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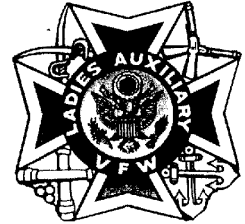
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## Memorial Day 2003



The grave of a Post 3150 comrade and his wife --- Post 3150 member and Past District and Department Commander, Austin Matthews, and Past Ladies Auxiliary 3150 President, Eunice Matthews --- on Memorial Day weekend. The tombstone is marked by the American flag and a pair of John Lyon wreaths during last year's holiday weekend. Post 3150 and Ladies Auxiliary members place a John Lyon wreath on the graves of members and their families in Arlington National Cemetery, Columbia Gardens, and National Memorial Cemetery during Memorial Day weekend.

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## *From the Commander:*

For me this is the most solemn of months. For it is during this month we take time from our busy schedules to remember our fallen comrades. We will decorate the graves of our members who have answered the final roll call. A tradition I find unique to our John Lyon VFW Post. On Memorial Day weekend we will group up and head to Arlington National Cemetery, National Memorial Cemetery and Columbia Gardens Cemetery. Our purpose is to place a handmade wreath on each member's grave and the graves of their loved ones. By doing this small gesture we honor our comrades in death for their service to our country in life. It also provides me personally a chance to remember my fallen brothers. This Memorial Day we have 132 U.S. killed and one missing plus 31 British killed and 1 dead of natural causes to remember. I hope each of you who can will make time available on May 24<sup>th</sup> and join us at the post. We will decorate National Memorial Cemetery and Columbia Gardens Cemetery on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Memorial Day Observed, May 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have our wreath laying ceremonies at John Lyon Memorial at 1100 hours and Clarendon War Memorial at 1300 hours.

On Memorial Day proper, May 30<sup>th</sup>, you can all wish me a happy birthday.

I want to congratulate the new officers elected during our last meeting. Once again John Lyon Post is extremely fortunate to have such an experienced and dedicated group of officers to lead all of us next year. I also want to challenge our membership to provide them with all the support you can provide. These new officers need all the support you can give them.

Many of you may have heard of a rumor that the Congress is going to slash the VA budget. On the eve of our battle to liberate the Iraqi people, Congress slashed funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This rumor has the potential to frighten our nation's veterans, and to undermine morale among our brave troops in the field. This rumor desperately needs squelching. At about the time the Iraq war began, the House of Representatives passed a resolution requesting House and Senate Appropriations Committee members to reduce most federal agencies' funding, including VA's, by 1 percent in fiscal year 2004, a reduction they believed could be made up by reducing waste, fraud and abuse at each department. If that measure had passed, it would have lowered the amount of the record increase in funding President Bush proposed for veterans, but it would not have cut VA's funding. Lawmakers, however, quickly recognized the impact upon veterans and exempted VA from the across-the-board reductions.

So, despite rumors we may hear to the contrary, veterans and their families, including our newest generation of veterans, should rest secure in the knowledge that a grateful nation honors their service to America. While VA can always use more money, the interests of America's veterans and their families will continue to be protected by Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the President.

Handwritten signature of the Post Commander.

Post Commander

## **From the Auxiliary President.....**



May is the month in which we honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. Post and Auxiliary 3150 will pay their tribute to these great veterans with ceremonies over the Memorial Day Weekend. We will be performing our annual graves decoration at Arlington Cemetery on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Wreath laying ceremonies at the John Lyon Memorial and the Clarendon War Memorial will be held on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in these very special events.

This weekend will also be filled with camaraderie and food as we will be hosting cookouts, brunch and many visitors from near and far. Our Post Home has become the gathering spot for many out-of-town visitors who enjoy our very special hospitality. Stop by and join in on the fun!

I want to extend a personal thanks to all of the folks who have helped us in our fund raising activities for Cancer Aid & Research during this past year. I had set a personal goal of raising \$2500 to present at the June Department Convention from our Auxiliary. I wasn't sure if this was obtainable, but as usual, everyone's hard efforts and generosity has more than met my expectations. I can't even imagine why I was ever concerned about meeting this goal. This year has been exceptionally rewarding for me on a personal level, as we have achieved goals and awards beyond anyone's expectations. The credit goes out to our membership for these achievements; we could never have reached the top without each and every one of you. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done!!!!

I extend my congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected Officers for the 2003 – 2004 year. You will assume your new duties immediately following the June Department Convention. We have yet another good team and I am sure that President-Elect Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc will continue to lead our Auxiliary in positive directions. Installation of Officers will be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Stop by to witness this special event and congratulate our new Officer Team.

Don't forget to check the Newsletter Calendar for the dates and times of other events and activities that will be happening this month.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to anyone who may be under the weather or who has suffered a personal loss. Also, we send warm wishes to all of those who will be celebrating another milestone in their annual trek through life. Don't forget to remember those special women in your life on Mother's Day!!!!

  
*Gail Hoffman*

## **Wagner & LaFreniere-Dajc Elected; Installation Scheduled**

J.Gary Wagner and Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc were elected as Post 3150 Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President, respectively, for the coming year during April elections. See below for complete election results. Installation of these officers and their staffs will be held at the Post home on Friday, 16 May at 7:30 pm. All members, family, and friends are invited to attend. A reception will follow the ceremonies.

## **Post Officer Elections**

The April Post meeting saw the following elected for officer positions for the next year:

Commander: J.Gary Wagner  
Senior Vice Commander: Eric D. Anderson  
Junior Vice Commander:  
Gregory E. Moscatel  
Quartermaster: William G. Wolverton  
Chaplain: Stephen H. Cobb  
Advocate: Eric A. Skrzypczak  
Surgeon: Mark M. Pando  
Three Year Trustee: Richard R. Hoffman  
Three Year House Committee:  
James R. Bertine

The Two Year House Committee position has become vacant. Election to this position will be done during the May meeting.

## **Ladies Auxiliary Officer Elections**

The April Ladies Auxiliary meeting saw the following elected for officer positions for the next year:

President: Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc  
Senior Vice President: Connie Conen  
Junior Vice President: Tanya Cobb  
Treasurer: Cathy Graham  
Chaplain: Virginia LePage  
Conductress: Barbara Brickhill  
Guard: Marian MacIntyre  
Three Year Trustee: Gail Hoffman

All new officers assume their duties when the new state officers are installed at the end of the state convention in Richmond in June.

## ***A John Lyon Hello...***

...to Donald Gordon, one of our Army Reserve members, who finds himself back on active duty and in Kuwait and, probably, other locations by now.

## ***Marching off...***

...William E. Bierlein, on 4 April. Husband of Ladies Auxiliary member Donna Bierlein, "Billy" was an Army veteran, stationed in Germany during the occupation years of the 1950s. Billy was buried at National Memorial Park. He was 67.

...John Green, born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1918. John was in the Army and stationed in New Guinea with the 97<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regiment in World War II. He died on 21 Mar and was buried at Quantico National Cemetery.

...Donald H. Mauchline, 67, on 14 April. Don was a retired Army Sergeant Major who had nine overseas tours, including one in Vietnam with HQ CO 313<sup>th</sup> RR BN. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery after the first of May.

...Robert Urban, on 11 February, two months short of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a native of Washington, D.C., and served as armorer gunner, flying 23 bombing missions as a member of the 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group over Europe in World War II. He was an early IBM punch card programmer, operator and instructor. Robert was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

## **HELP THE BUDDY POPPY TEAM!**

John Lyon members will be distributing Buddy Poppies over Memorial Day weekend plus the week leading up to the holiday. There will be some assembled kits available in the Post Home. If you are able to help out for several hours, sign-up and pick up a kit in the Post home or contact Connie Agresti or Richard Hoffman for additional information.

## Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers and wives! Wherever you are, you are close to our hearts.

Sunday brunch will be served on Mother's Day, 11 May, from 0900 - 1300. Members of the Post will take over as waiters to give some of our favorite ladies a well-deserved break from their normal routines. Bring your favorite lady and join us.

## District Convention

The Tenth District Convention will be held at 1 pm on 18 May at Dale City Post 1503 (14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City VA 22193, 703-670-4124). All Post and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend. Various awards are expected to be presented and / or announced and District elections and installations will be held. Several John Lyon Post and Auxiliary members are running for office.

## Cancer Aid and Research

Donations for Cancer Aid and Research are being accepted by the Ladies Auxiliary during May and early June for presentation during the Department Convention in June. If you care to donate, send your check to Treasurer Cathy Graham at the Post address.

## Neighborhood Day Parade

Saturday, May 10 is Neighborhood Day in Arlington County. John Lyon Post and Ladies Auxiliary will march down Wilson Boulevard in the parade that begins at 2 pm. With about 420 Post members (and 130 in the Ladies Auxiliary) we hope for a great turnout. Commander Hoffman suggests the "VFW uniform" of shirt and tie, grey slacks, and blue jacket for the men and similar style for the ladies, but any attire which is neat and respectful of the organization, your service, and yourself will be acceptable. VFW caps, or any VFW insignia, are always appropriate. Meet at the Post 12:00 - 12:30.

## Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Ladies Auxiliary member Patricia Graves, who reinstated her membership at the April meeting.



## Arlington Little League

On opening night of the Arlington Little League, Senior Vice Commander J.Gary Wagner and Adjutant Doc Crouch met the Majors 2 Rangers coaches and team which Post 3150 sponsors. Above Wagner meets Rangers head coach Don Eiss. The Arlington Little League has designated the Opening Night Majors I game the John Lyon Memorial Game in honor of the Arlington soldier killed in the First World War.

## Rangers Schedule

29 Apr 6:00	17 May 11:00 am
1 May 6:00 *	22 May 6:00
4 May 3:00	28 May 6:00 *
6 May 6:00	31 May 9:00 am
10 May 3:30	4 Jun 6:00
11 May 1:00	7 Jun 3:30
14 May 6:00	
	9 17 Jun Tournament

Games are at Jennie Dean Field, South Four Mile Run Drive, west of WETA TV, except \* which are at Kenmore (Middle School) #1, Arlington Blvd and Carlin Springs Road.

As of 24 Apr, the Rangers have won one and lost one. For more information, see <http://www.arlingtonlittleleague.org/data/2003/2sched2003.htm>

## ***From the John Lyon Past...***

The 25 May 1951 edition of *The Northern Virginia Sun*, included the following story:

### **“V.F.W. Will Hold Rites in Cherrydale**

“John Lyon Post and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold annual memorial services Wednesday, May 30, at 11 a.m. in honor of deceased comrades at the marker erected to John Lyon which now is located on the Cherrydale School grounds.

“The marker erected to John Lyon who died in World War I, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars was removed from its original location at Wilson Blvd. and Highland Street in Clarendon to Cherrydale. The memorial service conducted by the Post each year is short and impressive, and the public is invited.”

### **Loyalty Day is 82 Years Old**

VFW Commander-in-Chief Ray Sisk recently emphasized that "Loyalty Day is a long-standing VFW tradition that celebrates patriotism". The National VFW webpage explains the origins: "Loyalty Day originally began as 'Americanization Day' in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar."

### **Department Convention**

June 19-22, 2003 State Convention, Richmond; the Sheraton West, 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23230. Rates are \$79.00 per night. Telephone 800-325-3535, FAX 804 285 8418.

## **Buddy Poppy**

Enclosed you will find a Buddy Poppy with the compliments of John Lyon Post and Ladies Auxiliary. Wear it proudly over Memorial Day weekend. If you care to donate to the Relief Fund, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. All such funds go to support veterans, their widows and orphans.

### **New Postage Stamp to Honor Wright Brothers First Flight**

The U.S. Postal Service will issue a 37-cent First Flight commemorative postage stamp to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first controlled, powered, sustained flight in a heavier-than-air flying machine. The stamp, featuring the Wright Brothers bi-plane, will be issued on May 22 at both the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and the Wright Brothers National Memorial Park in Kill Devil Hills, NC, and will be available in post offices the following day.

### **New Postage Stamp to Honor Purple Heart Recipients**

U.S. military men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart for sacrifices made on the battlefield will soon be honored when the U.S. Postal Service issues the Purple Heart postage stamp. The stamp was reportedly scheduled for issue around Memorial Day 2003, according to William A. Wroolie, National Commander of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, but no date has been announced on the U.S. Postal Service webpage. The design of 37-cent Purple Heart stamp is based on the design of the medal itself. "For many years, the Postal Service has issued new postage stamps honoring its veterans, and now it is very appropriate that we honor the heroes who fought and were injured protecting the freedoms we hold so dear," said Postmaster General John E. Potter.

Information on both new stamps is available at [http://www.usps.com/communications/news/welcom\\_e.htm](http://www.usps.com/communications/news/welcom_e.htm). Then click on "Stamp News". The Purple Heart stamp is listed under 2002 News Releases.

# Recent Events Around the Post



Tom and Lola Kane belt out a song during a recent Karaoke Night at the Post. Karaoke Night is the fourth Friday of the month. Come try a duet with your special one.



Ladies Auxiliary President Gail Hoffman, Chaplain Greg Moscatel, Surgeon Mark Pando, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Ginny LePage, and Senior Vice Commander J.Gary Wagner return to the Post after a recent visit to the residents at the VA Hospital nursing home in Washington, D.C. The group distributed apples, bananas, pears, and cheery “hellos” to the residents.



The Post’s Easter Bunnies ham it up before getting down to work during a recent Sunday Brunch. The 3150 Ladies are (l to r) Connie Conen, Cathy Kerns, Lola Kane, J.C. Hotter, and Gail Hoffman. The Ladies Auxiliary also held a bake sale during the brunch and raised \$385 for Cancer Aid and Research.



Enjoying the Crab Cake Dinner recently sponsored by the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary are (l to r) Marian MacIntyre, Franel Cowan, and Carol and Walter Frankland. The dinner was a fund raiser and earned \$820 for Cancer Aid and Research.

# Post 3150

## Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

### 23 - 26 May

Fri: 12:30 pm: Meet at Post for Columbia Gardens and National Memorial Cemetery graves decoration.

5 pm: Platters/Finger Foods

7 pm – 11:30 pm: Karaoke

Sat: 8:30 am: Meet at Post for Arlington Cemetery graves decoration.

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Cookout

Sun: 9 am - 1 pm: Special Buffet Brunch

4 - 7 pm: Post Cookout)

Mon: 10 am: Principals meet at Post

11 am: “John Lyon Memorial”, Cherrydale

1 pm: Clarendon War Memorial

2:00 pm: Open House

Throughout: Buddy Poppy Distribution

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# Lunch Specials

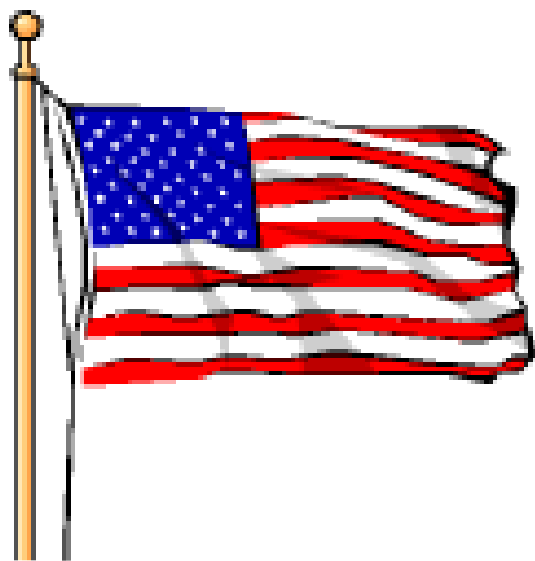
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Call Post	2 Call Post	3
4	5 Baked Chicken	6 Spaghetti	7 BBQ Ribs	8 Pepper Steak	9 Seafood	10
11	12 Pork Chops	13 Meatloaf	14 BBQ Ribs	15 Pepper Steak	16 Seafood	17
18	19 Baked Chicken	20 Spaghetti	21 BBQ Ribs	22 Pepper Steak	23 Seafood	24
25	26 Memorial Day – Open House	27 Meatloaf	28 BBQ Ribs	29 Pepper Steak	30 Seafood	31

Lunch Served 11 to 3 Monday - Friday  
 Also available: various deli sandwiches, etc.



# May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>On Memorial Day let us pause and remember the Service and Sacrifice of all Veterans and Active Duty Personnel who have fought to defend Freedom!</i></p>				 1 LOYALTY DAY	2	3
4	5	6 POST OFFICERS' CALL 7:30PM  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 8:00PM	7	8 V-E DAY   POST MEETING 8:00PM	9	10 ARLINGTON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD DAY AND PARADE MEET AT POST AT 12:30PM
11 MOTHER'S DAY  SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM - 1:00PM 	12	13	14	15  AUXILIARY MEETING 7:30PM	16  VFW POST 3150 AND AUXILIARY INSTALLATION OF 2003 - 2004 OFFICERS 7:30PM	17  ARMED FORCES DAY
18 10TH DISTRICT CONVENTION AT VFW POST 1503 DALE CITY 1:00PM	19	20	21	22	23  GRAVE DECORATIONS COLUMBIA GARDENS/NAT'L MEMORIAL 12:30PM KARAOKE 7:00PM	24  GRAVE DECORATIONS AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY 8:30AM COOKOUT 3:00PM - 7:00PM
 25 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BUFFET BRUNCH 9:00AM - 1:00PM  COOKOUT 3:00PM - 7:00PM	 26 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES AT CHERRYDALE AT 11:00AM AT CLARENDON AT 1:00PM	27	28	29	30	31



Loyalty Day  
1 May 2003

VFW Post 3150  
and  
Ladies Auxiliary 3150

