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Milestones

Arlington National Cemetery (left) is marking its 150th Anniversary this year, and began on 13 May with a wreath laying at the grave of the first man to be buried in the cemetery. The first burial was done 150 years ago on 13 May 1864 with the internment of Pvt William Henry Christman, 67th Pennsylvania Infantry, who died of illness. Two others were buried that same day. The first battle casualty was buried on 14 May. They are in what is now Section 27, on the north boundary of the cemetery, near the Iwo Jima Memorial. A month later on 14 June 1864, Arlington was established as a national cemetery. Additional ceremonies are scheduled through 16 June. For more info, go to <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Events/ANC150.aspx>.

D-Day is 6 June. This year is the 70th Anniversary of the landing in Europe which led to victory in World War II. Several Post members, including the late Stephen Grey (military policeman with Ninth Infantry Division), the late Post Commander Ned Alred (116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division), the late James Milnor Roberts (29th Infantry Division) are known to have participated in the landing. Also Jim Rodier who was a member of 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82 Airborne Division. He landed less than a mile from Ste Mere-Eglise, the location seen in the movie, "The Longest Day", when a parachute got caught on a church steeple. Walter Burnett, U S Navy, is also a D-Day veteran. Post 3150 will conduct a remembrance ceremony on Friday, 6 June at 7 pm. (A portion of the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA is seen above right.)

From The Commander:

Comrades, as my tour comes to an end I look back with mixed emotions. I am in awe of what we have accomplished for veterans. Knowing that we made a difference for our community. We did our best to help those in need. But that is where I have fear...did we do enough? Could we have done more?

I think if we take a moment, each of us can think of possible ways to improve for next year. And I think that is admirable... that we have come so far and yet we continue to push forward. Ensuring we rise to the important mission for our communities.

Although I am changing positions, I will still be around the post trying to help out when I can. Please support Jim in the upcoming year in the same manner that you supported me. Thank you again for your help and support... and lastly I want to thank you for the opportunity to lead this great post.

Semper Fi
Mike, Commander, VFW Post 3150

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary:

This is my last newsletter as my term as President is coming to an end on June 8 at Noon. Nancy Weeks is the incoming President. I wish her well as she begins her year. She will be outstanding as President. I know she will have a productive year.

I am looking forward to getting into the garden, if it would just stop raining. Today, I learned that Marigolds repel pests, including rabbits. Cannot wait to use my new gift card for Home Depot (a parting gift from Auxiliary Officers) to purchase bedding plants for the garden plot.

At this time, I want to thank my officers for the great work supporting me over the past year. We have done very well raising money for the Cancer Aid and Research program and in support of the National Home.

Sister Cindy Warren is under the weather. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

The Virginia Mid-term Primary is June 10. The election will determine the Virginia Gubernatorial Candidate and Virginia Senatorial candidates. It is a state only election. If you are not registered to vote, please register for future elections. If you do not vote, you have no right to complain. This is sort of a crusade of mine. I come from a long line of voters-- back to my grandfathers on both sides of the family.

In closing be good to yourselves as well as to others. Take a walk, read a good book or take in a movie! Life is too short.

Karen A. Stewart
President, Ladies Auxiliary 3150

From the President of the Men's Auxiliary:

I am proud to have served as President of the Men's Auxiliary this past year and would like to thank everyone for all the support, the special help, and especially the stepping up when needed. I wish the newly elected officers of the Post and Auxiliaries all the best during their terms. I am positive that we will continue to support each other in the days to come.

I would like to remind everyone that you can make a difference. It may be only a small thing, but small things will add up to become larger things. We have a lot of people who work behind the scene and I would like to thank you for your support and dedication to the task. You know who you are and you are most appreciated.

Happy Birthday Army, who will be celebrating its 240th anniversary on June 14th. And don't forget Father's Day on June 15th. Summer will soon be upon us and the kids will be out of school. Keep alert to their playing while you drive through neighborhoods.

Lots of activities and things to do during the months of June and July. Check the calendar for dates and times. There is something for everyone.

Well, farewell, but not goodbye
See you around the Post,

Wilbur Rawlings,
President, Men's Auxiliary 3150

Post Officers 2014 - 2015...

				
James Bertine Commander US Navy Vietnam	Pierre Glover Senior Vice Cmdr US Army Iraq/Afghanistan	Gary Woods Junior Vice Cmdr US Marine Corps Desert Storm	M.C. Agresti Quartermaster Navy Desert Storm	Valerie Palacios Chaplain US Army Iraq/Afghanistan
				
Lance Casey Judge Advocate US Army Iraq	Andrew Klimkowski Surgeon US Air Force Afghanistan	C.D. "Doc" Crouch 3 Year Trustee US Navy Vietnam	Richard Hoffman 2 Year Trustee US Marine Corps Vietnam	Michael McCartney 1 Year Trustee US Marine Corps Iraq
				
Clifford Clevenger 3 Year House Com US Army Iraq / Bosnia / Korea Service	Alexander Nobles 2 Year House Com US Army Iraq (3x)	Nelson Betancourt 1 Year House Com US Army Korea Service	J.Gary Wagner Adjutant US Air Force Korea Service	Brendan Gehrke Service Officer US Marine Corps Iraq/Afghanistan

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members, Andre Alves (USMC – Afghanistan), Cliff Clevenger (Army – Iraq/Bosnia/Korea Service)(Life Trans), Heather Clevenger (Army - Iraq/Afghanistan/Korea Service) (Life Trans), Walter Fraser (Navy – Europe Occupation / Korean War), and Clifford D Fields (Army – Vietnam)(Life Trans) also Past State Commander for District of Columbia and Past National Council Member for DC, Delaware, and Europe --- all whose paperwork is complete and who were elected at the April meeting. And welcome back to Kathleen Gonzales!

Election Updates

Several officer additions or changes were made in May. For the Post, Cliff Clevenger was elected to the Three Year House Committee position, and Lance Casey and Andrew Klimkowski were appointed to positions of Judge Advocate and Surgeon respectively. Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc was elected to the positions of Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President and Three Year Trustee, and Wilbur Rawlings was elected to Two Year Trustee. And a correction: Ladies Auxiliary One Trustee should have been, in last month's newsletter, Elsa Weeks (editor's error).

D-Day Ceremony

The Post will conduct a commemorative ceremony marking the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion at Normandy at 7:00 pm on Friday, 6 June. Join us!

A Buddy Poppy Thanks

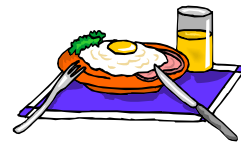
Thanks to the many members and friends who sent in a donation for the Post Relief Fund. Your generosity will help ensure our Relief Funds will be ready for the next year when needed. As the envelopes are still arriving, a full tally will be available next month. Since new postal machines and regulations prevented our mailing Buddy Poppies with the newsletter without great additional expense, the poppies were only mailed, starting 15 May, to those requesting them. (See May newsletter.)

State Convention

The Department of Virginia's state convention will be held 5 – 8 June 2014 at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Convention Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg VA 23185, telephone 757-220-2250.

National Convention

The VFW National Convention will be held 19 – 23 July 2013 in St Louis, MO. The assigned hotel for Virginia is the Hyatt Regency (at the Arch). Special Room rates are available until 13 June. You may reserve by Internet, phone, mail, or fax. Go to <http://www.vfw.org/115convention/> for info or to reserve, or see the VFW magazine. One member reported that the hotels are filling up, so quick action is recommended.



Sunday Brunch \$8.00

9 am - 12 noon

Second and Fourth Sundays

Kids under 10 years eat free

You Are Expired!

If your membership card says “2013” on it and you have not renewed for 2014, your membership has expired. To get reinstated, send in your renewal now! To the Post address. Or Post members can go to www.vfw.org and click RENEW near the top..

Cancer Aid and Research

Donations for Cancer Aid and Research are being accepted by the Ladies Auxiliary during May and early June for presentation during the Department Convention in June. If you care to donate, send your check to Treasurer Cathy Graham at the Post address ASAP.



Athletics 9 - 2

This year Post 3150 is a sponsor of the Arlington Little League Major League Athletics team. The team is 9 - 2 overall in games so far this season with two more regular season games before the playoffs which begin in early June.

John Lyon members are invited to the games and the schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Location / Result
Sat, 5 Apr	7:30 pm	lose, 11 - 12
Tue, 8 Apr	5:30 pm	win, 3 - 0
Thu, 24 Apr	5:30 pm	win, 11 - 3
Sat, 26 Apr	3:30 pm	win, 13 - 6
Sat, 3 May	1 pm	win, 7 - 6
Sun, 4 May	1 pm	lose, 7 - 8
Tue, 6 May	7:30 pm	win, 17 - 3
Sat, 10 May	11 am	win, 22 - 0
Tue, 13 May	5:30 pm	win, 8 - 5
Sat, 17 May	5:30 pm	win, 13 - 2
Wed, 21 May	7:30 pm	win, 6 - 5
Thu, 29 May	7:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Sat, 31 May	5:30 pm	Barcroft #1

Playoffs Begin early June

Games last about 2 hours and are played at: **Barcroft #1**- 4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr. 22206, next to DMV. Since this is a majors team, all games are at the same field. And play should be better than previous years.

Check the County's inclement weather line at 703-228-4715 if you have questions about the weather.

Wear a VFW cap or shirt (if you have one) and introduce yourself to the coaches.

See <http://www.arlingtonlittleleague.org> for more information, then Team, then Choose a Team, Majors, American League, then Athletics. Several options are on the left.

A John Lyon Hello to...

Stephen Magnin who has volunteered to cut the grass and has done a great job in the first weeks!

Marching Off...

James Hafey, 90, on 2 January 2014, He joined the Navy in World War II and served on a US Navy Liberty Ship as a gunner. He was buried in Chicopee, NC.

Richard A Reese, 69, on 23 December 2013. He served with the Army in Vietnam. He lived in Chesterfield VA.

Donald K Trabold, 76, on 8 April 2008. A member of the Navy, he served during the Korean War, and was buried in Casselberry FL.



Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers and husbands on 15 June! Wherever you are, you are close to our hearts.

Father's Day Steak Night

The Men's Auxiliary will host a Father's Day Steak Night the night before Father's Day, Saturday, 14 June from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. The dinner will include New York strip steak cooked to order, corn on the cob, baked potato, salad, roll, and desert, all for only \$15. The evening will begin with Flag Day and Army Birthday ceremonies at 4 pm.

Newsletter in Color

Post News Email; Did You Move?

To receive the newsletter in color via email or the post website, receive the Post weekly update, or report a new address, send an email to the Adjutant at adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com



Flag Day, Army Birthday, 14 June

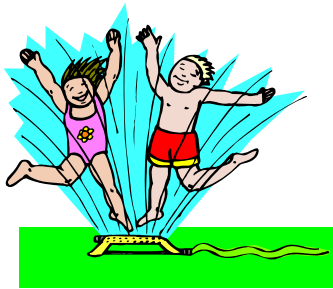
The post's observance of Flag Day and the U.S. Army's birthday, both on Saturday, 14 June, will begin at 4 pm. In previous years, John Lyon members from all services gathered for the first of the service birthdays and continued this tradition throughout the year. Everyone's invited!

Upcoming Next Month

Not counting Sunday brunches and the normal meetings, the following are the highlights of next month's calendar. Other events may be added after the planning meeting. See next month's newsletter for more details.

Fri, 4 Jul: Natl Bell Ringing Ceremony, 1:50 p
Cookout, 3 - 5 pm

Sun, 27 Jul: Korean War Veterans Armistice Day ceremony, TBD



**School's
out.
Watch out
for kids
enjoying
summer!**

Hours for Post Canteen

The Post Canteen is open as follows:

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

Post may close early if no one there. If you want to check, call 703-525-0108.



Post 3150's Outgoing Tenth District Commander Nelson Betancourt (left) receives his Past District Commander's Pin from State Judge Advocate Tom Gimble at the recent Tenth District Convention.

Tenth District Elections

VFW Positions:

Commander: Gary Kelch (7327)
Senior Vice Cmdr: Michael Del Vecchio (1503)
Junior Vice Cmdr: Bob Dugas (1503)
Quartermaster: Chris Braun (7327)
Chaplain: James E Bennett Jr (1503)
Judge Advocate: Walter Sweeney (8469)
Surgeon: Randy Coker (1503)
Three Year Trustee: **Nelson Betancourt (3150)**
Two Year Trustee: Stan Dixon (1177)
One Year Trustee: Richard Corder (9274)

Ladies Auxiliary Major Positions:

President: Mary Smart (1503)
Senior Vice President: Joyce Gibbs (1503)
Junior Vice President: Regina Meehan (1503)
Secretary: Patricia Jurgensen (609)
Treasurer: **Cathy Graham (3150)**
Chaplain: Floy Lipscomb (7327)
Conductress: Linda Bond (7327)
Guard: Judith Bridges (1503)
Three Year Trustee: Joyce Del Vecchio (1503)
Two Year Trustee: Sarah Dugas (1503)
One Year Trustee: Floy Lipscomb (7327)

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.

Recent Events Around the Post



<<< Post member and Scout father Mark Stoffel (left) accepts an old flag to be retired from Junior Vice Commander elect Gary Woods. Post 3150 turned over two large boxes of flags from its flag disposal box out front and presented them to Cub Scouts for retirement during a recent camping trip.

Post Commander Michael McCartney >>> presents the VFW Citation and Medal to Cadet Colin McNees during recent ceremonies at the Arlington Career Center. McNees is an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet at VA-821 AFJROTC Cadet Group, part of the Arlington Public School System.



Three young Scouts from Brownie Troop 2442 (left) and Ladies Auxiliary members Michelle Betancourt (right) and Laura Diaz assemble decorations used by the John Lyon members visiting graves on Memorial Day weekend. Karen Stewart also helped out with a third bunch. Thanks to you for your good and needed work. We appreciate your help!

Installations at Post 3150



2014 – 2015 Post Commander Jim Bertine (from front right to left), Senior Vice Commander Pierre Glover, Chaplain Valerie Palacios, One Year Trustee Michael McCartney, Adjutant J.Gary Wagner, and (from Bertine to right) Junior Vice Commander Gary Woods take their oath of office from unseen Installing Officer C.D. “Doc” Crouch during Installation Ceremonies for Post officers for the coming year.



Ladies Auxiliary President for 2014 – 2015 Nancy Weeks (from right), Conductress/Two Year Trustee Belle Woods, Secretary Gail Hoffman, One Year Trustee Elsa Weeks, and Chaplain Wauleah Ellison take the oath of office from unseen installing officer Catherine Graham. All officers to be installed traditionally form a “V” shape from the altar holding the flags and a bible.



2014 – 2015 Men’s Auxiliary President Brett Hudak (from right, front), Senior Vice President Frank Abbate, Secretary/Treasurer and Chaplain Dennis Gerrity, and (from Hudak right) Two Year Trustee Wilbur Rawlings take the oath of obligation from unseen Installing Officer J.Gary Wagner,



2014 – 2015 Commander Jim Bertine presents Past Commander’s and Past Presidents’ name plates to 2013 – 2014 Post Commander Michael McCartney, Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Stewart, and Men’s Auxiliary President Wilbur Rawlings at the conclusion of the installation ceremonies. The name plates were quickly added to the existing Past Commanders and Presidents plaques in the Post home.

VFW 3150

June 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Awards Night at the State Convention, Will'msburg	6 D-Day Ceremony 7 pm State Convention, Will'msburg	7 VFW 609 mtg 11 am State Convention, Will'msburg
8 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n State Convention, Will'msburg	9 House Committee & Post O Call 7 pm	10 Men's Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 Post Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 Post planning mtg, 3 pm Flag Day and Army Birthday 4 pm MA Steak Dinner, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21
22 Sunday Brunch 9 am -12 n	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	4 July Independence Day				

4th of July: Bell Ringing 1:50 pm. Cookout 3 - 5 pm



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