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

## Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Visits John Lyon Post



VFW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John Furgess, center, and Department of Virginia Commander, Lawrence F. Mattera, left, were greeted by Post 3150 Commander Richard Hoffman during the national leader's visit to Post 3150.

## From the Commander....



You have reached the top. All the hard work, volunteerism and support by each of you have propelled the Post to the very top of the Department of Virginia. Just listen to what you have done over the past year. 52 members have made over twenty visits to hospitals and nursing homes which benefited 292 patients. Total volunteer hours were 792 and cost of these services or donations was \$4,275.56.

25 members have attended 10 funerals of members at Arlington National Cemetery, National Memorial Cemetery and Columbia Gardens.

543 members volunteered to complete 40 Americanism projects requiring 1,073.7 hours and you drove 4,781 miles to complete those projects at a total cost of \$2,648.39.

108 members participated in 8 youth activity projects at a cost of \$5,625.80. Total hours donated for youth activities was 445 and you drove 1,080 miles to complete those projects.

15 members completed 9 safety projects requiring 42 hours, 132 miles driven and total project cost of \$737.86.

339 members worked on 63 projects for a total of 4,070.5 hours at a cost of \$13,586.40 and drove 3,612 miles to accomplish those projects.

To sum up your volunteer year, you completed 140 projects. A total of 1057 volunteers gave 6,423.2 hours and drove 10,437 miles and the total cost of these projects was \$26,574.01. These figures don't include all the monies you donated to the schools, little league, soccer teams, veterans organizations, community organizations and many others. You have been very busy and there is more. You reached 100% membership within five months of the membership year. You far exceeded my expectations.

Later this month I will have the honor to represent your Post at the Department Convention. I fully expect to have my arms loaded with honors and awards you all so richly deserve. You the members of the Post and Auxiliary have made this a fantastic year.

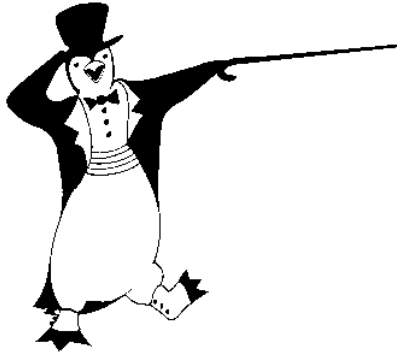
Thank you for being there when the Post needed you. Each of you should be very proud of your efforts and contributions toward the continued success of John Lyon VFW Post 3150.

Commander

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## 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.



## From the Auxiliary President.....

The summer is upon us and so is the end of my term in office. This has been an extraordinary year for the Post and Auxiliary. Everyone has contributed in some fashion to bring us to a level of excellence that no one could have dreamed of achieving. I cannot express enough, my heart felt thanks to each and every one of you for being there and stepping up to the challenge, no matter how big. This Post and Auxiliary is so very fortunate in having so many dedicated people determined on achieving and maintaining the high standards we have set for ourselves within this organization. No one person alone can rise above the crowd, but together we are unbeatable!!!! It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President during this outstanding year.

Recognition of this year's efforts has reached far and wide. We have been recognized at both the District and Department levels. We will be attending the Department Convention at the end of this month where it is anticipated we will be bringing home lots of awards for the Post and Auxiliary. These awards belong to you; and each of you can take pride in the fact that you had some part in making it happen.

The remodeling effort at the Post is nearing completion. If you haven't had the opportunity to see it, please stop by and check it out. The transformation is remarkable. I would like to commend the Commander and Post members for undertaking this huge task. The benefits of the make-over speak for themselves.

I would also like to recognize and thank the Post Officers and members for their continued support of the Auxiliary. The exceptional team work this year provided the foundation to successfully accomplish our many projects.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Commander-Elect Gary and President-Elect Jodie. The theme they have chosen for their year is "Together We Soar". There is no doubt in my mind that they will do just that. The Post and Auxiliary will still go even higher under this dynamic leadership.

Congratulations also to our own Cathy Kerns who was elected and installed as the 10<sup>th</sup> District President at the May District Convention. Additionally, Cathy Graham was elected to fill the position of 10<sup>th</sup> District Treasurer. Auxiliary 3150 will be well represented at the District level in the 2003 – 2004 year.

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. As this will be my last newsletter to you, I want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer!!!!

*Gail Hoffman*



*Cathy Kerns, left, was installed as new Tenth District Ladies Auxiliary President*

## **Catherine Kerns Elected Tenth District President**

3150's Catherine A. Kerns was elected Ladies Auxiliary Tenth District President during the recent District Convention. Cathy started "in the Chairs" five or six years ago and has worked her way towards President. In all, ten John Lyon members will hold positions at the District level (See story next column.). All District --- and Post --- officers will assume their positions about noon on Sunday 22 June, when the new Department Officers are installed at the end of the convention in Richmond.

## **Happy Father's Day**

Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers and husbands! Wherever you are, you are close to our hearts.

## **Father's Day Cookout**

The Father's Day Cookout is scheduled for 2 - 5 pm on 15 June at Post 3150. Call Post for menu and cost. There will, however, be NO COST for Korean War Veterans attending.

## **No Brunch on 22 June**

There will be no brunch on Sunday, 22 June as most of the principals will be in Richmond for the Department Convention.

## **Tenth District Elections**

The following were elected or appointed to district positions during the recent Tenth District Convention.

### **VFW Elected Positions:**

Commander: W.J. Leonard (Post 7327)  
 Sr Vice Commander: James K. Martin (Post 1503)  
 Jr Vice Commander: J. David Keith (Post 7916)  
 Quartermaster: Claude Lee Willoughby (Post 1503)  
 Advocate: J.Gary Wagner (Post 3150)  
 Surgeon: M.C. "Connie" Agresti (Post 3150)  
 Chaplain: Clyde Embrey (Post 7916)  
 One Year Trustee: C.D. "Doc" Crouch (Post 3150)  
 Two Year Trustee: Jimmy Lee Wallace (Post 1503)  
 Three Year Trustee: David Jacobson (Post 7327)

### **Appointed Positions:**

Adjutant: Christian E. Braun (Post 7327)  
 Inspector: Kenneth H. Jansen (Post 3150)  
 Youth Activities: Stu Sanford (Post 7916)

### **Ladies Auxiliary Elected Positions:**

President: Catherine Kerns (L.A. 3150)  
 Sr Vice President: Betty Gimble (L.A. 1503)  
 Jr Vice President: Ellen Carleton (L.A. 1503)  
 Treasurer: Catherine Graham (L.A. 3150)  
 Chaplain: Sarah Dugas (L.A. 1503)  
 Conductress: Isabel Grummons (L.A.7327)  
 Guard: Marilyn Garrett (L.A. 8241)  
 One Year Trustee: Kathi McCloskey (L..A. 1503)  
 Two Year Trustee: Joy Van Horn (L.A. 3150)  
 Three Year Trustee: Cheryl Schrand (L.A. 7916)

### **Appointed Positions:**

Secretary: Jeanne M. Gibadlo (L.A. 3150)  
 Historian: Gwen Sears (L.A. 609)  
 Patriotic Instructor: Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc(LA 3150)  
 Deputy Chief of Staff: Gail Hoffman (L.A. 3150)

## **Last Newsletter?**

If you failed to renew your membership dues for the year 2002-2003, you are about to be dropped from the mailing list for the newsletter. To stay on the list, send your dues for 2003-2004 **NOW**. To the Post Quartermaster (\$23) or Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer (\$20) at the address on the front page.

## Army Birthday

The Army Birthday will be commemorated with a cake cutting on Saturday, 14 June at 7:30 pm. In previous years, John Lyon members from all services gathered for the first of the service birthdays and continued this tradition throughout the year.

### *Marching off...*

James L. Small, on 26 November 2002. An Army veteran, Comrade Small was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> RRU in the early 1960s in Southeast Asia and he received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He was 62 and an Army veteran.

## Griswold Elected to Post House Committee

James P. Griswold was elected to the Two Year House Committee position at the May meeting. He will fill a vacant position.

## A Buddy Poppy Thanks

Thanks to the many members and friends who sent in a donation for the Buddy Poppy included in last month's newsletter. Your generosity will help ensure our Relief Funds will be ready for the next year when needed.

## *A John Lyon Hello ...*

...To all those who cooked, served, cleaned up and otherwise served our visitors, guests and members over Memorial Day weekend.

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Nearly-completed redecorating has brightened >>> the interior of the Post Home. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary charters and a picture and the medals of John Lyon still watch over the podium in the old altar area. On the left and right of the altar are new plaques with the names of the Post Commanders and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents from 1934/35 to present. Note that the Post charter above the bell on the podium has been "draped" in memory of a deceased comrade. The charter is draped as necessary at the monthly meeting and remains so for a month.

## “Update on Combat Related Special Compensation

“Pentagon officials met with the VFW to discuss the Combat Related Special Compensation program (CRSC). It will benefit disabled retirees who have 20 or more years of active duty service in the military and who fall into one of two categories:

1. Retirees wounded in combat and who received the Purple Heart for an injury that is rated 10% or higher.
2. Retirees severely disabled in combat-related incidents that receive a 60% or higher disability rating for illnesses, injuries incurred in combat, combat-related training, or hazardous duty pay.

“The program is set to begin on June 1, 2003. The application form is still pending approval but should be available by the end of May. Nothing has been finalized from DoD officials on this issue. - Special Compensation will be non-taxable

- Approved applicants will receive compensation retroactive to June 1, 2003; the qualifying disability would have to be rated by the VA on or before that date.

- VA Disability codes will be used in the evaluation process and VA's presumptive illnesses will apply.

- DoD has made arrangements with the National Personnel Records Center and VA to obtain needed documentation on an expedited basis. It is not necessary for a military retiree to request documentation from these agencies. Doing so will only delay the process. When DoD completes them, applications will be available on line at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc) “ (From *VFW Washington Weekly*, May 13, 2003)



## Purple Heart Veterans Vietnam - Present

Enter Drawing for Chance to Attend  
Army-Navy Game  
December 6, 2003  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Enter the Veterans of Foreign Wars drawing for a trip to attend the Army-Navy Game on December 6 in Philadelphia. Forty (40) veterans, who must be Purple Heart recipients, will be randomly selected to attend the game. The prize includes transportation to Philadelphia Dec. 5-7, 2003, two nights hotel accommodations, \$100 travel allowance, two breakfasts, a ticket to the game and transportation to the game and return to hotel.

Deadline for entries is September 5, 2003.

## Memorial Day Grave Decorations

Members of John Lyon laid wreaths on graves at three local cemeteries during Memorial Day weekend. The ceremonies at National Memorial Cemetery were completed by 3 pm on Friday. Arlington National Cemetery was completed on Saturday by 1 pm and Columbia Gardens by 3 pm. If we missed a grave of a John Lyon member or family member call the Post and let us know to update our records for next year.

## Don Mauchline Funeral

Donald H. Mauchline will be buried on Monday, 2 June at 12:30 at Arlington National Cemetery. Meet at the Administration Center at 12:15 pm.

Apply online or obtain entry form at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).  
If no computer, call the Post for an entry blank.

# June 2003

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# Lunch Specials

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

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

# Recent Events Around the Post



<<< The John Lyon Highway Cleanup crew pauses in front of the Post Home before heading down to Lee Highway near the Post. Left to right are Gail Hoffman, Eric Anderson, Ralph Huston, Connie Conen, Shirley McAlhaney, J.Gary Wagner and Richard Hoffman. The Hoffmans use pick-up sticks to show the backside of the new neon yellow reflectorized safety vests obtained by the Post. "VFW 3150" boldly tells the community who is performing the environmental clean-up.

Commander Richard Hoffman accepts a >>> certificate from John Murphy of Post 8093 in Debary, Florida. The Honor Guard from the southern post came to Arlington to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. The delegation made John Lyon Post their home away from home and they presented Post officers present with a hat from their home post. In the center, Chaplain Greg Moscatel and Junior Vice Commander Eric Anderson and the Commander sport their new ball caps. Post 8093 Commander Joe Lowe looks on from the left.



<<< Commander Richard R. Hoffman presents the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award to AF JROTC Cadet Tanvir Ahmed during the annual Awards Night Ceremonies at the Arlington Career Center.

# Recent Events Around the Post

Team 3150 lines up at the start of the >>> Arlington County Parade with the new John Lyon Post banner. Behind the banner, left to right, are Eric Anderson, Greg Moscatel, J.Gary Wagner, Joseph Weyraugh, and Richard Hoffman. In front are Cathy Kerns, Gail Hoffman, and Ralph Huston. Ginny LePage also marched with the group which presented Buddy Poppies and "Support Our Troops" posters to the crowd.



<<< National First Vice President Ann Y. Wolcott (left) and Past President Terry Davis of the National Gold Star Mothers receive a rose from Commander Richard Hoffman. All Mothers attending during brunch on Mother's Day were presented with a rose to mark the day. The guys also took over waiter duties to give our favorite ladies a day off from floor duty.

Department of Virginia officers >>> accompanied Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief John Furgess to Post 3150. Left to right are Surgeon Daniel D. Boyer Jr, Senior Vice Commander Peter M. Snelling, Judge Advocate Tom W. Hines, Commander Lawrence F. Mattera, Past Commander and National Sixth District Council Member Paul T. Moore, and Past Commander and Chief of Staff E. Ray Chappell.





# 3150 Installation



Incoming Post 3150 Commander, J.Gary Wagner (left), accepted the commander's gavel from Richard R Hoffman (right), via Installing Officer, Past Post Commander Eugene D. Miller III (center) during installation ceremonies held at the Post. In front of the podium are the new Post Commanders' and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents' plaques unveiled during the ceremonies.



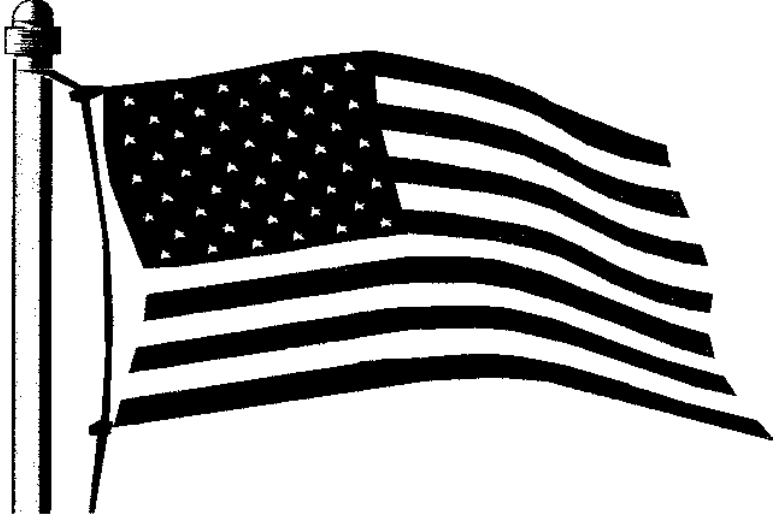
Incoming Ladies Auxiliary 3150 President, Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc (center) pauses with Installing Officer, State Senior Vice President Ines Kerch (right) and her mother, Installing Conductress, Shirley LaFreniere, from Ladies Auxiliary 2025, Rolla, MO, during installation ceremonies held at the Post.



New officers for John Lyon Post for the year 2003-2004 are (left to right) front row: Senior Vice Commander Eric Anderson, Commander J.Gary Wagner, Junior Vice Commander Gregory Moscatel, Quartermaster William G. Wolverton, second row, Two Year Trustee M.C. "Connie" Agresti, Advocate Eric Skrzypczak, Three Year Trustee Richard Hoffman, Surgeon Mark Pando, and Chaplain Stephen H. Cobb. Missing from the picture are One Year Trustee Keith A. "Joe" Weeks, and Adjutant C.D. "Doc" Crouch.



New officers for John Lyon 3150 Ladies Auxiliary for the year 2003-2004 are (left to right) front row: Secretary Jeanne Gibadlo, President Jodie Lafreniere-Dajc, Senior Vice President Connie Conen, Junior Vice President Tanya Cobb; second row: Conductress Barbara Brickhill, Treasurer Catherine Graham; Two Year Trustee Catherine Kerns, and Three Year Trustee Gail Hoffman. Missing from the picture are One Year Trustee Elsa Weeks, Guard Marian MacIntyre, Historian Lola Kane, and Chaplain Virginia LePage.



FLAG DAY  
Saturday  
June 14<sup>th</sup>

CEREMONY 7:00PM

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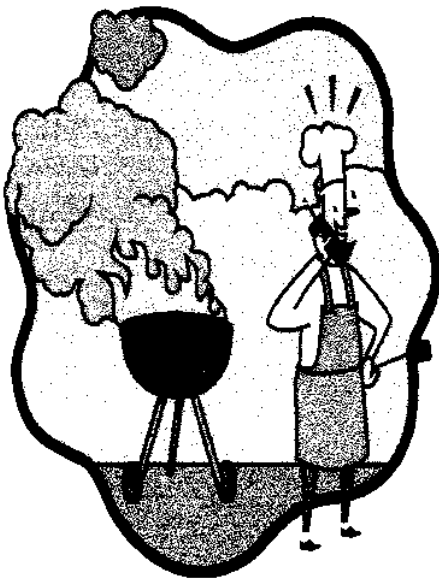
U.S. ARMY 227<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY SATURDAY  
June 14<sup>TH</sup>



CAKE Cutting  
Ceremony 7:30pm

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Father's Day  
Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
cookout 2:00 - 5:00pm

# June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 D-DAY (1944)	7
8 SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM 	9	10	11	12 WACs FOUNDED MADE PART OF THE REGULAR ARMY (1948)  POST MEETING 8:00PM	13	14 U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY (1775)  FLAG DAY
15  FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT	16	17  AUXILIARY MEETING 7:30PM	18	19 VFW DEPT. OF VA CONVENTION IN RICHMOND, VA	20 VFW DEPT. OF VA CONVENTION IN RICHMOND, VA	21 1ST DAY OF SUMMER  VFW DEPT. OF VA CONVENTION IN RICHMOND, VA
22 <i>NO</i> SUNDAY BRUNCH  VFW DEPT. OF VA CONVENTION IN RICHMOND, VA	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 	<p><b><i>"I Pledge Allegiance To the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for Which it Stands, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for All."</i></b></p> <p>(RECOGNIZED BY CONGRESS, JUNE 22, 1942)</p>				

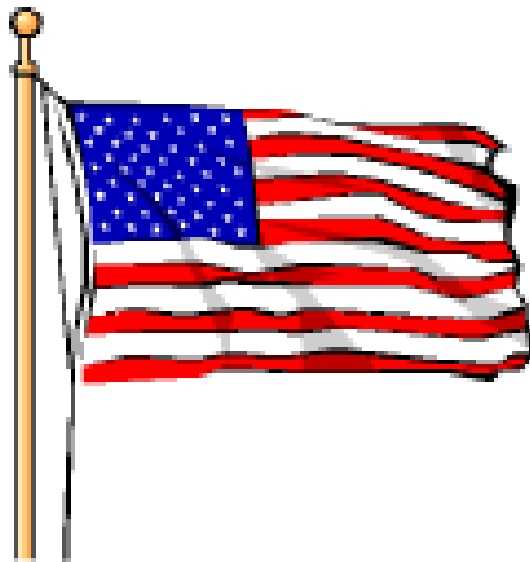


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## **Flag Day, 14 June 2003**

**"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation, under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all."**