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## Doc Named “All-American Commander”

Post 3150's C.D. "Doc" Crouch was named an "All-American Department Commander" and he received the award at the VFW's 108<sup>th</sup> National Convention, held in late August in Kansas City. Doc was State or Department Commander of the Department of Virginia in 2006-2007. He receives the award and white hat, above, from then Commander in Chief Gary Kurpius. Doc is only the second All American Commander to come from Post 3150; the previous one was Post Commander Gene Miller in 1991. *(Photo by State adjutant/Quartermaster Kim Deshano)*

## *From The Commander:*

September proved to be yet another busy month, but we all know that, so let's move on to October. Seems hard to believe that it has been a year since we installed the air purifying units in the hall and canteen areas. With the proper maintenance, they seem to be working quite well. At this point, I really need to thank all comrades and sisters who continue to step up to the plate and make things happen. Thank you for your continuing support and dedication. October will be another busy month. Read the calendar and see if you can make it to your Post and participate in some of the activities. It is your Post, and you don't need a special invite to join us.

The parking lot. The temporary patch has been holding up very well. It has been a wait and see period. Now that we've seen, we will proceed in the finishing (face lift) of the remainder of the lot. In an effort to properly drain the water coming off the roof, we have added another drain pipe to relieve the water overflow from the cutters. The old system just wasn't able to handle the enormous amount of water that comes off the roof when it rains. Should be good to go now. Other things have been done internally, all in hopes of enhancing the pleasure of your visit.

Once again, at the request of President Karen Stewart, I had the sincere pleasure to speak to the Ladies Auxiliary membership. After taking part in their cake cutting ceremony for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary, I spoke briefly on a range of topics, such as the parking lot, membership, the up and coming Men's Auxiliary and their continued and unwavering support and dedication to the Post. I believe all went well. You know, we all get to see the ladies at some point, but it's nice, from the commander's standpoint, to be able to talk to them all at once. Thank you, ladies, hope we can do it again.



A note on safety. Yes, it's getting darker earlier. More people are out there for their nightly walk. If you're one of those, wear something that reflects light, carry a flashlight with you, above all, be careful out there.

We still could use some help in the kitchen.

Thanks for your support. See you next time.

Yours in comradeship,

/s/

Eric Anderson  
Commander, VFW Post 3150

## **From the President:**

Greetings to Comrades and Sisters!!

Fall is here finally and don't you just love the cooler temperatures. We do need rain but the temperatures are great!!

The Auxiliary and Post have been busy with our many fall programs and observances. Our POW/MIA observance on the 21st was very moving and, unfortunately, sparsely attended. You may see the table set up when you visit the Post.

I have been asked to remind all members to present their membership card when visiting the Canteen. It is a requirement but has not been always been enforced. So please present your card when you participate in canteen activities.

Commander Eric Anderson spoke to the Ladies Auxiliary at our meeting on Thursday, September 20. Eric explained the membership card requirement. He also thanked the Auxiliary for their tremendous support of the Post programs and looks forward to working with us in the next year. Eric and I cut the Ladies Auxiliary 93rd Birthday Cake before the meeting.

I, again, thank all you who support the Auxiliary by participating in our brunches. Thanks to you we donated \$210 to the Pentagon Memorial Fund --- those monies were from our September 19 brunch tips. Our September 23rd Bake Sale netted \$168 for our programs. Thank you, Elsie Weeks, Cathy Kerns, Annie McCormick, and Gail Hoffman for your baked goods donations --- and thanks to those who bought the goodies.



Please check out the October calendar for events of interest. The Early Bird Dinner is October 6th from 4-7 p.m. Please call the Post at 703-525-0108 to RSVP.

The Post/Auxiliary Halloween Party is Friday, October 26th at 7 p.m. Of course, we will have our bimonthly Sunday brunches.

Happy Birthday to those of you with October birthdays. Watch out for the witches and goblins on Halloween.

/s/

Karen A. Stewart

## Early Bird Dinner Scheduled

The Early Bird Dinner is scheduled for 4 - 7 pm on Saturday, 6 October. This is a no-cost "thank you" for all new, renewed and Life members of the Post and Ladies Auxiliary. There will be a \$7.00 charge for non-Early Birds and non-3150 members. At 7 pm, the Post will conduct its annual drawings for Life Memberships from the new and renewed members. Call the Post for further information and to signup. RSVP by 9 pm Mon, 1 October.



**Early Bird Dinner**  
**Saturday, 6 October**  
**4 - 7 pm**  
**RSVP by 1 October**  
**Free for Early Birds**  
**\$7.00 for non-renewed**  
**and non-3150 members**

## Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to new Post members, Christian Devine (USMC-Kosovo), William Franke (Navy - Vietnam), Vincent Gioielli (Army-Iraq), James Johnson (Army-Iraq), and to new Ladies Auxiliary member Elizabeth Hamilton, all elected at September meetings.

**Sunday Brunch**  
**Kids under 10 years eat free.**

## Men's Auxiliary

The August Post meeting authorized a Men's Auxiliary's being formed at VFW Post 3150. The vote was unanimous among those Post members attending the meeting. We are currently calling those who have indicated their interest and are qualified to join such an auxiliary. And, of course, we are looking for additional persons to join the group.

A Men's Auxiliary would augment the Post and Ladies Auxiliary in promoting work of the VFW of honoring our departed comrades by assisting the living through supporting the principals of Americanism, community and youth activities, and assisting veterans and their families.

Membership in the Men's Auxiliary is limited to husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, brothers, (and half-brothers who attain the status prior to the age sixteen) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. Documentation is required as it is for the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary. Members must also be at least sixteen years old. Men who might be interested should call the post at 703-525-0108 and leave their name, address, and phone number so that we may call you.

## *Marching Off....*

**Douglas D Wentzel**, 59, on 1 July 2007. He was an Army Sergeant and saw service in Quangtri in Vietnam in 1969-70. He was buried at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Pennsylvania. He was a Life member who often visited the Post on Veterans Day weekend.

**Marcia G Hendrickson**, 53. She was a Navy Chief (AZC) and a Desert Storm veteran serving in Bahrain and the U.A.E. in early 1991. A Life member, she had a longtime illness and lived in Meeker, OK following her retirement from the Navy.

**Michael J Scotti, Jr.**, 69, retired Major General, Army Medical Corps, and Life Member, on 12 September 2007. He was assigned to the 196 Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam in 1967-68 and also saw duty in Grenada and Lebanon. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, 6 December, following a 10:45 am service at the Fort Myer Old Chapel.

## 4 Reasons to Renew Your Membership Now

Yes, it's that time of year again. Even though your annual membership card is good until December 2007, the VFW will begin sending out renewal notices soon. As it takes a while to get everyone renewed, the process begins early. Why do it now?

1. Post and Ladies Auxiliary members who join or renew by 5 October will qualify (along with all Life members) for the Early Bird Dinner on 6 October.

2. New and renewing Post members will also qualify for the Life Membership drawing done at the Early Bird Dinner. There will be six drawings, one for each of the five youngest year categories, and one for those over 71. (The post will continue its program to purchase a Life Membership for those annual members who will be 71 years old by 30 June of each year and who have been members of Post 3150 continuously for the previous five years.). As the Post is currently about 80% Life, this means that there are less than 100 annual members to compete in those six categories in the drawing. Your chances of having your name drawn are about one in twenty, much better odds than in the mega lottos --- or most any other drawing for that matter.

Ladies Auxiliary 3150 also has a drawing for memberships for those who renew early. The drawing will be done in November.

3. Consider VFW Life Membership. See tables to the right. The VFW is making it easy by providing three options: Lump sum payment, 12 month payment plan, and 24 month payment plan. For the two payment plans, there is a one-time \$35 payment and the VFW will bill you monthly for the remainder. If you "go Life" and your name is drawn, you will receive a refund for the Life membership payment, so you are not penalized for "going Life" when you join or renew.

4. Avoid all those renewal reminders, letters, and phone calls.

Respond to your renewal notice or send or bring a check to the Post Quartermaster (\$30 or Life membership) or Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer (\$25 or Life membership). For Life memberships, see tables at right. Post members can also renew by going to [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org) and following the links.

## VFW Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31</u>	<u>One time payment</u>	<u>12 mos plan</u>	<u>24 mos plan</u>
< Age 31	\$425.00	\$40.39	\$20.23
31-40	\$410.00	\$39.02	\$19.58
41-50	\$375.00	\$35.84	\$18.05
51-60	\$335.00	\$32.20	\$16.32
61-70	\$290.00	\$28.11	\$14.36
71-80	\$225.00	\$22.20	\$11.53
81 and over	\$170.00	\$17.20	\$ 9.14

There is a \$35 charge on the first month on the installment plans, then as above.

## Ladies Auxiliary Life Membership Fee Schedule

<u>Age on 12/31</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Through Age 20	\$220
21-25	\$210
26-30	\$200
31-35	\$190
36-40	\$185
41-45	\$175
46-50	\$170
51-55	\$160
56-60	\$150
61-65	\$140
66-70	\$130
71-75	\$115
76-80	\$95
81-85	\$75
86-90	\$60
91 and over	\$50

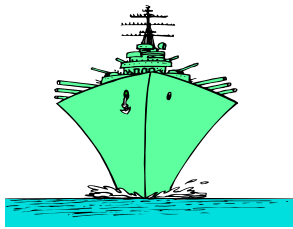
### Hours for Post Canteen

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

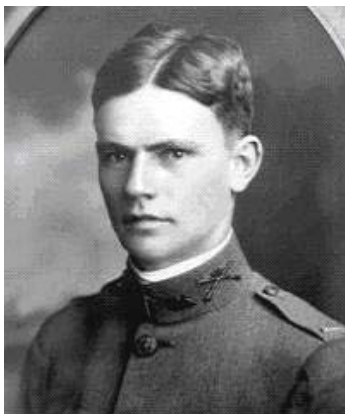
## **GWOT Night: 12 October**

Attention Global War on Terrorism veterans, including those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other members 45 and under: The post is hosting a get acquainted evening on Friday, October 12th between 7 and 9 pm. The first two beverages and a light food buffet is our way of welcoming you home and to Post 3150. This evening will provide you with the opportunity to meet other GWOT veterans and younger members. All members invited to stop by and meet our new generation. Please RSVP to the Post at 703-525-0108.



## **U.S. Navy Birthday**

While Saturday, 13 October is the U.S. Navy Birthday, the Post will commemorate the event on Sunday, 14 October, at 2:30 pm. As usual, members of all services are invited to attend this celebration.



## **Lt John Lyon**

**2 April 1893 – 16 October 1918**

## **Highway Cleanup, Make a Difference Day 27 October**

The Post will again participate in national Make a Difference Day on Saturday, 27 October, by doing our periodic Highway Cleanup along Lee Highway from Rosslyn to Veitch Street. Meet at the Post for coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 am. The post has pick-up sticks and gloves. Long pants and hard shoes are recommended. The event should take less than two hours. For those not wanting to walk the distance, Post Cleanup will also occur on the same day.

## **Students and Teachers: Deadlines Approach**

Deadlines for three contests approach quickly. Entries for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests and nominations for Teachers of the Year must be sent to Post 3150 by November 1.

Voice of Democracy: audio essay contest for grades 9 through 12. The 2007-2008 theme is "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans". Deadline is November 1, 2007.

Patriot's Pen: essay contest for grades 6, 7 and 8. The 2007-2008 theme is "Why I Am an American Patriot". The deadline is November 1, 2007.

Teacher of the Year: top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and tradition. Fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals can submit nominations by November 1, 2007.

Awards are presented at post, district, state, and national levels and can add up to thousands of dollars. Deadlines are to local post.

Further information, including entry forms, brochures, and back ground, are available at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), then Programs & Services, then Youth Development or Citizenship Education. Or call Post 3150 at 703-525-0108 for further information. VOD and Patriot's Pen forms may also be obtained at [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org), then Forms.



## *From the John Lyon Past...*



**Louis Paradise**  
**Third Post Commander**  
**1936 - 1937**

## **Post Halloween Party**

The Post will hold a Halloween Party on Friday, 26 October starting at 7 pm. There will be music, special prices, door prizes, and snack foods. Dig out your favorite costume and join us as we mark this Fall Festival.



**Watch out for  
little spooks  
and goblins  
on  
Halloween!**

## **Bring Your Membership Card**

Members of both the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary are reminded to show their membership cards to the on-duty manager when entering the Post home. ABC Rules require it! Remember: Membership remains a privilege to be guarded.

## **Ladies Auxiliary Quilt Raffle**

The Ladies Auxiliary is again conducting a quilt raffle and all proceeds go to benefit Cancer Aid and Research. The quilt is handmade and donated and will be raffled on Thanksgiving Day. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. They are available during Sunday Brunch and many other occasions. If you can't come to the Post, you can write to the Ladies Auxiliary or call the Post Home. The address and phone are on the front page of this newsletter.

**Moved Lately?**  
**Are you registered to Vote?**  
**Check your new county**  
**for registration deadline!**

## **High Schoolers: Art Contest**

The Ladies Auxiliary yearly holds the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest for grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Deadline is March 31, 2008. See <http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org>, then Programs, then Awards & Scholarships. Or call the Post for information.

## **Post Webpage Honored**

The Post webpage ([www.vfw3150.org](http://www.vfw3150.org)) recently received the "Outstanding VFW Website Award" from You Served, and its parent company, the VA Mortgage Center.com. Twenty VFW post websites were honored out of the "thousands of possible winners across the United States". Websites "were chosen based on web design, content, resources provided and ease of use." Three posts in Virginia were selected, the others being Post 1503 in Dale City and Post 7327 in Springfield.

## **Aluminum Cans**

The Post continues to recycle aluminum cans. You are invited to bring yours (aluminum only), but please place them in the containers behind the fence near the dumpster. Do **NOT** place them on the ground.

# Recent Events Around the Post

## 9-11 Remembered

Members of Post 3150 and the Ladies >>> Auxiliary gather to remember the events of 11 September 2001 during ceremonies at the post. From the left (front) are John Lundquist, Butch Hovermill, Richard Hoffman, Tom Kane, (second row) Gail Hoffman, Karen Stewart, Lola Kane, J.Gary Wagner, John Walls, (rear) Greg Moscatel, Mike Holtz, Gerry Peterson, and Eric Anderson.



<<< The ceremonial team pauses following the preparation of the POW/MIA table during recent ceremonies marking POW/MIA Remembrance Day in September. The team explained the significance of items as they were placed on the table. From the left are Bill Schorndorf, M.C. “Connie” Agresti, Greg Moscatel, Commander Eric Anderson and President Karen Stewart.

John Lyon members Karen Stewart, >>> daughter Emily Dajc in arms of Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc, J.Gary Wagner, Gerry Peterson, Greg Moscatel, and Willy Squires gather to cut the cake during the Air Forces Birthday celebration. The event not only marked the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the US Air Force, but also honored those of the Army Air Service, Army Air Corps, and the Army Air Force. The guys are Air Force, while Stewart’s uncle and LaFreniere-Dajc’s father were Air Force. Emily of course, is an Air Force grand daughter.





# Recent Events Around the Post

Gerry Peterson, Mike Holtz, and Eric >>> Anderson (l to r, standing) discuss World War II during ceremonies marking the end of the war (VJ Day) while others listen. Navy World War II veteran Jim Gibadlo listens in the foreground while Mary Schorndorf is at right. In the foreground (left) are Jeanne Gibadlo and Ken Jansen.



<<< Commander Eric Anderson and members of the Ladies Auxiliary prepare to cut the cake for the 93rd Birthday of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. From the left (front) are Anderson, President Karen Stewart, Catherine Graham, Elsa Weeks, Catherine Kerns Deal, Gail Hoffman, Jodie LaFreniere-Dajc, Ruth Rodier, and Mary Anne McCormick. In the rear are Carol Rawlings and Wilbur Rawlings, member of the Men's Auxiliary of McLean Post 8241.

Arnold Dixon, Mary Anne McCormick, >>> Karen Stewart, J.Gary Wagner, Gerry Peterson, and Mark Pando arrive at the VA Hospital with four boxes of fresh oranges, pears, and bananas to distribute to the residents of the VA Nursing Home. Al Quaye also was part of the 3150 delegation. A highlight of the visit was marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of resident Alyce Dixon, an Army veteran of World War II.



# 108th National Convention



Sitting in the middle of the Virginia delegation at a business session at the VFW 108<sup>th</sup> National Convention are Post 3150 members J.Gary Wagner, M.C. “Connie” Agresti, Gerry Peterson, and C.D. “Doc” Crouch. Advancing from Senior Vice Commander, Vietnam veteran George Lisicki from New Jersey was elected the new Commander in Chief of the VFW.



Pausing outside the Virginia booth at the All-Conference reception on Wednesday evening are part of 3150’s delegation, Catharine Graham, C.D. “Doc” Crouch, and Gerry Peterson.



Post Junior Vice Commander Gerry Peterson accepts a plaque for Post 3150 from members of the VFW National Home for Children. The presentation was made at the annual Awards Breakfast at the National Convention. John Lyon received the Bronze Level Plaque for donations to the National Home in excess of \$750.



Squeezing in a break between convention events are J.Gary Wagner, Gerry Peterson, and Charles Reddoor, part of Post 3150’s delegation to the National Convention. Reddoor, Post 3150 Chaplain, was TDY to Kansas City for his office and managed to attend several convention events.

# VFW 3150 October 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 RSVP Deadline Early Bird Dinner 9 pm	2	3 Movie Night	4	5	6 Early Bird Dinner 4 - 7 pm  Post Life Mbr Drawings 7pm
7	8 COLUMBUS DAY  House Committee 7:30 pm Post O Call 8 pm	9	10 Movie Night	11 Post Meeting 8 pm	12 GWOT Night 7 - 9 pm	13
14 Sunday Brunch 9 am - 1 pm  Navy Birthday 2: 30 pm	15	16	17 Movie Night	18 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 Lasagna Dinner Hospice Fundraiser 4 - 7pm
21	22 22 -30 Oct Anti-Drug Red Ribbon Week	23	24 Movie Night	25	26 Halloween Party 7 pm	27 Make a Difference Day  Highway Cleanup 8:30 am
28 Statue of Liberty Birthday  Sunday Brunch 9 am - 1 pm	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	1 Nov: deadline for VOD, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of Year		

**For RSVP or information, call 703-525-0108**



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**Happy Birthday,**  
**Miss Liberty**  
**28 October**  
**1886-2007**