

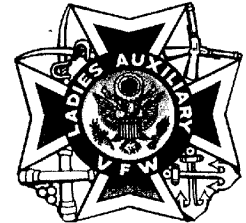
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The John Lyon Gazette: Winner of 1999 Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award for Outstanding Newsletter, and Winner of Second Place Award for 2000, 2001

Ladies Auxiliary Award: Best Newsletter in Virginia, 1999, 2001, Best Newsletter in the Nation, 1999

Agresti, Kerns Take Office “All State” Tops Convention Honors

Commander M.C. Agresti and President Catherine Kerns began their term at VFW Post 3150 and the Ladies Auxiliary about noon on Sunday, 24 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 of the list was the All State designation and the “white hats” presented to 2000-2001 Commander Ken Jansen and Quartermaster Richard Hoffman and the Ladies Auxiliary Banner presented to 2000-2001 President Gibadlo.

Other special awards for 3150 included a repeat first place award for Community Activities for posts

of 200 - 500 members. John Lyon received the overall second place in the state award for Community Activities; the others in the top four have memberships of about 900 - 1550 members. Also in the 3150 column: the Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award Second Place for Outstanding Newsletter; and the Ladies Auxiliary Best Newsletter in the state. The first place award for Americanism activities, the Richard A. Guager Americanism Award, went to 3150. The Post also received one of only two special March of Dimes Appreciation Plaques. Also: a Citation of Merit to the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary for Best Use of Buddy Poppies. Post 3150's outgoing Tenth District Commander, C.D. “Doc” Crouch, accepted two awards for the Tenth District for Buddy Poppy programs.

The convention also was the beginning point for Joy Van Horn, who became Tenth District Ladies Auxiliary President.

FROM THE POST COMMANDER:

Proclaim Liberty Through Out the Land

July is a wonderful month to be honored to take the helm of John Lyon VFW Post 3150. As the temperature and humidity of summer settle in, we find ourselves exercising the liberties and freedoms for which our forefathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Whether your personal exercise of those freedoms includes a vacation across the open borders of our states, some time “on the pond” in a motor or sail boat, or just joining us for an old fashioned Fourth of July cookout, we would do well to remember that the “Foreign Wars” of our nation’s infancy were not only fought on our shores but literally under our very feet.

We have truly been blessed that so many men and women have followed the lead of our Founding Fathers and been willing to sacrifice their comforts, forego fortunes, and in some cases forfeit their lives so that not only we and others may be free, but that our shores should have been blessed to be relatively free from the horrors of war for nearly 150 years.

You are the patriots of the past century and today. You have sacrificed so that your countrymen and others may be free. You are the heroes of our nation – the Person of the Century – as proclaimed through out the land last year.

It is a distinct pleasure and honor to represent you as Commander. I want to thank All-State Commander Ken Jansen for his leadership and counsel. I have some ambitious goals for the next year that I will share with the elected and appointed Post and Auxiliary officers on July 8th (at 2 PM). While that meeting is open for all to attend/witness, the best way to participate in the activities of the John Lyon Post/Community is to attend our Post meeting (July 12, at 8 PM), our various activities throughout the year, and to read our Award Winning newsletter.

Godspeed.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti

ISO Korean War Veterans

One of the first orders of business that I want to pursue as your Commander is to ensure that John Lyon becomes recognized as an official Department of Defense Korean War Commemorative Partner during this, the second year, of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, observances.

Past Post Commander Jack Turner has agreed to be a member of this committee but I would like 2 or 3 other veterans of that conflict to volunteer with ideas for activities in which John Lyon can participate. We need a minimum of three commemorative events per year.

Please contact Commander Agresti at (h) 703-516-9784, (w) 202-433-6442, (cell) 703-919-9794, or e-mail vfw31560cdr@aol.com.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

Patriotism and Freedom are what the Veterans of this great nation have given to us. So on this 225th birthday of the United States of America, I salute you and thank you for our freedom.

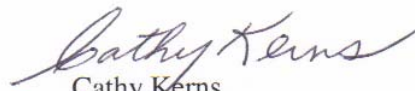
I am back. I want to thank the Ladies of the Auxiliary of John Lyon Post 3150 for electing me again as your President. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you on our programs for the coming year, and also working with Commander Connie Agresti and his officers for another exciting and challenging year before us.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to congratulate ALL STATE Commander Ken Jansen and members of John Lyon Post 3150 for their award. Also I would like to say congratulations to Jeannie for her 2000-2001 banner. Since I am writing this newsletter before the Department convention, which several of the ladies will be attending, I will list the awards that we received there in the August newsletter..

It is time to start collecting dues for the 2001-2002 year. Our dues are \$20.00 for continuous members. Also life members are reminded to pay for their cancer insurance (that is \$9.90). You may send your dues to our Treasurer, Cathy Graham, 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, if you have any questions regarding membership you may call Cathy at 703-319-0845.. Also if you know anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, please let us know. If you have any questions regarding membership or any other program you may reach me at Cathy Kerns, 720 South Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia or may call me at 703-979-5268 and my e-mail is Ckerns@attglobal.net.

There are several activities at the Post this month: On the 4th of July there will be our annual Fourth of July picnic, which will include hamburgers and hot dogs, so come by and support the Post on this great holiday. On the 8th of July is community breakfast and also on the 8th the Post and Auxiliary will be having a planning session for the 2001-2002 year. If you are interested, the meeting is at 2 pm after breakfast. On the 19th of July is our monthly Auxiliary meeting at 7:30 pm, and on the 23rd of July is community breakfast. Just a reminder, if you can help out at any of the breakfasts please let me know, even if it is for a couple of hours.

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate your birthday this month and our prayers are with those who are ill or have suffered a loss of a loved one. Be sure to fly your FLAG on the 4th of July.


Cathy Kerns
Auxiliary President

From the Senior Vice Commander:

The Senior Vice Commander's column will resume next month.

A John Lyon Hello ...

To Irene Van Houghton Munster, who is recovering from hip surgery; and to Imogene Robinson, also recovering from illness.

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members, Michael Ford, Greg Hernandez, Ralph Huston, and Thomas Jones, elected at the June meeting, subject to arrival of their DD Form 214, as necessary.

Buddy Poppies

Many thanks to the members who mailed or brought into the Post donations for the Buddy Poppy program. Over \$600 was sent in by members. Another nearly \$1260 was collected by members during Memorial Day weekend.

Korean Defense Service Medal

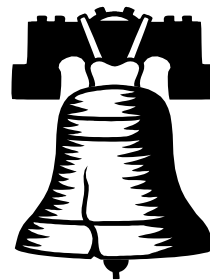
Separate bills have been introduced in the House and Senate to establish a Korean Defense Service Medal for all personnel stationed in Korea from 1953 until a period in the future. Citing the fragile cease-fire, numerous acts of aggression, and scores of American casualties in the past 50 years, Rep Gallegly (R-CA) and Senators Bingaman (D-NM) and Roberts (R-KS) have introduced H.R. 1935 and S. 999 into their respective chambers of Congress. Among our regional elected representatives, only Rep Frank Wolf has thus far signed on as a co-sponsor. The VFW wholeheartedly supports this legislation (although receipt of this medal - if approved - is not envisioned to convey any additional veterans benefits under Title 38) and members are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives and Senators for support.



Department of Virginia Commander E. Ray Chappell places the All-State white hat on the head of Post 3150 Commander Kenneth H. Jansen at the recent Department Convention in Richmond. Ladies Auxiliary President Jeanne M. Gibadlo, who later received the Ladies Auxiliary Banner, beams her approval in the foreground. *Photo by VFW Department of Virginia Historian Kim DeShano.*

Moving?

Send your new address to the Post at the address on the front page.



4th of July at the Post

Barbecue: 12 noon – 4pm
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans
etc.

From the John Lyon Past...

The following article appeared in The Sun --- Arlington, VA on 18 June 1948...

V.F.W. Department Meeting Slated

“John Lyon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be represented at the Department Encampment in Alexandria June 20-23. Annual memorial services are scheduled at 8 p.m. Sunday at the U.S.O. building with a parade on Monday starting at 2:30 p.m. The remainder of the time will be taken up with business and entertainment features for the V.F.W. and Auxiliary.

“Delegates from the local post are George C. Dalby, Roy B. Pruet, J.W. Alexander, E.G. Speakman, Henry M. Haney, W.R. Whitt, Lloyd E. Klett, H.T. Copland, Roy E. Wood, S.L. Sharpe, R.L. Hanback, Jack Williams, W.C. Jackson, and W.W. Burnett.

“Alternates include Emil C. Krahnke, Charles C. Hamilton, Daniel A. Dugan, Frank C. Harris, T.Oscar Smith, R.M. Dinterman, Robert J. Garcia, Robert L. Toung, Melvin L. Ball, M.R. Pierpoint, Emory M. Garrett, H.J. Ebersole, L.C. Hines, J.T. Robinson, W.R. Allden, and Robert C. McGehee.

“John Lyon Post will meet Thursday evening, June 24, at 8 o'clock at its Club House, 19th and North Uhle Streets. The business meeting, which will be short, according to Commander J.T. Vance, will be followed by entertainment.”

John Lyon Shirt and Cap Day

John Lyon Shirt and Cap Day is expected to be repeated early next month. On this day, all John Lyon members are asked to wear their John Lyon tee shirts and baseball caps wherever they go to remind the local folks we are here --- and then come by the Post for a group photo late in the afternoon. If you need one, now is the time to obtain a John Lyon tee shirt or baseball cap so you are prepared for the big day.

John Lyon in the News

John Lyon Post was featured in several news articles during the past month. The photo of Commander Jansen and Royal Marine Ian Davidson, which appeared in last month's newsletter, appeared with a story in the 4 June issue of the *Army Times*. New member Greg Hernandez was featured on the May 30-June 5 issue of *The Arlington Connection*. A section of the accompanying story featured Post member Joe Weyraugh. And in connection with different stories of the gubernatorial candidates' speaking at the Department Convention in Richmond, Ken and Joann Jansen were photographed speaking to one of the candidates. The photo and different stories appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Saturday, 23 June and *The Washington Post* on Sunday, 24 June.

Fourth of July

John Lyon Post will celebrate Independence Day with a good old fashioned Fourth of July cookout from 12 - 4 pm on Wednesday. The fare is expected to feature such things as burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, corn on the cob, baked beans, and watermelon.

Photos

Due to some logistical and technical problems, we have no photos for your perusal this month except for the one obtained from the Department Historian. We promise to catch up next month.

Vacation Days

--- watch out for Kids!





Independence Day, 4 July 2001

Barbecue: 12 noon – 4 pm








Hotdogs, Hamburgers

Potato Salad, Corn-on-the-Cob, Baked Beans



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS EST. 1926 	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY COOKOUT 12 - 4pm	5	6	7
8 POST & AUX PLANNING SESSION AT 2:00PM SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM 	9	10	11	12 POST MEETING 8:00PM 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 AUXILIARY MEETING 7:30PM 	20	21
22 SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM 	23	24	25	26	27  NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY	28
29 10th DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING AT VFW 7327 SPRINGFIELD AT 1:00PM	30	31	<p><i>God grants Liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it. Daniel Webster, June 3, 1834</i></p>			



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225 Years!

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