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## Memorial Day 2011

### Men's Auxiliary 3150 Places Wreath in Italy Cemetery



Men's Auxiliary 3150 member Dennis Gerrity had already made his plans for a vacation trip to Italy when he learned of the couple who placed a Post 3150 decoration at Normandy Cemetery last fall. He knew that an American cemetery was near his destination at Florence. He presented an idea to the Post 3150 Men's Auxiliary and they agreed to purchase a wreath for presentation at the cemetery. Dennis had a banner made up and once there he checked with the cemetery for their regulations. He obtained a wreath from a local florist and returned to present the wreath at the Florence American Cemetery in early April. The cemetery is the final resting place of many American soldiers of the Fifth and Eighth U.S. Armies, among others, who fought near the Gothic Line to free north central Italy from the Nazis during 1944 and 1945.

## **From The Commander:**

Dear Friends, The sun is shining and the birds are singing once more. As we rapidly approach the final countdown for the year, I dare say that things are looking good around the Post. The renovation project continues on course. We have submitted the necessary requests for permits and are anxiously awaiting the go-ahead from the powers that be. The backyard, with its new grass, is looking better than ever. Our “world famous BBQ grill” is in the process of getting some much needed TLC and should be back in time for our Memorial Day weekend cookout.

A real big HOOAH and congratulations to the newly elected Post and Auxiliaries officers. I can guarantee each and every one of you a challenging year with plenty of work and opportunities to excel. It won't necessarily be easy, but with a winning team such as yours – I harbor no doubt that the mission will be successfully accomplished. It's thanks to the members who willingly step up to the plate, and to the great support by the membership at large that our Post is able to consistently set the highest standards and lead the way in the 10<sup>th</sup> District and the Department of Virginia.

Looking forward, the main events for the month will be the installation of officers on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the multiple remembrance ceremonies over the Memorial Day weekend. First, come and join us at the installation; meet those to whom you have entrusted the “keys” of the Post for the ensuing year. Let them know who is counting on them and who they represent.

Secondly, and on a more solemn note, I invite you to come along and help us with grave decorations on Friday and Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>). We'll be visiting the Columbia Gardens Cemetery, the National Memorial Cemetery, and the Arlington National Cemetery to pay our respects to Post comrades and loved ones that are interred there. Finally, we'll be conducting and attending memorial ceremonies on the 30<sup>th</sup> at the John Lyon Memorial at 1100 hrs and at the Clarendon War Memorial at 1300 hrs. I hope to see you there with me.

Yours in comradeship,  
Nelson Betancourt, Commander  
VFW Post 3150

“Given the same amount of intelligence, timidity will do a thousand times more damage than audacity.”  
- **Karl von Clausewitz**

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

Hail and Greetings:

Thanks to everyone for coming out for the annual Crab Cake dinner on April 2. Special thanks to Wilbur Rawlings and the Men's Auxiliary for making the delicious crab cakes and plating up dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary to serve. Everyone loved the food and many volunteered on a fun night for this popular fundraising dinner.

Ladies, in the April meeting, your Officers for 2011-2012 were elected. Your sisters will assume their duties in June. Please show your support to them and your organization. Join your John Lyon Family for the installation of your new Officers on Saturday May 14. Attend your next meeting on Thursday May 19 at 7:30. Our dedication to our veterans is never ending and your help is always appreciated and needed.

Did you know that May is National Skin Cancer Awareness Month? Skin cancer is the most common and more preventable of cancers. As the days get longer and you get out in the sun more during the nice weather, please remember to protect your skin.

Since 1947 the Ladies Auxiliary has been dedicated to helping raise money through our Cancer Aid and Research for all types of cancer. At the Department of Virginia Convention in Richmond June 9-12, the Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary will hold the Cancer Aid and Research costume jewelry sale. If you have items to donate, please give them to us and we shall take them to Richmond where they will be sold to be re-enjoyed with all proceeds to CA&R.

The VFW Post sponsors many Memorial Day weekend activities including grave decorations and the laying of wreaths at John Lyon Memorial and Clarendon War Memorials. Invite veterans to visit your Post home and share with them the camaraderie that is the VFW. As we remember our veterans and give thanks for their sacrifice, this is a great time to get the word out about the VFW and its mission to Honor the Dead by Helping the Living

Memorial Day is a special time to remember those who died in the service of our great country. We know that “All gave some, some gave all.” It is with gratitude that we enjoy the precious freedom we have because of the sacrifices of all of our veterans and their families. The “fallen” are never truly fallen if we never forget them. And they shall never be forgotten.

In Fortitude and Loyalty, Mary Anne McCormick, President, Ladies Auxiliary to John Lyon VFW Post #3150

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

Greetings One and All, I begin by reporting on the Steak Dinner of 16 April 2011. We purchased enough steak to serve 82 meals. The huge turn out was just wonderful to see, and as a result we served 80 steaks. Many thanks to everyone in attendance. Your continued support is a must. Thank You.

The success of this event was directly a result of the diligence and patience exhibited by all the volunteers: Eric Anderson, Wilbur Rawlings, Dennis Gerrity, and Bill Paine in the kitchen preparing the food—Shirley McAlhaney, Belle Woods, Charlene Spollen, Karen Stewart, Marcie Anderson, and Annie McCormick serving the meals and bussing the tables—Earl Hovermill and Scott Clendaniel washing the dishes, pots, and pans—Patrick Long assisting Wilbur at the grill—Frank Abbate throughout the dinner taking photos.—and last but never ever least Lola Kane singlehandedly handling the 50/50 to rave reviews. Many thanks to all of you. Your efforts were first rate and much appreciated. If I have missed your name in the description above, thanks to you as well. It was a hectic event for me and I herein apologize if I omitted anyone. Note, if you will, that the Ladies Auxiliary served all the meals as well as cleaned up the hall. Thanks again to the Ladies Auxiliary.

There is no Men’s Auxiliary event planned for May. However, you should note that the installation of officers occurs on May 14, and the Post will again be having its Memorial Day Cook Outs on both 28 May and 29 May. The Post Open House will be Memorial Day, Monday 30 May. Consult the newsletter for the appropriate times.

The Men’s Auxiliary officers elected in April are as follows:

R. Michael Lowe	President	Stephen Utley	Treasurer
Wilbur Rawlings	Senior Vice	David Nash	Guard
David Nash	Junior Vice	W. L. Binkley	3 year Trustee
Dennis Gerrity	Secretary / Chaplain	Brett Hudak	2 year Trustee
		Vince Kane	1 year Trustee

Hope to see everyone at the Post Home for all the Memorial Day Activities.

William L. Binkley, President, Men’s Auxiliary, John Lyon Post 3150

## **Betancourt, Kane, and Lowe Elected; Installation Scheduled**

Nelson Betancourt, Lola Kane, and R. Michael Lowe were elected as Post 3150 Commander and Ladies and Men's Auxiliary Presidents, respectively, for the coming year during April elections. See below for complete election results. Installation of these officers and their staffs will be held at the Post home on Saturday, 14 May at 2:00 pm. All members, family, and friends are invited to attend. A reception will follow the ceremonies.

### **Post Officer Elections**

The April Post meeting saw the following elected for officer positions for the next year:

Commander: Nelson Betancourt  
Senior Vice Commander: Dewey Carter  
Junior Vice Commander: Mike McCartney  
Quartermaster: Richard Hoffman  
Chaplain: Grant Vaught  
Advocate: M. Conrad Agresti  
Surgeon: William Paine  
3 Year Trustee: Scott Clendaniel  
3 Year House Committee: Gary Woods

Appointed positions are:

Adjutant: J.Gary Wagner  
Service Officer: Arnold Dixon

All new officers assume their duties when the new state officers are installed at the end of the state convention in Richmond in June.

### **Welcome to Our New Members**

Welcome to new Post members: Joshua Bailey (Army - Iraq), Ray Baird (Army - Korean War) (trans), Jonathan Buffington (USAF - Afghanistan), Brian Depoy (Army - Iraq) (Life Trans), Michael M Dunn (USAF - Korea Service) (Life), Robert C Hamaker (Army - Afghanistan), Woodrow Jackson (Army - Desert Storm)(Life Trans), Emilene Mann (USAF - Afghanistan/GWOT), Richard Massey (Navy - SSBN), Scott Peterson (Army - Desert Storm)(Life Trans), Robert Todd Rose (USMC - Iraqx2), Darryl Shrewsbury (Army - Desert Storm), all elected at recent meetings and whose paperwork is complete.

## **Ladies Auxiliary Officer Elections**

The April Ladies Auxiliary meeting saw the following elected for officer positions for the next year:

President: Lola Kane  
SV President: Charlene Spollen  
JV President: Cathy Graham  
Treasurer: Gail Hoffman  
Chaplain: Wauleah Ellison  
Conductress: Cathy Kerns-Deal  
Guard: Marian MacIntyre  
3 Year Trustee: Annie McCormick  
2 Year Trustee: Elsie Weeks  
1 Year Trustee: Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc  
Appointed Positions by President-Elect:  
Secretary: Belle Woods  
Patriotic Instructor: Cathy Kerns-Deal  
Historian: Alysha Dennings

### **Men's Auxiliary Officer Elections**

The April Men's Auxiliary meeting saw the following elected for officer positions for the next year:

President: R. Michael Lowe  
Senior Vice President: Wilbur Rawlings  
Junior Vice President: David Nash  
Treasurer: Stephen Utley  
Chaplain / Secretary: Dennis Gerrity  
3 Year Trustee: W. L. Binkley  
2 Year Trustee: Brett Hudak  
1 Year Trustee: Vince Kane  
Guard: David Nash



Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers and wives! Wherever you are, you are close to our hearts.

Sunday brunch will be served on Mother's Day, 8 May, from 9 am - 12 noon. Members of the Post and Men's Auxiliary will take over as waiters to give some of our favorite ladies a well-deserved break from their normal routines. Bring your favorite lady and join us.



# Post Officers 2011 - 2012...



Nelson Betancourt  
Commander  
US Army  
Korea Service



Dewey Carter  
Senior Vice Cmdr  
US Army  
Iraq / Afghanistan



Michael McCartney  
Junior Vice Cmdr  
US Marine Corps  
Iraq



Richard Hoffman  
Quartermaster  
US Marine Corps  
Vietnam



Grant Vaught  
Chaplain  
US Army  
Afghanistan



M.C. Agresti  
Judge Advocate  
US Navy  
Persian Gulf



William Paine  
Surgeon  
US Army  
Iraq / Korea Service



Scott Clendaniel  
3 Year Trustee  
US Marine Corps  
Iraq (3x)



John Godsey  
2 Year Trustee  
US Army  
Iraq



Shawn Poulin  
1 Year Trustee  
US Marine Corps  
Iraq



Gary Woods  
3 Year House Com  
US Marine Corps  
Desert Storm



John Mallon  
2 Year house Com  
US Navy  
WW2 / Korean War



John Lundquist  
1 Year house Com  
US Navy  
World War II

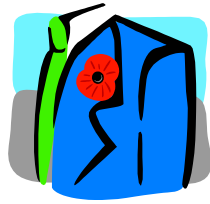


J.Gary Wagner  
Adjutant  
US Air Force  
Korea Service



Arnold Dixon  
Service Officer  
US Marine Corps  
Vietnam

# HELP THE BUDDY POPPY TEAM!



## Buddy Poppy

May is Buddy Poppy Month. Donations received during Buddy Poppy Month continue to represent the primary means for the Post to rejuvenate its Relief Fund. National By-Laws restrict the use of relief fund proceeds to the care and assistance of needy veterans, their families, Americanism education, and to commemorating and perpetuating the memory of our deceased comrades. National By-Laws also limit the distribution of buddy poppies to the immediate geographic vicinity of our Post (i.e., the County of Arlington). Men's and Ladies Auxiliary members who participate will see the funds they collect distributed to the relief funds of their respective auxiliaries. There will be a sign-up list at the Post and bags containing 200 poppies and two cans each for volunteers. Please mark the cans with your name, location, and date. All cans and unsold poppies must be returned to the Post no later than Sunday, June 5.

## Buddy Poppy

**Buddy Poppies:** The Postal Service's new machines and regulations mean we won't be able to include a Buddy Poppy with the newsletter. We will mail one about 15 May via First Class manual processing to those who want one as some members have no other way to obtain a Poppy for Memorial Day. If you would want one, email the Adjutant at [adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com) or call the Post at 703-525-0108 and let us know. Those that returned their envelopes last year and those who return them this year will also receive a Poppy via the mail.

## Buddy Poppy Facts

Poppies were first distributed in 1922 to raise funds for widows and orphans from World War One.

The VFW trademarked the Buddy Poppy in 1924.

The poppy was chosen as the representative flower due to the poem "*In Flanders' Fields*" penned by Canadian Col. John McCrae, who did not survive the war.

Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals

### *Marching off...*

**Leonard Lee**, 73, on 13 March in Evansville, IN. He was a 20 year Navy who served in Vietnam. A Life Member, he was attended Post Veterans Day functions with a group from Indiana over a number of years.

**Jim Conen**, husband of Sister Connie Conen, Jim was a retired U.S. Navy Captain and a longtime VFW Life member. He came to Arlington in the late 1990s and while he retained his membership in a small post in Colorado to help keep that post viable, he was active in Post 3150. When he married Connie, she joined the Ladies Auxiliary and served as Patriotic Instructor until they later moved to Indiana to help with her parents.

**Jim Gibadlo**, 90, on 16 April. A retired Navy Captain, he served in Italy during World War II and later in the Korean War. He was a Life Member of Post 3150 for 19 years and served as a Trustee. A viewing is scheduled for Murphy's Funeral Home on Broad Street in Falls Church on Monday, 2 May from 7 – 9 pm. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date,

**Peggy Varney**, 91, on 20 April. She was a longtime Life Member of Ladies Auxiliary 3150. A young Army wife, she spent the morning of the attack on Pearl Harbor shielding her infant son under her legs in her car, trying to get off the military base in Hawaii and to safety. She was one of the two known Gold Star Mothers at 3150, one of her sons having been killed in Vietnam. Peggy will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. There will be a Memorial Service at the Post about 6 pm on Saturday, 28 May.

## From the Post Service Officer:

### **Code of Conduct for VFW Representatives**

Do not knowingly present a fraudulent claim or submit false information in connection with a claim before any government agency.

Do not engage in any unlawful, unprofessional or unethical practice such as deceiving or misleading a client.

Remember that you are fully responsible for compliance with all laws and regulations of each government department or agency governing confidentiality of information and release of information from official records. Information should be released only if authorized by the client, and only to the extent authorized.

As a VFW accredited representative, under no circumstances, should you serve as guardian, committee or fiduciary by any other designation, of veterans or other persons receiving benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Representation by the VFW is gratuitous and under no circumstances should you demand, request or receive remuneration in cash or in any other form, from persons to whom representation or other assistance is provided.

VFW representatives will refrain from the use of racial, religious, age-related, sexual or ethnic epithets, innuendos, slurs or jokes in the work place.

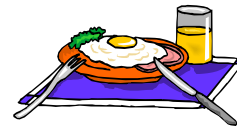
In all dealings with members of the opposite sex, VFW representatives must conduct themselves in a totally professional manner and refrain from sexual advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, or requests for sexual favors.

Source:

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## **National VFW Convention**

The 112th National VFW Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas, 27 August - 1 September, 2011. Information can be obtained from the national VFW ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), then News & Info, 112th Convention), the state of Virginia's General Orders ([www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org)), from the Post, and current issues of the VFW magazine. You must book by early July for group rate, and via mail, fax, or the Internet. Virginia's hotel is the Marriott Rivercenter. Anyone planning to attend should let the post know so that we can coordinate several items with you.



**Sunday Brunch \$7.00**

**9 am - 12 noon**

**Kids under 10 years eat free**

### **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

### **Extended Hours on Friday and Saturday?**

During May the Post will test extended hours, staying open until 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. If no one is there, the Post will close earlier.

## Post Newsletter in Your Email?

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 transfer you from the snail mail list to email list and you will be notified 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

## June Meeting to be Moved

The June Post meeting is expected to be moved to Tuesday 7 June as the normal meeting night is the first night of the State Convention in Richmond and a number of members are expected to be in attendance there. The change will be ratified at the May meeting.

## District Convention

The Tenth District Convention will be held at 1 pm on 15 May at Dale City Post 1503 (14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City VA 22193, 703-670-4124). All Post and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend. Men's Auxiliary members invited for Joint Session. Lunch will be served starting at 12: noon.

## State Convention

The Department of Virginia's state convention will be held 9-12 June 2011 at the Ramada Plaza Richmond West Hotel. Group room rates at the hotel are \$89.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 804-285-2000. Reservations must be made by 8-May for the group rate. . Those planning to attend should let the Post know so that we can coordinate several events with you.

## 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.

Mon, 6 Jun: D-Day Ceremony, 7:30 pm

Tue, 7 Jun: Post Meeting (**SPECIAL DAY (tent)**)

Thur - Sun 9-12 Jun, Dept Convention Richmond

Tue, 14 Jun: Flag Day and

U.S. Army 234th Birthday, 7 pm

Sat, 18 Jun: Men's Auxiliary Dinner, 4 - 7 pm

Sat, 25 Jun, VA Hospital Visit, 12 noon

## Email Post News

The post sends out periodic updates and reminders of upcoming events and other information of note to members via blind email. If you do not presently receive these and would like to be added to our email list, send an email to the Adjutant at [adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com).

## New 'Atomic Veterans' Website

Week of April 18, 2011

Atomic Veterans are troops who were stationed as ground troops or POWs near the detonation sites in Hiroshima and Nagasaki or participants in above ground nuclear tests conducted from 1945 to 1962 in the Pacific Ocean and southwest U.S. Some conditions (mostly cancers) are considered "presumptive conditions" for Atomic Veterans. The VA is encouraging all Atomic Veterans to visit the new website for the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR) (at [www.vbdr.org](http://www.vbdr.org)). Also, the VA offers an evaluation, known as the Ionizing Radiation Registry (IRR), free-of-charge to all eligible "Atomic Veterans." Information is available on the VA's Radiation page (at [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/radiation/](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/radiation/)).

source:

<http://www.military.com/veterans-report/new-atomic-veterans-website?ESRC=vr.nl>



## 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 Catherine Graham at the Post address.



**Mark your calendars  
Ladies Auxiliary Taco Night  
Saturday 4 June, 4-7 pm**

### *A John Lyon Hello to...*

Past Post 3150 Senior Vice Commander Gerald Peterson. Jerry had worked his way up to Senior Vice Commander in two large posts worldwide (3150 and Post 23 Wiesbaden, Germany) when fate jumped in to prevent his rising to Post Commander. Jerry moved to Nevada a year ago to assist in caring for his mother. We gladly report that he was recently elected Commander of his new post there! Congratulations, Jerry!

Fred & Rose Green who recently visited Post 3150. He is current Department of Washington Surgeon.

### *From the Post Service Officer part II:*

## New Post Service Officer Program

Commander Betancourt has asked me to put together a program that will consist of articles in the *John Lyon Gazette* as well as each month a presentation followed by a question and answer period with the sum of both not lasting longer than thirty minutes. Following the presentation and Q&A session, I will be available to assist those present with filing a claim or appeal. The date and time has yet to be determined.

For this program to be successful, you need to take ownership by letting me know what topics you want me to cover. Send me a list of topics that you want covered to [Post3150ServOff@hotmail.com](mailto:Post3150ServOff@hotmail.com). If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, simply write them and either place them in an envelope; write Post Service Officer on the envelope and drop them off at the Post or mail your list to:

John Lyon VFW Post #3150  
Attn: Post Service Officer  
2116 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 22201

I want to emphasize that I am available everyday, including holidays, to assist veterans; their families; widows/widowers and orphans of veterans. You can e-mail me at [Post3150ServOff@hotmail.com](mailto:Post3150ServOff@hotmail.com) or call the Post at 703-525-0108 and ask for Arnold Dixon. If you call the Post and have to leave a message, all I need is your name; telephone number and the best time to return your call.



**Loyalty  
Day  
May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar.

# News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Anne Atkins (804) 371-0441

## ***Legislation enacted granting real estate tax exemption to veterans with 100% disability***

Governor McDonnell has signed the enabling legislation requiring localities to grant a real estate tax exemption to veterans with a 100%, permanent and total, service-connected disability. A constitutional amendment passed by voters this past fall and legislation patroned by Delegate John O'Bannon and Senator Toddy Puller exempts real estate, including property held jointly by a husband and wife, from taxation provided the veteran meets the specified disability requirements. The exemption applies to the building on the property and up to one acre of land. The veteran must use the property as his or her principal residence.

The surviving spouse of a veteran is also eligible for the exemption if the veteran died on or after January 1, 2011. The spouse will lose the exemption if he or she remarries or does not occupy the property as his or her primary place of residence. The exemption is not retroactive and spouses will not be eligible if the veteran died prior to January 1, 2011.

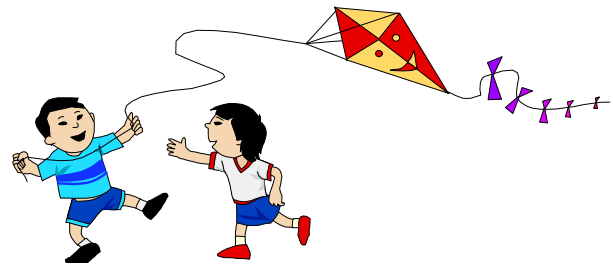
Localities will supply forms for veterans to use to claim the exemption. The veteran will be required to:

- include his or her name
- name of spouse (if appropriate)
- whether the property is jointly owned by husband and wife
- Certify the property is occupied as the veteran's principal residence

In late April, the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will send a benefits summary to approximately 7,500 Virginia veterans identified by the VA as having a 100% permanent and total, service-connected disability. Veterans may submit this summary to the commissioner of the revenue, or to the official designated by governing body of their county, city, or town, as part of their

application to claim the real estate tax exemption. Surviving spouses claiming the exemption must provide documentation that the veteran died on or after January 1, 2011. Veterans may call the USDVA at 1-800-827-1000 if they have questions about their disability rating.

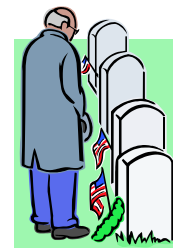
Veterans and their spouses will not be required to refile their information unless their principal place of residence changes. For additional information about the exemption, veterans should contact their local commissioner of the revenue or other designated local government official.



**Drive safe: Spring means longer days and more kids outside.**

## **Membership Expired?**

If your membership card says "2010" on it and you have not renewed for 2011, your membership has expired. To get reinstated, send in your renewal now! Members may renew their memberships by sending a check to their Treasurer at the Post address on the first page. VFW (\$30 or Life Membership), Ladies Auxiliary (\$25 or Life membership), or Men's Auxiliary (\$30).



**Memorial Day, 30 May 2011**



# Recent Events Around the Post



<<< President Bill “Tennessee” Binkley cuts into the cake while members of Men’s Auxiliary 3150 Dennis Gerrity, Mike “Red” Lowe, Bernie Dodson, Brett Hudak and Wilbur Rawlings celebrate their Third Anniversary. Men’s Auxiliary 3150 was chartered on 25 March 2008.

Post 3150 Color Guard members >>> Jeramia Cibulka, Mike McCartney, T.J. Kemmere, and Grant Vaught line up prior to marching on to present the colors during the Arlington Little League Opening Day ceremonies. This marks the tenth year .Post 3150 has been a sponsor for the Arlington Little League and about the seventh time the Post provided a color guard for the opening ceremonies.



<<< With the car loaded with four cases of fresh fruit and various personal items such as tooth paste and tooth brushes, sox, and laundry soap, Richard Hoffman, Arnold Dixon, Annie McCormick, and J.Gary Wagner prepare to head off for the VA Hospital in Washington, DC. The group distributed the items to about 110 residents of the VA Nursing Home at the hospital. One highlight was meeting 2 time Olympic Gold Medalist and 3 time Pan American Games Gold Medalist, Mal Whitfield, who is currently a resident.

# Recent Events Around the Post



<<< Patrick Long, “Fuzzy” Collier, Shirley McAlhane, Nancy Collier, Nelson Betancourt, and J.Gary Wagner prepare to head to nearby Lee Highway, the Adopt-a-Highway section assigned to Post 3150 and the auxiliaries. John Lyon scheduled the Spring Cleanup as part of National Volunteer Week.

Post Commander Nelson Betancourt >>> (right) presented certificates of appreciation for their service in Desert Storm to members Gary Woods (left) and Bill Kelly during ceremonies marking the official cease fire to the Persian Gulf War of 1990-91.

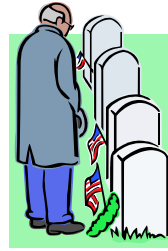


<<< Post 3150 presented a ceremonial sword to a cadet at the Naval ROTC program at George Washington University. From the left are Shawn Poulin, Midshipmen 1/C Nicholas Neforas the recipient, Post Commander Nelson Betancourt, and Michael McCartney. The VFW Medal for ROTC cadets was also presented to two midshipmen: MIDN 2/C Thomas Fisher and MIDN 2/C Jacob Bean.



# VFW 3150

## May 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LOYALTY DAY	2	3	4 Movie Night	5	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n	9 House Committee / Post O Call 7:30 pm	10 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Movie Night	12 Post Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 Post 3150 & Auxiliaries Installation of Officers 2 pm
15 10 <sup>th</sup> District Convention Post 1503 1pm	16	17	18 Movie Night	19 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21 ARMED FORCES DAY
22 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n	23	24	25 Movie Night	26	27 Columbia Gardens & Natl Meml Cems Graves Decoration 12:30 pm  Deli Buffet 5 - 7pm \$5	28 Arlington Natl Cemetery Graves Decoration 8:30 am  Cookout 4 - 6 pm \$6
29  Cookout 4 - 6 p \$8	30 MEMORIAL DAY John Lyon Mem - 11 am Clarendon - 1 pm Open House 2 pm Moment of Remembrance 3 pm	31				

**Information: 703-525-0108 after 3 pm**



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### **Memorial Day Weekend Schedule 27 - 30 May**

- Fri:** 12:30 pm: Meet at Post for Columbia Gardens and National Memorial Cemetery graves decoration.  
5 pm: Platters/Finger Foods - \$5 per person
- Sat:** 8:30 am: Meet at Post for Arlington National Cemetery graves decoration.  
4 – 6 pm: Post Cookout - \$6 per person
- Sun:** 4 - 6 pm: Post Cookout - \$8 per person
- Mon:** 10 am: Principals meet at Post  
11 am: “John Lyon Memorial”, Cherrydale  
1 pm: Clarendon War Memorial  
2 pm: Open House  
3 pm: National Moment of Remembrance
- Throughout: Buddy Poppy Distribution  
Music every evening

