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Loretta Burnett

John Lyon Ladies Auxiliary 3150 turns 70 on 19 February



Hattie Musselman

Three months after VFW Post 3150 was chartered on 20 November 1934, the Ladies Auxiliary 3150 received its charter on 19 February 1935. Twenty-one women signed the charter, including the first president, Loretta Burnett whose husband, William, was the first post commander. Nettie Wolfe was second president, followed by Hattie Musselman, whose husband, Charlie, was the second commander. Their daughter, Virginia Musselman, was president in 1978-79, 1985-88. (Photos above from 1951.)

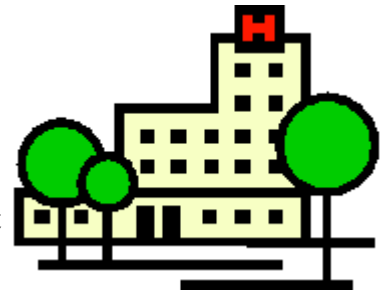
Among the notable women coming out of John Lyon Ladies Auxiliary were Department Presidents Virginia Dalby (1950-51) and Winifred Locke (1954-55). Both women were also National Council Members. And Locke served as Southern Conference President (1957-58).

Nine 3150 women have been District Presidents. These include Winifred Locke and Helen Plunkitt (1950s), Lucy Ebersole (1965-1966), Viola Haislip (1973-1974), Martha Tingler (1977-1978), Marcie Olson (1981-1982), Gail Hoffman (1999-2000), Joy Neher Van Horn (2001-2002), and Catherine Kerns (2003-2004). Hoffman and Kerns were each named the Outstanding District President during the state convention following their respective terms.

Happy Birthday, 3150 Ladies!

From the Commander:

My greetings to everyone. During the past two months, Post 3150 has been busy with our planned and unplanned activities. We put together food baskets for the young soldiers' families and held a Christmas party with a bag of presents for their children. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were escorted to the post by a security team consisting of the State Department and the Arlington County Police motorcycle squads (sirens and lights flashing and all).



After learning about a situation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, concerning a wife and her two young children traveling to visit her husband who was wounded in Iraq, we learned there was a need for two baby high chairs at the Walter Reed Fisher House. We responded by purchasing and delivering the high chairs to the Fisher House on December 30.

65 people showed up for our post Christmas day turkey and ham dinner. Our warm thanks go out to post 3150's two-time past All-State commander Ken Jansen for coming in to the post early in the morning to cook the turkeys and to his wife (auxiliary member) JoAnn for her assistance.

We rang in the New Year with a party at the post. Richard Hoffman, (past All-State commander and present 3150 Quartermaster), supplied the music with his equipment and DJ talent.

On January 9, our post was visited during our Sunday brunch by Medal Of Honor recipient Harvey "Barney" Barnum. Barney was a Marine 1st Lieutenant and forward air controller in Vietnam at the time. During this brunch there were thirty wounded soldiers visiting our post for breakfast. Barney went from table to table talking to all of the Walter Reed patients.

We at VFW Post 3150 do the things we do at the post with a limited number of volunteers. We can always use more volunteers here at the post. We have many long distance members across the country and I thank them for their support. We have many local members who may wonder if they can help our post. My answer is to not feel shy. Come on out and get involved with us. You are definitely welcome.

The last thing on my mind is membership. The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is the most significant veteran's organization. We do not want to lose any members we already have. Please renew your membership while you are thinking about it. Your renewal will help us continue our community and veteran support programs.

Yours in comradeship,
Greg Moscatel
Commander, VFW Post 3150

From the President:

Happy Anniversary Ladies! Our Auxiliary will be celebrating its 70th year of existence on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at seven p.m. at the post home. Come and participate in the cake cutting ceremony and renew acquaintances. The life of the auxiliary has changed through the years to reflect both the general mores of the time and the personalities of those willing to help out. So ladies pat yourselves on the back for staying with the oldest organization that supports our veterans. By the way, Virginia Musselman one of the charter members is residing at the Soldiers and Airmans home in Washington, D.C.



The winner of the Cancer Aid and Research quilt raffle was Lisa McCoy, one of our members and the Canteen Manager. We raised \$520 for Cancer.

For the romantics, the Post is having a Valentines Dinner on Friday 11 February from 5 to 7 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the post home. Entrees will be chicken or fish. Deadline for sign up is Tuesday 8 February. Call the post for more information.

We are sponsoring another cheesecake baking class conducted by Doc Crouch, our Department Junior Vice Commander. It will be on 19 February beginning at 11 am. Cost is \$20 and all participants will leave with their very own cheesecakes baked by themselves. Allow at least 3 hours for the class and baking. The money is going to support our patriotic awards program. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, 17 February and the sign up sheets are at the Post

On 5 March, the Post is having a spaghetti dinner. It will be from 5-9pm and will be by donation. Come down and enjoy some of our hospitality and conviviality that is always present during our functions

Now let's talk membership. Ladies who have not renewed for the 2005 year, you are no longer a member in good standing and this will be the last issue of the newsletter you will receive. The effort of our organization to support the dead by helping the living is especially true in these times. We are collecting Campbell Soup labels to send to the VFW National Home for Children in Michigan. We are raising funds to send to support the National Patriotic Arts Escrow fund as well as locally supporting the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests. Each of these efforts requires funding which comes from the dues you pay as well as the individually designed fundraisers we operate. Those who have been coming to breakfast on the second and fourth Sundays of the month have seen the work our volunteers give to ensure that each customer who shows up is greeted and cheerfully served. The customers have been including wounded troops and their families from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The contact they have with us has been truly gratifying on our parts and the troops and their families appreciate the hospitality we show them. By paying your dues and keeping your membership current you are helping those wounded. In addition, your continued membership is reflected in the way Congress responds to requests and actions that the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary present to them. My recent trip to Richmond to meet the Commonwealth Senators and Delegates allowed us to see these individuals about veterans programs to garner support on the local level to help both older and newer veterans.

In closing, I hope everyone is staying safe throughout these wintry, snowy months by shoveling smarter, and driving smarter. Happy Birthday to all those who are celebrating the big day this month.

Catherine M. Graham

Post Membership 96%

Post 3150 is over 96% of our membership goal for the year 2004 - 2005. Those who have not renewed are urged to send in their renewals as soon as possible. If you did not receive a renewal slip from National --- especially if you moved and they might not have your new address --- please send your check for \$30 to the Post and we will send it on for you. You may also return your renewal slip to National or charge your renewal on-line at www.vfw.org. Once you reach the national VFW webpage, click on "Membership", then "Member Tools". You will need your membership number which is the six or seven digits on the label of your VFW magazine above your name. The number also can be found on last year's membership card.

And congratulations to the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary who are nearing 100% of their goal. They can always use a new member or two. Is your wife a member?

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members Leo Browning (Vietnam) (Life), Jay Carlson (Army - Kosovo / Afghanistan), John Collins (USMC - Vietnam), John M Harrell (Navy - Desert Storm), James Jackson (Army - Kuwait / Iraq), Joe Morin (USMC - Vietnam) (Life), Michael Sean Tuomey (Army - Korea Service), and Jason Waitkoss (Army - Korea Service), and new Ladies Auxiliary members Ashlee Allen, and Alysha Dennings (Life) and Margaret Marcedonia, (Life), all elected at recent meetings.

We also welcome new MIP members to the VFW: Ryan A Autery, Jeffrey G Craig, Johnnie Lee Crumley, Jason B Finch, Johnny L Hayes, Kenneth L Lukes, Garrett A Martin, Michael J Oreskovic, Gerald Terlaje, William M Thorne, Jeffery Vaughn, and William H Wright, all who qualified via Operation Freedom, and Jason Burgess, who served in Korea.

Post Awards Ceremony 26 February

John Lyon Post will hold an awards ceremony honoring our Post participants and winners in VOD and Patriot's Pen essay, and Teacher of the Year competitions on Saturday, 26 February at 2 pm. Everyone is invited to join our congratulations and thanks to these outstanding individuals.

Marching off...

Walter M Swain (81), 7 Feb 2004. Served on LSM-51 in the Philippines during World War II. Buried Arlington National Cemetery.

Robert Wasserman (67), 27 Nov 04. Served in the Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis. His widow is Ceil Wasserman, onetime Senior Vice President of the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary. He was buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Betty Davis, 2 Dec 04, longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary and widow of post member Jack Davis. Buried with him in Arlington National.

Michael Kilgore (54), 16 Dec 04. Served in Vietnam and was a member of the USS Kamehameha (SSBN462) Gold Team. Reportedly buried in Annandale.

William Hammond (75), 20 Dec 04, part of the U.S. Army's 66 Engineer TOPO Company in postwar Germany for 2 years.

Michael E Petrosky (74), reported by National Headquarters. He was a member of the 618 Med Co during the Korean War.

Diehl Young (75), 9 Jan 05. Serve with the Army's 260 CAA Btry D during World War II. Buried in National Memorial Cemetery.

We also learned that Neil Joseph Harrington (82), former prisoner of war having survived the death marches in Corregidor and Bataan in World War II, died on 19 April 2004. He was reported as having been a member of the VFW in Arlington although we have no records of that. Can anyone confirm?

Men's Auxiliary to the VFW --- at Post 3150?

The National VFW and the Department of Virginia have approved the concept of a Men's Auxiliary to the VFW and such auxiliaries have been formed at various posts. Membership in the Men's Auxiliary is limited to husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, brothers, (and half-brothers who attain the status prior to the age sixteen) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. Documentation is required as far other membership categories. Members must also be at least sixteen years old.

The idea has been presented that a Men's Auxiliary be formed at John Lyon VFW Post 3150. The commander has stated that if the required number of qualified persons applies that the proposal for the formation of a Men's Auxiliary unit can be brought before the membership for their approval. This is a prime opportunity for persons who are not eligible for VFW membership to work with the VFW's efforts of honoring our departed comrades by assisting the living through supporting the principals of Americanism, community and youth activities, and assisting veterans and their families.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Post for those that desire to avail themselves of this opportunity. Thus far, we have had sixteen individuals express an interest, however we are still seeking additional personnel to fill the roster. There is a requirement of a minimum of 20 qualified individuals to form a Men's Auxiliary. Those that would be interested and/or know of individuals that would be interested in the formation of a Men's Auxiliary unit are requested to submit their name. We welcome all those that would be interested in this opportunity. The point of contact is David M. Huff and he can be reached at (703) 593-3617 or contact the Post at (703) 525-0108.



Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to Visit Post 3150

Jim Mueller, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the VFW is scheduled to visit Post 3150 at noon on Saturday, 26 February. His visit is expected to last for about 2 hours. All members are invited to come by the Post and meet him. Mueller is expected to be elected the VFW's Commander in Chief during the next National Convention in August

Happy Birthday, John Lyon Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday February 19th marks the 70th Anniversary of the founding of John Lyon VFW Post 3150 Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies have been instrumental in 3150's successes throughout the years. Let us gather at the Post on the nineteenth at 7 pm and celebrate their many contributions.

Valentine's Day Dinner

The post will have a Valentine's Day Dinner on Friday, 11 February from 5 - 7 pm. The primary entree will be chicken but fish will also be available. Members are asked to call the Post for reservations. Please specify your choice of chicken or fish when doing so.

A John Lyon Hello ...

... to Liz Allen, Santa's number one helper at John Lyon Post, and to Santa and Mrs Claus for including Post 3150 on their list of places to visit.

... to 3150 spouse Cindy Dwyer, who borrowed about 100 ball gowns from friends and associates so that visiting military wives at Walter Reed would have something appropriate to wear to the inaugural balls military personnel were invited to.

... to our members serving in the war zone and other dangerous places around the world. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

From the John Lyon Past...

From the archives of The Northern Virginia Sun, 27 February 1936:

“Lyon Post Auxiliary Observes Birthday

“More than 100 persons attended the recent banquet at Lee Tavern, Glebe Road and Lee Boulevard, in celebration of the first anniversary of the founding of the Ladies Auxiliary of the John Lyon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

“The banquet program included speeches by members of the post and the auxiliary. Post Commander C.A. Musselman announced the appointment of Howard C. Duckson as Post employment officer. A resolution was adopted urging the County Civic Federation to take steps to prevent overloading of busses in the county.”

New Officers to be Selected

Post officers for the Year 2005-2006 will be nominated during the March meeting and elected in April. All members are urged to consider one of the positions. Contact the commander or one of the other current officers for more information on the positions. All positions are open to be filled. The elected positions and some of their areas of prime interest are commander, senior vice commander (membership), junior vice commander (activities), quartermaster (finances), chaplain, advocate (parliamentarian), surgeon (welfare and hospital), three year trustee (oversight), and three year house committee member (post home). Additionally, there are appointed positions such as adjutant (admin), officer of the day, and publicity chairman to be filled.

The Ladies Auxiliary will both nominate and elect new officers during their April meeting. Contact the President or one of the other officers for further information.

VFW National Winter Conferences in Washington, D.C.

VFW's two national winter conferences will be held in Washington, D.C. in March: The Community Service Conference, March 6-8, 2003, and the Legislative Conference, March 8-9, 2003. Both at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend these conferences.

Canteen News

The canteen is open for lunch Monday through Thursday 11 - 3, and Friday 11 - 5. Specials during the week include Steak and Cheese Subs, Bacon Cheeseburgers, Meatloaf, and on Fridays, Shrimp and Fish. Bartenders are needed for Saturdays. If you can help out, call Lisa at the Post (703-525-0108) Monday -Friday 10 am - 6 pm.

The Post Canteen is open as follows:

Sun (1 st , 3 rd , 5 th)	12 noon – 9pm
Sun (2 nd , 4 th , "Brunch")	9 am – 9 pm
Mon - Thurs	11 am – 9 pm
Fri	11 am – 10 pm
Sat	12 noon – 10 pm

The Night Manager may opt to keep the canteen open later if participation warrants. Closing time for special events also may be later.



**Winter's Here
Be Smart
Be Safe**

Scout of the Year

The VFW has been involved with the Boy Scouts since 1915 and yearly sponsors a Scout of the Year Program. Awards are made at the post, district, state and national levels. The deadline to submit the entry to VFW Post 3150 is 1 March 2005. Information, including two forms to be completed can be found at www.vfw.org, then click on Programs, Youth Development, and Scouting Program, then on the right, three separate files can be downloaded including the entry form, directions and judging criteria. You can also call the post at 703-525-0108 for additional information.

The criteria include being a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship AND having received the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award or Quartermaster Award, and having demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting and community. Applicant must have reached his/her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

Submit entries to VFW Post 3150, 2116 North 19th Street, Arlington VA 22201. Any candidate living outside the VFW 3150 area can submit an entry to a VFW post in the area he/she lives.

Tenth District Meeting

The VFW Tenth District Meeting will be held on Sunday, 20 February, at McLean Post 8241, 1051 Springhill Road, McLean. Meeting will begin at 1 pm. All VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

Email Updates

The post sends out periodic updates and reminders of upcoming events and other information of note to members via email. If you do not presently receive these and would like to be added to our email list, send an email to the webmaster at vfw3150@cws-online.net. Your request will be forwarded to the Adjutant who will add you to the list.

Doc's Famous Cheesecake

"Doc" Crouch, noted for his love of cheesecake and the skills in preparing them, has volunteered to hold a cheesecake cooking class starting at 11 am on February 19th. Participants will each make a cheesecake to take home! There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of materials and participants MUST sign up in advance. Proceeds will benefit the Ladies Auxiliary Patriotic Arts Program. Call the post or drop by to get your name on the list.

Why is my Newsletter Stapled "Wrong"?

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Superbowl Party

Football fans of all jersey colors will gather at the Post at 6 pm on Sunday, 6 February to cheer on or boo the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles --- or to just enjoy the camaraderie. Although the menu has not been set as we go to press, some food will be available from 6 - 9 pm.

What the VFW Did for You in 2004

The VFW is a veteran's voice to Congress. The VFW has been instrumental over the years in obtaining needed legislation to benefit veterans. Indeed the beginnings of the VFW go back to veterans needs following the Spanish American War. While too long to repeat here, the Washington Office www.vfwdc.org webpage at <http://www.vfwdc.org/NLS/04accomp.htm> lists some of the things the VFW supported and worked for during 2004. Your membership adds to the VFW's voice. Remember, there is strength in numbers.

Christmas at John Lyon



<<< Members of John Lyon arrive at the VA Hospital nursing home in Washington, DC, for their annual Christmas visit. Members visited each of the 120 residents of the nursing home and presented each with several pieces of fresh fruit and a Christmas star made from Buddy Poppies. From left to right are: John Mayo Jones, Jennifer Fristoe, Richard Hoffman, Santa Claus, Barbara Brickhill, J.Gary Wagner, Eric Anderson, Joe Weyraugh, and Mark Pando. Not seen is photographer Greg Moscatel.

Santa and Mrs Claus arrive at Post 3150 >>> with a security escort ensuring the important couple's arrival for the Children's Christmas Party held at the Post home in the days before Christmas. Thirty-two children --- and their parents --- were guests of 3150 for lunch and the annual Santa visit. The guests were junior enlisted soldiers from nearby Fort Myer, and some of the parents are overseas. Each child received several presents and a stocking from Santa and Mrs. C. And each family also received the fixings for Christmas dinner.



<<< Commander Greg Moscatel (second from right) and Ladies Auxiliary President Cathy Graham (left) present toys and cash donations to LCpl Diebattista and PO Smith of the Toys for Tots organization in time for Christmas. John Lyon collected 4 bags and boxes of toys and over \$1040 for Toys for Tots from 3150 members and the Post and Ladies Auxiliary.

Recent Events Around the Post



<<< During the recent Day on the Hill in Richmond, VA, Ladies Auxiliary 3150 President Catharine Graham visited the office of Virginia Delegate Richard H. Black, the only combat wounded veteran currently in the Legislature and a member of VFW Post 9478 in Sterling,. Joining Cathy was Ruth Kay from Auxiliary 993. “Doc” Crouch also participated in the Day on the Hill from Post 3150.

Post Commander Greg Moscatel >>> presents two high chairs to Maurise Borde of the Fisher House in Washington, DC. AT was discovered that Fisher House, a home away from home for the families of many recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, was lacking some high chairs for the youngest of visiting family members when the Post sought to help out.



<<< “Doc” Crouch reads a prayer during ceremonies marking Pearl Harbor Day while J.Gary Wagner and Cathy Graham wait their turns in the ceremony. The event remembered the attack on Pearl Harbor 63 years ago which speeded the U.S. entry into World War II.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
John Lyon Post 3150
Ladies Auxiliary Presidents
First 70 Years**

1934 - 1935	Loretta Burnett	1964 - 1965	Martha Tingler
1935 - 1936	Nettie Wolf	1965 - 1966	Doris Mason
1936 - 1937	Hattie T. Musselman	1966 - 1967	Charlotte Clark
1937 - 1938	Helen Plaknen	1967 - 1968	Ruth Dewhirst
1938 - 1939	Lealo Cleaver	1968 - 1969	Helen Plunkitt
1939 - 1940	Eunice Mathews	1969 - 1970	Anna Knight
1940 - 1941	Helen Roberts	1970 - 1971	Martha Tingler
1941 - 1942	Edna Daniels	1971 - 1974 *	Paula Miller
1942 - 1944 *	Myrtle Sipes	1974 - 1975	Martha Tingler
1944 - 1945	Alma White	1975 - 1976	Margaret Receveur
1945 - 1947 *	Mary Spears	1976 - 1977	Martha Tingler
1947 - 1948	Virginia Dalby	1977 - 1978	Gladys Kelley
1948 - 1949	Pearle Krohnke	1978 - 1979	Virginia Musselman
1949 - 1950	Winifred Locke	1979 - 1980	Eloise Thorpe
1950 - 1951	Ada Gough	1980 - 1981	Marcie Olson
1951 - 1952	Lucy Ebersole	1981 - 1982	Helen Bohensky
1952 - 1953	Jessie Brandenburg	1982 - 1985 *	Imogine Robinson
1953 - 1954	Sara Massingill	1985 - 1988 *	Virginia Musselman
1954 - 1955	Helen Cooper	1988 - 1989	Hazel Bassford
1955 - 1956	Mary Alexander	1989 - 1990	Patricia Jurgenson
1956 - 1957	Elsie Jackson	1990 - 1992 *	Joy M. Neher
1957 - 1958	Margaret Dozier	1992 - 1993	Gail Hoffman
1958 - 1959	Dottie Moran	1993 - 1995 *	Joy M. Neher
1959 - 1960	Ruth Dewhirst	1995 - 1997 *	Lois A. Cook
1960 - 1961	Viola Haislip	1997 - 1999 *	Catherine Kerns
1961 - 1962	Hazel Bassford	1999 - 2001 *	Jeanne Marie Gibadlo
1962 - 1963	Lucille Martina	2001 - 2002	Catherine Kerns
1963 - 1964	Margy Markle	2002 - 2003	Gail Hoffman
		2003 - 2004	Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc
		2004 - 2005	Catherine Graham

*** multiple year term**

VFW 3150

February 2005



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Movie Night			
6 Superbowl Party 6 - 9 pm	7 House Committee 7:30 pm Post O Call 8 pm	8	9 Movie Night	10 Post Meeting 8 pm	11 Chicken / Fish Dinner 5 - 7 pm DJ Music	12
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Welcome, Senior Vice Commander in Chief!



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