

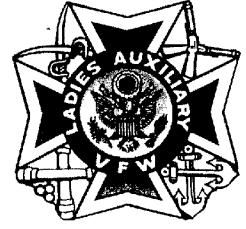
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Welcome VFW Leaders

Mid-Winter Conference

Welcome to VFW national, state, and district officers, staff, and spouses from around the world.

The yearly VFW Mid-Winter Conference is being held 28 Feb – 3 Mar in Washington, D.C., attended by VFW leaders from the national level as well as from department and district leaders from the 50 states and various other locations around the world. Conference meetings --- and meetings with national political leaders --- will be held throughout the weekend and into the early parts of next week. The climax of events will be the Congressional Dinner on Tuesday evening, with a number of Representatives and Senators and other government leaders in attendance. Additionally the winners of the state Voice of Democracy contests will be introduced and the national winners named.

John Lyon will be host for many of the delegates Saturday at the Mid-Winter Conference Spaghetti Dinner. Held for about ten years, the annual dinner has seen up to 150 delegates enjoy John Lyon hospitality. Previous guests have been from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, and Germany.

Again we welcome you, our visitors, and wish you a successful conference and an enjoyable stay in our area.

John Lyon in the News

The recent awards ceremony for the Voice of Democracy winner and other participants was covered by The Northern Virginia *SUN WEEKLY* in their 12 February 1998 issue. The half page story included a large photo as well as quotations from the students, a school counselor, and 3150 Post and Auxiliary leaders.

Directions to VFW #3150

Subway: Take Orange Line into Virginia to Courthouse Metro Stop and exit on Wilson Boulevard. Walk west (left) to corner of Veitch Street and then north along Veitch about three blocks, turn right onto 19th Street to end of the block.

Car or cab: From the vicinity of the Vietnam War Memorial, go west on Constitution Avenue and onto Interstate 66. Proceed to second exit (1/2 mile past the Potomac River bridges, on the long sweeping curve to the right): Lee Highway/Route 29 (and Roslyn and Key Bridge). Stay on Lee Highway about a mile. After the overpass (you cross over I-66), you will see Bergmann Cleaners on the right at Veitch Street. Turn left onto Veitch Street, then a quick left onto 19th Street. Post is at end of the block. (Post address and phone is at top of this page.)

From the Commander

It is with a great deal of gratitude and appreciation that I view, not only, the physical improvements that have taken place in the last couple of months, but also the camaraderie that has come to an even higher level than ever before. The latter is what has brought about the former and vice versa. Without volunteers the improvements would not have been made, and without the improvements the team of working volunteers would not be as large as it is. Some are able to participate more than others, but we all benefit regardless of the degree of effort, whether it be through physical labor, administrative skills or ideas. We are all pulling together.

The crew of Anderson, Custred, Nye, Hoffman, Jansen, Cesnaukus, Inc. has done a superb job of getting a lot of the lower lounge in shape and putting us on course toward completion of the entire basement area. These folks and others are not letting the time of year deter them from making progress where it can be made. A large number of Post and Auxiliary members have put forward mammoth efforts to show the true spirit of friendship and patriotism that permeates John Lyon Post.

Comrade Ken Jansen is now on board as our new quartermaster and is moving forward with his newly assumed duties.

At this month's meeting comrade Advocate George Mansfield (Head, Nominating Committee) will bring forward nominations for the 1998-1999 time frame. While nominations will be brought forward at that time, nominations can be submitted to the committee during March and can be made from the floor prior to the elections during the April meeting. Prior to placing an individual's name into nomination you should discuss it with that individual to ascertain their availability to carry out the responsibilities of office. Varying amounts of time, effort and expertise are required for the offices of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Advocate or Trustee. Give your nominations careful thought.

It is unfortunate to note that Past Commander Eugene D. Miller, III had to undergo surgery at the VA hospital in Washington, DC. Fortunately it was a planned procedure for which he had prepared and at this writing is expected to be released within the week.

Yours in Comradeship,

C.D. "Doc" Crouch

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

February is a short month on the calendar but the time is flying by at a rate that sometimes leaves us all breathless. One of the major highlights of the past month was the awards ceremony and reception for our "Voice of Democracy" student participants, their families, and school personnel, co-hosted by the Auxiliary and the Post. The ceremony was very nice and quite impressive, with the Commander and myself, assisted by VOD Co-Chairmen, Jeannie Gibadlo and Mark Pando, awarding each of the winners a check, and a special medal, and all participants receiving a certificate and a VOD lapel pin in recognition of their efforts. The reception following the ceremony was the perfect opportunity to mingle with all of our guests and to get a chance to talk with the students and their families. We were also fortunate enough to have local media coverage from the Sun Weekly, which published a very nice article and picture in their February 12, 1998 issue. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who were involved in the VOD program this year. It proved to be one of our best projects thus far.

By the time most of you read this newsletter, we will have hosted our annual Spaghetti Dinner, which we do every year in conjunction with the VFW National Mid-Winter Conference that is held in Washington, DC, at the Sheridan Hotel. This has always been an event where John Lyon Post and Auxiliary has had the opportunity to extend our hospitality to our Comrades and Sisters visiting the Nation's Capital. There was a lot of planning, coordinating, and work involved but the results were worth the effort. We all had the opportunity to meet and make new friends, and renew friendships with old friends. If you were unable to be with us, then maybe you can plan on joining us next year. We'd love to see you!

Now that the month of March is upon us, the Ladies Auxiliary will be focusing on upcoming plans and events that will carry us through to the end of the VFW year in June. On Sunday, the 22nd of March, at 1:00pm, several of us will attend the 10th District Meeting that will be held at VFW Post #8241 in McLean. Although our Auxiliary does not have a major event on the calendar for March, each Spring we do plan at least one major fund raiser to replenish our Treasury. This year we are once again going to have a Spring "Sock Hop." When we've done this in the past, we've been very successful in our efforts. The date has been set for Saturday, April 18th but it is not too soon to start planning and lining up committees to help. Jeannie and Joy are already working with some of our local business establishments to arrange for some terrific raffle items and door prizes, but we still need Ladies to assist in decorating and food planning. If you can't be with us but have some ideas that you think we can use, please call me and let me know. For those of you who are out of the area, maybe you have a favorite hors d'oeuvre recipe that would be perfect for the occasion. Send it along and we'll use it! Just remember, April 18th isn't really that far off, so circle it on your calendar! And keep your eyes open for more details in next month's newsletter.

As I wrap this up, I want to wish everyone who has a birthday this month a happy day. For those of you who are Irish (even if just on the 17th!), Happy St. Patrick's Day. And finally, I would also like to send a special message of thanks to "J" the "Iceman." You know why!

Cathy Kerns
President

From the Senior Vice Commander

March may come in like the proverbial lion but it shows no sign of mellowing as a lamb given the ambitious schedule of events on the John Lyon Post scene.

Check the calendar in this newsletter for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and bring a friend to this or to our breakfasts. Many new found visitors like the friendly and homey atmosphere of John Lyon Post so much that those that are eligible join our ranks or those of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Please give serious consideration to attending the March Post meeting (Thursday, March 12, 8:00 PM). We will be holding nominations for officers for the 1998 - 1999 VFW Centennial Year. Please consider devoting a few hours of your time a month to serve your comrades as an officer.

Commander Doc Crouch and Assistant (now new) Quartermaster Ken Jansen have done a spectacular job ensuring the books and financial documents are in accordance with VFW By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. We need to continue these positive moves towards the future. With luck, their determination and dedication will soon be rewarded with a new gaming license so that we can commence selling pull tabs and earn the Post some money to pay for much needed repairs to the building --- where the absence of gutters continues to flood the basement whenever it rains.

Participation and membership are the keys to any successful Community Service organization. Those who were present know how good it felt to host the Voice of Democracy finalists and their families. We, at John Lyon VFW, can do more - with a little bit of help from our membership.

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Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members elected at the February meeting: Howard Colburn, Peter von Pawel, Michael Scullin, and Dennis Versele.

From the Junior Vice Commander

Our Post celebrated its 1998 Voice of Democracy winners with a dignified awards ceremony and subsequent party bash on 7 February 1998. Everyone had a grand time and our winners and their respective families were very appreciative of our efforts in recognizing them. Conducting this competition has been an outstanding public relations success for our Post. Not only was the event reported in the local county news, but we have laid the foundation for future student interest and participation. Thanks to all folks who made it happen. Furthermore, this event has demonstrated that, although our nation's youth is often criticized for lack of civic interest, many fine young Americans are out there willing to answer the call and make a positive contribution in their communities. This is very reassuring indeed and should make us all proud!

Don't forget our upcoming Spaghetti night dinner coming up on Saturday, 28 February. This is always a spectacular food extravaganza and we will be looking for lots of help from our membership. Please help out and enjoy! You will not go hungry.

On a final note, our next VA Hospital visit is scheduled for Saturday, 14 March. We will be mustering at the Post at noon time and should be underway by 1230.

Yours in comradeship,

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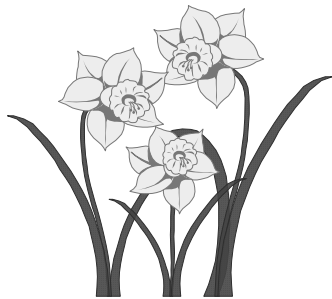


St Patrick's Day Dinner

Corned Beef and Cabbage will be the highlight on Saturday, 14 March as John Lyon anticipates St Patrick's Day. Green will be the scene so make your reservations now (\$7.00 per person: 703-525-0108) and dig through the closet for those shamrocks.

Jansen Elected Quartermaster

Ken Jansen was elected Quartermaster during the 12 February Post meeting succeeding long time Quartermaster Rick Bourdon whose resignation was reported by Commander Crouch in last month's newsletter. Comrade Jansen transferred to Post 3150 last summer after moving to Arlington from Maryland, where he was formerly an All-State Quartermaster at Post 10746 in Hyattsville. Since joining 3150, he has been acting as Assistant Quartermaster, working with the House Committee concentrating on canteen operations. As skillful with recipe books as he is with the financial books, Ken, an experienced restaurateur, has displayed his kitchen talents as the "chief chef" during recent Sunday brunches, taco nights, and other events. Ken's wife, Joanne, and daughter, Ann, are also new members of the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary. Congratulations, Comrade Jansen, on your new office!



Daffodils and Nominations.

If daffodils and forsythia (already in bloom in parts of Arlington County) are a sure sign of early Spring, another is formation of Post nomination slates for the following year. Nominations for Post officers for the year 1998-99 will be accepted at the Post meeting on 12 March. The Nominations Committee will put forth a slate and additional nominations may be made from the floor. Elections will be held at the April meeting following any additional nominations. Consider how you might help out at the Post and run for an elected office. Or volunteer for one of the appointed positions. Contact the Nominations Committee or one of the current officers with your nominations or suggestions. The Ladies Auxiliary is also looking at next year. They, however, will both make nominations and elect new officers at the April meeting.

Web Sites of Interest

A Vietnam vet and member of the 43rd Signal Battalion in Vietnam recently visited our webpage. He reports the 43rd has its own site (<http://members.aol.com/signalbn43/>) and is looking for former members. If you need help contacting them, get in touch with one of the John Lyon computer guys or gals.

Correction

The alert reader of last month's newsletter would have detected why the editor is not the Quartermaster. A math error in subtraction said the John Lyon Ladies Auxiliary was established 62 years ago on 19 February 1934. That was actually 63 years ago. My apologies to the Post 3150 Ladies Auxiliary!

Thanks to the Recent Renewers

Thanks to those Post members who responded in the last month with their dues for 1998. We are moving closer to our goal. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please send a check for \$20 to the Post at the address on the cover of this newsletter.



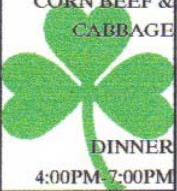
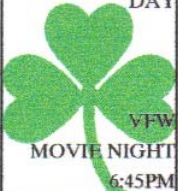
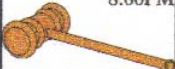


Giant and Safeway Tape Drive Ends

The Giant and Safeway cash register tapes drive ends this weekend (28 Feb). If you have any you haven't brought to the Post yet, please bring or mail them right away. We will be counting them up and delivering them to our neighborhood school within days. The cash register tapes go to providing computers, electronics, sports equipment, etc., for the local schools. The Superfresh cash register tape drive lasts until the end of March.

Canteen Hours

Monday – Friday	1600 - 2100
Saturday – Sunday	1200 - 1800
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	0900 - 1800
Open 0900 for Brunch	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 VFW MOVIE NIGHT 6:45PM	4	5	6	7
8 SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM 	9	10 VFW MOVIE NIGHT 6:45PM	11	12 POST MEETING 8:00PM 	13	14 ST. PAT'S CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER 4:00PM-7:00PM 
15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY VFW MOVIE NIGHT 6:45PM 	18	19 AUXILIARY MEETING 8:00PM 	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING 	21
22 DISTRICT MTG. 1:00PM AT McLEAN VFW SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM 	23	24 VFW MOVIE NIGHT 6:45PM	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 VFW MOVIE NIGHT 6:45PM				