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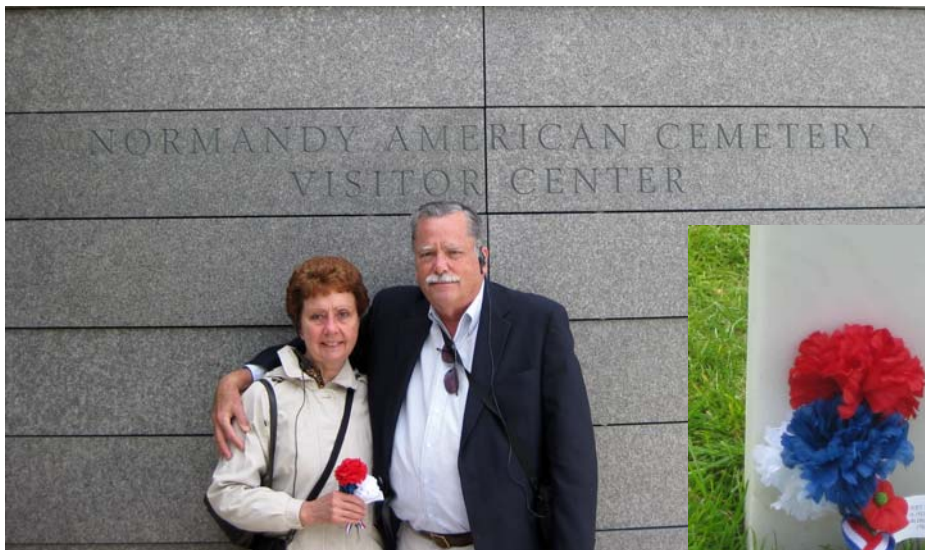
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## Post Memorial Day Decoration on Normandy Grave

While John Lyon members were decorating Post graves in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend last May, James and Carol Ann Babcock approached one of the teams to ask if they had any Buddy Poppies. The team did not have any with them but gave the couple one of the Post 3150 carnation bouquets with a Buddy Poppy. Mrs Babcock wrote later to the Post: "In June we had an opportunity to visit the cemetery at Normandy in France. We took the bouquet with us, and with the excellent cooperation of the cemetery staff, we arranged to place the bouquet on the grave of an unknown soldier. She added "The grave is located in front of the grave of Kathleen Parker, an American USO 'Doughnut Girl' killed in France, the only female non-combatant buried in the that cemetery according to the Deputy Superintendent." The Babcocks are seen at the cemetery visitor center at the left while the unknown's grave is seen on the right. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Babcock, for your thoughtfulness --- and for taking John Lyon to France!

## **From The Commander:**

*“...You have no idea just how much we really appreciate all that you and the other VFW members have done for me and my family. “...Every day of the year, people are busy with our daily activities and we forget that the smallest act of kindness can mean so much to another.” “...We are thankful for you and the other VFW members that you all have shared yourselves and your time with our family. That act of kindness will forever be cherished by us all.”*

The above are just a few short excerpts from a note sent to our Ladies Auxiliary president in regards to the Post's Children's Christmas Party and the toys and food basket donations.

So the next time someone asks you: “What do you all do at the VFW”? You can stand tall and say: “We take care of our own”. If ever anyone asks you: “Do you at the VFW even make a difference”? You can proudly answer: “Hell Yeah”!

I sincerely wish to thank all of the Post and Auxiliaries members that helped with organizing the event, preparing the lunch, coordinating with the USO and the families, getting the toys, and helping Santa do his thing. A special thanks to Jim Bertine for volunteering as this year's Santa. Thank you one and all.

So what's in store for the Post in the coming year? First off, we'll be working on a major Post home improvement project which entails re-enforcing the roof and working on the building's foundation and the basement. A lot of the work will go mostly un-noticed, but several phases will bring some very noticeable, welcomed and needed changes. We will keep everyone informed as the project progresses.

Other upcoming events include: GWOT Night Get Together (2/11), Quarterly Highway Cleanup (2/12), “Post GI Party” (2/26), Men's Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary (3/25), Quarterly Hospital Visit (3/26), and Arlington Little League Opening Ceremony Color Guard (4/10?).

Ongoing events also include our regularly scheduled Sunday Brunches – and with them a call for volunteers to be part of the “Kitchen Wrecking Crew” that jumps in from 1200 to 1400 Hrs to help with a little “KP”. (If you don't know what KP is, come on by during a brunch and I'll be happy to explain and provide some “OJT”.)

Be sure to check out our award winning monthly newsletter, The John Lyon Gazette, for more information on what's happening at the Post. (Kudos to the editor – J. Gary Wagner)

Yours in comradeship,

Nelson Betancourt, Commander, VFW Post 3150

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure”.

**- Gen. Colin Powell, US ARMY**

## **From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary:**

Hail and Greetings:

Here it is February already, but first a quick update on our activities the past two months.

Congratulations to Bill King who was our quilt winner for the Cancer Aid and Research fundraiser. We thank all who entered the raffle and special thanks again to Mrs. Peggy Stoll for her creation.

Our VA hospital visit with Santa was a lot of fun with much thanks to Sister Elsie Weeks for her beautiful red white and blue handcrafted buddy poppy angel ornaments which were distributed to over 125 residents. Elsie's angels brought bright smiles to the residents.

Thanks to everyone's help for the Children's Christmas party; the children and families had a great time. We had food shoppers for the baskets and lunch, "Reindeer" who picked up the gifts, kitchen and hall crew and "Elves". Very special thanks to LA member Ashlee Allen and her dedicated and talented shopping team and to Santa Jim Bertine.

Welcome to new life member Laura Diaz who is the wife of Commander Nelson Betancourt.

This Valentine's Day, show your love and appreciation for our veterans by sending a card, making a call or visiting a veteran. We can all continue National President Cortina Barnes' theme of "United by Love for our Veterans and Country". We owe our veterans a debt of gratitude we can never repay.

Sisters, our next meeting is Thursday 17 February. Please attend and provide your valuable input. Please consider volunteering at a brunch or other event. We will need your help especially on 27 February as many of your officers will be at the District meeting. If you have ideas or suggestions for your Ladies Auxiliary please let me know as we continue our Department President, Betty Gimble's mission to "Honor, Respect and Remember our Veterans".

Please join us on Saturday, February 19 when the Auxiliaries will co-sponsor a dinner and when we will have the Post's Ladies Auxiliary 76<sup>th</sup> birthday cake cutting. Come out for a great meal and a fun evening.

It's cold out there and it's flu season, so remember to check in with the shut ins and sick. Bundle up to stay warm and please be careful on the ice.

In Fortitude and Loyalty,

Mary Anne McCormick, President, Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 3150

## **From the President of the Men's Auxiliary:**

Greetings One and All,

I start this column with good news. Mike Rebok has joined the Auxiliary with unanimous approval. Welcome aboard Mike!

Thanks to everyone in attendance at the Chili-Mac Dinner. Your continuing support is both imperative and greatly appreciated. Net proceeds from the event exceeded \$300 which will be sent to the USO as advertised.

Our gratitude goes out to the Ladies Auxiliary for help at the dinner with both serving and clean up. Special appreciation to Wilbur Rawlings, Eric Anderson, Carol Rawlings, and Butch Hovermill for the preparation of the excellent grub and after event clean-up.

At the January Men's Auxiliary meeting we unanimously approved a donation to the Ladies Auxiliary of \$1125. These funds represent approximately 50% of monies contributed by the Auxiliaries for toys for the Children's Christmas party for local junior enlisted soldiers and their families. The generosity of all three arms of John Lyon Post 3150 throughout the year continually amazes me.

William .L. Binkley, President, Men's Auxiliary 3150

## Welcome to Our New Members

Due to an early press deadline for the December issue, we have three months to catch up: Welcome to new Post members: Jeffrey Barr (Army - Iraq/GWOTEM), Pete Bergstrom (USMC - Iraq), Mark W Brophy (USAF - Desert Storm), Joseph Cannon (USAF - Korean War), Jeramia Cibulka (USAF - Iraq), John Gallagher (Army - Korea service), Charles Goodwin (Army - Iraq), Steven Michael Hart (Iraq/Afghanistan), Geoffrey Kintzer (USMC - Iraq) (Life), Thomas Leonard (Army - Iraq) (Life Trans), Patricia K MacEwen (Army - Korea Service), Christian Myles (Army - Korea), Carrie ODonnell (USAF - Iraq/Korea), Monica Reissland (Army - Korea/Afghanistan/Iraq), Margo Sheridan (Army - Iraq/GWOTEM) (Life Trans), Peter Stemniski (Army - Iraq/Afghanistan) (Life Trans), Francis X Tisak (Navy - Desert Storm/Iraq/Afghanistan/GWOTEM), Jonathan A Wagner (USMC - Iraq), Jason Warren (Army - Korea); new Ladies Auxiliary member Laura Diaz, and new Men's Auxiliary member, Michael Rebok, all elected at recent meetings and whose paperwork is complete..

## You Are Expired!

If your membership card says "2010" on it and you have not renewed for 2011, your membership had expired. To get reinstated, send in your renewal now! Continue reading...

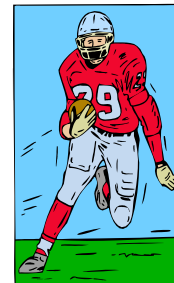
Post members can renew their memberships or convert to Life with or without a renewal notice from National. There are three ways to renew. First, return the notice from National with check or charge information. Second, charge your dues on-line at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Click on Login --- and create a login ID, if necessary at this time. You will need your membership number, found on your membership card or above your name on the mailing label of your VFW magazine. Third, mail or bring your dues to the Post. Annual dues are \$30.

Members of the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries may renew their memberships by sending a check to their Treasurer at the Post Address on the first page. Ladies Auxiliary (\$25 or Life membership), or Men's Auxiliary (\$30).

## Marching Off....

**John Devanney**, 92, on 25 December in New York. He was a member of the First Engineer Special Brigade that participated in the ill-fated Operation TIGER in Slapton Sands, England a few months before their landing on Utah Beach as part of the Normandy invasion. He also saw action in Sicily, Naples, and he participated in the Normandy landings. The unit was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm by General De Gaulle and later received the French Legion of Honor.

**Shirley Burnett**, 81, on 3 December. She was wife of long time member Walter Burnett who was nephew of Post founder and first commander, William Burnett. Shirley was buried at Quantico National Cemetery.



## Superbowl Party

Football fans of all jersey colors will gather at the Post by 5 pm on Sunday, 6 February to cheer on or boo the Green Bay Packers or Pittsburgh Steelers in the Superbowl --- or to just enjoy the camaraderie. There will be a pot luck dinner with a roast beef provided by the Post. Please bring a small dish to share with others or make a small donation to help cover the beef.

## Iraq/Afghanistan/GWOT Vets

Attention Iraq, Afghanistan and GWOT veterans: The post is hosting a get acquainted evening on Friday, 11 February between 7 and 9 pm. The first two beverages and a light food buffet is our way of welcoming you home and to Post 3150. This evening will provide you with the opportunity to meet other Afghanistan, Iraq, and GWOT veterans. Bring your non-member fellow vets. All members are invited to stop by and meet our newer members.

## Tenth District Meeting

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Tenth District Meetings will be held on Sunday, 27 February, at McLean Post 8241, 1051 Springhill Road, McLean. A Joint Meeting will begin at 1 pm with awards to the district winners of Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teachers of the Year. All VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend. Men's Auxiliary members will likely have an informal meeting again and are invited to attend the Joint meeting. Lunch will precede the meetings.

## New Officers to be Selected

Post officers for the Year 2011-2012 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, guard, and publicity chairman to be filled.

The Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries will both nominate and elect new officers during their April meetings. Contact the appropriate President or one of the other officers for further information.

## Highway Cleanup 12 February

The Post has scheduled a winter Highway Cleanup along Lee Highway from Rosslyn to Veitch Street for Saturday, 12 February. Meet at the Post for coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 am. The post has pick-up sticks and gloves. Long pants and hard shoes are recommended. The event should take less two hours. In case of bad weather, the rain date is 5 March.

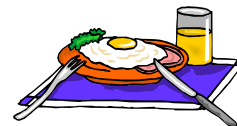
## Nashville Star to do Benefit Concert at Post 1503

VFW Post 1503 and several Posts from the 10<sup>th</sup> District are having a fundraising concert at Post 1503 on 5 March 2011 from 7 - 11 pm. Performing will be Ricky Lee. All profits will go to the Military Assistance Program for Virginia VFW. Ricky Lee has partnered up with National VFW to perform to raise funds for the Veterans and their families. He played at the National Convention this past year and has performed for the troops at Walter Reed and many other places benefiting the troops. Please contact the State Commander [jimmartin621@verizon.net](mailto:jimmartin621@verizon.net) or Post 1503 at 703 670-4124 for information. Information will also be available at Post 3150 at 703-525-0108. For more on Ricky Lee, go to <http://rickyleemusic.com/>

The *VFW Military Assistance Program* (MAP) is the outstretched hand between the VFW and the local military. Conducted through local VFW channels, MAP assists in sponsoring morale boosting events. From homecoming celebrations to unit picnics, MAP connects the VFW and its Auxiliaries with the military and their families, offering our support around the world. In the last 5 years, MAP has sponsored events supporting over 1 million service members and their families!

## \* \* \* Auxiliaries Dinner \* \* \*

The 3150 Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries will host a Seafood Dinner on Saturday, 19 February from 4 to 7 pm. The dinner will include fried white fish (TBD) and steamed spiced shrimp, hush puppies, French fries, and coleslaw for \$12. (And birthday cake!) A signup list is available in the Post or you can call 703-525-0108 after 3 pm to add your name to the list.



**Sunday Brunch \$7.00**  
**9 am - 12 noon**  
**Kids under 10 years eat free**



## American Wartime Museum to be built on I-95

Work on the new American Wartime Museum, to be built on Interstate 95 at the Dale City exit, is expected to begin during the next year. The museum will be different in that much of it will be outdoors in landscapes portraying those of battles from World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. It will include a large military vehicle collection, as well as military aircraft and naval craft. There will also be an area dedicated to reenactments. And, of course, a visitors center. This will help establish an I-95 corridor of military history from the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico to the yet to open Army Museum at Fort Belvoir. More information can be seen at [www.nmaw.org](http://www.nmaw.org)

## 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, and state levels. The deadline to submit the entry to VFW Post 3150 is 1 March 2011. Further information, including entry forms, brochures, and background, are available at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), then Community, Programs, then Scout of the Year. Forms may also be obtained at [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org); click on Reports to go to the second page, then the Programs or Forms, and then Scout of the Year Application. A PDF file can be downloaded including the entry form, directions and judging criteria. You can also call the Post after 3 pm 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 be 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.

## Post VoD, Patriot's Pen, Teacher, Fire Department Selections Announced

The winners of Post student essay contests, as well as selections for Teacher, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year were recently announced. Those selected received their awards at recent ceremonies at the Post. The Arlington County Fire Department selectees received a donation in their name to a local charity. Those so honored were the following:

Andrew M. Page - VOD 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Christine H. Aubry - VOD 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Carlo V. Palma - VOD 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Jazmir Ramos - VOD Honorable Mention  
Neil Roberts - VOD Honorable Mention

Nicole B. Cordaro - Patriot's Pen 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Alice M. Wilbur - Patriot's Pen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Connor A. Fitzpatrick - Patriot's Pen 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Melanie S. Dronfield - Patriot's Pen Honorable Mention  
Cornelius E. Putnam Jr. - Patriot's Pen Honorable Mention

Mr. Todd M. Mastric, Bishop O'Connell High School  
Teacher of the Year

John Bryant, Arlington County Fire Department -  
Fire Fighter of the Year  
Robert Beer, Arlington County Fire Department -  
Emergency Medical Technician of the Year



## High School Artists

Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest: gives students in grades 9 - 12 an opportunity to express their patriotism through art. The deadline is March 31, 2011 to Ladies Auxiliary 3150. Awards are presented at post, district, state, and national levels and can add up to thousands of dollars. For application and further information, go to <http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org>, then Programs, then Scholarships.

## VOD, Patriot's Pen Themes for 2011-12 Announced

Themes for the high school and middle school essay contests for 2011-2012 have been announced. For the High School Voice of Democracy contest, the theme will be *"Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?"* and for the Middle School Patriot's Pen contest the theme will be *"Are You Proud of Your Country?"* Deadline for both programs is November 1. They were placed on the **NASSP** (National Association Secondary School Principals) **National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2010-2011**. Further information is available at the VFW national website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), then click on "Community", then (VFW Scholarship) Programs. The top national awards for both programs are \$30,000 for Voice of Democracy and \$10,000 for Patriot's Pen. Students, start thinking about these themes now.



### Take it easy when shoveling snow

### Post Newsletter in Your Email?

The post is considering distributing the monthly newsletter electronically and saving printing and mailing costs. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter electronically, please send an email to the Adjutant at [adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com). We will then remove you from the snail mail list and send you an email notification to download it from the Post webpage. And it's in color! (Go to [www.vfw3150.org](http://www.vfw3150.org) to check it out.) As with your regular mail, the Post protects your email address and will not release it to others. All others will continue to receive the newsletter in their home mailbox as usual.

## Hours for Post Canteen

The Post Canteen is open as follows:

Sun (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> )	12 noon – 9pm
Sun (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , "Brunch")	9 am – 9 pm
Mon - Thurs	3 – 9 pm
Fri	3 – 10 pm
Sat	12 noon–10 pm
Holidays	open 12 noon

## Ladies Auxiliary 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ladies Auxiliary 3150 will celebrate its 76<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, 19 February. There will be a cake cutting during the Auxiliaries' Dinner, at approximately 5:30 pm. All John Lyon members are invited.

## 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. ABC Rules require it! Remember: Membership remains a privilege to be guarded.



## Presidents Day 21 February 2011

# Recent Events Around the Post



<<< Commander Nelson Betancourt and Junior Vice Commander Dewey Carter (right of table) are joined by Ladies Auxiliary President Annie McCormck and Men's Auxiliary Chaplain Bernie Dodson in cutting the cake for Post 3150's 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday in November. The Post was chartered 20 November 1934 in Clarendon, VA, now part of Arlington County.

Commander Nelson Betancourt (fore- >>> ground) presents a commemoration of the attack on Hawaii, during the ceremonies marking Pearl Harbor Day held at Post 3150. The event remembered the attack on Pearl Harbor 69 years ago which speeded the U.S. entry into World War II.



<<< One of the Ladies Auxiliary's activities in Northern Virginia is to assist with the Operation Snowball Express, a national charity which send families who lost a member in combat to a special destination for a memorable vacation. LA 7327 Chaplain Janne Best (from left), Tenth District President Linda Bond (LA 7327, Virginia Junior Vice President Catherine Graham (LA 3150), and Virginia State President Betty Gimble (LA 1503) prepare to assist families at Reagan National Airport board planes to their destination.





# Christmas at John Lyon



<<< John Lyon members Annie McCormick, Santa's elf Gail Hoffman, and Arnold Dixon, pause outside a room at the Washington DC VA Hospital during the annual Christmas hospital visit. Members of the Fraternal Order of the Police NOVA Lodge #35 are seen in the background and gave Santa an escort to the hospital. The delegation presented each resident of the nursing home fresh fruit, donated flip-flops, and a Christmas decoration.

President of the Men's Auxiliary W.L. >>> Binkley, Ladies Auxiliary member Shirley McAlhaney, and Post Quartermaster Richard Hoffman present checks to US Marine Corps members LCPLs Morris and DiGregorio during turnover ceremonies for Toys for Tots. Checks covered Post and Auxiliaries contributions as well as proceeds from the previous night's benefit Pig Roast, and other donations collected for the program, and totaled \$1876. Also seen are (l to r) Steven Utley, Bernie Dodson, Mike "Red" Lowe, and Brett Hudak. The ceremony was held prior to the Men's Auxiliary meeting in December. About \$200 in toys was also presented.



<<< Santa presents a gift to a young child during the annual Christmas party for children of junior enlisted soldiers named by the USO. The same 12 families also received Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner "baskets" from John Lyon. Xx children received. Ladies Auxiliary President Annie McCormick served as an assistant to Santa and watches from the rear. Ashlee Allen was the chief Santa's elf this year following in the footsteps of her mother Liz Bellon. Both have been members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

# Recent Events Around the Post



<<< “Doc” Crouch (left) pauses with Senator Chap Petersen (D-34th Dist) of the Virginia Senate during the VFW’s Day on the Hill in Richmond. The yearly event in the state capitol finds VFW and Auxiliary members presenting legislative goals to state legislators in the General Assembly. Also participating in Day on the Hill were Connie Agresti and Catherine Graham.

Post Service Officer Arnold Dixon >>> (back row, center with hat) added to his knowledge base by attending the Department of Virginia’s two day School of Instruction held during the Winter Council Meeting. Among other things, the Service Officer assists veterans in submitting claims to the VA



<<< Chatting at the pre-banquet reception at the recent state Winter Council meeting in Williamsburg are (l to r) Catherine Graham, Dewey Carter, and Arnold Dixon. Also attending the two day Council meeting were Connie Agresti. “Doc” Crouch, Charles Reddoor, Margo Sheridan, and J.Gary Wagner. The Council meetings feature various workshops and updates of the progress of the VFW’s and Ladies Auxiliary’s status and programs at the midpoint of the year.

# VFW 3150

## February 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Movie Night			
6 Superbowl Party 5 - 9 pm	7 House Committee / Post O Call 7:30 pm	8 Men's Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Movie Night	10 Post Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Afghanistan / Iraq / GWOT vets Get Together 7 - 9 pm	12 Highway Cleanup 8:30 am (Raindate 5 March)
13 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n	14 Valentines Day	15 Sinking of USS Maine 1898	16 Movie Night	17 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 76 <sup>th</sup> Birthday LA 3150 5:30 pm  Joint Auxiliaries Dinner, 4 - 7 pm
27	21 Presidents Day	22	23 Movie Night	24	25	26 Floor Cleanup 9 am
27 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n  Tenth Dist Meeting McLean VFW Post 8241 1 pm	28	1 Mar  Deadline Scout of the Year Nominations				5 Mar  Ricky Lee's Military Assistance Program Benefit at Dale City Post 1503, 7 - 11 pm

**Welcome Afghanistan / Iraq / GWOT Vets**  
**Friday 11 February**





## Post Awards Ceremonies

Student essay and community service awards were presented during recent ceremonies at John Lyon VFW Post 3150. Awards were presented to patriotic essay contest winners --- Voice of Democracy (VOD) for high school, and Patriots Pen for middle school --- as well as Teacher of the Year, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year. From the left, front, are Commander Nelson Betancourt, Post Chairman and Junior Vice Commander Dewey Carter, Nicole B. Cordaro - Patriot's Pen 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Alice M. Wilbur - Patriot's Pen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Connor A. Fitzpatrick - Patriot's Pen 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Melanie S. Dronfield - Patriot's Pen Honorable Mention, Cornelius E. Putnam Jr. - Patriot's Pen Honorable Mention, Connor A. Fitzpatrick - Patriot's Pen 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Christine H. Aubry - VOD 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Ladies Auxiliary President Abbie McCormick, and Ladies Auxiliary Chairman, Catherine Graham, back, Robert Beer, Arlington County Fire Department - Emergency Medical Technician of the Year. John Bryant, Arlington County Fire Department - Fire Fighter of the Year, Mr. Todd M. Mastric, Bishop O'Connell High School, Teacher of the Year, Jazmir Ramos - VOD Honorable Mention, and Neil Roberts - VOD Honorable Mention. Missing from photo is Andrew M. Page - VOD 1<sup>st</sup> Place, who is seen below in upper right corner.

