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Post 3150 members (l to r) J.Gary Wagner, Darrell Smith, Trevor Kenney, Nick Knowles, and Nancy Springer cut the cake marking John Lyon Post's 85th birthday.

JOHN LYON POST MARKS 85TH YEAR

The John Lyon Post was first imagined when Comrades W.W. Burnett and Charles A. Musselman, and their wives, Mrs. Loretta Burnett and Mrs. Hattie Musselman, were returning to Arlington from a post meeting in Washington, D.C. During a conversation on the way home, they decided to try and organize a post in Arlington County. Their efforts resulted in the chartering of Post 3150 in November 1934, and Burnett was elected the first Post Commander.

They sought to find, not just any name, but one appropriately symbolic for a VFW Post. After much research they found John Lyon, an Arlingtonian, an overseas veteran, and one who gave his life for our country. They obtained permission from the Lyon family and the Post became John Lyon Post No. 3150.

From the Commander:

Greetings Comrades and Members of the Auxiliary, As we round out yet another calendar year, I thank everyone who has volunteered to help the Post and veterans in need everywhere this past year. Our Post operates solely on the hard work of volunteers unselfishly giving up their time. This past month we initiated efforts to improve the Post as a sanctuary for veterans to congregate. In doing so, our volunteers are creating new events and opportunities to enjoy camaraderie with fellow veterans and may make some interior house improvements.

We also started a fundraising drive to collect funds for maintenance projects to ensure our building's long-term functionality. To cover this maintenance, our initial goal is to collect at least \$30,000. To help us meet that goal, we booked several bands to play at the Post. We will call this live music - "Lyon Live!" and it is our bid to help us kick off the fundraising and reach our goal quickly. Four "Lyon Live!" events are scheduled in December and January with more on the way until we reach our goal. Our Junior Vice Commander, Cathy Baumbusch, is coordinating the music. I thank her for all her efforts in getting the music aspect of this drive going. Other different fundraising events will follow.

The Post is always looking for more volunteers with ideas about creating this safe haven for veterans and to helping to raise money for the Post's building. If you can spare ten minutes, an hour, or more, and are interested, please let us know at johnlyon3150@gmail.com. Together, we do great things for our nation's dedicated veterans.

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful holiday season with good tidings and cheer and may the New Year bring good health, peace, joy, and prosperity to all.

Good times, good cheer, and a happy New Year!'

Eric J. Ganser
Post Commander
John Lyon VFW Post 3150

From the President of the Auxiliary:

I wish to offer Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Kwanzaa, and New Year to all. We are approaching the halfway point in my year as President; now is the time to start thinking about running for office. All positions are available, if you would like some more information about any position, contact me at cgl2dc12@outlook.com. I would like to thank some of our Auxiliary members who stepped up and helped with our meetings and in keeping this Auxiliary running: Jodie, Dennis, Cathy K., Gail and Wauleah. Whenever they are in town and available to assist, they volunteer.

There are two Auxiliary programs coming up with deadlines that offer scholarships; The Continuing Education Scholarship and The Patriotic Art Scholarship. The Continuing Education Scholarship is open to Auxiliary members and their immediate family and the deadline is February 15 to National. The Patriotic Art Scholarship is open to grades 9-12 and the deadline is March 31 to the Auxiliary. Further information about both these scholarships and the entry forms are available at the National vfwauxiliary.org website under Programs, then Scholarships. There is a new program for K-8 called *Illustrating America*. The deadline for this program is also March 31 to the Auxiliary. Information for this program can be found at the National website under Programs, then Youth Activities, then *Illustrating America*.

In January we will be going to Portsmouth for the Winter Council meeting. The Department Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the Year winners will be presented and given their awards by the Department Commander and President. It is also where we find out more information about our programs. There is a change to the Cancer Grant application. Remember that you have to maintain membership for one year to be able to apply for the \$550 grant. The new application can be found on the National website under Member Benefits then Additional Benefits – Cancer Grants.

As always look out for the elderly, the sick and those living alone; Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those celebrating in December and January.

Loyally yours,
Cathy Graham
President, VFW Auxiliary 3150

Prevent Fires over the Holidays



Check for frayed and broken wires on your tree lights!

Donate On-Line or by Check

If you make end of the year charitable donations, consider sending a donation to the Post at www.vfw3150.org, then DONATE, or by sending a check to VFW Post 3150, 2116 North 19th Street, Arlington VA 22201. The VFW --- and Post 3150 --- are IRS Code 501(c)19 tax exempt organizations and your donation is tax deductible. All donations to the Post are restricted to Post projects and expenses. The post could use the assistance to resupply its accounts for next year and you may designate your choice of projects.

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members Jeffrey Ackerman, Elizabeth Graham (Army – Bosnia), John Clifford Ivory, Jake Monaco (Army – Afghanistan), Adam Hall (Army – Iraq / Afghanistan), Jon Klaus (USAF - Desert Storm / AFEM / GWOTEM), James Rutherford (Army – Desert Storm), Paul Wentzel (Army – Afghanistan)(transfer), Jonathan Ward (Navy – GWOTEM)(transfer), all elected at the November meeting. Some requiring additional information before transmittal.

Open Mic Night

The next Open Mic Music Night will be Friday, 6 December at 7 pm. Normally the first Friday of the month at 7 – 10 pm. The January one will be 3 January.

Decorate the Post Christmas Tree

Help decorate the Post Christmas tree on Sunday, 1 December at 2 pm.

Winter Council Meeting

The annual Winter Council Meeting will be held 10-12 January 2020 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA. Phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$90.00 per night. Group name “Veterans of Foreign Wars Winter Council Meeting” Cut-off Date December 9, 2019. All members of the VFW and Auxiliary are invited to attend. Reception and dinner banquet costs \$45 and features a pasta and chicken buffet. State awards for VOD, Patriot’s Pen and Teacher of the Year are expected to be presented. See order form (page 1) in December General Orders at www.vfwva.org under RESOURCES and then Department General Orders and order by 3 January.

Lyon Live: new Event Series

A new series of live music will be introduced in December and January: “Lyon Live” will begin on 13 December with the Julian and the Tutubi Band and continue on 20 December with Steve Smith & his Meteors. The series will resume on 10 January with Julian and the Tutubi Band, 24 January with Carter Farm Band and 25 January with Vinyl Recall. Bands will play from 7 to 10 pm. A \$10 donation is suggested and fifty percent of proceeds will directly support John Lyon Post. Fundraising efforts.

State Newspaper

The Virginia Veteran Volume 8, Issue 3 is expected on / about 1 December. It will be online and ready for your review; follow this link to the paper <http://vfwva.org>, then RESOURCES, and then DEPARTMENT NEWSPAPER.

Christmas Hospital Visit

On Saturday 21 December John Lyon we will visit the VA Hospital in Washington DC. We will meet at the Post between 12:30 and 12:45 pm and carpool to the VA Medical Center. Or meet at Bldg 6 Entrance (rear on left side) near Parking Lot 1 at 1:20pm. It is expected that we will help with Bingo for the residents and distribute some fresh fruits. Check the Post website and Weekly email for added details.



Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement Nominations due 11 December.

Nominations for Public Service Awards --- **Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year** --- are due at the Post by 11 December. Nominations include a resume of nominee’s background in applicable area, resume of accomplishments in field, photograph, title and address.

Scout of the Year



Any recipient of an Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award may qualify. Deadline is March 1, 2020. Early submission / interest may provide opportunity for additional trip for Scout. Info and applications available at

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year>

VFW Auxiliary’s Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest:



grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Deadline is March 31, 2020. Go to <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org>, then Scholarships, then Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure. Follow above link to see winners since 1979, including last

year,

New Art Contest for Grades K - 8

A new VFW Auxiliary program this year is an art contest for children in Grades K-8 called Illustrating America. Rules are must be 2-Dimensional on canvas or paper. It can be any media but not coloring sheets, digital art nor photography. The artwork should be larger than 8X10 and smaller than 18X24. Three different divisions or grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8. **Deadline to Auxiliary 3150 is March 31st, 2020.**

Additional info on above, email to adjpost3150@vfwva.org

VFW 10th District Meeting, 8 December

The VFW Tenth District will conduct its next meeting at 1pm at Woodbridge Post 7916, 204 Mill Street, Occoquan. All VFW members are invited to attend.



Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony
Saturday, 7 Dec, 7 pm

Julian and the Tutubi Band

Julian and the Tutubi band will play at the Post Friday, 13 December from 7 – 11pm. They play all types but specialize in 60s and 70s music and they play here for tips.



Prepare your car for winter before driving and stay aware of conditions during your trip.



Get there safely!

Schedule Updates

For the frequently updated openings, hours, end events, go to www.vfw3150.org and click on CAL-NDAR. Or check ANNOUNCEMENTS. Event updates can also be found on our Facebook page. “Like” us at “John Lyon VFW Post 3150”.

Many Members Set to Expire

Many members' memberships are set to expire during the next months. Check your membership card for your expiration date and renew if necessary. Go to www.vfw3150.org, then click on -BECOME A MEMBER, then RENEW or go to www.vfw.org and click Renew in upper right corner for VFW members (<https://vfwauxiliary.org/>, then Malta for Auxiliary). Or send check for \$40 (\$25 for Auxiliary) to Post address on page 1.

Awards Ceremony 25 January

The Post Awards ceremonies for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners and First Responders will be held Saturday 25 January at 1pm. Snow date will be following Saturday, 1 February. All members are invited to join in the happy celebration.

Have You Moved?

John Lyon Post members, if you are not receiving the VFW magazines, please go to www.vfw.org and update your address or send an email with your new address to the Adjutant at adjipost3150@vfwva.org **Also notify the Adjutant of a new email address**

Renew Now!

If your VFW Membership expires any time up to 30 June, you can renew now and your membership will be extended one year beyond your current expiration date.

Schedule Updates

For the frequently updated openings, hours, end events, go to www.vfw3150.org and click on Calendar or Announcements. Event updates can also be found on our Facebook page at John Lyon VFW Post 3150. or **for info on activities, 703-525-0108 or email to johnlyon3150@gmail.com.**

Bring Your Membership Card

Members of the Post and the Auxiliaries are reminded to show their membership cards to the on-duty manager when entering the Post home.

Hours for Post Canteen

The Post Canteen is scheduled to be open as follows:
Every Friday from 6-10 pm
Every Saturday from 6-10 pm
Every Sunday from 1-6 pm
Post may extend hours for various events or shorten them if no one there.

Need a Gift Idea?

Gift your spouse a Lifetime membership in the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.

VFW Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31</u>	<u>One time payment</u>	<u>12 months plan</u>
< Age 31	\$425.00	\$40.39
31-40	\$410.00	\$39.02
41-50	\$375.00	\$35.84
51-60	\$335.00	\$32.20
61-70	\$290.00	\$28.11
71-80	\$225.00	\$22.20
81 and over	\$170.00	\$17.20

Post 3150 annual dues are \$40.

VFW Auxiliary Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Through Age 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

VFW Auxiliary Annual dues are \$25. First year is \$30.

Recent Events Around the Post

USMC Birthday

(l to r) The Oldest and Youngest Marines, >>> Jerome Halloran, and Dillard Trapp pause after making the first cuts into the USMC Birthday cake, following the presentation of the Commandant's message. Halloran entered the Marine Corps in Nov 1954. And Trapp in Jun 2013.



A Happy Thanksgiving!

<<< John Lyon members prepare to leave the Post to deliver Thanksgiving "baskets" to eight junior enlisted personnel families at nearby Ft Myer-Henderson Hall. The "baskets" provided the families with turkeys and all the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner and a second meal. They are (l to r) Cathy Graham, J.Gary Wagner, Darrell Smith, James Morrow, and Ted Edwards. "Doc" Crouch was photographer.



Adjutant J.Gary Wagner (left) and Commander Eric Ganser pause by one of the new historic markers unveiled at the Clarendon War Memorial during Veterans Day ceremonies. John Lyon's story and photo is on one of the panels discussing World War I. The panels cover all of the recent major wars and Arlingtonian participation.



Senior Vice Commander Darrell Smith represented the VFW at Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery by participating in a Color Guard for the event. He is seen after the event at left with another member of the Color Guard.

Veterans Day at Post 3150



John Lyon members attend the Veterans Day wreath laying ceremonies at the Cherrydale War Memorial (aka the “John Lyon Memorial”) From the left are Karen Stewart, Andy B., Eric Ganser, Cathy Baumbusch, Nancy Springer, Howard Semans Jr. (Cherrydale Civic Assn.), Bonnie Britten, and J.Gary Wagner, The “John Lyon Memorial” has been so named as John Lyon’s is the first of several names on the memorial of Arlingtonians killed in World War I. The memorial has been at three Arlington locations since its dedication in 1925.



Post members Eric Ganser and Bill Kelly present the Post wreath earlier in the day at Clarendon War Memorial on Veterans Day. The Auxiliary wreath was presented by member Cathy Kerns Deal. The ceremonies also included a wreath presented by two American Legion Posts.



<<< John Lyon members attending the ceremonies at Clarendon War Memorial include (l to r, front row) Karen Stewart, Bonnie Britten, (middle row) Cathy Baumbusch, Eric Ganser, Nick Knowles, Cathy Kerns Deal, (back row) J.Gary Wagner, Brendan Gehrke, Grant Vaught, and Bill Kelly.

VFW 3150 December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Ceremony, 7 pm Open Mic Music Night, 7 – 9 pm Open Mic Comedy Nite 7:15 – 9 pm
8 VFW 10 th District Mtg: Occoquan Post 7916, 1 pm	9 House Committee / Post O Call 7 p	10	11 Deadline to Post for Police, Fire, EMT Awards GRIST mtg, 7 pm	12 Christmas Party Gift Wrap 7 pm	13 Lyon Live: Tutubi Band, 7 – 10 pm	14 Children's Christmas Party, Post Christmas Party, 2 – 4 pm
15	16 Post mtg 7:30pm	17 Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19	20 Lyon Live: Steve Smith & his Meteors, 7 – 10 pm	21
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Post Closed	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Post Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	johnlyon3150@gmail.com for info			

VFW 3150

January 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR" S DAY	2	3 Open Mic Night, 7 – 9 pm	4
5	6	7	8 GRIST mtg, 7 pm	9	10 Lyon Live: Tutubi Band, 7 – 10 pm Winter Council Meeting Portsmouth	11 Winter Council Meeting Portsmouth
12 Winter. Council Meeting, Portsm'th	13 House Committee / Post O Call 7 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY Post Mtg, 7:30 pm	21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23	24 Lyon Live: Carter Farm Band, 7 – 10 pm	25 Post Awards Ceremonies 1 – 3 pm Lyon Live: Vinyl Recall 7 – 10 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**More events likely. Check Facebook.
Probable: Super Bowl Party on 2 February**



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Post Christmas tree from several years ago.

***Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah
and Kwanzaa and a
Happy New Year!***

**From all the Members of
John Lyon VFW Post 3150
and the Auxiliary,
our very best wishes
for the Holidays**