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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) and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year of the Year. \$3550 in awards was presented. See inside for more details.

From The Commander:

Dear friends,

I don't know about the other VFW posts, but ours certainly has no shortage of Santa's helpers. Together they helped make it a far reaching happy and special Christmas for many in our area.

Thanks to Past Post Commander Gene Miller and the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police – Falls Church Chapter) for coordinating and handling Santa's special escort to the Washington DC VA Hospital Center for our Quarterly Hospital visit in December. Once there, Santa along with Post and Auxiliaries members handed out fruits, holiday decorations, and good cheer to the patients and residents. Talk about a warm and fuzzy feeling.

A special thanks to Ms Loretta Clarke, manager of BJ's Wholesale Club (Alexandria) for the generous donation that helped provide the Christmas food boxes which the Post delivered to all twelve of this year's selected Ft Myer / USO junior enlisted families. And a heartfelt "thank you" to Shelton Ellison for his initiative in suggesting, soliciting, and coordinating BJ's participation. Well done!

The North Pole certainly had at least two elves missing on December the 16th – as Eric and Wilber were busy and up all night Friday cooking the succulent pig roast for our Toys-For-Tots fund raiser on Saturday (they slept in the Post). Then they turned right around and helped with the Sunday brunch the very next day. Thanks guys – you're the best!

Lastly, my sincere appreciation to the Post and Auxiliaries members that helped put together the Post's Children's Christmas Party. The Christmas tree, the food boxes, the lunch, the toys, the gift wrapping, Santa & Mrs. Claus... so much work went into making it all happen. Thanks to you one and all.

Now, as we boldly head out in this New Year, I invite you --- no, I challenge you to help make it the best VFW year yet. With the many events we have scheduled in 2012, we can certainly use a hand or two to lighten the load. Visit the Post, give us ideas, roll up your sleeves, help us do things better. Get involved.

Post membership currently stands at just over 99%. Let's close the gap and make it 100% before the end of the month. How can you help? If you've not yet renewed – do so right now. Seriously... just go and do it now. Online, in person, you call – we'll pick up, or mail it in. Think about this: if every one of our annual members was to renew, not only would we have the 100% locked in, but we'd also come real close to making our growth quota for the All American award again this year! So don't wait – ***Just Do It.***

Do you know a veteran who qualifies for membership? Then be sure to invite him or her to join the VFW and the Post. Did you know that we have some thirteen members that have each recruited at least one new member for the Post so far this year? Just imagine if every member did the same!

With the Iraq Campaign now over, and with the troop reductions in Afghanistan underway – membership in the VFW will be as important as ever. The new front lines will be right here at home dealing with the bureaucracy in Congress, at the VA, and with local governments. A strong voice and presence will be crucial. The VFW is poised and ready to continue its role as the advocate for the US military veteran.

Yours in comradeship,

Nelson Betancourt, Commander, John Lyon – VFW Post 3150

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy (JFK)

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary:

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

I want to thank you for renewing your dues before December 31, 2011. If you paid the dues for someone else, maintained your membership at 3150, or you Recruited new members, **you** helped the Auxiliary reach **100% membership**. By remaining a member you are doing your part to help Veterans. Our membership numbers count towards the VFW Legislative Team's efforts on Capitol Hill to protect the benefits Veterans and Military families have earned and deserve. God Bless You.

Someone said: an organization succeeds, not because it is long established, but because there are people in it that **Live it...Sleep it...Dream it and Build Future Plans for it**. Those of you who came before me, thanks for all that you did to organize and maintain the Auxiliary. Those of us who are still participating members need to insure we find other members who want to step in our shoes and work beside us. Membership is everyone's responsibility and it is our duty to show respect to all members. Let's make this year one where we remember our commitment to the ideals and principals of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Although we have 100% membership, participation at meetings and functions are dwindling. We are a small, loyal, hardworking, faithful group of volunteers. There are many reasons people cannot attend meetings or functions, as I found when I made phone calls to encourage the renewal of dues. Before a criticism is made about someone not being around, ask yourself, what you can do to see why they are not around. In my January information letter from Ellen Stogsdill, Department Chairman for Extension (and the owner of many Auxiliary Titles) she wrote about the Member who never came back. No one ever asked her to join; or she came to a meeting but nobody paid any attention to her; she hoped somebody would ask her to join one of the Committees or somehow participate and contribute...but no one did. She missed a meeting because of illness and no one cared that she was there or not.

I hear all too often: We used to do....I'm the only one who does...If it were not for me...! That "Me is an upside down "We." Nothing kills participation or enthusiasm more than watching people who don't like what they are doing, or are just tired of doing. What I've learned is, if you stop doing the task you don't like or you are tired of it, someone else will step up and take responsibility. They may be slow to start and may not be perfect, but without a block in their way, they will get the job done. Membership and participation should be "encouraged," not "discouraged." I said before, we need to recycle ourselves. Share with someone else the job(s) you are doing.

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW, 3150, turns 77 years old on February 18, 2012. There will be a cake cutting ceremony at 4:30 pm. There will also be a **Joint Ladies and Men's Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner that same evening**. So our Anniversary cake will be dessert. If you have not been around lately and you were a part of the last 77 years, please come and enjoy a dinner and renew an old friendship or make a new one. Don't forget you must have a **reservation** so call the Canteen and have someone put your name on the **Sign up sheet**. See the calendar on the back of the News letter to see any other events you might like to attend.

I'll leave you with this: Happiness is a journey, not a destination. So, here's a thought for the day: "Work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching!" (anonymous)

I hope to see you soon,

Lola D. Kane, President, Ladies Auxiliary 3150

From the President of the Men's Auxiliary:

Greetings from the Men's Auxiliary and Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a happy and safe Holiday Season and are looking forward to a prosperous new year.

I wanted to extend my gratitude to all those who attended our combined Auxiliaries Stuffed Pork Chop dinner in January. It was a huge success and

we really appreciate all who attended and everyone that helped plan, cook and serve the meal. In particular, I would like to thank Wilbur Rawlins and Eric Anderson for their efforts in the kitchen preparing the meal.

Speaking of fund-raising dinners, the Auxiliaries are hosting another dinner on February 18, 2012, at the Post from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. The menu includes lasagna (meat or vegetable), salad, dinner rolls, and a dessert. Our lasagna dinner was a big success last year and we are looking to do even better this year, so come hungry. The cost of the dinner is \$11 in advance, \$14 at the door, and kids under 10 eat for free. We'd love to see you there and don't forget to invite your friends along. This event is open to the public so be sure to sign up your family and friends at the Post Canteen. Please remember that our fund-raising dinners are our sole source of revenue which we use to support Veteran causes. Your continued support is an absolute must and we really appreciate it.

For those Men's Auxiliary members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2012, please do so as soon as possible. You can send your \$30 check to the Post, or to any of the Men's Auxiliary officers.

Don't forget our troops all over the world that are still in harm's way. We owe them our most sincere gratitude. If you see a person in uniform, thank them for their service to our great country. Your might even make a new friend in the process.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty." -- John F. Kennedy

Mike "Red" Lowe
President, Men's Auxiliary
John Lyon Post #3150



Take it easy when shoveling snow

From Your Post Service Officer: Arnold Dixon

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

What are Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits?

Aid and Attendance (A&A) is a benefit paid in addition to a monthly pension. This benefit may not be paid without meeting the financial requirements for pension. A veteran may be eligible for A&A when:

1. The veteran requires the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting himself/herself from the hazards of his/her daily environment, OR,
2. The veteran is bedridden, in that his/her disability or disabilities requires that he/she remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment, OR,
3. The veteran is a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity, OR,
4. The veteran is blind, or so nearly blind as to have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less, in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

Housebound is paid in addition to monthly pension. Like A&A, Housebound benefits may not be paid without eligibility to pension. A veteran may be eligible for Housebound benefits when:

1. The veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling AND, due to such disability, he/she is permanently and substantially confined to his/her immediate premises, OR,
2. The veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling AND, another disability, or disabilities, evaluated as 60 percent or more disabling.

A veteran cannot receive both Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits at the same time.

If you believe that you or a veteran you know is eligible for either Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits you can call the Post at 703-5525-0108 and ask for the Post Service Officer or email me directly at Post3150ServOff@hotmail.com.

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members Paul Benfield (Army –Iraqx2/Afghanistan/Korea), Nicholas Elder (Navy – Iraqx2) (Life Trans), Joseph Holecko (USMC – Iraq) (Trans), Luisito Brooks (Army – Iraq), Patrick Haggerty (USMC - Iraq), Carol Rogers (Army – Iraq)(Life), Louise Kefelian (USAF - Iraq), Nevin Mick Pratt (Army – Desert Storm), Charles D Werner IV (USMC – Iraq), Charles Ezzell (Army – Iraq/Afghanistan), Laila Grassley (USCG – GWOTEM), Karen Meeker (Army - Afghanistan/Korea) and new Ladies Auxiliary members Karen Binette, Molly Newton, and Cindy Warren, all whose paperwork is complete and who were elected at the December or January meetings.

Marching Off....

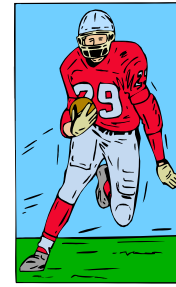
James G Dixon, 89, on 1 October 2011, in the Buffalo area of NY. He was a World War II Navy Lieutenant (jg) who saw service in three different submarines in the Pacific. He was the father of Ladies Auxiliary member Marguerite Dixon.

James Sevachko, 63, former member of Post 3150, on 7 January, in New Orleans where he had been living. Jim was an Army veteran who served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. He was buried near Warrenton, VA. There will be a memorial service at American Legion Post 139 (on Washington Blvd across from the Giant) on Saturday, 4 February at 2 pm.

Scout of the Year

Scout of the Year: Any Eagle Scout, Girl Scout, Venture Silver Award recipient, or Sea Scout Quartermaster may qualify. Deadline is March 1, 2012

Further information, including entry forms, brochures, and back ground, are available at www.vfw.org, then Community, then Programs, then Scout of the Year. Forms may also be obtained at <http://www.vfwva.org/reports.htm>, then Programs or Forms. Or call Post 3150 after 3 pm at 703-525-0108 for further information.



Superbowl Party

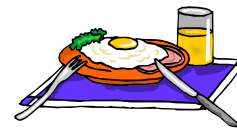
Football fans of all jersey colors will gather at the Post by 5 pm on Sunday, 5 February to cheer on or boo the New England Patriots or the New York Giants in the Superbowl --- or to just enjoy the camaraderie. There will be a pot luck dinner with a roast beef provided by the Post. Please bring a small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

Auxiliaries Lasagna Dinner

The Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries will hold a dinner on 18 February from 4:30 – 7:30 pm :The menu includes meat or vegetarian lasagna, salad, roll and dessert. Price is \$11 in advance or \$14 at the door.

Ladies Auxiliary 77th Birthday

Ladies Auxiliary 3150 will celebrate its 77th birthday on Saturday, 18 February. There will be a cake cutting before the Auxiliaries' Dinner, at approximately 4:30 pm. All John Lyon members are invited.



Sunday Brunch \$7.00

9 am - 12 noon

Kids under 10 years eat free

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

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

Andrea George - VOD 1st Place
Patrick Andrews - VOD 2nd Place
Marlena Fernandez - VOD 3rd Place
Katie Ward - VOD Honorable Mention
Natalie Ward - VOD Honorable Mention

Connor A. Fitzpatrick - Patriot's Pen 1st Place
Benjamin Stoffel - Patriot's Pen 2nd Place
Haylee Puller - Patriot's Pen 3rd Place

Ms Keenan Hall, Patrick Henry Elementary School
Teacher of the Year

Joseph Temarantz -Arlington County Fire Dept -
Fire Fighter of the Year
Romulus C Queen, Arlington County Fire Dept -
Emergency Medical Technician of the Year
Name Withheld - Arlington County Police Dept
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

VOD, Patriot's Pen Themes TBA

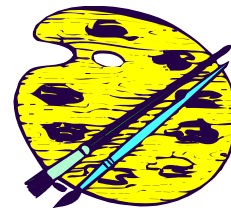
Themes for the high school and middle school essay contests for 2012-2013 will not be announced until February. Check this newsletter next month, or go to the VFW national website at www.vfw.org, then click on Community, then Programs. Other information on these programs is also available. The top national awards are \$30,000 for Voice of Democracy and \$10,000 for Patriot's Pen. Post awards are \$500 and \$300 for first place, respectfully, with other awards following. District and State awards will also be presented to winners at those levels. November 1 is the deadline for both programs. They were placed on the NASSP (National Association Secondary School Principals) National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2011-2012.

You Are Expired!

If your membership card says "2011" on it and you have not renewed for 2012, your membership has 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 online at 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).



High Schoolers: Art Contest

The Ladies Auxiliary yearly holds the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest for grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Deadline is March 31, 2012. See <http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org>, then Programs, then Scholarships, then Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure.

Want to Communicate with your NoVA Congressman, Senators?

Warner.senate.gov
Webb.senate.gov, and
Moran.house.gov

Highway Cleanup 11 February

The Post has scheduled a winter Highway Cleanup along Lee Highway from Rosslyn to Veitch Street for Saturday, 11 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 snow date is 5 March.

Hours for Post Canteen

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	3 – 9 pm
Fri	3 – 9 pm
Sat	12 noon– 9 pm
Holidays	open 12 noon

New Officers to be Selected

Post officers for the Year 2012-2013 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.

Tenth District Meeting

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Tenth District Meetings will be held on Sunday, 18 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 won't have a separate meeting but are invited to attend the Joint meeting Lunch will precede the meetings at 12 noon.

Upcoming Next Month

Not counting Sunday brunches and the normal meetings, the following are the highlights of next month's calendar. See next month's newsletter for more details.

Sat, 3 Mar: National Legislative Conference begins
Sat, 17 Mar: St Patrick's Day Dinner, 4 – 7 pm
Sat, 24 Mar: VA Hospital Visit, 12 noon
Sun, 25 Mar: Men's Auxiliary 3150 4th Birthday cake cutting, 2:30 pm



Take it easy when shoveling snow

Thanks!

Post Membership over 99%

Thanks to all members who have renewed their memberships for the year 2012. You have pushed the Post over 99% for the new year. And, of course, thanks to all Life members who automatically put the Post on an early start towards our goal. Those who haven't renewed yet are asked to send theirs in as soon as possible. Do it now before it slips from your mind. \$30 for all of 2012.

Post Newsletter in Your Email?

The post distributes the monthly newsletter electronically 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. We will then remove you from the snail mail list and send you an email notification to download or read it from the Post webpage or your email. And it's in color! (Go to 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.

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 20 February 2012

Did You Know?

Your canteen at Post 3150 offers 12 different soft drinks plus bottled water and Gatorade, four different wines, and 13 canned and bottled beers at four different price points. And coffee and tea are available.

Clothing Drive for the Homeless

St. George's Episcopal Church Food Pantry is dedicated to feeding the homeless here in Arlington County. Through donations and the efforts of many volunteers, St. George's is able to provide more than 10,000 meals per year. Perhaps at no other time of the year is Arlington's homeless population – many of whom are veterans – more vulnerable than during the cold dark days of winter. In an effort to help relieve some of this suffering and augment St. George's efforts on behalf of this population, Post 3150 will conduct a warm clothing drive. Your generous donations of warm clothing (especially sweaters and coats, socks, hats/caps, gloves, trousers and boots) and personal care items (like toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and razors) will go a long way towards easing the suffering of this most vulnerable population. To make a donation, or to get more information, please contact Charles Reddoor at 703-801-2886. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters.



Navy Purple Heart Policy Update

The U.S. Navy recently updated its policies concerning the awarding of the Purple Heart. Sailors and Marines may be now awarded the Purple Heart for certain mild traumatic brain injuries that were caused by enemy action. If they suffered a loss of consciousness, or had to be given the disposition of 'not fit for full duty' by a medical officer for a period greater than 48 hours after a concussive event, they may qualify for the Purple Heart. Purple Hearts awarded for MTBI will continue to meet the historical standards of severity applied to all types of wounds. For more information, search for ALNAV 079/11.

This change applies to those who suffered a MTBI on or after September 11, 2011 as referenced in paragraph 11 of ALNAV 079/11 (Source: Military.Com December 26, 2011).

Recent Events Around the Post



<<< Past Commander Gene Miller (right) presents a reading on the attack on Hawaii, during the ceremonies marking Pearl Harbor Day held at Post 3150. Past Commanders Charles Reddoor and J.Gary Wagner and Men's Auxiliary President Mike "Red" Lowe also participated. The event remembered the attack on Pearl Harbor 70 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 sends families, which lost a member in combat, to a special destination for a memorable vacation. John Lyon's President Lola Kane and State Senior Vice President Cathy Graham (center) were joined by (on the left) Tenth District President Linda Bond (LA 7327) and Past State President Betty Gimble (LA 1503) and (on the right) Mary Corkhill (LA 7589), and Alice Gehl (LA 7327) as they prepare to assist families at Reagan National Airport board planes to their destination.



<<< Participating with VFW Post 609 in Wreaths Across America, J.Gary Wagner (left) and M.C. "Connie" Agresti place a wreath on the grave of Post 3150 member Joe McGrail in Alexandria National Cemetery. About 500 wreaths were placed in Alexandria National Cemetery.

Christmas at John Lyon



<<< With the truck all loaded with fresh fruit, laundry supplies, and a Christmas decoration for each resident, John Lyon members (l to r) (front) Michael McCartney and Gene Miller, (middle) Wauleah Ellison, Nelson Betancourt, Lola Kane, (rear) Matt Miller, Dennis Gerrity, Stephen Carfora, Bill Paine, Dewey Carter, and Arnold Dixon, prepare to leave the Post for the Washington DC VA Hospital during the annual Christmas hospital visit. Members of the Fraternal Order of the Police NOVA Lodge #35, along with members of the State Department's Diplomatic Security, DC, Virginia, Arlington, Vienna Police Departments, Falls Church Sheriff and Police, and CIA Police all participated on a training exercise and gave Santa (and later Mrs Claus) an escort to the hospital and two destinations for the FOP.

Eric Anderson and Wilbur Rawlings >>> check the pig being roasted overnight for the Toys for Tots Pig Roast. \$1595 was collected from members and guests or donated by the Post and Auxiliaries, including \$400 collected during the Pig Roast. Another \$150 or so was collected in toys making about \$1750 collected for the annual toy drive conducted by the US Marine Corps Reserve. Thanks to all who helped out or donated.



<<< Santa and Mrs Claus present a gift to a youngster during the annual Christmas party for children of junior enlisted soldiers named by the USO at Fort Myer. 29 children received a stocking and a bag of gifts from their Santa lists. The same 12 families also received Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner "baskets" from John Lyon. Ashlee Allen was again Santa's chief elf this year.

VFW 3150 February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Movie Night	2	3	4
5 Superbowl Party 5- 9 pm	6 House Committee / Post O Call 7:30 pm	7	8 Movie Night	9 Post Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11 Highway Cleanup 8:30 am (Raindate 5 March)
12 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n	13	14 VALENTINES DAY Men's Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Sinking of USS Maine 1898 Movie Night	16 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18 77 th Birthday LA 3150 4:30 pm Joint Auxiliaries Dinner, 4:30 – 7:30- p
19 Tenth Dist Meeting McLean VFW Post 8241 1 pm (12 lunch)	20 PRESIDENTS DAY	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Movie Night	23	24	25
26 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n	27	28	29 LEAP YEAR!	1 Mar Deadline Scout of the Year Nominations		

1 March: Deadline Scout of the Year Nominations

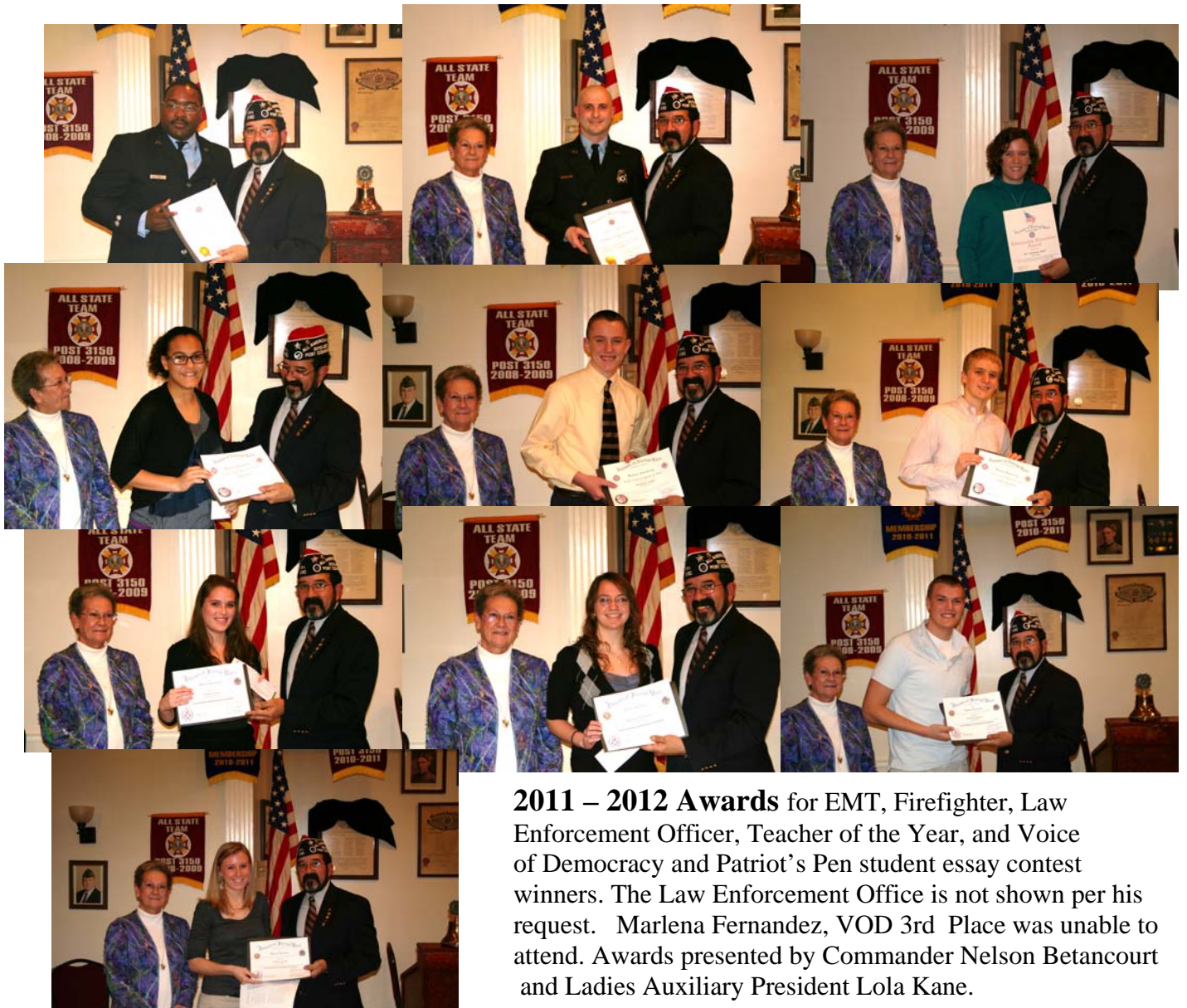


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2011 – 2012 Awards for EMT, Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, Teacher of the Year, and Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen student essay contest winners. The Law Enforcement Office is not shown per his request. Marlena Fernandez, VOD 3rd Place was unable to attend. Awards presented by Commander Nelson Betancourt and Ladies Auxiliary President Lola Kane.