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All State!

J.Gary Wagner Elected District Commander Connie Agresti, Catherine Graham: District Senior Vices

At the Tenth District Convention held on Sunday 21 June, at Dale City Post 1503, District Commander J.David Keith announced that John Lyon Post 3150 was selected as an All-State Post. The designation is limited to the top twenty-five posts in the state and reflects all aspects of Post life including membership, community activities, and other programs. This was the sixteenth time in the last eighteen years that the Arlington Post has been so honored. The announcement reflected the phone call Post Commander Moscatel received from Department Commander Dan Boyer the previous weekend.

The District Convention also saw the election of new officers to lead the district in the next year. J.Gary Wagner was elected District Commander. M.C. "Connie" Agresti and Catherine Graham were elected District Senior Vice Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President, respectively. The previous District Commander from Post 3150 was "Doc" Crouch, in 2000-2001, and before him, Manuel Vieira and / or Conrad Bolen in 1971-72 / 1972-73. Past 3150 Ladies Auxiliary President, Patricia Jurgenson, now a member of Ladies Auxiliary 609, was elected District President. Further information can be found inside on page 4.



<<< Commander Greg Moscatel (center) receives the Honor Post Banner from State Senior Vice Commander, C.D. "Doc" Crouch (right) and Tenth District Commander, J.David Keith at the recent Tenth District Convention. The Honor Banner is awarded to posts that achieve 100% of their membership goal based on the previous year's end strength.

From the Commander:

It's time for everyone to plant their vegetable gardens in Arlington this year. I planted tomatoes and parsley so far. Ever since I first planted parsley last year and said I would bring it in to the post as garnish for the Sunday Brunch at our post, I've had a poor crop. I think I need to consult our resident (and successful) parsley expert Senior Vice Commander (elect) Tom Kane.

On Saturday, May 13, our post marched in the Arlington Day Parade. We (and that includes the Ladies Auxiliary) were in the number three spot as we were last year. This parade is something I look forward to every year and it sure is a good feeling for me to see the parade watchers salute the American flag and cheer us on as we march by.

I would like to salute the volunteers of our entire Breakfast Crew who work long and hard hours every Sunday Brunch. The benefits are that we get the opportunity to see the Walter Reed Army Medical Center patients and their families enjoy a breakfast away from their normal hospital setting. We have dedicated volunteers continuing to show up even though I think it is one of our more demanding projects. Ken Jansen (Chief Chef), Eric Anderson (Chef), Tom Kane (order organizer), Richard Hoffman (there when needed), Ernie Deal (volunteers for anything), Butch Hovermill (volunteer), and myself (whatever). This large project also succeeds with the help from the ever so important Ladies Auxiliary. They perform all of the functions outside of the kitchen. We always are excited to see someone new join us even for even one day to see how it feels to work on a successful team. One of our newer post members, Paul Dougherty, joined us in the kitchen for the Mother's Day brunch and washed dishes for 5 hours. What a great guy!

I'd like to mention we will be participating with Ballston Mall in setting up a table, in preparation for Flag Day, in the mall for two Saturdays on June 3 and June 10 from 10:00 am until about 3:00pm. We will be handing out material on Patriotism, Americanism, and American flags. If anyone (including Ladies Auxiliary) would like to participate, give the Post a call at 703-525-0108.

This is my last column as Commander. I've had two fulfilling and wonderful years working in this capacity. I will still be here supporting and routing for our post. I found out at the recent 10th District Convention we attended that we will be recognized as an All State Post at the upcoming VFW State Convention in June, (we came in 14th in the state). I'm hoping we will receive other honors there also.

Let's pray every day for our Armed Forces in harm's way in Afghanistan and Iraq.

/s/

Greg Moscatel
Commander, VFW Post 3150



From the President:

Hard to believe this is my last column to you ladies of the auxiliary. Time does fly when you are busy and having fun at the same time. We have raised and given away a great deal of funding to various causes in support of the troops, veterans and the children of this great nation. We will have surpassed our fundraising goal of \$2000 for Cancer Aid and Research. We have participated in many official functions from parades, to conferences, to district meetings, to monthly meetings and have helped our auxiliary grow in strength while assisting the VFW side with their membership efforts.

Our success as an auxiliary is due to you, the membership. You provided support by participating in our various endeavors from bake sales, to breakfasts, to taco nights. The support came in many guises from assisting at the varied functions, to marching in parades, to showing the colors at the commemorative ceremonies, to something as simple as renewing early. The renewing of your membership early in the new year helps us meet our goals.

I would like to thank all of the Auxiliary officers for agreeing to serve with me during the two years of my presidency. Your untiring work to keep me straight and faithfully showing up for our meetings and responding whenever requested has allowed us to meet all of our banner requirements for the year.



To bring you up to date, May was a busy month, from the start of the last Golden Age Games that the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor, to the Arlington Day parade, to the Memorial Day grave decorations and ceremonies. The games in Hampton, VA were well attended by folks from across the U.S. The camaraderie was very evident in the faces of the participants and the volunteers who came. The weather caused a change in some of the times but that did not dampen any spirits of those involved.

Thank you to all who came to march in the neighborhood day parade. The good showing of our ladies allowed the general public to put a face to our organization. It was gratifying to be greeted with cheers and applause as we walked the parade route.

This is being written prior to the Memorial Day grave decorations and ceremonies; so I would like to thank all those who will participate in these worthwhile endeavors. The meaning behind the federal holiday must be put back into the day and who better to promote this than the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary.

In June we have the Department convention where the next year's officers at the department level will be elected and installed. This is also the time when the newly elected auxiliary officers take over. From me to all of you, a heartfelt thank you for the support and encouragement given over the course of two years. I know our incoming President, Karen Stewart, will be as equally supported by you, the members of our Auxiliary, so the success of years past will continue into the future.

In closing, I wish a happy birthday to all those celebrating in June.

/s/

Catherine M. Graham

Tenth District Officers

In addition to the election of J.Gary Wagner, M.C. "Connie" Agresti, and Catherine Graham to top district positions, Ladies Auxiliary 3150 members Elsa Weeks was reelected Guard and Catherine Kerns as One Year Trustee for the Ladies Auxiliary unit. The elections and installation were held at the recent Tenth District Convention held at Dale City Post 1503. Complete election results follow.



Being installed as Tenth District Commander and Senior Vice Commander for the year 2006-07 are J.Gary Wagner and M.C. "Connie" Agresti (front row, r to l). Also seen are Junior Vice Commander Stan Dixon (Post 9478) and Judge Advocate James Spiker (Post 1503) (back row, r to l). Department Senior Vice Commander C.D. "Doc" Crouch (Post 3150) administers the oath of office, unseen, from the dias.



Taking the oath of office as Ladies Auxiliary Tenth District Officers are Senior Vice President Catherine Graham (second from left) and Guard Elsa Weeks (second from right). Catherine Kerns, second row behind Weeks, is the new One Year Trustee. Also seen are President Patricia Jurgenson (LA 609)(right) and Secretary Betty Gimble (LA 1503) (left)

Tenth District Elections

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

VFW Elected Positions:

Commander: J.Gary Wagner (3150)
Sr Vice Commander: M.C. "Connie" Agresti (3150)
Junior Vice Commander: Stanley Dixon (9478)
Quartermaster: Clyde L. Embrey (7916)
Judge Advocate: James Spiker (1503)
Chaplain: William M Jones (609)
Surgeon: Margo Sheridan (5412)
Three Year Trustee: J. David Keith (7916)
Two Year Trustee: James K. Martin (1503)
One Year Trustee: W.J. Leonard (7327)

Appointed: Adjutant: James S Rosa (7916)

Ladies Auxiliary Elected Positions:

President Patricia Jurgensen (609)
Senior Vice President: Cathy Graham (3150)
Junior Vice President: Beverly Edmonds (7327)
Treasurer: Mary Smart (7327)
Chaplain: Dru Doan (7327)
Conductress: Ellen Carleton (1503)
Guard: Elsie Weeks (3150)
One Year Trustee: Cathy Kerns (3150)
Two Year Trustee: Fran Riker (8815)
Three Year Trustee: Ines Kerch (9274)

Appointed: Secretary: Betty Gimble (1503)
Deputy Chief of Staff: Virginia Edwards (609)

Flag Day

Flag Day ceremonies will be held at the Post on Wednesday, 14 June at 6:45. This will be followed by the Army Birthday.

Army Birthday

The Army Birthday will be commemorated with a cake cutting on Wednesday, 14 June at 7:00 pm. In previous years, John Lyon members from all services gathered for the first of the service birthdays and continued this tradition throughout the year.



Happy Father's Day / Cookout

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

The Father's Day Cookout is scheduled for 2 - 5 pm on 18 June at Post 3150.

A Buddy Poppy Thanks

Thanks to the many members and friends who sent in a donation for the Buddy Poppy not included in last month's newsletter. Your generosity will help ensure our Relief Funds will be ready for the next year when needed. As the envelopes are still arriving, a full tally will be available next month.

3150 at Ballston Commons

Post 3150 has been invited to Ballston Commons Mall (Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard) to help promote Flag Day in the U.S. Post representatives will be in the mall from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays, 3 June and 10 June. Drop by and sign a pledge card and then fly your flag on Flag Day, 14 June.

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members, Jerry Peterson (USAF - Vietnam - Desert Storm) (Life Transfer) and John H.H. Turner III (Army - Desert Storm) elected at the May meeting. Peterson was previously Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 27 in Wiesbaden, Germany.) Turner is the son of Past Post Commander Jack Turner.

A John Lyon Hello to...

Post 3150 member .Stephen E Cobb, recently elected Commander, Department of Virginia, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

And to Wade and Joyce Hatch, who recently visited the Washington area and spent an evening renewing old friendships --- and making some new ones --- in the Post.

Last Newsletter?

If you failed to renew your membership dues for the year 2006, you are about to be dropped from the mailing list for the newsletter. To stay on the list, send your dues for 2007 **NOW**. To the Post Quartermaster (\$30) or Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer (\$25) at the address on the front page.

New Hours for Post Canteen

Starting Monday 5 June, opening hours for the Post canteen will be changed to 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

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 – 10 pm
Sat	12 noon–10 pm

From the John Lyon Past...

“Mr. VFW”

George C. Dalby

Department Commander 1954 -55

George C. Dalby was born in Kittering, England, in 1899 and came to the Washington area when he was 12. He served in the U.S. Army's First Division in France in World War I and was awarded the Silver Star for heroism in action against the enemy. After the war, he worked for Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as a supervisor of construction until his retirement. After joining Post 3150, Dalby became Post Commander in 1947-48; Eighth District Commander in 1950-51, and Virginia Department Commander in 1954-55. He was also a 4th & 5th District National Council Member. Dalby was part of the committee which developed plans to buy the current Post home in 1945, and was a 3150 delegate to the first post-war, 47th Annual National Encampment (national convention) in early September 1946. Later that same month, he “started” the 1946 John Lyon VFW Horse Show with a presentation of the colors and a review of local returned veterans of World Wars I and II. As Post Commander, Dalby formed the John Lyon Post Color Guard early in 1947. (See photo in the Post Home. In 1959, the unit was selected to function as the ceremonial unit of both the Department of Virginia and Tenth District VFW organizations.) Dalby was a post delegate to the Department Encampment in 1948 and, as Department Chief of Staff, he was in charge of the ceremonies to install the Arlington's new Raymond Hansen Post 9898. Dalby was installing officer for new Post Commanders Carroll D. Wooge (1957), Charles McNier (1962), and Dr Raymond Markle (1963) (and probably others as well). He also served as Wooge's Advocate, McNier's Chaplain and was patriotic instructor when Wiley Joe Bolen was commander in 1965-66. He was aide-de-camp to District Commander Miles Hubbard (Post 3150) in 1962. The Post honored Comrade Dalby (and two others) in 1962 with a Life Membership in the VFW. He was also presented a life membership in the VFW National Home for his efforts in behalf of that organization. George Dalby continued to serve all levels of the VFW in his remaining years. He was known in some circles as “Mr. VFW”. He and his

wife, Virginia (a big name in her own right), are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. But the Dalby story did not end with his death on 24 October 1977. Every year at the state convention, the Department of Virginia presents The George C. Dalby Award “to the individual who has made outstanding contributions in all VFW programs.”

State Convention: a Rare Opportunity

The Department of Virginia's state convention, to be held June 15-18, 2006 at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, provides a rare opportunity for John Lyon members. C.D. “Doc” Crouch is expected to be elected and installed as State Commander during the business session on Sunday morning, 18 June. Not since George Dalby was elected and installed as State Commander in 1954 has this position been held by a member of Post 3150. John Lyon members are invited to attend all or part of this special occasion. Additionally, awards will be presented Thursday evening at 7 pm, including the award to Lt Brian Berke, Post 3150's Department of Virginia Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary are also in contention for other state awards. For hotel reservations, call 804-285-1234. Reservations were to have been made by 5/15/2006 for the group rate. Those planning to attend one or more days should let the Post know so that we can coordinate several events with you.

Lightning Soccer

When you're driving around Arlington on the coming weekends, you'll see some of the kids from our sponsored Lightning Soccer Clubs playing at nearby Key Elementary and other fields. Drop by and cheer them on --- they're wearing the purple jerseys with the white lightning bolt. Introduce yourself to the coach as a 3150 member.





Rangers Schedule

23 May	TBA
3 Jun	5:00 Jennie Dean
5 Jun	6:00 Jennie Dean
13 - 22 Jun	Playoffs: TBA

As of 21 May, the Rangers are 3 - 5. Maybe they need some of our cheering! Remaining games will be played at Jennie Dean - located on South Four Mile Run, next to WETA. A map is available at <http://www.arlingtonlittleleague.org/venues/>

Wear a VFW cap or shirt and cheer on our team! For more information, see <http://www.arlingtonlittleleague.org/data/2006/2scheduled2006.htm>

Washington Nationals Veterans Appreciation Day

“Hope all is well, we are holding our first ever Veterans Appreciation Day on July 14, 2006, 7:05 pm at RFK Stadium. As part of the ceremonies on this date we looking for 400 photos of Veterans to display on the JumboTron from 5:30-6:30 (pre-game). If you or any of your members would like to have their photos included in this event please send e-mail them to: military@nationals.com. Please include name, rank, unit, conflict or service dates

“As well we are offering ½ price Upper View MVP seats for this date (\$16.00 for \$8.00). If you have individuals that are interested in purchasing tickets please direct them to www.nationals.com/militarydiscount if your group is over 25 people please feel free to contact me directly for assistance.

Best Regards,

J. Michael Fisher

Washington Nationals / Groups and Suite Sales
(202) 541-1765”

Veterans’ Records Stolen

For anyone who missed the media announcements, personal information on 26 million veterans was stolen from a VA employee. Information included name, SSN, date of birth, and possibly other information on every veteran discharged since 1975 and others who may have filed with the VA.

The VFW announcement, available at www.vfw.org, added “The VA will send out individual notification letters to veterans to every extent possible. Veterans can also go to www.firstgov.gov for more information on this matter. Additionally, the VA has established a manned call center for veterans to receive information about this situation and to learn more about consumer identity protections. That toll free number is 1-800-FED INFO (333-4636). The call center...will operate from 8 a.m. to 9 pm (EDT), Monday-Saturday, as long as it is needed.”

VA Hospital Visit

A Hospital Visit to the Washington VA Hospital Nursing Home is scheduled for Saturday 1 July. Meet at the Post at 1230 and car pool to the hospital. Come help us bring a bit of holiday cheer to our veterans.

Post to Host District Planning Meeting

John Lyon Post will host the Tenth District Planning Meeting on Sat, 24 June, at 1 pm. Expected to attend are post commanders and Ladies Auxiliary presidents and other member of the ten other posts in the district. The last time Post 3150 hosted a district such a meeting was in Summer 2003.

July 4th Cookout

John Lyon Post will mark Independence Day on Tues, 4 Jul, by participating in the National Bell Ringing at 2 pm, and hosting an old fashioned cookout from 3 - 7 pm.

Recent Events Around the Post



<<< 2006-2007 Post 3150 Commander Eric Anderson (second from right), Senior Vice Commander Thomas Kane (right), and (from the right behind Anderson) Quartermaster Richard Hoffman, Chaplain Ralph Huston, Three Year Trustee Greg Moscatar, and Officer of the Day Al Quaye prepare to take the Oath of Office during recent Installation Ceremonies held at the John Lyon Post Home.

2006 - 2007 President Karen Stewart >>> (in white, front), Junior Vice President Virginia LePage and Conductress Ruth Rodier (left to right from Stewart), and Treasurer Catherine Graham, Three Year Trustee Elsa Weeks, Chaplain Lola Kane (right to left from Stewart) receive directions from Installing Officer Gail Hoffman during Installation Ceremonies of the 3150 Ladies Auxiliary recently held at the Post.



<<< Junior Vice Commander Thomas R Kane presents the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award to AF Junior ROTC Cadet Senior Airman Attaphon Sakprayoonpong during recent ceremonies at the Arlington Career Center.

Recent Events Around the Post



<<< Nearly leading the Arlington County Neighborhood Day Parade in the number three position is the John Lyon unit, consisting of Eric Anderson, Connie Agresti, and Tom Kane carrying the banner, Richard Hoffman and Paul Dougherty flanking Greg Moscatar, J.Gary Wagner, and Lola Kane who carry the flags, and Cathy Graham, Karen Stewart, and Marcia Anderson.

Commander Greg Moscatar (second >>> from right) presents Ladies Auxiliary President Catherine Graham with \$105 in tip money for Cancer Aide and Research. The guys gave the ladies a day off and took over dining room duties for the annual Mothers Day Sunday Brunch. Looking on are some of the waiters: J.Gary Wagner, Connie Agresti, and Art Glennon, and (rear) Eric Skrzypczak.



<<< Preparing to head out to our stretch of Lee Highway for spring Highway Cleanup are (l to r) Eric Anderson, "Fuzzy" Collier, Lola Kane, Tom Kane, Greg Moscatar, Tommy Saunders, and J.Gary Wagner.

Recent Events Around the Post

Arriving at the VA Hospital in >>> Washington, D.C., Post members brought four cases of bananas, pears, and oranges for residents of the nursing home. Preparing for the distribution are Surgeon Mark Pando, Alicia Beavers, and Commander Greg Moscatar.



<<< Commander Gregory Moscatar (center in front of sign) presents a check to Larry Parent (left), a lead coach of the Challenger Division of the Arlington Little League. Challenger Division is a “program of baseball for 5 to 18 year old boys and girls with mental and physical challenges.” The post’s donation will help fund the Challenger trip to Virginia Beach for a tournament.

Adjutant, J.Gary Wagner presents a post >>> check to Ms Monica Dixon, a volunteer with the Family Readiness Group of the National Guard Bureau, while C. D. "Doc" Crouch (left), LTC Richard Flynn (NGB-HQ), and Ms Dee Murphy (FRG-NGB) (right) look on. The National Guard Family Readiness Group is supporting families of unit deployed in Afghanistan. The headquarters battalion is located in Arlington



VFW 3150

June 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Flag Day event at Ballston Mall 10 am - 3 pm
4	5 House Committee 7:30 pm Post O Call 8 pm	6	7 Movie Night	8 Post Meeting 8 pm	9	10 Flag Day event at Ballston Mall 10 am - 3 pm
11 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 1 pm	12	13 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Flag Day 6:45 pm US Army Birthday 7pm Movie Night	15 Department Convention Richmond	16 Department Convention Richmond	17 Department Convention Richmond
18 Father's Day Cookout 2 - 5pm Department Convention Richmond	19	20	21 Movie Night	22	23	24 Tenth District Planning Meeting Post 3150 1 pm
25 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 1 pm Post Planning Meeting 2:30 pm	26	27	28 Movie Night	29	30	1 July VA Hospital Visit 12:30 pm

4th of July cookout 3 - 7 pm

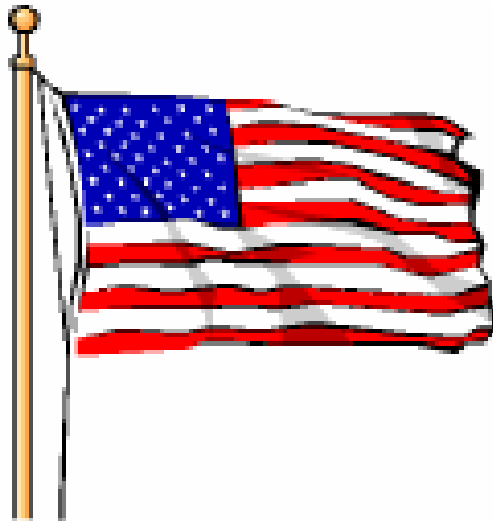


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The home of the free and the brave."**

--- George M. Cohan, 1906