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The John Lyon Gazette: Winner of 1999 Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award for Outstanding Newsletter
Ladies Auxiliary Award: Best Newsletter in Virginia, 1999, Best Newsletter in the Nation, 1999

Jansen, Gibadlo Begin Second Term; State Convention Highlights

Commander Kenneth H Jansen and President Jeanne M. Gibadlo began their second term at VFW Post 3150 and the Ladies Auxiliary about noon on Sunday, 25 June when the new Department Commander and President, respectively, were installed at the conclusion of the Department Convention in Richmond, Virginia. At this same time all Post and Ladies Auxiliary officers of Post and District levels assumed their new offices.

The convention was also notable for the entire John Lyon family as awards were presented during the Thursday evening Awards Ceremony. At the top the of the list were the All State Team "white hats" presented to 1999-2000 Commander Jansen and Quartermaster Richard Hoffman and the Ladies Auxiliary Banner presented to 1999-2000 President Gibadlo. Outgoing Tenth District President Gail Hoffman was honored as the Outstanding District President in the state of Virginia.

Other special awards for 3150 included the first place award for Community Activities for posts of

200 - 500 members. John Lyon received the fourth place overall Community Activities award; the others in the top five have memberships of about 900 -1525 members. Also in the 3150 column: the Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award (Honorable Mention to a single winner) for Outstanding Newsletter; the Richard A. Guager Americanism Award (second place). Also First Place Awards and Citations of Merit to the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary for Best Buddy Poppy Program and Best Youth Essay Program. In other ceremonies, the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary received a first place ribbon for their Buddy Poppy display in the promotions category..

During the banquet on Saturday night, Post 3150 was presented with the Commander-in-Chief's National Recognition Award for Outstanding Buddy Poppy Promotional Program. This was one of only two post-level awards of the evening and 3150 was the only post recognized in this category. It was the second consecutive year John Lyon was honored with national recognition at the convention banquet.



FROM THE POST COMMANDER

With this first newsletter of the 2000-2001 VFW Year, I want to again thank the Comrades and Sisters of John Lyon Post #3150 for the confidence and trust that you showed in allowing me the privilege of being your Commander for another year. You have my promise and commitment to make 2000-2001 an even better year for our John Lyon family, our veterans, their families, our community, and our youth. These are the people the VFW are dedicated to serve and with the continuing camaraderie and teamwork that was apparent throughout this past year, we will continue to achieve our goals.

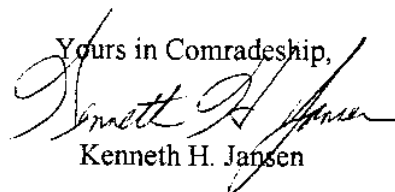
This year's Department Convention was a heartwarming and positive experience for the John Lyon family as the members of the Post and the Auxiliary were recognized with numerous awards and kudos. The hard work and partnership that transpired in 1999-2000 was well worth the effort as your representatives from the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary received recognition for excellence in the programs we were involved in during the year. I was honored to be named as an All-State Commander, along with Richard Hoffman, who was named as an All-State Quartermaster. My congratulations to Madam President Jeannie Gibadlo, who, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, received their coveted Banner Award. The cooperation and teamwork of the members of our Post and the Ladies Auxiliary is what made it all possible, and I want to express my gratitude to each of you for the dedication, the commitment, the time, and the effort that made 1999-2000 a winning year.

This past year we worked very hard on our membership and I am grateful to those of you who went the extra mile in your recruiting efforts. As we begin a new year we must renew our efforts in recruiting. It is important to recognize that membership in the VFW means much more than the ability to enjoy the perks of cheap beer and food --- the very future of the VFW depends in large measure on the efforts we make today in recruiting new blood to continue to carry on for those who sacrificed for us. We cannot loose sight of that - ever! As far as membership is concerned, there is never a down time to the year.

As I indicated last month, as we move forward into the 2000-2001 VFW year, I will be seeking volunteers to help us continue the fine traditions we have established here at Post #3150. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Steve Nagle has agreed to accept the position of Chairman of our House Committee. The House Committee is an integral part of the successful operation of our Post and Steve cannot do it alone. A good House Committee is vital to the quality of our VFW life at John Lyon, so I am again asking that any member who can help out, please contact me or Steve. I know there are many of you who have the time and the ability to really make a difference. Remember, this is your Post! A few hours a month does make a difference and it is up to you. Show us that you do support your VFW!

While we continue with the Sunday brunches on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting with this month we will be having a monthly "Celebrity Birthday Cookout" on the 3rd Sunday of each month for those members of the Post and the Auxiliary who are celebrating their birthdays. We want you to come and celebrate, as our guests, your birthday. Please mark July 16th on your calendar for this month.

Again, thank you for a great year and I look forward to 2000-2001 with enthusiasm and promise for continued success. Camaraderie and teamwork will make it happen!

Yours in Comradeship,

Kenneth H. Jansen

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

It was exactly one year ago that I first addressed the Ladies of Auxiliary #3150 as your new President. At that time I told you I was honored to serve as your President and that I would do my best to continue to maintain the ideals and traditions that have continuously made our Auxiliary strong and effective. I indicated that it was my sincerest wish that we do this together to make 1999-2000 an exceptional year, and, Ladies, all I can say now is **THANK YOU!** It is because of each of you that our Ladies Auxiliary did, in fact, have its best year ever. Seven of us, along with five members of the Post, just returned from the Department of Virginia's annual convention where **Auxiliary #3150 was honored with ten awards, including Best Buddy Poppy Program for 1999-2000, and Best Youth Essay Program for 1999-2000. These two awards included monetary awards for our Auxiliary. In addition, we received the coveted Banner, a ribbon for First Place in the Convention's Buddy Poppy Display Contest, and with the Post, a National Citation from the National Commander-in-Chief for our Buddy Poppy Centennial Christmas Tree. Another highlight was that our own Gail Hoffman received the award and a plaque for Best District President in the Department.** As I have said many times before, we were all in this together and we all should take a moment to congratulate ourselves on a job well done. Cathy Kerns, Gail Hoffman, Joy (Neher) Van Horn, Muriel Sue Kerr, Cathy Graham, and JoAnn Jansen joined with me in accepting the certificates on behalf of each of you, and I can't even begin to express the pride we took in representing such a wonderful group of very special Ladies.

Throughout this past year, I have emphasized the concept of teamwork and partnership and I must say here that we could not have achieved such an unprecedented number of accolades if it had not been for the constant support of our All-State Commander Ken Jansen and the members of Post #3150. Without their continued encouragement and support we could never have been able to achieve the level of excellence in delivering services to our veterans, their families, our community, and our youth. **On behalf of all of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to John Lyon Post #3150, a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to Commander Jansen and the members of our Post.**

Now we begin a new year, and as was the case last year, we have another exciting and challenging year before us. We have established new precedents this past year and it is my fervent desire to take our Auxiliary to even higher levels of excellence. In partnership with the Post, I see nothing but positive things for our John Lyon family. Last year I made a special point to note that those of you who live out of town or cannot come to the Post Home are still a very integral part of our Auxiliary and the John Lyon family and your input is valuable and appreciated. I believe it really made the difference for all of us here. It is only with your continued support that we can accomplish our goals. Many of our projects in the 1999-2000 year were greatly enhanced and successful because of your ideas and contributions and I will look to each of the members of our Auxiliary to help make 2000-2001 even better!

As we have done in the past, we will again send all of you a current address roster of members of the Auxiliary. We have been doing this now for the past few years and we continue to receive a lot of positive feedback. It is my hope that we will have this ready for distribution in early August, so if you would prefer not to have your address and/or phone number included, please contact either myself or Gail Hoffman, our Auxiliary Secretary. Also, if you have had a recent change of address or you are about to move, let us know because we want to be sure that you get your newsletter and other correspondence from the Auxiliary in a timely fashion. We don't want you missing out on anything!

I am including in this newsletter a list with phone numbers of your Officers for the 2000-2001 year. Please put this list somewhere handy so that when you feel you need to get in touch with any of us, you have the numbers readily available. Remember, most of us work so the best time to reach us by phone is usually in the evening between 7:00pm and 9:30pm. Each of your Officers has made the commitment to do the very best for our John Lyon family and our veterans, their families, our community, and our youth, so please don not hesitate to contact us if you feel the need.

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Sr. Vice: Cathy Kerns 703-979-5268	Patriotic Instruct.: Connie Perry 703-978-5787
Jr. Vice: Marian MacIntyre 703-525-3904	Historian: J. C. Hotter 703-916-0228
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Treasurer: Joy Van Horn 703-534-7965	2 Yr. Trustee: Nina Wilkenson 301-229-2652
Chaplain: Ginny LePage 703-524-5828	3 Yr. Trustee: Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc 703-317-0730
Conductress: Muriel Sue Kerr 703-360-0990	

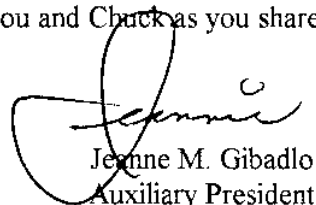
Our monthly newsletter is our primary way of communicating with you. As your President, it is my responsibility to keep all of the members of the Auxiliary abreast of what is happening both within the Auxiliary as well as the District and the Department. I also try to let you know of activities and events that are scheduled here at the Post. I am very interested in hearing from you to ascertain if you find your Ladies newsletter informative and helpful. If you have any suggestions or ideas as to how we may improve this channel of communication to you, would you please take a moment to share your ideas with me? You can write to me either at the Post or at my home, or for those of you who have access to a computer, I can be reached by e-mail at gibadlo@attglobal.net.

Now that the new VFW year is upon us, please do not forget that the 4th of July is a special day when we need to take a moment to realize just how much was sacrificed by those who went before us to insure our freedom and to guarantee our continued independence. Please enjoy your holiday and remember to fly your American flag!

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to once again thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for this upcoming year. I promise you that I will do my very best to continue to carry out the ideals and traditions that have made this Auxiliary what it is today and I am looking forward to another successful and harmonious year, working with Commander Ken Jansen and the members of the Post. Inasmuch as I see this as a team effort, I will be counting on each of you in helping me make this another exceptional year for all of us.

Happy Birthday to those of you who celebrate your special day this month and special thoughts and prayers to those of you who have been ill or have recently suffered the loss of a loved one.

One additional footnote here. On behalf of all of the Ladies of the Auxiliary, I wish to convey congratulations and best wishes to our Madam Treasurer, Joy Neher, who, on June 10, 2000, became Mrs. Charles E. Van Horn, Jr. Joy, may your future be as bright and happy as the twinkle in your eyes and the smile on your face. Best wishes to you and Chuck as you share the future together.



Jeannie M. Gibadlo
Auxiliary President

From the Senior Vice Commander:

There are many changes in the wind as I write this message. Summer is here in earnest, a new VFW Membership year is upon us, I am (finally) back to work, and our Post Leadership is in Richmond for the Department Convention.

Most importantly for our Korean War veterans, the Department of Defense has reversed itself and will provide the recently approved (48 years late) ROK War Service Medal to Korean War veterans free of charge. The necessary procedures for requesting the medal are viewable at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards>, or on our own Post Web Site. Or call the Post for details.

In addition to the medal, we have begun the three-year commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

If you're an annual member, please renew early or consider going "Life." Being a "Lifer" is no longer a derogatory term. Also, please feel free to ask fellow vets to join our fine Post – recognized nationally (in the words of our many out-of-town visitors) as "what a VFW Post should be." John Lyon is the epitome of a VFW Post only because all of you members make it so. Keep up the good work.

With schools out and pools open, please drive carefully.

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A John Lyon Hello...

To 3150 member Dan Quick and his wife, Judy, and their son, Dan Jr. Dan Jr is battling back after being paralyzed from the lower chest down due to a recent auto accident in New York. He is in rehabilitation and making good progress. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Quick family during this time.

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members, Bruce Miller, Daniel Muller, Lee Shipman, and Frank "Larry" Wilson, elected at the June meeting.

Buddy Poppies

Thanks to those who responded to the Buddy Poppy included in the May newsletter and donated to the 3150 Relief Fund. As of the June Post meeting, \$716 had been received from the members, and another \$872 collected at the canteen and by members on the street. Half of the mail-in donations and whatever the Ladies Auxiliary members collected has been transferred to the Ladies Auxiliary Relief Fund. This came to \$470.

Marching off...

3150 Ladies Auxiliary member, Julia Krupka, in early May. She was buried at Quantico National Cemetery.

Memorial Day Grave Decoration

During Memorial Day weekend, members of the Post and Auxiliary placed small wreaths on the graves of Post and Auxiliary members and their families in local cemeteries. This was completed by late Friday afternoon at Columbia Gardens and National Memorial Park, and late Saturday afternoon at Arlington National Cemetery. If you are aware of any grave we missed, please call the Post and identify the individual and location so that we can correct our list.

Happy Birthday to you...

John Lyon Post will begin honoring 3150 Post and Ladies Auxiliary members during a barbecue on the third Sunday of the month. You get in free during your birthday month. The party runs from 1 - 6 pm and will alternate between chicken and ribs. Chicken will start the rotation on 23 July.

From the John Lyon Past...

September 17, 1979: World War II veterans **Gail and Walter Eller** joined Post 3150. Gail was the first female member of John Lyon Post, and together, they were the first husband-wife team to join Post 3150. They went "life" a year later. They currently live in Florida.

Your Last Newsletter?

If you are one of the few who didn't renew your membership during the last year, you will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list after this issue. To continue receiving the newsletter, send a check to the Post or Ladies Auxiliary (\$20 for either) for your membership dues for 2000 – 2001 (or see below). Do it Today! If you did renew last year, you, of course, have nothing to worry about.

New Renewal Procedures for Post Members

The Department of Virginia has adopted the National Dues Program. Annual members should have received renewal notices in late June from VFW National. The membership dues payment should be returned directly to National which will, in turn, mail out the membership cards and allocate the financial portions to the Department, District, and Post levels. They promise this will be a speedy process.

Correction --- District Elections

It looks like we dropped a line during our recent report on Tenth District elections. With apologies to both, it should have read: (Elected as) Three Year Trustee: Thomas E. Carroll (9274). Appointed as inspector was Barney Marquart (8241).

Golf Tournament Set

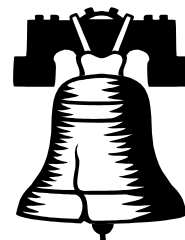
The Annual John Lyon Golf Tournament will be held on 18 August at Andrews AFB East. For further information, see the sign-up sheet included in last month's newsletter.

John Lyon Shirt and Cap Day

John Lyon Shirt and Cap Day will be repeated this summer in early August. All John Lyon members are urged to wear their John Lyon shirts and caps wherever they go in Arlington that day in an effort to show the people of Arlington that we are here. Last year's effort prompted towns folks to ask about the Post and Auxiliary...Be prepared by getting your tee-shirts and caps at the post home if you need one.

For Our Business Owners

The Small Business Administration (SBA), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the Association for Small Business Development Centers (ASBDCs) are entering into a partnership agreement to help veteran-owned small businesses. The SBA will help veterans by providing distance-learning tools, training programs, and support in identifying procurement opportunities. The VA will provide training facilities and will distribute lists of products that are available from service-disabled vets to federal procurement officers. The ASBDCs will compile lists of federal, state, and local contracting opportunities as well as provide training and support in the areas of management, finance, marketing, technology, and other areas of business operations.



4th of July at the Post

Barbecue: 12 noon – 5pm
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans
\$5.00

Recent Activities Around the Post



Post 3150 has begun efforts to finish the parking lot and bring it to county code from the temporary state put in place several years ago. The planters have been cut back to provide a wider opening to the lot and the retaining walls have been made more permanent with stone, extending to the back fence. The lot will also be surfaced soon.



Above, Eric Anderson and Vince Cesnauskas take a break on the new parking lot retaining wall in the backyard.



Post 3150 again hosted about 50 “AOL Vets” for their reunion over Memorial Day weekend. To show their appreciation, the AOL members present signed a special print and presented it to the Post. Above, AOL member Bruce Miller presents the print to Quartermaster Richard Hoffman.



John Lyon members Joy Neher, Jeanne Gibadlo, Jim Kerr, Muriel Sue Kerr, Cathy Kerns, and J.Gary Wagner line-up prior to the start of the recent Arlington County Parade.

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John Lyon members held ceremonies at the “John Lyon Memorial” in Cherrydale on Memorial Day. From the left are J.Gary Wagner, Richard Hoffman, Gail Hoffman, Ken Jansen, Jeanne Gibadlo, Jim Wilkinson, Jack Turner, Juanita Gibbs, visiting Australian Vietnam Veteran George Hawkins, Dan Quick, Ginny LePage, Ruth Rodier, George Mansfield.



D-Day veteran Jim Rodier and Commander Ken Jansen mounted a plaque containing vials of sand from Omaha and Utah Beaches during June 6th ceremonies commemorating D-Day. Comrade Rodier was a member of 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82 Airborne Division. He landed less than a mile from Ste Mere-Eglise.



For its efforts supporting the Arlington County schools, especially our neighborhood Key Elementary School, John Lyon Post was recently recognized as a “Partner in Education”. Accepting the certificate are Commander Ken Jansen, President Jeanne Gibadlo, Adjutant J.Gary Wagner, and Senior Vice Commander Connie Agresti. At far right is Key Elementary Assistant Principal Evelyn Hernandez.












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*God grants Liberty only to those who love
it, and are always ready to guard and
defend it.*

Daniel Webster, June 3, 1834

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COOKOUT 1:00PM TO 6:00PM 				AUXILIARY MEETING 7:30PM 		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM 			NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY 			
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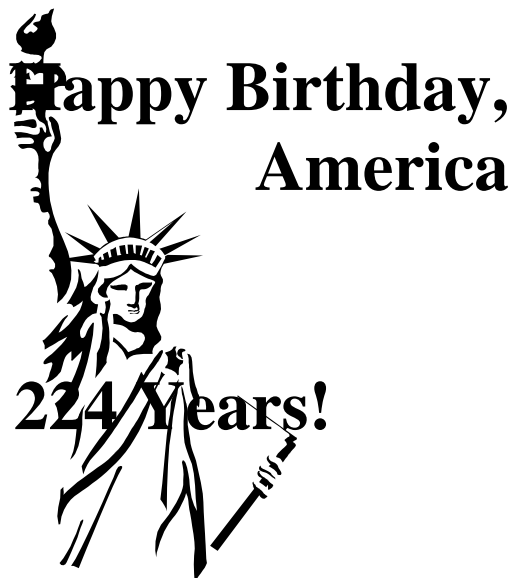


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