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Memorial Day 2014

A Post member places a memorial decoration on the grave of a Post or family member during Memorial Day 2013 weekend. On Friday and Saturday, we will decorate graves at Arlington National, Columbia Gardens, and National Memorial Cemeteries. We will conduct a ceremony at “John Lyon Memorial”, at 11 am on Memorial Day. Also known as the Cherrydale War Memorial, it stands on the 29th Division Highway, Lee Highway / Route 29, as it passes through Cherrydale. It is across the street from the Safeway and on the grounds of the Cherrydale Healthcare Center, about a half a mile west of I-66. John Lyon Post will also join American Legion posts in ceremonies at the Clarendon War Memorial, just west of the Clarendon Metro Station at 1 pm. A complete weekend schedule can be found on the back page.

From The Commander:

Comrades,

This past month has been a busy one for us. All of the auxiliaries and the post have been working hard to elect upcoming officers. These volunteers will still need the help of the membership to accomplish the mission of the VFW. Without your support the mission becomes that much harder.

Although, my tenure will be coming to a close I am excited and look forward to the upcoming year. The change in positions will bring with it a fresh look and new ideas. We will have new ways and different projects for outreach to the community. Please make time to congratulate the new officers that are listed!

Speaking of officers, I would like to take a few to thank George Jordan, for all of his hard work as quartermaster. You have truly done an outstanding job! I don't know what we would have done without you! George has recently run into some health problems and will be stepping down as quartermaster. George, get well soon and we will keep you in our prayers.

Now that spring appears to have sprung there are still a few things are that I would like to accomplish. Repainting the parking lot for one will be taking place once we have a few days of nice weather. Inside the post some painting and lighting projects have been proposed but we need to finalize our cost analysis and then seek some willing volunteers. Please reach out if you want to get your hands dirty. We always have a few things that need to be done at the post if you want to volunteer.

In closing I wanted to take a moment and ask all our annual members that still need to renew to do so soonest. The post not only needs your support, the VFW as a state and national organization needs you too. Membership is very important for the VFW when talking with legislators. It assists the VFW in accomplishing our goals along with reporting and volunteering among other things. Sounds funny to say re-up early and often but it does make an impact!!

Semper Fi,
Michael McCartney
Commander, VFW Post 3150

Marching off...



William G Wolverton, 85, on 18 April. Bill was a Marine who saw service with the 1st Marine Division as an Infantryman at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. He was awarded the Purple Heart as well as the Korean Service Medal and the Japanese Occupation Medal. He was scheduled to be buried on Friday, 25 April, at the Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester near his parents --- and singer Patsy Cline. Bill joined Post 3150 in 1991 and became a Life Member in 2000. He was named an All-State Quartermaster in 2003-2004.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. We in Virginia are enjoying the coming of spring, although it is difficult living with the tree and flower pollen. But warmer days are coming!

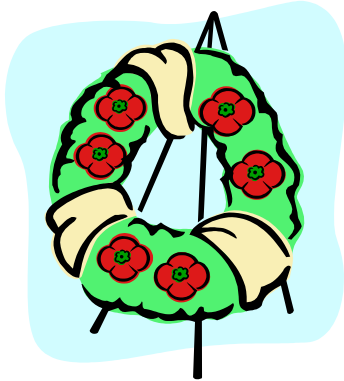
Enough of that. I am happy to say that we have a winner in the raffle for the Swvorsi pearl bead necklace. Jack Parker, one of our Post members won the drawing. Congratulations Jack! I want to thank everyone for their participation.

As Patriot Art Program Chairman, I am disappointed that we had no entries this year. We have been fortunate the last three years by having entries, and successful winners. We can only keep trying to further this program.

Please check the calendar for upcoming Post and Auxiliary events. I am keeping this short this month.

Happy Birthday to those with May birthdays. Keep yourselves happy and well.

Karen A. Stewart
President, Ladies Auxiliary 3150



From the President of the Men's Auxiliary:

Congratulations to the Post, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary newly elected officers for the 2014 – 2015 VFW year. President-Elect Brett Hudak, along with the Post and Auxiliary officers, will be installed on May 17, 2014. Brett will assume the duties of Men's Auxiliary President immediately following the June 8, 2014 Department installation of officers.

Don't forget to check your newsletter, or with the Canteen Manager, for any special activities that may be right around the corner. The Post/Canteen is always looking for new ways to bring people into the Post home. If you have any thoughts or recommendations, please speak with one of the Post officers. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

Memorial Day will soon be upon us. This is a very solemn day in that we remember those military personnel and veterans who are no longer with us. It is a full weekend of activities, food, and of course, our out-of-town visitors. Stop in for a visit and some very special camaraderie. Check the newsletter calendar for activities, dates and times.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to this year's Men's Auxiliary officers for the outstanding work you have performed. Each and every one of you has been there when I needed you and willing to do whatever was required. And then there are the others, who may not be officers, but are ever present to make things happen. THANKS!!

Until next time . . .

See you around the Post,

Wilbur Rawlings

President, Men's Auxiliary 3150

Bertine, Weeks, and Hudak Elected; Installation Scheduled

Jim Bertine, Nancy Weeks, and Brett Hudak 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, 17 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: James R Bertine
Senior Vice Commander: Pierre Glover
Junior Vice Commander: Gary Woods
Quartermaster: M.C. "Connie" Agresti
Chaplain: Valerie Palacios
3 Year Trustee: C.D. "Doc" Crouch
1 Year Trustee: Michael McCartney
3 Year House Committee: TBD
2 Year House Committee: Alexander Nobles

Positions appointed by Commander Elect:

Adjutant: J.Gary Wagner
Service Officer: Brendan Gehrke
Advocate: TBD
Surgeon: TBD

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

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.

Memorial Weekend hours may vary.

Ladies Auxiliary Officer Elections

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

President: Nancy Weeks
Senior Vice President: TBD
Junior Vice President: Cathy Graham
Treasurer: Cathy Graham
Secretary: Gail Hoffman
Chaplain: Wauleah Ellison
Conductress: Belle Woods
Guard: Elsa Weeks
3 Year Trustee: TBD
2 Year Trustee: Belle Woods
1 Year Trustee: Nancy Weeks

Men's Auxiliary Officer Elections

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

President: Brett Hudak
Senior Vice President: Frank Abbate
Junior Vice President: Daniel Abbate
Secretary / Treasurer: Dennis Gerrity
Chaplain: Dennis Gerrity
One Year Trustee: Vince Kane
Two Year Trustee: Brett Hudak
Three Year Trustee: W.L. Binkley

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members, Michael DeFazio (Army - Vietnam)(Continuous Transfer) and Justin Marshall (Army – Iraq)(Life Transfer) whose paperwork is complete and who were elected at the April meeting.

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! Send or bring to the Post address.

It's Convention Time...

District Convention

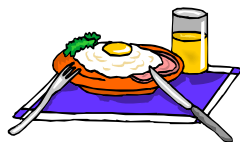
The Tenth District Convention will be held at 1 pm on 18 May at Dale City Post 1503 (14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City VA 22193, 703-670-4124). All Post and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend. Men's Auxiliary members invited for Joint Session. Lunch will be served starting at 12 noon.

State Convention

The Department of Virginia's state convention will be held 5 – 8 June 2014 at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Convention Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg VA 23185, telephone 757-220-2250. Room Rate: \$87.00. Reserve room by 14 May 2014 to insure group rates.

National Convention

The 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



Athletics Schedule

This year Post 3150 is a sponsor of the Arlington Little League Major League Athletics team. Phil Smith, one of the Athletics coaches, was inducted into the Arlington Little League Hall of Fame in April.

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

Date	Time	Location
Thu, 24 Apr	5:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Sat, 26 Apr	3:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Thu, 1 May	7:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Sat, 3 May	1 pm	Barcroft #1
Tue, 6 May	7:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Sat, 10 May	11 am	Barcroft #1
Tue, 13 May	5:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Sat, 17 May	5:30 pm	Barcroft #1
Wed, 21 May	7:30 pm	Barcroft #1
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 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, and then Athletics. Schedule is on right.

A John Lyon Hello to...

Michael Holtz who recently returned to active duty with the Army, and is preparing to deploy overseas again.

VA Hospital

John Lyon members will meet at the Post on Saturday, 3 May at 12:30-45 to head to the Washington DC VA Hospital where they will sponsor and help with a Bingo afternoon for residents of the Nursing Home. This is a good opportunity to try something new and meet some of our more senior veterans.

Newsletter in Color Post News Email; Did You Move?

You can join 128 others and receive the newsletter in color by email or download from the Post website at www.vfw3150.org. Send an email to the Adjutant at adjpost3150@va.vfwwebmail.com to request it. Those receiving it this way report they love it. One member wrote: **"It really looks much nicer on my computer screen in color at 125% magnification than squinting at the paper version and it's a lot easier to store and find at a later date."**

The Post also 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 the address above.

Please send an email to the same email address with your new address when you move. NOTE: If you fail to notify us of your new address and we receive two notices from the Post Office, you will automatically be transferred to electronic newsletter.



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

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.



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

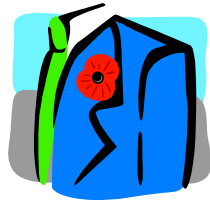
Sunday brunch will be served on Mother's Day, 11 May, from 9 am - 12 noon. Members of the Post and Men's Auxiliary will take over as waiters to give some of our favorite ladies a well-deserved break from their normal routines. Bring your favorite lady and join us



**Loyalty
Day
May 1st**

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.

HELP THE BUDDY POPPY TEAM!



Brief History of the Buddy Poppy

Among all the flowers that evoke the memories and emotions of war is the red poppy, which became associated with war after the publication of a poem written by Col. John McCrae of Canada. The poem, "In Flanders Field," describes blowing red fields among the battleground of the fallen.

For over 90 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the wellbeing of their dependents. The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The VFW decided in 1923 that Buddy Poppies should be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with some form of financial assistance. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time and the name "Buddy Poppy" was registered with the U.S. Patent Office.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals. The minimal assessment (cost of Buddy Poppies) to VFW units provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans. One hundred percent of donations collected from Buddy Poppy distribution go to veterans' assistance, commemoration, and education programs in the local community.

Buddy Poppy

The Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign kicks off in late May. We are seeking volunteers to distribute poppies around the Arlington community -- local stores, etc. --- check with the store manager for permission --- during the week leading up to Memorial Day, but especially 22 – 26 May.

As usual, bags of 200 poppies and two cans will be available behind the podium for those seeking to distribute poppies in Arlington. All cans and money should be turned into the Post no later than 1 June. Funds should be turned in at the Post – attention Quartermaster.

The Relief Fund has taken some big hits lately and could really use replenishment. Any assistance will be appreciated and recognized.

Buddy Poppy in the Mail

Buddy Poppies: The Postal Service's 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 or call the Post at 703-525-0108 after 3 pm and let us know. Those that returned their envelopes last year and those who send a donation this year will also receive a Poppy via the mail. If you do not want a Poppy, please write NO POPPY on the front of your envelope. Those who receive the newsletter by email and want to donate can send to the Post address on the first page of the newsletter. Poppies will also be available in the Post and selected locations over Memorial Day weekend.

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.

Fri, 6 Jun: D-Day Ceremony, 7 pm

Thur - Sun 5-8 Jun: Dept Convention Wmsburg

Sat, 14 Jun: Flag Day and

U.S. Army 239th Birthday, 7 pm

Recent Events Around the Post



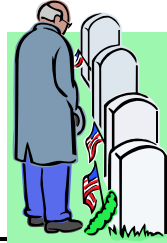
<<< Men's Auxiliary 3150 members Walter Coons, Brett Hudak, and Dennis Gerrity, (l to r) prepare to cut into the cake during ceremonies marking their Sixth Anniversary. Men's Auxiliary 3150 was chartered on 25 March 2008.

The Athletics team players and coaches >>> and Post 3150 Color Guard members Michael McCartney and J.Gary Wagner stop by the Post 3150 banner after presentation of the colors during the Arlington Little League Opening Day ceremonies. Athletics Coach Phil Smith was inducted into the Arlington Little League Hall of Fame during the ceremonies. This is the thirteenth year Post 3150 has been a sponsor for the Arlington Little League and the first year for any Majors team. And about the tenth year Post has provided a Color Guard for Opening Day.



<<< Senior Vice Commander elect Pierre Glover (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to member Gary Woods for his service in Desert Storm during ceremonies marking the official cease fire of the Persian Gulf War of 1990-91.

VFW 3150 May 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 LOYALTY DAY	2	3 VA Hospital Visit 12:30p at the Post
4	5 House Committee / Post O Call 7:00 pm	6	7	8 VE DAY Post Mtg 7:30 pm	9	10
11 MOTHERS DAY Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n	12	13 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	14 NAT'L----→ PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY	15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	16	17 ARMED FORCES DAY Post 3150 & Auxiliaries Installation of Officers 2 pm
18 10 th District Convention Post 1503 12 noon	19	20 AF JROTC Awards Night, 6:30p Arl Career Center	21	22	23 Columbia Gardens & Natl Meml Cemetery Graves Decoration 12:30 pm Deli Buffet 5 - 7pm \$6	24 Arlington Natl Cemetery Graves Decoration 8:30 am Cookout 4 - 6 pm \$8
25 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 12 n Cookout 4 - 6 p \$11	26 MEMORIAL DAY John Lyon Mem - 11 am Clarendon -1 p Open House 2p Moment of Remembrance 3 pm	27	28	29	30	31

Information: 703-525-0108 after 3 pm



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Memorial Day Weekend Schedule 23 - 26 May

Fri: 12:30 pm: Meet at Post for Columbia Gardens and National Memorial Cemetery graves decoration.
5 pm: Deli and Finger Foods - \$6 per person

Sat: 8:30 am: Meet at Post for Arlington National Cemetery graves decoration.
4 – 6 pm: Post Cookout (burgers and dogs) - \$8 per person

Sun: Sunday Brunch, 9 am – 12 noon - \$8 per person
4 - 6 pm: Post Cookout (chicken & ribs) - \$11 per person

Mon: 10 am: Principals meet at Post
11 am: “John Lyon Memorial”, Cherrydale
1 pm: Clarendon War Memorial
2 pm: Open House - donation
3 pm: National Moment of Remembrance

Throughout: Buddy Poppy Distribution
Music every evening

