

Congratulations to Jürgen Gonzalez, new Junior Vice Commander, Nancy Springer, new Two-Year Trustee, and Richard Lane, new Service Officer, elected or appointed at the August meeting. All three stepped forward to volunteer their service!

9-11 / Patriot's Day

John Lyon Post will remember those lost on 11 September 2001 at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and at Somerset, PA with ceremonies at 7pm on Friday, 11 September. The day has been named Patriot's Day. All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Korean War Ceremony 26 September, 3 pm

VFW Post 3150 will host an extra special Korea War ceremony on Saturday, 26 September at 3pm. Our guest speaker will be Hanna Kim, ambassador for the Korea War Memorial Foundation. <https://www.remember727.org/> We'll also have special guests from the Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA). <https://kdva.vet/> . Come join us.

Virginia Veteran On-Line

The newest edition of the VFW state newspaper has been posted. There are four stories about Post 3150. See / download it from the following link: <https://vfwva.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=63304>.

Or go to www.vfwva.org, and then click on RE-SOURCES and then Department Newspaper.

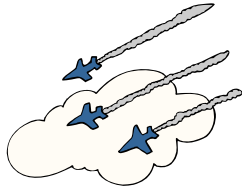


**POW / MIA
Recognition Day
Fri, 18 Sept 2020**

**Post 3150
Ceremony
7 pm**

10 District Meetings, 20 September

The VFW will conduct its School of Instruction at 9am while the Auxiliary will hold its school at 10am. Both will follow with joint and individual meetings at 1pm. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. At Dale City Post 1503, 14631 Minnieville Rd, Dale City.



U.S. Air Force 73rd Birthday

Commemorating the

Army Air Corps,

Army Air Force,

U.S. Air Force

Ceremony and Cake cutting

Friday, 18 Sep, 7:30 pm

Schedule Updates

For the frequently updated openings, hours, end events, go to www.vfw3150.org and click on Calendar or Announcements. Event updates can also be found on our Facebook page at John Lyon VFW Post 3150. or for info on activities, 703-525-0108 or email to johnlyon3150@gmail.com.

VFW National Birthdays

The VFW as an organization will mark 121 years of serving veterans, their families, their communities, and the nation on September 29th. And the like-minded VFW Auxiliary will be 106 years old on September 17th. The occasions will be marked by the Auxiliary before its meeting on Tuesday, 15 September at 7:25 pm (via Skype) and the VFW at 4pm on Sunday the 27th. All are invited to the ceremonies.

Sunday Zoom Yoga

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81258844896>

Meeting ID: 812 5884 4896

No experience necessary. No expectations

Agresti Named to State Position

The Department of Virginia General Orders reports the State Commander appointed M.C. “Connie” Agresti Chairman of the State Resolutions Committee. Congratulations, Connie!

Have You Moved?

Post members, if you are not receiving the VFW magazine, please go to www.vfw.org and update your address or send an email with your new address to the Adjutant at adjpost3150@vfwva.org
Also notify the Adjutant of a new email address



Sammy Wong (l) and Darrell Smith repaint the lines in the parking lot on a recent afternoon. Other exterior work included trimming all the bushes and removal of debris.

Skype Meetings

Because of the COVID-19 virus we are currently meeting via Skype. If you are not attending meetings, but would like to, send an email to one of the following to get access. Post members: to johnlyon3150.org@gmail.com. Auxiliary members to cgl2dc12@outlook.com with subject line “Meeting”.



(VFW 3150 photo)

Clarendon War Memorial Interpretive Project Honored

Arlington's Historic Preservation Program staff and Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) was honored with a Commission Excellence Award in the category of Best Practices: Public Outreach/Advocacy from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) during its virtual conference on Aug. 7. The award recognizes the work of County staff and the HALRB on the Clarendon War Memorial Interpretive Project. (Excerpted from Arlington County release, 7 August 2020)

See complete story, including video of dedication at <https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/clarendon-war-memorial-award/>

Newsletter via email and Weekly Email

If you are one of the few who still receive a printed newsletter and would like to receive it earlier and in color via an email notice to our website, please send an email to johnlyon3150@gmail.com. You can also receive our weekly email by requesting it at the same John Lyon email.



Back to School Time Watch out for Kids

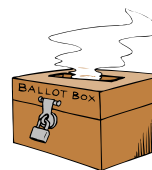
Locker Fee must be Paid by 1 Sept

Members who have a locker at the Post are reminded that the \$40 rental fee must be paid by 1 September. You can also rent a locker for six months for \$20. Those not renewing their rental should empty the locker and return the key to the Post.



Highway Cleanup 12 Sept

The Post will conduct its periodic Highway Cleanup on Saturday 12 September at 9am. The Post has safety vests, pick-up sticks and trash bags. Wear long pants and come help us keep our sign and Keep Arlington Clean!



Moved Recently?
Are you registered to Vote?
Deadline is 13 October in Virginia.

www.vote.virginia.gov

The mail deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is Friday, October 23, 2020. Your request must be received by your Registrar by 5:00 p.m. Request Absentee Ballot by appearing in person by: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2020

For info on Virginia elections, go to <https://elections.virginia.gov/> and click on "Upcoming Elections"

And you will need a photo ID to vote.

Bring Your Membership Card

Members of the Post and the Auxiliaries are reminded to show their membership cards to the on-duty manager when entering the Post home.

Students, Teachers, Scouts, Fire, Law Enforcement

The following is an overview of VFW programs and contests for students, teachers, and scouts, and First Responders



should be recorded on CD or flash drive.

Voice of Democracy: audio essay contest for grades 9 through 12. The 2020-2021 theme is “*Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?*” Deadline is Oct 31, 2020. Awards up to \$30,000. NOTE: Entry



Patriot's Pen: written essay contest for grades 6, 7 and 8. The 2020-2021 theme is also “*What is Patriotism to Me?*” The deadline is Oct 31, 2020.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the above programs on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2019-2020. The new list is expected about 1 September...



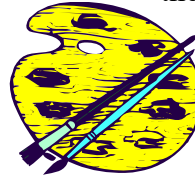
Teacher of the Year: top elementary, junior high and high school teachers **who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and tradition.** Fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals can submit nominations by Oct 31, 2020. The national teacher --- and his/her school --- each receive a \$1000 award.



Scout of the Year: Any recipient of an Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award may qualify. Deadline is March 1, 2021. Early submission / interest may provide opportunity for additional trip for the Scout.

VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest:

grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Deadline is March 31, 2021. Go to <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org>, then Scholarships, then Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure. Follow above link to see winners since 1979, including last year,



Above awards are presented at post, district, state, and national levels and can add up to thousands of dollars. Deadlines are to Post 3150 (or your local post).

Further information, including entry forms, brochures, and background, are available, except as noted above for Patriotic Arts, at www.vfw.org, then Community, then Youth and Education, then on one of the four programs. Forms and information may also be obtained at <http://www.vfwva.org/>, then Programs. You can see last year's winners at the link. You may also call Post 3150 at 703-525-0108 or email adjpost3150@vfwva.org for further information.



Continuing Education Scholarship.

Additionally, the VFW Auxiliary sponsors a scholarship for an Auxiliary member or the spouse or child of a member. Deadline to apply is 15 February 2021. Website same as Patriotic Art above but final click on Continuing Education.



Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement Nominations due 11 December.

Nominations for Public Service Awards --- **Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year** --- are due at the Post by 11 December. Nominations include a resume of nominee's background and background in applicable area, resume of accomplishments in field, photograph, title and address. For info email adjpost3150@vfwva.org

Recent Events Around the Post



September 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Sunday Zoom Yoga, 11am | 7 LABOR DAY (Post closed) | 8 | 9 GRIST 7:00 pm | 10 | 11 Patriots Day / 9-11 anniversary. 7 pm | 12 Highway Cleanup, 9 am |
| 13 Sunday Zoom Yoga, 11a | 14 House Com / Post O Call 7 pm | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 POW/MIA Remem- brance, 7 pm Air Forces Birthday 7:30 pm | 19 |
| 20 10D mtgs VFW School 9a and Aux School 10a VFW & Aux Mtg 1p lunch 12n Dale City Post 1503 | 21 ← Sunday Yoga, 11am In Post and SKYPE Post Meeting 7:30 pm | 22 SKYPE VFW Aux 106th Birthday 7:25 pm VFW Aux Meeting 7:30 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Korean War ceremony 3pm |
| 27 Gold Star Mothers Day & VFW DAY: VFW 121st Birthday 4pm | 28 ← Sunday Yoga, 11am | 29 | 30 | <p>Event updates can be found on our Facebook page. "Like" us at "John Lyon VFW Post 3150". Also check www.vfw3150.org, then Announcements or Calendar for daily hours and events updates.</p> | | |



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Students, Teachers, Scouts, Parents
Fire, EMT & Law Enforcement

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High school and junior high essay contests for scholarships

Teacher of the Year

High School Art Contest

Scout of the Year

Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT of the Year