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COMMUNITY AWARDS DURING COVID (in order of presentation)



Arlington County Sheriff

Sergeant Maurice Dozier (center), of the >>> Arlington County Sheriff's Office, accepts the Veterans of Foreign Wars award for the Sheriff Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from Commander Nicholas Knowles. The award was presented individually at the ACDF to meet COVID-19 guidelines

Law Enforcement Officer

<<< Detective Gregory Sloan, Arlington County Police Department, accepts the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from Commander Nickolas Knowles. Replacing the usual VFW Awards Day event, the award was presented at the Police Department in front of his peers and to meet COVID-19 guidelines.



Teacher of the Year

<<< Charles W. Harvey III, a teacher at Arlington-Science Focus School (ASFS), was named Post 3150's Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021. He received his award from Principal Mary Begley during the ASFS PTA meeting via Zoom with the Post Commander and Adjutant participating.

From the Commander:

Comrades and Friends,

I hope that you are all keeping safe, and taking care of yourselves and loved ones as we continue through this pandemic. There is light at the end of this tunnel and many of you reading this have probably already been vaccinated, and are anxious to resume your social activity. As more of us are able to venture out, I hope that you'll consider making Post 3150 a part of that schedule. We are anxious to fill our canteen and veterans service calendars with activities and projects, but we'll need you in order to be successful. This situation presents an unprecedented opportunity to reinvigorate our Post membership and canteen patronage. It would be a disappointing for us to let that go unexploited.

Also, to be successful, we need active leaders. We are approaching time to nominate Post and Auxiliary Officers for the next year. Terms of office begin in mid-June and end the following June. The first round of nominations for Post officers will be held during the March member's meeting, and elections will be held in April. We anticipate a number of officer vacancies, and could really use your help in leading Post efforts. Additionally, the Post Canteen is in need of volunteers. Volunteer bartenders are asked to serve one evening per month, but occasionally we need bartenders for hall rentals or to fill in for regular volunteers. All tips earned are yours to keep, along with the gratitude of all your fellow Post members. Contact Post Canteen Manager Sam Wong at manuel_sam_wong@hotmail.com, if you're willing to serve.

Lastly, there are a few members that have allowed their annual memberships to lapse. Please consider renewing your membership in our Post. This year promises to be worth every penny, as we strive to push the limits of our capability to serve Veterans, their families, and our community. We'll also have a lot of fun along the way, and we want you here with us.

Yours in Comradeship,

Nick Knowles
Post Commander
VFW Post 3150

From the President of the Auxiliary:

It is hard to believe that one year has gone past while trying to stay safe due to Covid-19. Our normal routines of work, school, and play have been drastically altered, However; it feels as if we just started, yet we have four more months to go for this current Auxiliary year.

Our scholarship opportunities are not yet finished for the year. The Young Creative Patriotic Scholarship (due by March 31st) is open to students in grades 9-12. The rules and application for this scholarship can be found at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships. The Youth Program "Illustrating America" (due by March 31st) is open to students in grades Kindergarten to 8. The rules and application for this contest can be found at vfwauxiliary.org under Program & Publicity Resources. Scroll down to Youth Activities.

The Auxiliary will elect new officers at our April meeting. All positions are open. The President presides over the meeting. The Senior and Junior Vice Presidents assist the President and preside over the meeting if the President is absent. The Treasurer is responsible for all monies and membership. The Secretary is appointed and keeps the minutes of the meeting. The 3 trustees, who can hold two elected positions, audit the books and approve receipts turned in for approved Auxiliary expenses. The Chaplain provides the opening and closing

non-denominational prayers and is on the hospital committee. The Conductor/Conductress assists the President and sets up the room for the meeting. The Guard checks dues cards. The Patriotic Instructor is appointed and shall instruct in the proper use of and salute to the Flag. More information can be provided beyond these thumbnail sketches by contacting current officers.

Annual membership dues are now being accepted. If you did not renew before December 31, 2020 you are not eligible for the \$550 Cancer grants. You must be a member for 1 year for this valuable membership perk. 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. If you have not received your card within two months let Jodie or mef know. You can email me at cg12dc12@outlook.com. Also, if you have a neighbor or friend who is eligible, the application is on the National website or send me an email with their contact information.

With the change in weather patterns this year, watch your step and stay safe in whatever the weather throws at us. As always check on the sick and elderly. Happy Anniversary and Birthday to those celebrating in March.

Cathy Graham
President VFW Auxiliary 3150

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Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to our new Post members, Alexander Boosalis (Army – AfghanistanX3)(Life), Samantha Revera Cairns (USAF – GWOTEM / Iraq / Afghanistan), Thomas Grages (Army – Korea Service)(Life), Jeannette Haynie (USMC - GWOTEM)(Transfer), Michael Kunkler (USAF – AFEM (Bosnia/Kosovo)(Life), Eric Magnell (Army – IraqX2 / GWOTEM)(Transfer). Perry Meyers (Army – Afghanistan / Korea Service)(Life), all elected at the February meeting, some still contingent on supplying necessary paperwork.

Marching Off....



Michael Kavcsak, 87, on 15 November in The Villages, FL. He was a Navy vet, serving in the Korean War, He later retired from the Defense Mapping Agency. For some time after retirement, he was a “Snowbird” rotating between Pennsylvania and Florida. He was a Life Member of Post 3150 for over 15 years.



National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29

Living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin (above). The Post has a limited number of pins. Qualifying vets can stop by the Post Sunday, 28 March from 3 – 6 pm for a pin as long as supplies last. The vet can also receive one by mail by going to

<https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/vietnam-veteran-lapel-pin/>

Comedy Night, 5 and 12 Mar

Comedy Night is scheduled for the first and third Friday of each month., this month 5 and 12 March. Not "Open Mic Comedy Night", but pros and semi-pros. Starts at 8 pm. Canteen open 6 – 10 pm. Social distancing and masks.

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 cg12dc12@outlook.com with subject line "Meeting"

Have You Moved? New Email?

John Lyon 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**

Hours for Post Canteen

The Post Canteen is open as follows:
Friday from 6-10 pm
Saturday from 6-10 pm
Sunday from 3-6 pm
Post may extend hours for various events.



**Longer Days,
March Winds.
Watch out for children
playing outdoors.**

Sunday Zoom Yoga: 11 am

Join Zoom Meeting (New Info)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81980227150>

Meeting ID: 819 8022 7150

Passcode: 923542

No experience required, no expectations or competition; do what you are able to do.

Are You Expired?

Many VFW and Auxiliary memberships are set to expire in the next weeks. Check your membership card for your expiration date and renew if necessary.

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.**

New Officers to be Selected

Post officers for the Year 2021-2022 will be nominated during the March meeting and elected in April. All members are urged to consider one of the positions. Contact the Commander or one of the other current officers for more information on the positions. All positions are open to be filled. The elected positions and some of their areas of prime interest are commander, senior vice commander (membership), junior vice commander (activities), quartermaster (accounting/finance), chaplain, three-year trustee (oversight). Additionally, there are appointed positions such as adjutant (admin), advocate (parliamentarian), surgeon (welfare and hospital), officer of the day, guard, historian, and publicity chairman to be filled.

The VFW Auxiliary will both nominate and elect new officers during their April meetings. Contact the President or one of the other officers for further information

VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest: grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Deadline is March 31, 2021 to local Auxiliary. 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,

Two additional Auxiliary Contests

"Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!" An individual national anthem singing contest for youth ages six to 16 at the time of local entry, and a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Youth learn the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" while expressing their creativity. The contest highlights the vocal talent of young people while promoting patriotism. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$2,000.

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Tenth District Meeting, 7 March

The Tenth District Meeting will be held on Sunday, 7 March, at Dale City Post 1503, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, phone 703-670-4124. Meeting will begin at 1 pm, with lunch at 11:30 am. All VFW and Auxiliary members are invited to attend this meeting. District awards will be presented to VoD, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year winners, possibly others.

Many Members Set to Expire

Many memberships are set to expire during the next months. Check your membership card for your expiration date and renew if necessary. Go to www.vfw3150.org, then click on -BECOME A MEMBER, then RENEW or go to www.vfw.org and click Renew in upper right corner for VFW members (<https://vfwauxiliary.org/>, then Malta for Auxiliary). Or send check for \$40 (\$25 for Auxiliary) to Post address on page 1.

"Illustrating America" A patriotic art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students that encourages students' artistic abilities and rewards their hard work. It's fun to see how our youth see the world through their drawings and paintings. The contest consists of three grade divisions: 1-2, 3-5 and 6-8. There is one National winner in each grade division, with awards for first, second and third place in each grade division.

Deadline for above two contests is **31 March** at the local Auxiliary. They can be found directly at: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities/>

You may also email adjpost3150@vfwva.org or call Post 3150 at 703-525-0108 for further information on any of the contests.

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Tax Scams

It's income tax time again and the scammers are trying to get the rest of our money. The government does NOT do business via the phone or email. Do NOT respond to phone or email requests for your bank account, social security number and other similar info. And your SSN will never be suspended! So any calls saying that are a scam. And the IRS will never send you an email; those are also scams.

Videos of Interest for Aviation and History Buffs

Awesome Restoration of a B-29 bomber:
<https://mortefontainevillage.pagesperso-orange.fr/marcbreycy/b29.html>

History Of The C-130 Hercules:
<https://biggeekdad.com/2021/02/history-of-the-c-130-hercules/>

(Thanks to Jim Griswold).

VFW Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31 payment</u>	<u>One time</u>	<u>12 months</u>
< Age 31	\$425.00	\$40.39
31-40	\$410.00	\$39.02
41-50	\$375.00	\$35.84
51-60	\$335.00	\$32.20
61-70	\$290.00	\$28.11
71-80	\$225.00	\$22.20
81 and over	\$170.00	\$17.20

Post 3150 annual dues are \$40.

VFW Auxiliary Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Through Age 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

VFW Auxiliary Annual dues are \$25. First year is \$30.

Join the Auxiliary?

Members of the VFW may have family or friends who are eligible for the VFW Auxiliary. For who and why to join, see "Auxiliary Invites Veterans' Families to Join" (page 33) in the March issue of VFW Magazine.

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Commander in Chief Homecoming Postponed Again

The Homecoming for Virginia's own Commander-in-Chief, Hal Roesch, is officially moving to the weekend of July 8-11, 2021. Information is available at www.vfwva.org

New Social Security Info

The *Social Security Statement* is one of the most valuable tools a person can use to learn about their earnings and future Social Security benefits. New fact sheets have been added. For more info, go to www.ssa.gov/myaccount/statement.html.

From the John Lyon Past...

Excerpted from the John Lyon Gazette, February 2003, p. 5:

State Winners Announced

It was announced during the annual Winter Council Meeting, held recently in Williamsburg, that Voice of Democracy, Teacher of the Year, and Patriotic Art entries sponsored by John Lyon Post won first place in VFW state of Virginia competitions. The winners are:

- Voice of Democracy:** Lee Hagy, a senior at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington,
- Teacher of the Year:** J.Paul Ochenkowski, a 26 year Navy veteran and history teacher at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington,
- Patriotic Art:** Artist Hannah Kim, a senior at McLean High School, was selected as the Department of Virginia winner for her patriotic painting in a contest annually sponsored by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

VFW 3150 March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Comedy Night, 8 – 10 pm -	6
7	8 House Committee / Post O Call 7 p	9	10 GRIST mtg, 7 pm	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time begins 2 am	15 Post Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18	19 Comedy Night, 8 – 10 pm	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day	30	31	Post Open 6 – 10 pm Friday and Saturday 3 – 6 pm Sunday		

1 March: Deadline Scout of the Year Nominations
31 March: Youth Patriotic Art & K-8 Art deadlines



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The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime opportunity for honorably discharged veterans, active duty military, or descendants of a VFW/Auxiliary member. After being accepted into their program, families can accomplish significant life goals by receiving the following support:

- Case management services to help set up family plans and goals.
- Educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities.
- Community resources and counseling.
- Free housing and daycare.

If you meet a veteran family in need, please encourage them to call the Military & Veteran Family Helpline at **800-313-4200** or visit <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org>. The friendly staff at the National Home for Children will help determine if this program is right for them and their family.

You can help connect families in your community to this ONCE in a lifetime opportunity!

The VFW National Home is located on a campus at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Learn more at <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org>

