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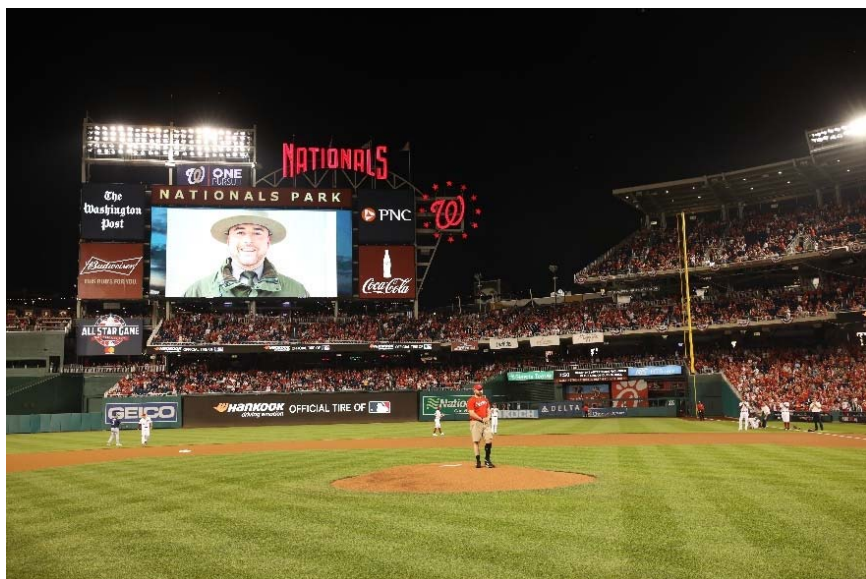
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Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Post Member Throws Out First Pitch at Nationals Wild Card Game

VFW Post 3150 Life Member James Pierce threw out the first pitch at the recent National League wild-card game between the Washington Nationals and the Milwaukee Brewers. Pierce, a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, received the Purple Heart Medal and recovered from his injuries at Walter Reed Medical Center. He has been a member of Post 3150 since 2016 and currently works for the National Park Service. The Nationals won the game 4-3 to gain a spot in the National League Division Series.

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From the Commander...

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,
I hope everyone is having a great autumn.

During this time 244 years ago, the people of Nova Scotia wished to be admitted into the association of North Americans. A committee under the Continental Congress devised a plan for a naval expedition to Nova Scotia to secure their liberty and capture badly needed military stores and naval facilities. Their plan called for the creation of two battalions of Marines. The plan to take Nova Scotia was shelved, but the Continental Congress commissioned their first Marine officer, Samuel Nicholas and the battalions were raised anyway. Soon thereafter, those Marines travelled south to the Bahamas to get military supplies. Happy Birthday, Marines!

John Lyon VFW Post 3150 turns 85 years old on November 20th. Born in 1934, the Post did not have a structure to call home for the first 12 years. In 1946, they took over the current building and it has served the Post well ever since. In the 73 years that we have owned the building, time has taken its toll and the Post now needs money to help rehabilitate it. Look for some live entertainment to come to the Post to help us raise the necessary funds for the building. Special thanks to Andy B and Nick Knowles for a wonderful job they are doing with the Canteen and House. These guys work hard to make everything work smoothly and deserve all of our appreciation. They still need a third person to help them out. If you want to volunteer, please let us know at john-lyon3150@gmail.com.

At this Post, we are looking to establish a safe haven for the veterans of our community. We want veterans to know they are part of a community and, at the Post, they can feel safe, vent frustration, and have fun. In fact, on Tuesday 26 November, we are going to have a "Vent Night" with tacos. It's called Taco Tuesday Veterans Vent Night. Come enjoy some tacos and blow off some steam!

The Post is always looking for volunteers with some more ideas for creating this safe haven for veterans and to help raise money for the Post's building. If you can spare ten minutes, an hour, or more, and are interested, please let us know at john-lyon3150@gmail.com. Even if you just stop by to socialize and enjoy some camaraderie, that helps the Post in its mission. Together, we do great things for our nation's dedicated veterans.

Thank you, ^[L]_[SEP]
Eric J. Ganser, Post Commander
John Lyon VFW Post 3150

From the President of the Auxiliary...

We are now in November and now start a busy time beginning with Election Day on Tuesday November 5 and ending with New Years Day January 1, 2020. Remember you can make a difference by exercising your freedom to vote on Election Day. On November 11 our Veteran's Day Ceremonies will be at the Cherrydale Nursing Home grounds and at the Clarendon War Memorial. Check the Post website for times for both ceremonies and other activities. Come to both ceremonies to remember our Veterans, both those currently serving and former members of the military.

Thanksgiving Day is a time to celebrate family and friends, and we will again be supporting our military members based at Ft. Myer-Henderson Hall. Donations to support our efforts in this endeavor are welcome and greatly appreciated.

New this year is an art contest for children in Grades K-8 called Illustrating America. The state winners in each category will be sent to National to compete against all Departments with the 1st Place winner in Grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 receiving a \$100 Gift Card, 2nd Place \$50 Gift Card and 3rd Place \$25 Gift Card. **Deadline to the Auxiliary is March 31st, 2020.** Rules are must be 2-Dimensional on canvas or paper. It can be any media but not coloring sheets, digital art nor photography. The artwork should be larger than 8X10 and smaller than 18X24.

Annual membership dues are now being accepted. You can pay our treasurer, Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc at the post address by \$25 check or go to the National Auxiliary website and pay by credit card. If you have not received your card within two months let Jodie or myself know. You can email me at cgl2dc12@outlook.com. Also, if you have a neighbor or friend who is eligible, the application is on the National website or send me an email with their contact information.

As always check on the sick and elderly.
Happy Anniversary and Birthday to those celebrating in November.

Cathy Graham
President VFW Auxiliary 3150

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members James Carlin (USAF - Iraq / Korea Service / GWOT /AF Exped) (Transfer), Antonio Daschke (Army - Iraq), Nathaniel "Nate" Gueltzau (Army - Afghanistan), Ryan Hanlon (Army - CAB / Iraq / Afghanistan GWOTEM), James Morrow (Army - CAR / IraqX4 / Afghanistan / Djibouti), Jordan St John (USMC – Vietnam), Michael Voytko (Army – IraqX4 / AfghanistanX7 / Desert Storm) (Life transfer) all elected at the October meeting.

Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night returns Friday, 1 November at 7pm. Some folks last month brought their cell phones with lyric to their songs and made it a karaoke night. More folks showing up every month!

Hours for Post Canteen

The Post Canteen is open as follows:
Every Friday from 6-10 pm
Every Saturday from 6-10 pm
very Sunday from 1-6 pm
Post may extend hours for various events.

Marching Off...

William E "Billy" Lowder, 85, on 2 October, after a long illness. He was an Army veteran who participated in the occupation of Germany following World War II. Billy was involved in many financial aspects of the Post and in 1993-94 was instrumental in the purchase of the house next door and turning it into the parking lot. He was also involved in sports and was inducted into the Greater Washington Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Louis A Rodriquez, 91, in San Antonio, TX. Louis was a Marine Corps veteran and served during World War II in the Asia – Pacific area where he was awarded a Purple Heart. He reportedly was a photographer for the Washington Reskins for some years.



Post Veterans Day Ceremonies

John Lyon members will **first** gather at **11:00 am** on Monday, 11 November at the "John Lyon Memorial" --- across the street from the Safeway (3713 Lee Highway) on the grounds of the Cherrydale Healthcare Center --- for a short wreath-laying ceremony. This will be followed by joint ceremony with American Legion posts and other organizations **at 1:00 pm at the Clarendon War Memorial**. This memorial is in the center of Wilson and Clarendon Boulevards where Washington Boulevard crosses and is just west of the Clarendon Metro stop. Both events are family-friendly and an ideal event to reinforce history and patriotism for your sons and daughters --- or grandchildren, if they're nearby. **An added note:** Arlington county has notified us that historic markers will be dedicated during the ceremony this year. John Lyon will be featured on the World War I panel.

More on Veterans Day

Vets: remember to wear the medals you earned during military service on Veterans Day.

Complete Vet Day Weekend schedule can be found on back page

Veterans Day 2019 discounts, dinners, etc., for vets: Go to <https://militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discounts-sales-deals-free-meals/>



U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

10 November 2019

Sunday, 8 pm

Post Open 5 – 10 pm

Dinner from 5 - 7 pm

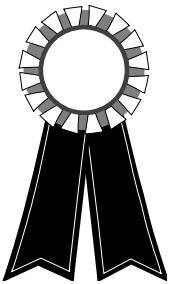


Post 3150 to Mark 85th Birthday

John Lyon Post 3150 will celebrate its 85th birthday at 7 pm on Friday, 22 November. The Post was chartered on 20 November 1934. All members are invited to join in the celebration.

Julian and the Tutubi Band

Julian and the Tutubi band will play at the Post Friday, 8 November from 7 – 11pm. They play all types but specialize in 60s and 70s music and they play here for tips.



Be a Winner: Vote!
Tuesday, 5 November
Study the issues.
Your vote counts!

For info on Virginia elections, go to <https://elections.virginia.gov/> and click on “Upcoming Elections”

You will need a photo ID to vote.

Have You Moved?

Post members, if you are not receiving the VFW magazine, please go to www.vfw.org and update your address or send an email with your new address to the Adjutant at adjpost3150@vfwva.org **Also notify the Adjutant of a new email address**

Decorate the Post Christmas Tree

Help decorate the Post Christmas tree on Sunday, 1 December at 2 pm.

Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night is the first Friday of the month, next on 1 November at 7 – 10 pm.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Post and Auxiliary members will prepare Thanksgiving baskets including turkeys and all the trimmings necessary for a festive holiday dinner for junior enlisted personnel in our area. The preparations will begin at 11:30 am on Saturday, 25 November. Delivery to Fort Myer will follow. Come join in with this spirit of Thanksgiving.

Renew Now!

If your VFW Membership expires any time up to 30 June, you can renew now and your membership will be extended one year beyond your current expiration date.

Schedule Updates

For the frequently updated openings, hours, end events, go to www.vfw3150.org and click on Calendar or Announcements. Event updates can also be found on our Facebook page at John Lyon VFW Post 3150. or for info on activities, 703-525-0108 or email to johnlyon3150@gmail.com.

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.

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Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement Nominations due 11 December.

Nominations for Public Service Awards --- **Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year** --- are due at the Post by 11 December. Nominations include a resume of nominee's background in applicable area, resume of accomplishments in field, photograph, title and address.

Scout of the Year

Any recipient of an Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award may qualify. Deadline is March 1, 2020. Early submission / interest may provide opportunity for additional trip for Scout. Info and applications available at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year>

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, And Teacher of the Year

The deadline for getting any essay contest entries and Teacher nominations to the Post is **6 pm, Thursday, 31 October.**

HELP THE BUDDY POPPY TEAM!



In honor of Veterans Day, John Lyon VFW Post 3150 will again distribute Buddy Poppies over the holiday weekend. Kits will be available in the Post --- bags containing 200 poppies and two cans each for volunteers. Be sure to get the permission of any store you collect in front of. Please mark the cans with your name, location, and date. All cans and undistributed poppies should be returned to the Post no later than Friday, November 8.

Donations received for Buddy Poppies 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). VFW Auxiliary members who participate will see the funds they collect distributed to the relief funds of the Auxiliary. Thank you for your assistance. **Remember: you're not "selling" them, but "distributing" them and graciously accepting donations.**

End of Year Charitable Donations?

If you make end of the year charitable donations, remember the Post: consider sending a tax deductible check to VFW Post 3150, 2116 North 19th Street, Arlington VA 22201. The VFW --- and Post 3150 --- is an IRS Code 501(c)19 tax exempt organization. All donations are restricted to Post projects and expenses and the post could use the assistance to resupply its accounts and get ready for the new year.

Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship

VFW Release: “GEORGETOWN, Texas – Getting a haircut now through Veterans Day will support service member and veteran scholarships as a part of Sport Clips Haircuts annual “Help A Hero” campaign that kicks off in stores today. The Help A Hero Scholarship program is designed to reduce the burden of college, graduate and technical school tuition often needed to pursue post-military careers and is administered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW). The goal this year is to raise \$1.5 million toward scholarships in the more than 1,800 Sport Clips Haircuts stores across the country... On Veterans Day, November 11, the company donates an additional dollar for every haircare service to the scholarship program, which added more than \$100,000 to the total last year and will be even higher in 2019.

Local Sports Clips locations are in NW Washington, Alexandria, Springfield, and Vienna. For exact locations, go to www.sportclips.com

Qualifying for VFW or Auxiliary Membership

Veterans who served overseas in an active or passive war zone are likely eligible for the VFW. The best indicator is receipt of an Expeditionary or Campaign Medal, although some other qualifiers exist. The most common are World War II, Korean War and subsequent service in country to the present, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars, but other campaigns and situations, such as Bosnia, Panama, Cuba, and Imminent Danger Pay also qualify. A DD Form 214 or other documentation which shows the qualification is required. Further information is available at the Post or email the Adjutant at adjpost3150@vfwva.org.

Membership in the VFW Auxiliary is open to men and women whose spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling (and half-sibling who attain the status prior to the age sixteen) was or is eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. Documentation is required as it is for the Post. Members must also be at least sixteen years old. Those whose family members might be interested can get further information at the Post or email the Adjutant at adjpost3150@vfwva.org or President at cg12dc12@outlook.com.

VFW Life Membership Fee Schedule

	One time	12 months
<u>Age on 12/31 payment</u>		<u>plan</u>
< Age 31	\$425.00	\$40.39
31-40	\$410.00	\$39.02
41-50	\$375.00	\$35.84
51-60	\$335.00	\$32.20
61-70	\$290.00	\$28.11
71-80	\$225.00	\$22.20
81 and over	\$170.00	\$17.20

Post 3150 annual dues are \$40.

VFW Auxiliary Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Through Age 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

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“John Lyon VFW Post 3150”.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Recent Events Around the Post

VFW Day: VFW Birthday

(l to r) J.Gary Wagner, Nancy Springer, >>> and Darrell Smith prepare to cut the cake on VFW Day during ceremonies marking: the VFW's 120th Birthday. The first elements of the VFW were founded in 1899 following the Spanish-American War when veterans of the war needed to protest in order to obtain their pensions and medical care.



Gold Star Mother's Day

<<< (l to r) Senior Vice Commander Darrell Smith leads the ceremony for Gold Star Mother's Day while Cathy Kerns-Deal, Nancy Springer, Cathy Graham, Wauleah Shelton (seated), and J.Gary Wagner look on. Cathy Kerns-Deal brought her original Gold Star poster (seen next to Smith) for the ceremony.

USS Cole Remembered

(l to r) Clinton Townsend (Post 341), >>> Post 3150 member J.Gary Wagner, and Bob Burton (Post 341) stand before wreaths to be placed at the three graves of USS Cole members killed during the attack on the ship on 12 October 2000 and buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Wagner was official VFW representative at the remembrance ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Clinton Townsend.)



Recent Events Around the Post



US Navy Birthday

<<< (l to r) Navy Veterans Andy B. and Jim Bertine prepare to cut the Navy Birthday cake just prior to the ceremony marking the U.S. Navy's 244th birthday. About ten members from all services attended the cake cutting ceremony recently held at the Post.


VA Hospital Visit

(l to r) Post members Thomas Liu, >>> J.Gary Wagner, and Eric Ganser hold some of the three boxes of fresh fruit distributed to residents of the VA Medical Center Nursing Home in Washington, DC. The group also helped out with Saturday afternoon BINGO and provided prizes for winners of the various games.



VFW 3150 November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				31 VOD, Patriots Pen, Teacher of the Year deadline 6 pm	1 Open Mic Night, 7 – 9 pm.	2
3 Daylight Savings Time ends	4	5 ELECTION DAY VOTE!!	6	7	8 Tutubi Band, 7 – 11 pm	9 Welcome Visitors!
10 USMC Birthday 8 pm Food from 5-7 pm	11 VETERANS DAY John Lyon Mem 11 am Clarendon Mem 1 pm Post Open House 1:30p	12	13 GRIST mtg 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18 Post Meeting 7:30 pm	19 Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21	22 Post 85 th Birthday 7pm	23 Thanksgiving Basket Prep and Delivery 11:30 am
24	25 American Legion Post 68 Meeting, 7 p	26 Taco Tuesday Veterans Vent Night, 7 pm	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29	30 

**Calendar Updates at www.vfw3150, then Calendar,
Or Facebook, “John Lyon VFW Post 3150”.**



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Dated Material Please Do Not Delay
November 2019



VFW Post 3150
Veterans Day 2019 Weekend Schedule

Buddy Poppy Distribution: throughout

Fri, 8 Nov: Post Open 5 pm. Tutubi Band, 7pm. Possible menu

Sat, 9 Nov: Post open 5 – 10 pm Possible menu to be announced

Sun, 10 Nov:

5 pm Food service begins. Burgers and Dogs, etc.,

8 pm USMC Birthday Cake Cutting.

Mon, 11 Nov: Post open 1:30pm

**11 am John Lyon Wreath Laying Ceremony,
Cherrydale War Memorial**

**1 pm Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony,
Historic Panels to be Unveiled,
Clarendon War Memorial**

1:30 pm Post Open House

Check website or Facebook: JohnLyonPost3150 for updates