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- TO ENSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.



### POST 2894

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2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month – 7:00 pm  
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# SSG JONATHAN KILIAN DOZIER POST 2894



**Chesapeake, Virginia 23322**

**NEWSLETTER – Vol. I, Issue 1, October/November 2012**

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, I would like to start by introducing myself to the members of Post 2894 that have not attended a function recently. My name is Carl Dozier and I'm a lifelong Norfolk County and Chesapeake native. I am beginning my 4<sup>th</sup> year as Commander and we are working on improving our communications with our members. We have had a Facebook page and we now have a webpage ([www.vfwpost2894.org](http://www.vfwpost2894.org)). The Post has not published a newsletter in at least 5 years and we are attempting to publish one quarterly in order to bring you news of events that are important to you as VFW members and as veterans.



A brief recap of 2012. The post had a Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year; the Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Virginia Corbett was also the District 2 winner. In April the Post supported the first annual Bataan Death March walk on the Dismal Swamp Trail; Mr. John Leroy Mimms, a survivor of the Death March, was present. We had a membership drive and Buddy Poppy sale at the Grassfield Walmart over the Memorial Day weekend and in addition we supported the city Memorial Day observance at the

Veteran's Memorial at City Hall. In June members of the Post raised the army flag on its birthday and celebrated Flag Day with a ceremonial flag flown at City Hall.

In September the Post will support the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Breakfast and in October the post will have a membership drive and Buddy Poppy collection at the Sheriff's Great American Food Fest. On October 13<sup>th</sup> the Post will support the Montero Medical Missions Veteran's Clinic at the Chesapeake Free Clinic. In November we will support the Veteran's Day ceremony at City Hall and sell Buddy Poppies at the Grassfield Walmart.

Your Post is active. We are currently planning on purchasing a Post flag and Mrs. Brenda Ike of Sentry Security has initiated a fund drive to collect monies for that purpose and she has collected over \$800 in donations for the flag. We hope to have it at the Veteran's Day observance at the Chesapeake Veterans Memorial. The Post is actively looking for property so the Post will have a permanent home to plant our flag, hang our charter, and continue to grow and serve veterans and their families.

As in all organization membership is essential. Unlike most organizations, the VFW is unique in that you must meet a high bar in order to qualify for membership, that being, having served in an overseas theater during a time of war. It is a unique fraternity of those who were willing to

put their lives on the line for the values we hold as a nation. Veterans understand selfless service better than most. The VFW remembers the dead by serving the living.

We would encourage you to reacquaint yourself with your post. We currently meet at The Lighthouse

Pointe on Cedar Road on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and encourage other veterans to become members.

- Carl Dozier, Post Commander

## MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to always look for new members to recruit to Post 2894. The three prerequisites for VFW membership include: (1) US Citizenship, (2) Honorable service in the US Armed Services, and (3) Service entitling the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the VFW Congressional Charter and By-Laws.

Prospective members can sign up on-line at <https://www.vfw.org/oms/NewMember.aspx>.

## “Tidewater Area Montford Point Marines Receive Medals”

Story by Cpl. Francisco Bedolla, USMC, MARFORCOM

**CHESAPEAKE Va.** – Four Tidewater area Montford Point Marines received bronze replica Congressional Gold Medals during a ceremony Aug. 17 recognizing their service

Honored were Nathaniel E. Harris of Portsmouth, Va., who served from 1947 to 1967 and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant; John R. Johnson of Chesapeake, Va., who served from 1945 to 1954 and attained the rank of Sergeant; Thomas A. Byrdson of Newport News, Va., who served from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of Corporal; and Robert E. Kindred of Chesapeake, Va., who served from 1943 to 1945 and attained the rank of corporal.

From the years 1942 to 1949, training for African-American recruits was different than what other Marine recruits of that time had to go through.

These African-American recruits were not allowed to receive basic training at the traditional recruit depots of Parris Island or San Diego. These recruits, instead, were segregated and received

training at Montford Point which was located at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The original intent was to discharge these Marines at the end of World War II, but they proved themselves just as capable to carry out tasks as well as all the other Marines regardless of race, color or creed.



*Courtesy Photo - Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton, commanding general of U.S. Marine Forces Command, congratulates Robert E. Kindred on his Congressional Gold Medal, Aug. 17, 2012, Chesapeake, Va.*

On June 27, House and Senate leaders awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to the Montford Point Marines Association during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center. Only one Congressional Gold Medal, one of the country's highest civilian honors, was minted.

Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, held a ceremony and parade in their honor the following day at Marine Barracks Washington, where individual bronze replica medals were presented to over 400 Montford Point Marines who could attend.

"To me, they were heroic for two reasons: they fought against the enemy during World War II while they also fought for their civil rights and the respect of their fellow Americans," said Amos. "It is fitting that we, as Americans, honor their selfless service and sacrifice with the Congressional Gold Medal and fully embrace their storied contributions to the history of our nation at war."

The August ceremony was a way the Marine Corps could reach out to the Montford Point Marines in the area who could not attend the Washington, D.C., ceremony.

"These men had to fight for the right to fight," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Averhart, national president of the Montford Point Marine Association, referring to the hostilities, discrimination, and racial adversity they had to overcome.



Lt. Gen. John Paxton Jr., commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command, was in attendance to present the medals to these groundbreaking individuals.

"I want to assure you that you are not a footnote in history and today isn't just a single day," Paxton said. "The Marine Corps is a better place because of the Montford Point Marines, and we will never go back."

There are so many men who would have deserved this recognition who are passed and gone, said Kindred, one of the four Montford Point Marines recognized. "I'm just glad I could be here to receive this award for them."

## FROM THE BENCH OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

As the Post Judge Advocate, my responsibility is to provide the Post Commander with legal assistance, incident to his office as he may request, and to perform such other duties as may be usually incident to the office or as may from time to time be required by him by the laws and usages of this organization.

I am honored to be a part of VFW Post 2894. We are a small, but dedicated group of Chesapeake individuals and Veterans. We truly endeavor to raise awareness and funds for Veteran service-related issues. Equally important, our Post strives to honor the dead by serving the living and this has been a rewarding and exciting time be a part of our Post. Our Post embodies the ideal of honoring our dead and this is recognizable in our very name, "The SSG Jonathan K. Dozier Memorial Post 2894."

As a former, active duty Navy JAG Attorney, I am honored to continue supporting our Post in fulfilling the Judge Advocate responsibility. Since being involved these past few years, my role has included reviving and updating the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for our Post with the VFW District and National organization. We are now recognized and in conformity with the VFW National charter and our membership is growing as a result of the fine work we accomplish for Veterans and for our community.

As our Post continues to grow, you will see us at the Great American Food Fest, raising funds for Veterans through the Buddy Puppy fund drive outside of Sam's Club and Walmart around the Veterans Day and Memorial Day holidays, as well as our presence at the Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies outside of City Hall. Never has there been a more exciting time to be involved, and after more than a decade at war, never has there been a greater need to serve our men and women when they come home from serving our nation abroad.

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Matt Hamel, SJA

## 33<sup>rd</sup> GREAT AMERICAN FOOD FEST, 3 OCTOBER

The Great American Food Fest has been held annually at Chesapeake City Park featuring since 1979. More than 6,000 people attend this event every year to enjoy fine foods from more than 40 providers, live entertainment, and fireworks. Put on jointly by the Sheriff's Office and South Norfolk Ruritan's Club, proceeds from the annual event benefit community charities like Sheriff Newhart's Elderly and Indigent Victims of Crime and Ruritan's Paint Your Heart Out.

This year's event will be held between 3-7:15 pm. Tickets for family members cost \$20 and can be preordered by calling 382-6159. **Buy now** because **no tickets will be sold at the gate.**

## MONTERO MEDICAL MISSION VETERAN'S CLINIC, 13 OCTOBER

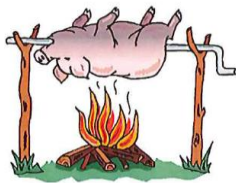
The Montero Medical Mission Veteran's Clinic is a monthly clinic that is free to all veterans in Chesapeake. The first session will take place on Saturday, 13 October at the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, 2145 South Military Highway, Chesapeake, VA, 23320. The clinic will have nine screening stations including dental, mental health, hearing, eye sight, women's health, prosthesis/orthosis, social work, job placement, and triage. Every veteran will receive a full "Thank You" goody bag at the end of the visit.



## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DAV BBQ, 13 OCTOBER

The local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, the J. Robert Graham Chapter 26, is hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> annual barbeque "with all the fixin's"

at Roger's Sports Pub, 2002 Bainbridge Blvd, in Chesapeake on 13 October between 10am-3pm. Tickets cost \$8 and can be bought at the door. All proceeds will be donated to Disabled Veterans. Entertainment includes music, 50/50 drawings, "good chow", and Veteran camaraderie.



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE PICNIC FOR VETERANS

Chesapeake Detachment of the Marine Corps League will be holding their Annual Veterans Picnic on 20 October between 11am-2pm at their headquarters next to the Great Bridge bridge. All veterans are welcome.



## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, more than 50,000 high school students compete for more than \$2.3 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme.

Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the local, district, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., March 3-7, 2012, to tour the city, meet our nation's leaders, be honored by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$151,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

Students should record their reading of the draft to a CD. The recording can be no shorter than 3 and no longer than 5 minutes (plus or minus 5 seconds).

The **deadline** for the 2012-2013 program is **November 1, 2012**. The theme for 2012-2013 is: **"Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?"**

Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to a CD, they can submit their typed version, CD and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their VFW Post 2894 by deadline.



Entry forms can be downloaded from the VFW website at: [www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy](http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy)

## PATRIOT'S PEN



The Patriot's Pen program is open to students in grades 6-8, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

The **deadline** for the 2012-2013 program is **November 1, 2012**. The theme for 2012-2013 is: **"What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers."** Essays must be no less than 300 and not more than 400 words long and should be submitted to a Post 2894 officer, along with the completed entry form.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the VFW website at: [www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen](http://www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen)

## SCOUT OF THE YEAR



Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognizes four individuals: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Silver Award recipients and Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank. Prizes range up to \$5,000 scholarship for first place.

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

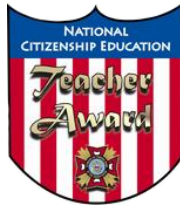
Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post.

The **deadline** for this coming year is **March 1, 2013**.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the VFW website at: [www.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship](http://www.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship)

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

If you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall, organizes community volunteer projects or invites local veterans to speak in class – anything to help students develop a better understanding of democratic values and beliefs – this award is for them. Nominations for Teacher of the Year are now being accepted. Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates.



Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Post 2894 will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. VFW Post 2894 then submit their winning names to VFW Virginia District 2 judging.

From there, the selected winners will be forwarded to the VFW Virginia Department. Once they are judged on a state level, the winners are passed along to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

The **deadline** for the 2012-2013 program is **November 1, 2012**.

**Entry forms can be downloaded from the VFW website at:**

[www.vfw.org/Community/Teacher-of-the-Year](http://www.vfw.org/Community/Teacher-of-the-Year)

## HISTORY OF VETERANS' DAY, 11 NOVEMBER

**Veterans' Day will be celebrated in Chesapeake on Sunday, 11 November at 11 am at the Veterans' Memorial in front of City Hall.**

Though the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, November 11 remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the Great War. In November 1918, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business activities at 11 a.m. On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Congress had declared the day a legal federal holiday in honor of all those who participated in the war. On the same day, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of [November 11,

1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations" and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

### From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during World War II (1941-1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



## VETERANS DAY

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees--and encourage tourism and travel--by celebrating four national holidays (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.

The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this

change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date. In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald R. Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

#### **Celebrating Veterans Day Around the World**

Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day--a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans--living or dead--but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

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The National Home Helpline is the gateway to help for military and veterans' families, providing connections with supportive services and resources in communities all across the nation as well as referrals to our on-campus programs.

And our war heroes can take comfort in knowing that their call will be answered by a caring professional who understands the unique challenges faced by today's military and veterans' families.

The toll-free Helpline is answered Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**1-800-313-4200**

[help@vfwnationalhome.org](mailto:help@vfwnationalhome.org)

## **MILITARY HISTORY in OCTOBER**

- 1 1880 John Philip Sousa becomes director of the Marine Corps Band
- 1942 Maiden flight of Bell P-59 Airacomet, first US jet fighter
- 1943 Allied forces liberate Naples
- 1957 B-52 bombers begin full-time flying alert in case of USSR attack, which continues until the early 1990s
- 2 1799 Washington Navy Yard established
- 1921 The Unknown Soldier leaves France aboard USS 'Olympia' (C-6)
- 1942 Aleutians: US troops occupy the Andreanof Islands
- 4 1821 First USN squadron sails for anti-slavery patrol off Africa
- 1862 Battle of Shiloh ends (from Oct 3)
- 5 1943 US aircraft & ships raid Japanese positions on Wake Is, leading to the execution of American civilians held prisoner
- 6 1781 Americans & French begin siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown
- 7 1777 Second Battle of Saratoga (Bemis Heights): Americans win
- 1780 Battle of King's Mountain: Tories defeated by Patriot militia
- 2001 US & Allies initiate war in Afghanistan after the Taliban refuses to surrender Osama bin Laden
- 8 1918 Sgt Alvin York captures "the whole damned German Army"
- 9 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines encircle Japanese 4th Inf Regt
- 10 1944 17 US carriers raid the Ryukyus
- 11 1861 Battle of Dumfries/Quantico Creek, Va
- 1944 Japan announces it will "fight to the last man, woman, child, weapon, and piece of equipment."
- 12 2000 Islamist suicide boat attack on the USS 'Cole' (DDG-67) at Aden, 17 die, c. 40 wounded
- 13 1775 Congress establishes the Continental Navy
- 1812 Battle of Queenstown Height: British/Canadians defeat the Americans
- 1864 John Mosby raids Harpers Ferry
- 14 1942 Guadalcanal: Japanese ships land reinforcements, shell Marines
- 1942 New Guinea: Heavy fighting, Templeton's Crossing, Kokoda Trail.
- 1943 US Army Air Force bombs Schweinfurt
- 15 1944 Peleliu secured: Japanese KIA c. 12,000, US over 1,200.
- 16 1775 Portland, Maine, burned by the British
- 1859 John Brown's "Raid" on Harper's Ferry
- 1863 U.S. Grant is named commander of Union forces in the West
- 1940 WW II draft begins; #158 is drawn first
- 17 1777 British General John Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga
- 1781 British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown
- 18 1776 Col John Glover & his Marblehead Regiment fight the British in the Bronx
- 1859 US Marines under Robert E. Lee capture John Brown & his party at Harper's ferry
- 1944 Rangers begin landing on outlying islands in Leyte Gulf.
- 19 1879 William Tecumseh Sherman says "War is hell"
- 1950 UN forces enter Pyongyang, capital of North Korea

- 1951 Pres Truman formally ends state of war with Germany
- 20** 1944 MacArthur returns to the Philippines at Leyte, with 200,000 troops
- 1944 US First Army secures Aachen
- 21** 1797 USS 'Constitution' - 'Old Ironsides' - is launched at Boston
- 1892 Pres Grover Cleveland unveils the Soldiers' & Sailors' Arch at Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn
- 22** 1875 Sons of the American Revolution organized
- 1954 West Germany joins NATO
- 1962 Missile Crisis: JFK imposes naval blockade on Cuba
- 23** 1942 Guadalcanal: Battle of Edson's Ridge - Japanese assault broken
- 1944 Battle of Leyte Gulf begins, runs to the 26th: Greatest sea fight in history
- 1983 Beirut: Suicide truck bomb kills 243 US personnel
- 25** 1943 USAAF bombers from China raid Japanese airfields on Formosa.
- 1983 US and West Indian forces occupy Grenada
- 26** 1861 Last ride of the Pony Express
- 1881 Gunfight at the OK Corral, Tombstone
- 1944 Leyte Gulf ends: losses, Japan 34 major warships, US 6.
- 27** 1775 Congress formally establishes a US Navy
- 1810 U.S. annexes West Florida from Spain
- 1954 Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. becomes the first black general in USAF
- 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis: The Soviets blink
- 29** 1929 "Wall Street Lays an Egg": The Crash of '29
- 1944 Near Aachen, 1st Inf Div Rabbi Sidney Lefkowitz & cantor PFC Max Fuchs conduct the first Jewish service for American troops on German soil, broadcast worldwide, with accompanying artillery fire
- 30** 1954 Defense Department announces elimination of all segregated units
- 31** 1803 US Frigate 'Philadelphia' grounds off Tripoli, & is taken by the Barbary pirates
- 1952 First thermonuclear bomb detonated, the Marshall Islands
- 1968 President Johnson orders a halt to all bombing of North Vietnam
- 1950 US troops retreat from Pyongyang, North Korea
- 5** 1917 Maj. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr, leads the first American patrol into "No Man's Land"
- 1944 B-29s from China bomb Singapore.
- 7** 1973 The War Powers Act becomes law
- 8** 1942 Operation Torch: U.S. and British forces land in northwestern Africa
- 1950 Lt. Russell J. Brown's F-86 scores a North Korean MiG-15 in history's first jet-on-jet combat
- 9** 1921 The Unknown Soldier arrives at Washington aboard USS 'Olympia'
- 1984 "Three Servicemen" Statue added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- 1989 The Berlin Wall comes down
- 10** 1775 Congress establishes a Marine Corps
- 1814 Congress enacts a draft; War of 1812 ends before it is implemented
- 1945 Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald liberated by US
- 1954 USMC ["Iwo Jima"] Memorial dedicated in Arlington
- 11** 1839 Virginia Military Institute opens
- 1864 Sherman's March: Burning of Rome, Georgia
- 1918 The Armistice ends modern Germany's first bid for world domination.
- 1921 Escorted by 30 holders of the Medal of Honor, the "Unknown Soldier" is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery
- 12** 1942 Naval Battle of Guadalcanal begins
- 13** 1775 Americans under Maj Gen Richard Montgomery capture Montreal
- 1942 Minimum US draft age reduced from 21 to 18
- 1943 B-24s from Funafuti and Canton bomb Tarawa and Makin, in the Gilberts.
- 1982 Vietnam War Memorial dedicated
- 15** 1864 Sherman burns what the Confederates haven't of Atlanta
- 1940 The first 75,000 US draftees report for duty
- 16** 1982 Maiden voyage of the Space Shuttle 'Columbia'
- 17** 1869 Suez Canal opens
- 1913 Panama Canal opens
- 18** 1961 JFK sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam
- 19** 1492 Columbus lands in Puerto Rico
- 1863 Abraham Lincoln gives his Gettysburg speech
- 1944 U.S. troops land on New Guinea
- 1950 Eisenhower becomes supreme commander of NATO
- 1999 USCG Capt Earl R. Fox, Public Health Service, retires; last WW II veteran on active service
- 20** 1862 Confederate Army of Tennessee formed under Gen Braxton Bragg
- 1866 First national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic
- 21** 1943 Operation Galvanic: Marines in heavy fighting on Tarawa, National Guardsmen advance on Makin, while Marines land on Abemama, 75 mi SE of Tarawa.
- 22** 1943 FDR, Churchill, & Chiang meet to discuss ways to defeat Japan
- 23** 1863 Battles of Chattanooga & Orchard Knob, TN begins
- 1943 Operation Galvanic: US forces secure Tarawa & Makin
- 1944 Gen Patch's Seventh Army captures Strassbourg
- 24** 1944 First B-29 raid from Saipan; 111 bombers hit Tokyo.
- 25** 1943 Battle of Cape St. George: 5 US destroyers sink 3 Japanese destroyers
- 1961 USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65), the first nuclear-powered

## MILITARY HISTORY in NOVEMBER

- 1** 1765 Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies
- 1784 Maryland grants citizenship to Lafayette & his descendants
- 1835 Texians begin siege of San Antonio (it falls Dec 4)
- 1943 Bougainville: 3rd Marine Div lands at Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay
- 2** 1783 Washington's "Farewell Address to the Army," at Rocky Hill, near Princeton
- 1917 First US troops KIA in France
- 1944 US & Filipino troops clear Japanese from the central valley on Leyte.
- 3** 1783 The Continental Army is mustered out of service, Rocky Hill, NJ
- 1979 Teheran: Iranians storm the US embassy to take 63 hostages
- 4** 1862 Richard J. Gatling receives a patent for a clever device

carrier, is commissioned

- 26 1862 Lincoln meets ". . . the little lady who started this big war," Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 27 1789 President George Washington proclaims the last Thursday in November a day of prayer and thanksgiving
  - 1901 Army War College established in Washington
  - 1944 B-29s from the Marianas hit Tokyo
- 28 1795 US pays \$800,000 & a frigate for "protection" from Algerian & Tunisian pirates
- 29 1760 Rogers' Rangers capture Detroit from the French
  - 1887 US receives basing rights at Pearl Harbor
  - 1890 The first Army-Navy game, West Point: Navy 24, Army 0
  - 1929 Rear Adm Richard E. Byrd, US, makes the first flight over the South Pole.
- 30 1782 Preliminary Treaty of Paris: American and British delegated sign preliminary articles to end the Revolutionary War
  - 1943 Teheran Conference: FDR, Churchill, & Stalin agree that Operation Overlord will be launched in May of 1944

## TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

The Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery is a monument dedicated to American service members who have died without their remains being identified. It is also known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; it has never been officially named. The World War I "Unknown" is a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Victoria Cross, and several other foreign nations' highest service awards.

On November 11, 1921, the unknown soldier brought back from France was interred inside a three-level marble tomb. On July 3, 1926, Congress authorized the completion of the Tomb. In late January 1931, the 56 ton die of Yule marble was lifted out of the Colorado quarry. The quarrying involved 75 men working one year. When the block arrived at Arlington, it was carved by the Piccirilli Brothers under the direction of the sculptor Thomas Jones. (The brothers also carved the Lincoln statue for the Lincoln Memorial). The Tomb was dedicated in April 1932.

The Tomb was placed at the head of the grave of the World War I Unknown. West of this grave are the crypts of Unknowns from World War II (south) and Korea (north). Between the two lies a crypt that once contained an Unknown from Vietnam. His remains were positively identified in 1998 through DNA testing as First Lieutenant Michael Blassie, USAF, and returned to his family.

North and South panels with 3 wreaths on each side represent (in 1931) "a world of memories" but later the six major battles engaged in by American forces in France; Ardennes, Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, Meuse-Argonne, Oisieu-Eiseu, and Somme. Each wreath has 38 leaves and 12 berries.

On the East panel that faces Washington DC are three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and "Valor".

The Western panel is inscribed with the words:

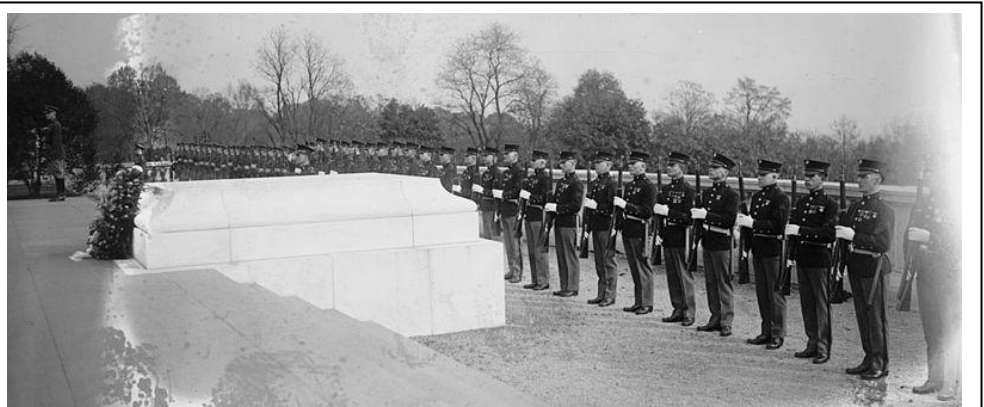
**HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD**

On Memorial Day, 1921, four unknown servicemen were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. Army Sgt. Edward Younger, who was wounded in combat, highly decorated for valor and received the Distinguished Service Cross in "The Great War" selected the Unknown from four identical caskets in Châlons-en-Champagne, France, on October 24, 1921. Younger selected the Unknown by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. He chose the third casket from the left. The chosen Unknown was transported to the United States aboard the USS Olympia. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France.

The World War I Unknown lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda from his arrival in the United States until Armistice Day, 1921. On November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. During the ceremony, the World War I Unknown was awarded the Victoria Cross by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Beatty, on behalf of King George V of the United Kingdom. In 1928, the Unknown Soldier was presented the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to America's youth by the Boy Scouts of America.

On August 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the Unknowns of World War II and the Korean War. The selection ceremonies and the interment of these Unknowns took place in 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from remains exhumed from cemeteries in Europe, Africa, Hawaii, and the Philippines.

Two Unknowns from World War II, one from the European and one from the Pacific Theater, were placed in



*11 November, 1922 Dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*

identical caskets and taken aboard the USS *Canberra*, a guided-missile cruiser resting off Norfolk, Virginia. Navy Corpsman William Charette, then the Navy's only active-duty Medal of Honor recipient, selected the World War II Unknown. The remaining casket received a solemn burial at sea.

Four unknown Americans who died in the Korean War were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Army Master Sergeant Ned Lyle made the final selection.



Both caskets arrived in Washington on May 28, 1958, where they lay in the Capitol Rotunda for two days before being carried on caissons to Arlington National Cemetery. President Eisenhower awarded each the Medal of Honor, and they were interred in the plaza beside their WWI comrade.

The designation of the Vietnam Unknown has proven to be difficult. With improvements in DNA testing it is possible, though unlikely, that the recovered remains for every unknown soldier killed in the Vietnam War will be identified.

The Vietnam Unknown service member was designated by Medal of Honor recipient Marine Corps Sergeant Major Allan Kellog Jr, MOH, during a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, May 17, 1984.

Many Vietnam veterans and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan visited the Vietnam Unknown in the US Capitol. An Army caisson carried the Vietnam Unknown to the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984.

President Reagan presided over the funeral, and presented the Medal of Honor to the Vietnam Unknown, and also acted as next of kin by accepting the interment flag at the end of the ceremony. The interment flags of all Unknowns at the Tomb of the Unknowns are on view in the Memorial Display Room

After the body of Lt. Blassie was identified and removed, the crypt that once held the remains of the Vietnam Unknown has been replaced. The original inscription of "Vietnam" and the dates of the conflict has been changed to "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen." as a reminder of the commitment of the Armed Forces to fullest possible accounting of missing service members.

It is considered one of the highest honors to serve as a Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Fewer than 20 percent of all volunteers are accepted for training and of those only a fraction pass training to become full-fledged Tomb Guards. This attrition rate has made the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge the second least-awarded decoration of the United States Military (the first being the Army Astronaut Badge).

The Tomb Guards, a special platoon within the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard", work on a team rotation of 24 hours on, 24 hours off, for five days, taking the following four days off. A guard takes an average of six hours to prepare his uniform – heavy wool, regardless of the

time of year – for the next day's work. Tomb Guards are required to memorize 16 pages of information about Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, including the locations of nearly 300 graves and who is buried in each one.

The soldier "walking the mat" does not wear rank insignia on his or her uniform so that they do not outrank the Unknowns, whatever their rank may have been. Non-commissioned officers (usually the Relief Commander and Assistant Relief



Commanders), do wear insignia of their rank when changing the guard only. They have a separate uniform (without rank) that is worn when they actually guard the Unknowns or are "Posted".

## VIRGINIA VETERAN'S ID

On behalf of the Department of Veteran Services (DVS), the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now issues veteran ID cards for proof of veteran status for those who served but did not retire. This ID allows vets to receive discounts from retailers and restaurants. Vets may apply online, by mail, by fax, or in person at a DMV customer service center. You can read more about this at [http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/citizen/id/vet\\_id.asp](http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/citizen/id/vet_id.asp).

## FROM THE EDITOR

If you are interested in submitting articles, photos, updates on events, for inclusion in the newsletter, please send them to me at:

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If you know of a business or anyone who would like to help sponsor Post 2894, please let them know that their help will be recognized in the newsletter.

The primary means for disseminating the newsletter will be via e-mail. We request all members to fill out and return the form on the back of this newsletter so as to update our membership roster. Semper fidelis,

- Chris Mulholland, Sr. Vice Cdr

# POST 2894 CALENDAR

~ October 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Great American Food Fest	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10 1900 – VFW Meeting	11	12 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USS Cole bombing	13 Montero Veterans' Clinic DAV BBQ 237 <sup>th</sup> US Navy Birthday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Marine Corps League BBQ for Veterans
21	22	23 29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marine Barracks Beirut bombing	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween	Notes:		

~ November 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 MARFORCOM Birthday Ball, VA Bch Conv. Ctr
4 Daylight Savings Time ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10 237 <sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday
11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14 1900 – VFW Meeting	15	16	17 VFW District Meeting
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:

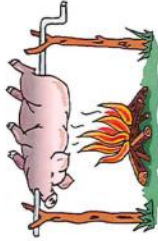
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