

VFW OBJECTIVES:

- 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.



Meetings

2nd Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm
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Sr. Vice Commander.....	Bob Gregory
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Quartermaster.....	Chuck Wolff
Chaplain.....	Kimball Thompson
Surgeon.....	Ron Liston
Staff Judge Advocate.....	Matt Hamel
Service Officer.....	Jim Ireland

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President.....	Sandy Dunbar
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Jr. Vice President.....	Grace Schweers
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Chaplain.....	Diane Hostettler
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Guard.....	Rosie Gregory
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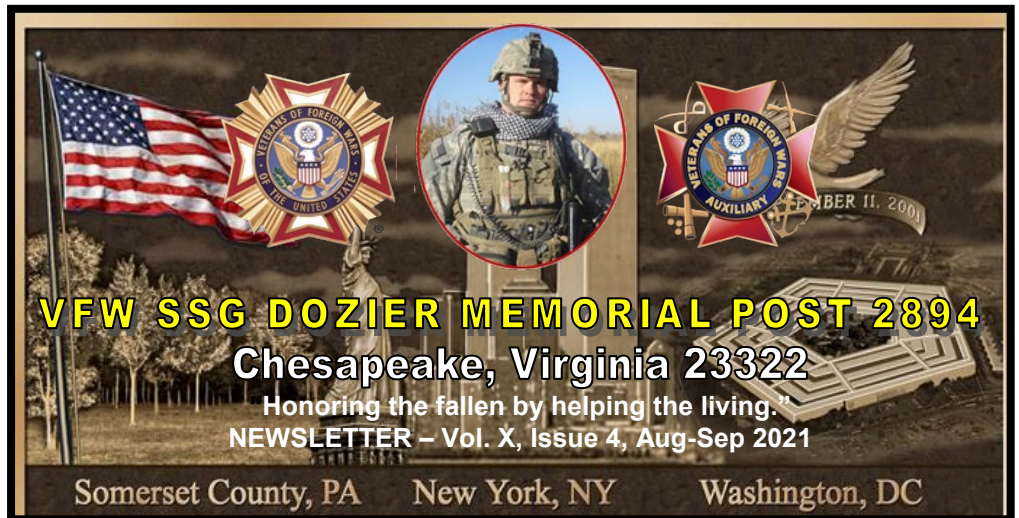
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POST NAMED ALL-AMERICAN POST SIX YEARS IN A ROW!!!

POST WINS NATIONAL POST SPECIAL PROJECT AWARD!!!
& NATL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST!!

POST NAMED ALL-STATE POST SIX YEARS IN A ROW!!!



20 YEARS AGO: 9-11 and CHESAPEAKE

2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. WE MUST NEVER FORGET what happened that day when terrorists struck at the heart of America.

BY CHRIS MULHOLLAND

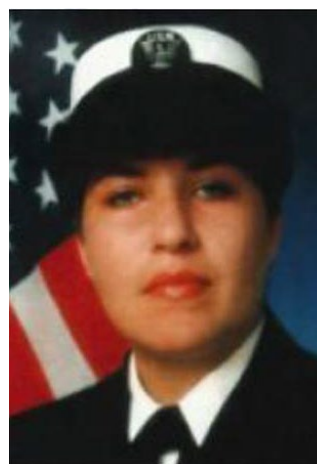
The attacks resulted in the deaths of 2,996 people and the injuries of more than 6,000 others. The death toll included 265 on the four planes (of whom there were no survivors); 2,606 in the World Trade Center and surrounding area; and 125 at the Pentagon. Nearly all of those who perished were civilians with the exceptions of 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 military personnel who died because of 19 terrorists. After New York, New Jersey lost the most state citizens, with the city of Hoboken losing the most. More than 90 countries lost citizens in the September 11 attacks. It was the worst terrorist attack in world



history and the deadliest foreign attack on American soil since the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

In Arlington County, Virginia, 125

Pentagon personnel lost their lives when Flight 77 crashed into the western side of the building. Of these, 70 were civilians and 55 were military personnel, many of whom worked for the United States Army or the United States Navy – including a Chesapeake, Yeoman Third Class Melisa Rose Barnes. Melissa is buried in Riverside National Cemetery, California.



From a 17 Sept 2001 article in the *LA Times* by Elizabeth Shogren and Warren Vieth:

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, I have my first month as Commander under my belt! And it was a busy one!

First, just before I became Commander, Commander Chris Mulholland and I attended the Department of Virginia Convention from 3-6 Jun. There we had the pleasure of meeting the incoming Commander in Chief Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic and his loyal service dog



"Momma Cass." At first, I did not know if I should stand at attention and salute or not. As it turned out Fritz and I had man to man conversation that must have lasted 15-20 minutes, and it had nothing to do with the VFW. I believe it was our

spirits making contact.

Then Chris and I attended the long overdue "Home Coming" for our Commander in Chief Hal Roesch, 8-10 July. There I had the honor of meeting Hal and found him to be down to earth and very personable. Both the CIC and the incoming CIC told us that they knew all about our Post. And I got to meet both. Amazing stroke of good fortune!

And the good fortune continues! On 8 June we held an awards ceremony in the Chesapeake City Council Chambers. I went around and found all the City Council members present and looked them in the eye and told them "We need a Home". Well, they offered us retired Fire Station #7 as a "Temporary" Post home. I asked if we could wait until I became the Post Commander, which was the next day (9 June), and they agreed. So, on 10 June I let them know we were interested in FS7 and that we would like to have a walkthrough inspection of the building.

On 20 June I was contacted by Bob Geis, the Deputy City Manager. Bob and I agreed to have the walkthrough. So, on 2 July we had our first inspection, led by our post member and Captain of FS 7 for 5 years, JR Reynolds. Of the 8 members of the inspection 7 voted to accept FS7 as our temp home. The second inspection was conducted on 11 Jul. Of the 7 members present all voted to accept FS7 as our temp home.

At our 14 Jul Post meeting a motion was made and seconded on whether to accept FS7 as our temp home and the vote was unanimous to accept. I have since sent the Deputy City Manager a message advising him and the City of Chesapeake of our acceptance of FS7 as our

temporary home. He responded saying he will now advise the City Manager and the City Council of our decision. Now we wait.

If all goes well, our 8 Sep Post meeting may be at our **FIRST POST HOME!**

José Vazquez, Post Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Auxiliary! Greetings from the Auxiliary. Auxiliary 2894 is starting their 6th year. I want to Thank everyone for everything we accomplished in 2020-2021. We won a lot of awards at the June Convention and I would like to share this information.

- Banner (the Auxiliary has to do a lot of reports for the National Programs, make donations to several Veteran Programs and this is just a few requirements to get the Banner).

- 1st Place Category 3 Buddy Poppy Display = \$50.00

- 1st Place for Most Reports Submitted - 2nd half of year Media Relations Program = \$35.00

- 2nd Place Vet and Family Support = \$12.50

- 1st Place for Historian = \$50.00

- Most Mentoring for Leadership Activities during a meeting = \$25.00

- Sharon won 3rd Place for Most Reports Submitted - 2nd half of year Media Relations Program = \$15.00

- Sandy won 2nd Place for Most Reports Submitted - 1st half of year Media Relations Program = \$25.00

Our challenge for this year is to grow our membership. We have a great group that works together to help veterans and their families, promote awareness of the VFW Auxiliary in the community, share the information about the scholarship opportunities to youth organizations, spread and show the spirit of Americanism and the fellowship we have while working together is amazing. If you have a family member or a friend who qualifies to join the Auxiliary, please have them contact anyone in our Auxiliary.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of summer. Be Safe and Stay Healthy.

Sandy Dunbar, President



POST WINS MULTIPLE AWARDS AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION



Many jokes were made at the Department of Virginia's Awards Ceremony on June 3rd about the size of the trailer Post 2894 would need to bring all our awards home with.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, here's what we were presented with:

- National Award of Excellence, Community Service Special Project Entry (our SECOND in two years!)
- All-State Post (sixth in a row!)
- First Place, Department of Virginia Community Activities Award (our 7th time)
- Dept of VA Life Membership Increase Award
- Dept of VA 100% Membership Retention Award
- Dept of VA William T. Allen Hospital Award (our 3rd)
- Dept of VA Largest Membership Increase, Category C
- Dept of VA Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award (Newsletter – our 4th)
- Dept of VA Americanism Award (our 6th)

NEW POST OFFICERS!

Congratulations to all our new Post officers! We held the installation ceremony at our meeting on May 9th. Our new district Commander, Mike Chism of Post 2582 in Suffolk, graciously gave the oath of office to the new Officers. Here is our new leadership!

Commander	Jose Vazquez
Senior Vice Cdr	Bob Gregory
Junior Vice Cdr	Mark Rios
Quartermaster	Chuck Wolff
Chaplain	Kimball Thompson
1 Year Trustee	Brad Waters
2 Year Trustee	John Guill
3 Year Trustee	Carl Dozier
APPOINTED	
Service Officer	Jim Ireland
Judge Advocate	Matt Hamel
Surgeon	Ron Liston
Adjutant	Davin Perry
Guard	Butch Nunley



OTHER POST NEWS

• **Judge Advocate Participates in Sheriff's Office Promotion Ceremony.** Post Judge Advocate Matt Hamel is also a City Councilman for the City of Chesapeake. On 13 May he attended and participated in a promotion ceremony for eight Deputy Sheriffs at City Hall.



Post JA Matt Hamel (rt) with (from left) Deputy Police Chief Mark Solesky, Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, City Councilmember Debbie Ritter, and police Chief Kelvin Wright.

• **Post Presents Awards To Chesapeake Firefighters and Deputy Sheriff:** All of our awardees from the Chesapeake Fire Department (CFD) and Chesapeake Sheriff's Department (CSD) were unable to attend our annual awards department in May so we went to their



respective HQ buildings and presented the awards to them in front of their peers. The awardees were: Post Firefighter of the Year, Master Firefighter/EMT Patrick Martin; Post Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Askew; Post Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Deputy Matthew Elliot; and National VFW Firefighter Awardee, FF Justin Beazley. Justin is our SEVENTH National VFW Public Servant awardee in SIX YEARS!

• **Post Participated in Fundraiser for Gold Star Memorial.** Post members gathered at Friday Night Lightz Hometown Bar & Grill in the Great Bridge area of Chesapeake on 21 May to help raise funds for the Tidewater Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. For every adult beverage sold Friday Night donated one dollar. There were also raffles and sales of mementoes. Over \$1,400 was raised! A special thanks to co-owner Ashley McGrath for hosting the event! The following funny story from one of the organizers, David Keuhner of One Family Brewing Company, may – or plausibly deniable, may not! – involve a member of the Post: “Now perhaps one of the funniest things I’ve experienced all year! A man comes up and says, ‘Do you accept \$1 bills?’ I said of course. He hands me a handful of \$1’s w/ a hair tie and says, ‘My wife wants me to stay out of strip clubs.’ [We count] the money \$199! I get up

to speak and said, ‘Thank you for the \$1’s and for not folding them, we’re \$1 short of \$200.’ His wife came up with another \$1 🤔 Can’t make this up! What a great night!!!”



“The Three Musketeers”: Brad waters, Matt Hamel, and Matt Schweers



The “stripper” money!

• **Carl Dozier was Guest Speaker at Two Memorial Day Ceremonies.**

Carl serves as the historian and committee member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Stonewall Camp. He was the guest speaker at two Memorial Day ceremonies: the first on Sunday evening, 30 May, at the historic Cedar Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth; and the second on Monday, 31 May, at the historic Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg.

• **Post Participated in City’s Memorial Day Ceremony.** The Chesapeake Mayor’s Commission on Veterans Affairs is responsible for planning, organizing and conducting the city’s annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans’ Memorial in front of City Hall. Three comrades from Post 2894 are members of the commission. Post and Auxiliary wreaths were presented at the ceremony by SVC José Vazquez and SvcO Jim Ireland, and Aux President Sandy Dunbar and Guard Jean Dozier, respectively. Additionally, José led



the handing out of buddy poppies so that all in attendance had one for the ceremony.



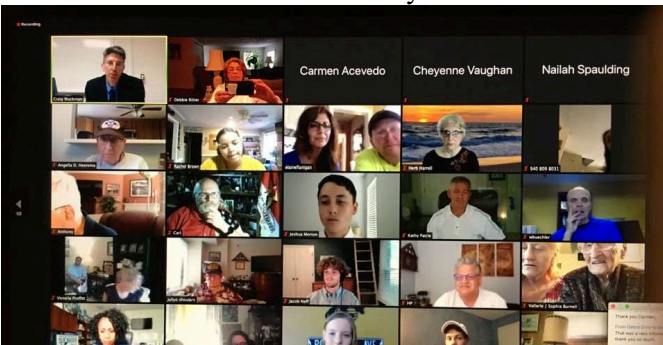
*Left: Auxiliary President Sandy Dunbar with their wreath
Right: José Vazquez and Jim Ireland giving honors*

• **Matt and Karen Hamel Participate in Fundraiser for Homeless Kids.** Post Judge Advocate Matt Hamel and his wife Karen participated in the "For Kids 2021 Art Auction" in South Norfolk, Chesapeake, which raised \$1.4 million for homeless families and children.



• **A Post Participates in "Salute to the Greatest Generation".**

VFW National Teacher of 2015, Craig Blackman, assigned a project to his students this year to interview and do stories on local WWII veterans. Naturally enough, Craig turned to Post 2894 and we were able to give him a number of local contacts, including five current and one deceased members of the Post, including Eddie Vincek, Tony Gravina, Jack Heerema, and Mickey Casady. Over the late fall winter and spring two or three students were assigned a veteran and conducted interviews and research about their veteran. The project culminated with a ceremony on 28 May, "Honoring Local Heroes of the Greatest Generation." Due to the lingering effects of the 'election infection' the ceremony was conducted via



Zoom. Post Comrade Carl Dozier spoke about his father, Wilbur Dozier, while Post Commander Chris

Mulholland spoke about Dan Crowley, a Bataan survivor and frequent guest at our annual Bataan Death March.

• **uxiliary Wins Second Buddy Poppy Contest in a Row!** VFW Auxiliary Post 2894 won 1st place for Department of Virginia Buddy Poppy Display for the 2nd year in a row! This was their "lockdown" project together. Here it is on display at the District Convention with Jean Dozier, Barbara Mulholland, and President Sandy Dunbar.



• **Department of Virginia's Annual convention and Incoming National VFW CINC!** At this year's Department Convention, which was held in Portsmouth 3-6 June, Commander Chris Mulholland and Sr. Vice Cdr José Vazquez had the distinct pleasure to meet next year's National VFW Commander-in-Chief, Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic (Post 2698 in Sparta, Illinois). Very friendly, easy to talk with, and full of fresh and exciting ideas, Chris and José spent an hour alone with him, telling him about our Post and exchanging thoughts. At the end of the convention, command of the Department was turned over by Eric Mallett (4809) to Butch Schupska (3160), both close neighbors and good friends of the Post. Our proposed resolution to National for official recognition of the Honor and remember flag was overwhelmingly approved.



From left: José Vazquez, Eric Mallett, Butch Schupska, Chris Mulholland, and Fritz Mihelcic.

- **Matt Zinn graduates from Navy Basic and "A" School.** Matt, son of Auxiliary Sr. VP Christine and recently retired CPO Jimmy Zinn, graduated from Basic Engineering Common Core (BECC) Class 21316 at Surface Warfare Engineering School Command (SWESC) Great Lakes on May 25th. He then attended his "A" school for Machinist Mate (MM) and graduated on July 16th. Congratulations and best of

luck at your first duty station!

- **Post Comrade Interviewed by Ollie North!** Our own Jason "Jay" Redman was interviewed by LtCol Oliver "Ollie" North, USMC (ret) for his Facebook blog page, "*Oliver North's Real American Heroes*". Jay is a decorated combat SEAL, a best-selling author, and a much sought-after public speaker. He shared some of his life's story and hard-earned life lessons with Ollie in a 20 minute video available on FB.



- **Post Holds 4 July Parade!** In early May, we found out that the city had cancelled the 41st annual 4th of July parade in South Norfolk. When they did that in 2020, Post 2894 said this will not stand and we planned and conducted the 40th parade. This year we did the same thing but were joined late in the process by an unofficial civic league group who wanted to march as well –



actually, they decorated and rode bicycles. When the police chief and sheriff found out about it they

volunteered officers and deputies to provide escort and traffic control. Shout out to Chief Wright and Sheriff O'Sullivan! We call it our "Independent" Independence Day parade. Freedom!!!



POST WINS NATIONAL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD!

Post Commander José Vazquez and Past Post Commander Chris Mulholland attended the "homecoming" of VFW National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch in Portsmouth, 8-10 July. Hal presented Chris with the National Outstanding Community Service Award at Friday night's, tailgate party themed, dinner. José and Chris also reinforced their close relationships with outgoing CinC Hal and incoming CinC Fritz Mihelcic and his pal, "Momma Cass". Both Hal and Fritz are close "friends" of our Post and



pledged to try and attend one of our future meetings. Welcome home, Hal! Good luck, Fritz!



From left: Fritz, Momma Cass, Chris, Hal, and José

20 YEARS AGO, 9-11

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'Melissa Rose Barnes, 27, was preparing to leave the Pentagon to move back to California. She had worked at the Navy's headquarters for two years after holding several assignments since 1992, when she enlisted from Redlands, California. Her mother, who is divorced from her father, still lives in California. She also has a brother.

'Promoted to yeoman third class in June 2000, Barnes held an administrative job in telecommunications at the Pentagon and reported to the Chief of Naval Operations, according to a Navy spokesman. She stayed in touch with her former husband, Petty Officer 1st Class Chris Barnes of Chesapeake, Virginia. They separated in 1998 after four years of marriage. He kept one of their dogs, Sasha, and she kept the other, Honey.

'Barnes began her naval service as a corpsman – a medical aide – at the naval hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, and later received communications training in Mississippi. In 1997, she left the Navy but returned nine months later. "She missed the military," Chris Barnes said. "She wanted to try something else, but she came back into it."

The Army lost 22 soldiers, 47 civilian employees, and six civilian contractors, while the Navy lost 33 sailors, six civilian employees, and three civilian contractors. Seven Defense Intelligence Agency civilian employees were also among the dead in the attack, as well as a contractor with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Lieutenant General Timothy Maude, an Army Deputy Chief of Staff, was the highest-ranking military official killed at the Pentagon.

Post comrade – and City Councilmember – Susan Vitale was an active duty Navy officer, driving over the 14th Street Bridge, when the Pentagon was hit. She still remembers the



bridge shaking from the impact and the subsequent pandemonium. And in New York City,

In New York City, more than 90% of the workers and visitors who died in the towers had been at or above the points of impact. In the North Tower, 1,355 people were trapped and died of smoke inhalation, fell or jumped from the tower to escape the smoke and flames, or were killed in the building's eventual collapse. The destruction of all three staircases in the tower when Flight 11 hit made it impossible for anyone above the impact zone to escape. 107 people below the point of impact died as well.

Another post comrade – and also a City Councilmember – Matt Hamel was working a few blocks away from the World Trade Center when it was hit. It was as a result of that day that Matt decided to make a career change from finance into law and raised his right hand and joined the Naval Reserve.



At least 200 people fell or jumped to their deaths from the burning towers (as exemplified in the photograph *The Falling Man*), landing on the streets and rooftops of adjacent buildings hundreds of feet below.

A total of 411 emergency workers died as they tried to rescue people and fight fires. The New York City Fire Department (FDNY) lost 343 firefighters, including a chaplain and two paramedics. The New York City Police Department (NYPD) lost 23 officers. The Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) lost 37 officers. Eight emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics from private emergency medical services units were killed.

CHESAPEAKE 9-11 MEMORIAL

The City of Chesapeake was given an opportunity to share a piece of history as a reminder, and to teach our children and offer a remembrance of the terrible 9/11 tragedy.

A series of events unfolded with the Chesapeake Fine Arts

Commission in 2011. Commissioners were notified that applications were being accepted to receive a piece of the 9/11 World Trade Center. The Commissioners believed it was a slim chance but worth pursuing. The application was approved.

Soon with the help of then

Under Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, the Sheriff's Department, and Givens Trucking, a 2 ton steel beam was brought down from New York. It arrived on August 23, 2011, the same day that an earth quake shook Hampton Roads.

Shortly thereafter the Committee attained a stone from the field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and a granite block from the Pentagon.



The Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial is located near the main entrance to Chesapeake City Park. Visitors can view the 5.5-ton steel beam from the World Trade Center displayed on concrete rubble, symbolic of Ground Zero. The beam sits inside a black, wrought iron fence in the shape of a pentagon. Additional artifacts from the Pentagon and Shanksville are on display in the lobby of the Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism Office at 1224 Progressive Drive.

An annual 9/11 Day of Remembrance commemoration ceremony is held in the park each September 11th at 0830 to remember those who perished on 9/11, to honor those who rose in service to assist in the search and recovery efforts, and to pay tribute to those who protect and defend our country in the ongoing war against terrorism.

9-11 AFTERMATH

(excerpts from History.com.)

<https://www.history.com/topics/21st-century/reaction-to-9-11>

Shortly after the Twin Towers fell on September 11, 2001, the nation began to mourn, and around the country Americans began to commemorate the victims and demonstrate their patriotism. Some flew the American flag from their front porches and car antennas. Others pinned it to their lapels or wore it on t-shirts. Sports teams postponed games. Celebrities organized benefit concerts and performances. People attended impromptu candlelight vigils and participated in moments of silence. They gathered in common places, like Chicago's Daley Plaza, Honolulu's Waikiki Beach and especially New York City's Union Square Park, to post tributes to the dead and to share their grief with others. "I don't know why I've been coming here, except that I'm confused," one young man in Union Square told a reporter from the *New York Times*. "Also a sense of unity. We all feel differently about what to do in response, but everybody seems to agree that we've got to be together no matter what happens. So you get a little bit of hope in togetherness."

Americans tried to bolster the rescue effort in any way they could. Cities and towns sent firefighters and EMTs to Ground Zero. Lines to donate blood at Red Cross offices and other blood banks were incredibly long—there was an entire day's wait in Madison, Wisconsin. New and established charities raised money for the victims and rescue workers. It was possible to donate to the Red Cross with just one click on Amazon.com, and the organization raised \$3 million that way in just two

days. Nearly 36,000 units of blood were donated to the New York Blood Center after the September 11 attacks.

President George W. Bush was able to win a broad mandate to act in the nation's defense. In a speech on September 20, he asked citizens to be "calm and resolute, even in the face of a continuing threat," and promised that the United States would triumph over

terrorism—"stop it, eliminate it, destroy it where it grows." After the United States began military operations in Afghanistan in October, the president's approval rating soared to 90 percent. Congressional leaders responded, too: They passed a \$40 billion disaster relief bill in September and, the next year, the USA Patriot Act, which gave investigators a great deal of leeway in their domestic surveillance activities and made immigration laws more stringent.

Despite such anti-terrorist measures, many Americans continued to feel uneasy. According to a study in the *New*

England Journal of Medicine, nearly half of all Americans reported symptoms of stress and depression after the attacks. Many thousands of Americans lost loved ones on September 11. Millions more watched the unrelenting news coverage of the attacks, looked at the wrenching photographs in the newspaper and listened to heartbreaking interviews with firefighters, survivors and relatives of victims feeling that, at least in some small way, the trauma of the day was theirs too. Memorials, commemorative ceremonies and time have helped many to begin to heal, but for others the shock and horror of that day in September remains painfully fresh.

"Today," the French newspaper *Le Monde* announced on September 12, 2001, "we are all Americans." People around the world agreed: The terrorist attacks of the previous day had felt like attacks on everyone, everywhere. They provoked an unprecedented expression of shock, horror, solidarity and sympathy for the 9/11 victims and their families.

People around the world mourned lost friends and neighbors. They held candlelight vigils. They donated money and goods to the Red Cross and other rescue and relief organizations. Flowers piled up in front of American embassies. Cities and countries commemorated the attacks in a variety of ways: Queen Elizabeth II sang the American national anthem at Buckingham Palace's Changing of the Guard, while in



Brazil, Rio de Janeiro put up huge billboards that showed the city's famous Christ the Redeemer statue embracing the New York City skyline.

Meanwhile, statesmen and women rushed to condemn the attacks and to offer whatever aid they could to the United States. Russian president Vladimir Putin called the strikes "a blatant challenge to humanity," while German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder declared that the events were "not only attacks on the people in the United States, our friends in America, but also against the entire civilized world, against our own freedom, against our own values, values which we share with the American people." He added, "We will not let these values be destroyed." Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien denounced the "cowardly and depraved assault." He tightened security along the border and arranged for hundreds of grounded airplanes to land at Canadian airports.

Even leaders of countries that did not tend to get along terribly well with the American government expressed their sorrow and dismay. The Cuban foreign minister offered airspace and airports to American planes. Chinese and Iranian officials sent their condolences. And the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, visibly dismayed, told reporters in Gaza that the attacks were "unbelievable, unbelievable, unbelievable." "We completely condemn this very dangerous attack," he said, "and I convey my condolences to the American people, to the American president and to the American administration."

On September 12, the 19 ambassadors of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) declared that the attack on the United States was an attack on all of the member nations. This statement of solidarity was mostly symbolic—NATO did not authorize any specific military action—but it was still unprecedented.

It was the first time that the organization had ever invoked the mutual defense section of its charter (intended to protect vulnerable European nations from Soviet invasion during the Cold War). NATO

eventually sent five airplanes to help keep an eye on American airspace.

Likewise, on September 12, the United Nations Security Council called on all nations to "redouble their efforts" to thwart and prosecute terrorists. Two weeks later, it passed another resolution that urged states to "suppress the financing of terrorism" and to aid in any anti-terrorism campaigns.

But these declarations of support and solidarity didn't mean that other countries gave the United States a free hand to retaliate however—and against whomever—it pleased. Allies and adversaries alike urged caution, warning that an indiscriminate or disproportionate reaction could alienate Muslims around the world. In the end, almost 30 nations pledged military support to the United States, and many more offered other kinds of cooperation. Most agreed with George W. Bush that, after September 11, the fight against terrorism was "the world's

fight."

The 9/11 attacks prompted the U.S. president to declare a global "War on Terror" on September 20, 2001. Bush called on world leaders to join the United States, saying, "Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists." Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld announced "Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)" five days later.

Joint airstrikes with Great Britain targeting Taliban and al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan began on October 7, 2001, with the ground war beginning later that month. Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces in his hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan, on May 2, 2011. The War in Afghanistan officially ended in December 2014, though a number of American troops still remain with the last redeploying home on September 11th, appropriately enough.

The Invasion of Iraq on March 19, 2003 by U.S. and coalition forces marked the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). President Bush announced: "The battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on September the 11th, 2001 and still goes on."

It did not end until August 30, 2010, when President Obama announced the end of combat in Iraq. (Former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was executed in



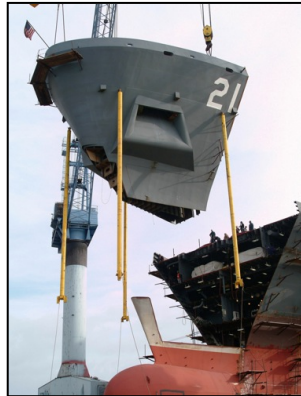
December 2006 for war crimes and crimes against humanity.)

USS New York (LPD-21)



In an interesting side note involving one of our Post members, shortly after September 11 2001, New York Governor George Pataki wrote a letter to Secretary of the Navy Gordon England requesting that the Navy bestow the name "New York" on a surface warship in honor of the victims of the September 11 attacks. Traditionally, state names are reserved for submarines but special consideration was given by the SecNav and the request was approved on 28 Aug 2002 for LPD-21, a *San Antonio*-class amphibious transport dock, and the fifth USN vessel to be named after the state of New York.

The USS *New York* was built in New Orleans between 2003 and 2008 and she includes 7.5 short tons (6.8 t) of steel from the rubble of the World Trade Center. This steel was melted down and cast as the ship's bow section. The foundry workers treated it with "reverence usually accorded to religious relics," gently touching it as they walked by. One worker delayed his retirement after 40 years of working to be part of the project. The *New York*'s motto is, "Strength forged through sacrifice. Never forget."



The USS *New York* was commissioned Nov. 7, 2009 in New York City with reminders of Sept. 11, 2001, beyond the ship's bow. A steel plate recovered from the World Trade Center rubble is displayed above one of the most-used passageways. A firefighter's helmet reminds sailors of the first responders who sprung to action. Even the ship's daily prayer ritual—the chaplain chooses the name of someone who died in the attacks to honor—makes it impossible to forget.

And here is where Post comrade Chris Brunett comes unto the scene. Chris took command of the *New York* in

2014, leading her on deployments to the Mediterranean and the Arabian Gulf. Under his leadership, *New York* also conducted a short fused, surge deployment in direct support of counter-terrorism special operations in Libya. *New York* was awarded the Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award as the most battle-ready ship in the Atlantic Fleet.



Chris retired from the Navy in 2019 after 30 years of honorable service. He and his wife Marci now life in Maryland's Eastern Shore.

FREE MAYOR'S BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS, 18 SEPT

Seating is limited so REGISTER NOW. They'd appreciate a \$5 donation at the door.

Sat, September 18 – 8:00 AM

Chesapeake Conference Center

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-mcva-veterans-appreciation-breakfast-tickets-148457033985>

CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE

A Prayer for Patriots Day

Eternal God, Source and Creator of Life; From the depths we have called to you and we call to you again for courage, strength and wisdom on this ten-year anniversary of our nation's tragedy.

Grant us courage to confront our enemies. Comfort those who stand alone without spouse, parent, brother, sister, or friend. Open our hearts to them and to the children orphaned twenty years ago today. Enable us to love more deeply all children who suffer. Accept with mercy our prayers of healing on behalf of the families of the victims and on behalf of the second responders who became ill at Ground Zero.

Despite the horror and tragedy of 9/11, our country remains a shelter of peace, a symbol of freedom a beacon light of compassion and justice to the downtrodden and oppressed of the world.

Strengthen the hands of our people to defend this country and our common values of freedom and justice. Inspire our leaders and diplomats to act wisely and to pursue peace everywhere in the world.

May we teach our children to learn and to think, to consider and to reason, to be courageous in thought and

in deed, and to nurture hearts of wisdom that they may do battle against fear, hatred and bigotry using weapons of the spirit and loving hearts.

We offer our prayers on behalf of our country and government, our President and judiciary, our officials and institutions, our soldiers and citizens, upon all who faithfully toil for the good of our country, to preserve democracy in our land, to advocate for civility between adversaries, and to treat every human being as infinitely worthy and dignified by virtue of being created b'Tzelem Elohim, in the Divine image.

Bestow upon us all the blessings of peace, and may we live to see the day when swords will be converted into ploughshares and nations will not learn war anymore.

Amen.

- Rabbi John L. Rosove, Temple Israel of Hollywood, CA

✚ SAFETY CORNER ✚ **AUGUST IS MEDICAL ALERT AWARENESS MONTH**

Although MedicAlert medical IDs have been around for five decades, chances are if someone wears a Medic Alert bracelet or necklace, you just may not know it or may not know the importance of it. To break this information barrier, August has been declared as Medic Alert Awareness month.

This special awareness event recognizes the role of the Medic Alert foundation in society and its many contributions to the health sector. For over 50 years, Medic Alert Foundation has continuously protected the health and well-being of millions of its members worldwide. It ensures that its members receive proper and timely medical treatment and care during an emergency.

Purpose of MedicAlert Awareness Month

MedicAlert Awareness Month is dedicated to educating the public and raising awareness towards the need and use of Medic Alert medical IDs.

Unfortunately, people whose family member or friends wear a Medic Alert bracelet or necklace are typically the only ones who educate themselves what it is, what it's for and what to do in case of an emergency. The public, in general, are likely to remain clueless about Medic Alert ID.

MedicAlert ID is designed to save a person's life in an emergency situation. There are many reasons why some would wear it. Generally, in any health conditions that can put a person at risk, hence the person will need immediate medical attention, a Medic Alert ID is a necessity. People with the following conditions should wear a Medic Alert bracelet or necklace:

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| • Food or drug allergies | • Anaphylaxis |
| • Asthma | • Diabetes |
| • Cardiac problems | • Stroke risk |
| • Hypertension | • Lung Disease |
| • Seizures | • Dialysis |
| • Pacemaker | • Multiple Sclerosis |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Autism | • Children with special needs |
| • Anemia/Blood Disorders | • DNR (do-not-resuscitate) order |
| • Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease | • Blood thinners (Coumadin Warfarin) |

MedicAlert medical ID helps reduce error in medication, diagnose the patient much faster and decrease medical errors by almost 50%. Medic Alert medical ID bracelet or necklace is not a typical medical ID jewelry. It has extra life-saving benefits. This event gears toward making the public aware of what these extra benefits are.

What You Can Do On MedicAlert Awareness Month?

Medic Alert Awareness Month is a good opportunity to know more about Medic Alert medical ID. Be sure you understand the patient's condition, especially if the patient is a family member. Knowing how to deal with emergency situations, you can help first respondents and emergency personnel to efficiently treat your loved one, which could be a thin line between life and death.

- Go the nearest participating organization nearest you and take part in their awareness campaigns.



your family member and friends.

- Disseminate information through social media, but make sure you are sharing factual information from credible sources.
- Give donation to Medic Alert foundation. Visit <https://www.medicalert.org/donate/now>

Message on MedicAlert Awareness Month

In recognition of Medic Alert Awareness Month, it is important to share real-life success stories so people can understand how valuable medical IDs are to patients suffering from life-threatening and potentially dangerous health conditions:

It was the middle of the night and I saw the front door was open and immediately panicked. I realized John had wandered off for a walk and was worried he'd become disoriented and not be able to find his way home. It was only a matter of minutes when I received a call from Medic Alert telling me his location.

Thank goodness a passerby realized John looked confused and saw his Medic Alert bracelet," adding, "I absolutely recommend your services. Thank you Medic Alert for your prompt response to the call!"- Caregiver to a man living with Alzheimer's.

"I cannot bring myself to think what could have happened to my parents had Medic Alert not been there for us. The operator was not only compassionate, responsive, and very knowledgeable; she also kept in touch with me until she knew the situation was resolved and my parents were safely reunited on the ship"- Daughter of mother living with dementia.

Special Tips on MedicAlert Awareness Month

Not all medical ID bracelets are created equal. Medic Alert Organization celebrates Medic Alert Awareness Month to educate the public what sets Medic Alert ID apart from other medical ID jewelry in the market – which is delivering 24/7 life-saving services. Medic Alert bracelets and necklaces also come in a range of sleek and sophisticated designs. You can learn all about this and other add-on features and services through their website: <http://www.medicalert.org/>

Conclusion

Medic Alert medical IDs are a life-saver, and it is vital for people who have life-threatening or potentially dangerous medical conditions that need immediate medical care. It has helped patients and their loved ones cope with the situations they are in and save lives in an emergency situation. The Medic Alert bracelet or necklace speaks for the patient in case they become unresponsive. It helps first responders and medical personnel recognize the medical conditions, medications, allergies and treatment wishes of the patient. Now is the right time to learn all of this and pass on this knowledge to others.

+ SAFETY CORNER + **SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH**

ACT: ASK- Don't be afraid to ask, "Are you thinking about harming yourself?" **CARE:** Tell them that you care and don't leave the person alone. **TREAT:** Get TREATMENT and seek out assistance as soon as possible.

By Dr. J. Ruddy, Lovell FHCC Supervisory Clinical Psychologist, Head of Recruit Mental Health - Sunday, September 1, 2013



Suicide is a tragic, highly complex health issue and is usually the result of a combination of several risk factors. You may ask yourself, "Why is it important to know about the risk factors and warning signs associated with suicide?" The answer is simple: Anyone may find themselves in a situation to prevent someone from attempting suicide.

It is often co-workers and family who are exposed to various warning signs that someone may be considering suicide. Identification of warning signs and taking immediate action is fundamental to help minimize suicidal behavior. Frequently cited warning signs of suicidal behavior are:

- Making statements about suicidal thoughts or plan
- Current mental health concerns such as depression or anxiety,
- Excessive alcohol use
- Substance abuse
- Work problems
- Legal or disciplinary trouble
- Loss of interest in activities, isolating self from family, friends, and co-workers
- Problems with impulsivity including temper outbursts or physical aggression

Factors or potential triggers for suicidal behavior include financial problems, chronic medical problems, significant personal losses such as a death of a loved one, relationship problems such as divorce, separation or break-up, being passed over for promotion/rank or school, and lack of a social support system as sometimes experienced in unwanted PCS, deployment or other new job assignment.

It is important that all suicidal threats are taken seriously. Do not ignore the warning signs! The suicide prevention acronym "**ACT**" (**Act, Care, Treat**) provides an easy way to remember the steps to take if you suspect someone is suicidal. If you believe your shipmate, co-worker, friend or loved one might be in trouble, then ACT!

- **ASK-** ASK if someone is thinking about suicide. Don't be afraid to ask, "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" or "Are you thinking about suicide?"
- **CARE-** Let them know you CARE. Demonstrate a willingness to talk openly and freely. Tell them that you care and don't leave the person alone.
- **TREAT-** Get TREATMENT and seek out assistance as soon as possible. Always know where lifejackets are located. Make sure you have key phone numbers programmed into your cell phone including base emergency numbers and Command phone numbers. Remember that assistance is available through many resources including medical assistance at the Tomah VA Medical Center, as well as the resources below.

- Military OneSource 1-800-342-9647
www.militaryonesource.com

- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1
www.veteranscrisisline.net/
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

Remember: You could be instrumental in helping save someone's life by acting promptly and getting a co-worker, shipmate or friend the help he or she needs.

QUARTERMASTER DESK

Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$30!

Annual dues can be paid via mail (see our new address on front of newsletter) or to the Quartermaster at one of our meetings. If you pay on-line to National, the cost is \$40.50.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

You can become a VFW Life Member by paying a one-time fee as listed in the table below, or making an initial \$45 payment and then paying the remaining installments over the next 11 months. You will be issued an annual membership card and can elect, upon receipt of the first monthly invoice, to pay via check, credit card or ACH Debit. The applicable Life Membership fee is determined by the applicant's age on Dec. 31 of the installment plan year in which the application is submitted, regardless of actual date of birth. A permanent Life Membership card is issued upon completion of payments.

Age	One-Time Payment	Installment Payment
18-30	\$ 425	\$ 38.64
31-40	\$ 410	\$ 37.27
41-50	\$ 375	\$ 34.09
51-60	\$ 335	\$ 30.45
61-70	\$ 290	\$ 26.36
71-80	\$ 225	\$ 20.45
81 & over	\$ 170	\$ 15.45

<http://www.vfw.org/Join/Dues-Structure>

Life Memberships can be paid online at www.vfw.org, via mail, or in-person at the meetings.

AUGUST MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 Air Force Day
1944 George S. Patton's Third Army begins 281 days of operations
1944 Marines crush Japanese resistance on Tinian
1946 Office of Naval Research is established
1946 Battle of Athens, GA: WW II vets take up arms to prevent corrupt politicians rig local election
- 2 1819 First parachute jump in US, from a balloon
1887 Rowell Hodge receives a patent for barbed wire
1950 1st Marine Provisional Bde lands at Pusan, Korea
1964 Gulf of Tonkin: North Vietnamese patrol boats attack USS Maddox
1990 Iraq invades & occupies Kuwait - onset of Desert Shield/Desert Storm
- 3 1804 USN squadron bombards Tripoli
1861 First manned balloon ascent from a ship, USS 'Fanny', Hampton Roads

- 1861 US Navy authorizes three ironclads: 'Monitor', 'Galena', & 'New Ironsides'
- 1958 US sub 'Nautilus' (SS 571) passes under ice at North Pole
- 4 1790 Revenue Cutter Service formed, origins of USCG
1914 German forces march into Belgium starting WWI
2005 USS 'New York' (LPD-21) receives bow of 24 tons of steel from World Trade Center
- 5 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay: Farragut "damns" torpedoes
1898 US and Spanish troops skirmish outside Manila
1898 US landing party goes ashore at Cape San Juan, Puerto Rico
1921 Yangtze River Patrol Force established within US Asiatic Fleet.
1964 US begins bombing North Vietnam
- 6 1780 Battle of Hanging Rock: Tarleton's dragoons annihilate American column - Andrew Jackson (13) becomes a POW
1945 A-Bomb destroys Hiroshima, over 75,000 die.
- 7 1782 George Washington creates Badge of Military Merit - Purple Heart
1789 US War Department established
1942 Guadalcanal: 1st Marine Div lands against light resistance
1990 Operation Desert Shield: First American troops reach Saudi Arabia
- 8 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines capture unfinished airstrip.
1988 Russian troops begin pulling out of Afghanistan after 9 year war
- 9 1945 Second Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, c. 30,000 die
- 10 1918 Alvin York captures "whole damned German Army"
1921 Congress forms US Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics
1949 Congress creates Department of Defense
- 11 1909 First use of "SOS"; SS 'Arapahoe', off Cape Hatteras
- 12 1645 Massachusetts Council orders third of men in each militia company "be ready on half an hour's warning for any service" - first "Minute Men"
1942 Guadalcanal: First US airplane reaches Henderson Field
1959 First firing of Polaris missile from ship
1972 Last American ground troops leave Vietnam
- 13 1846 CDR Robert Stockton leads an Army-Navy-Marine party to seize Los Angeles
1898 Spanish-American War: Armistice declared
1945 Okinawa: USS 'LaGrange' (APA-124) last US ship hit by kamikaze in WW II
1953 Gen Omar Bradley becomes Chairman of JCS
1961 Communists begin construction of Berlin Wall
- 14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day
1912 US Marines occupy Nicaragua
1942 First American air victory in Atlantic: Lt Ezra Shahan in P-38 shoots down Luftwaffe Condor

- patrol bomber off Iceland
- 15** 1945 V-J Day; Japan surrenders
- 1845 US Naval Academy is established at Ft Severn, Annapolis
- 1943 Kiska: US and Canadian troops land with heavy naval and air support`
- 1944 Operation Anvil-Dragoon: Allied troops land in Provence
- 1945 Hirohito's surrender message broadcast to Japanese people.
- 16** National Airborne Day, US
- 480 BC - Leonidas reaches Thermopylae with 300 Spartans and 700 Allies
- 1777 Battle of Bennington, VT: Americans defeat British
- 1780 Battle of Camden: British decisively defeat Americans
- 1918 US troops capture Archangelsk
- 1934 US ends occupation of Haiti, begun in 1915
- 1943 4th Marine Div activated at Camp Pendleton
- 17** 1943 US troops under Gen Patton capture Messina
- 18** 1911 Esther Voorhees Hasson appointed first Sup't of Navy Nurse Corps
- 1961 Construction on Berlin Wall completed
- 19** National Aviation Day
- 1981 USS 'Nimitz' (CVN-68) A/C down Libyan A/C - "Line of Death"
- 20** 1781 Washington marches from NY to fight Cornwallis at Yorktown
- 1982 US Marines land in Beirut
- 21** 1800 First public concert by USMC Band, Wash. DC
- 22** 1864 Geneva Convention: 12 nations establish International Red Cross
- 23** National Airborne Day
- 1944 6th Marine Div begins forming on Guadalcanal.
- 1944 Franco-American troops liberate Marseilles
- 24** 1814 British burn Washington, after Sir George Cockburn eats Pres. Madison's dinner in White House
- 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established
- 25** 1921 US signs peace treaty with Germany
- 1943 US forces land on New Georgia, Solomon Islands
- 1944 Paris liberated from Nazi occupation
- 26** 1775 First Congressional action on veterans' benefits
- 1839 US Revenue Cutter 'Washington' seizes Spanish ship 'Amistad', manned by self-liberated slaves, off Montauk Point
- 1943 US bombers in China attack Japanese installations in Hong Kong.
- 27** 1945 Third Fleet enters Sagami Bay, south of Tokyo Bay, as US troops begin occupation of Japan
- 29** 1944 15,000 American troops march down Champs Elysee
- 1958 Air Force Academy moves to new facilities at

Colorado Springs

- 30** 1781 Battle of Chesapeake: French fleet defeats Royal Navy, sealing fate of Yorktown
- 1945 Gen MacArthur arrives in Japan
- 31** 1944 Allied offensive against Gothic Line in Italy
- 1949 83rd - and last - GAR encampment, attended by 6 of 14 remaining members
- 1994 last Russian troops in Germany are withdrawn

SEPTEMBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron of Aviators
- 1861 Grant assumes command of Federal forces at Cape Girardeau, Mo
- 1862 Congress abolishes daily issue of grog in US Navy
- 1863 Sherman wins Battle of Jonesborough, Confederates evacuate, Atlanta burns
- 1863 Union fleet bombards Fort Sumter
- 1918 US troops land in Vladivostok, Siberia, stay until 1920
- 1939 George C. Marshall becomes Chief-of-Staff of Army, serves until Nov 18, 1945
- 1950 13 North Korean divisions assault UN lines
- 2** 1777 Battle of Cooch's Bridge, NJ: First use of "Stars and Stripes" in combat
- 1944 Lt jg George H.W. Bush bails out near Chichi Jima, rescued by 'Finback' (SS-230)
- 1945 Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam independent of France
- 3** 1782 US gives its only ship-of-the-line, 'America', to France.
- 1885 First Naval War College class convenes
- 1944 US Navy shells Japanese on Wake Island.
- 1945 Japanese forces in Philippines surrender to US
- 4** 1945 US reoccupies Wake Is
- 1950 First appearance of comic strip "Beetle Bailey"
- 5** 1774 First Continental Congress assembles in Philadelphia
- 1775 Continental Navy issues uniform regs for officers
- 1943 US airborne troops land at Nadzab, New Guinea
- 6** 1918 US Navy 14-inch railroad guns open fire on Western Front
- 7** 1776 David Bushnell's sub 'American Turtle' tries to sink HMS 'Eagle' in New York harbor
- 8** 1919 Ticker tape parade on Broadway for Gen. Pershing & 25,000 Doughboys
- 1945 US troops land in Korea to assume occupation duties
- 9** 1776 "United Colonies" adopt name "United States of America"
- 1943 Operation Avalanche: Anglo-American forces land at Salerno, Italy
- 1944 Allied troops liberate Luxembourg from Germans
- 10** 1813 Battle of Lake Erie: Commo Oliver Hazard Perry meets enemy and they are his

- 1944 Sir Frederick Browning says "I think we might be going a bridge too far"
- 11** Patriot Day
- 1773 Benjamin Franklin writes "There never was a good war or a bad peace"
- 1812 USS 'Constitution' captures and destroys brig 'Lady Warren'
- 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh/Lake Champlain: Americans defeat British by land & lake -- decisive battle of War of 1812
- 1918 Col. George S. Patton leads first US tank attack, St. Mihiel, France
- 1943 Allied forces secure Salerno
- 1944 US 5th Armored Division enters Nazi Germany
- 2001 Islamist terrorists crash two hijacked jetliners into World Trade Center and one into Pentagon, but heroic passengers die retaking fourth aircraft
- 12** 1814 Battle of North Point: Regulars & Militiamen prevent British from capturing Baltimore
- 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry VA
- 13** 1814 British commence overnight bombardment of Fort McHenry, inspiring "Star Spangled Banner"
- 1847 US soldiers & Marines storm Chapultepec Castle, Mexico City
- 14** 1847 American troops under Winfield Scott capture Mexico City
- 1914 VFW Ladies Auxiliary organized (changed to "VFW Auxiliary" in 2015)
- 1942 Guadalcanal, Bloody Ridge: Japanese retire
- 1966 Vietnam: Operation Attleboro begins against VC sanctuaries on Cambodian Border
- 15** 1862 Antietam Campaign: Stonewall Jackson captures Harpers Ferry
- 1862 Antietam Campaign: US troops find Lee's GO No. 191, wrapping some cigars
- 1918 Cpl Lee Duncan, US 135th Aero Sqn, finds German shepherd pups in bombed out German military kennel near Toul, France; one becomes Rin Tin Tin
- 1942 US carrier 'Wasp' (CV-7) torpedoed and sunk off Guadalcanal
- 1944 Marines land on Peleliu, 450 miles east of Mindanao in Philippines
- 1950 Inchon Landing: Marines attack behind North Korean lines
- 16** 1919 American Legion incorporated by act of Congress
- 1942 3rd Marine Div activated at San Diego
- 1943 US Fifth and British Eighth Armies unite in Italy
- 1950 Eighth Army breaks out of Pusan Perimeter, in support of Inchon Landing.
- 17** 1776 Spanish begin building Presidio of San Francisco
- 1862 Battle of Antietam: Bloodiest day of Civil War, over 3,000 die
- 1943 Ammunition explosion at Norfolk Naval Air Station
- 1944 Operation Market Garden begins: Allied Airborne invasion of Netherlands
- 18** Feast of St Joseph of Cupertino, Patron of Aviators and Astronauts
- 1755 French complete Ft Carillon (Ticonderoga), NY
- 1957 US Air Force established
- 19** 1777 Battle of Freeman's Farm (1st Battle of Saratoga)
- 1943 U.S carrier aircraft and B-24s raid Tarawa
- 1957 First underground nuclear explosion, Nevada
- 20** 1797 US frigate 'Constitution' - "Old Ironsides" - launched in Boston
- 1950 Omar Bradley promoted to 5 star General of Army
- 1984 Hezbollah bombing of AmEmb in Beirut, 25 die
- 21** 1872 James H. Conyers becomes first black USNA cadet
- 1941 Launch of first Liberty Ship, SS 'Patrick Henry'
- 1942 Maiden flight of B-29
- 22** 1862 President Lincoln issues preliminary Emancipation Proclamation
- 1944 Boulogne liberated by Allies
- 1958 Elvis arrives at Brooklyn Army Terminal, to board transport for Germany
- 23** 1779 Celebrated frigate duel between John Paul Jones' 'Bonhomme Richard' & HMS 'Serapis'
- 1780 Maj. John Andre is captured, revealing Benedict Arnold's treason
- 1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition ends at St Louis
- 24** 1918 Ens David S. Ingalls becomes first USN ace, in Sopwith Camel, while seconded to Royal Air Force
- 1929 Lt James H Doolittle makes first all-instrument flight, over Brooklyn
- 1960 USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65) launched, first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
- 25** 1861 SecNav Welles authorizes enlistment of former slaves
- 26** 1918 US begins Meuse-Argonne offensive against Germans
- 1950 UN troops liberate Seoul, Korea
- 27** 1996 Taliban capture Kabul, installing Islamist theocracy in Afghanistan
- 28** 1781 Siege of Yorktown begins: last major battle of Revolutionary War
- 1850 Congress outlaws flogging in Navy and Merchant Marine
- 1924 Two US Army planes end around-world flight, Seattle to Seattle, 57 stops
- 28** Feast of St Michael Archangel, Patron of Soldiers & of St Gabriel Archangel, Patron of Diplomats and Signalmen
- 1918 Led by 107th Infantry, NY's 27th Div breaks through of Hindenburg Line at San Quintin Tunnel
- 29** 1899 VFW Established
- 30** 1914 Army disbands Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, after 44 years of service
- 1946 Judgement at Nuremberg: 22 Nazi leaders found guilty
- 1949 Berlin Airlift ends after 277,000 flights
- 1949 US officially disbands Philippine Scouts

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: 505 Piping Rock Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322

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.

Semper fidelis,

- Chris Mulholland

VFW POST 2894's ACCOMPLISHMENTS, 2014-2021

- Six consecutive years All-American Post (2015-'21)
- Six consecutive years All-State Post (2015-'21)
- Five time National VFW Community Service Post (2016-'19, 2021)
- National VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award (2020) – only one in VFW
- Three National VFW Outstanding Community Service Project Awards of Excellence [2018 (one of only 3 that year), 2020, 2021]
- National VFW Outstanding Community Service Award [2021]
- National VFW Teacher of the Year (2015)
- Seven National VFW Public Servant Awards (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (two), 2021)
- National VFW Grand Award for Post Newsletter (2016) – top newsletter in VFW
- National VFW 3rd Runner-Up Teacher of the Year (2016)
- Three Department of Virginia Teacher of the Year awards (2015, 2016, 2020)
- Six Dept of VA Americanism Awards (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021)
- Seven Dept of VA Community Activities Awards (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Three Dept of VA William T. Allen Hospital Awards (2019, 2020, 2021)
- National VFW Bronze Award for Post Newsletter (2018)
- Four time Dept of VA Newsletter of the Year (2016, 2018 2019, 2021)
- Stood up VFW Post 2894 Auxiliary (2015)
- Grew from 63 to 182 members
- Increased monthly bank account from \$5,000 to \$20,000
- Donated 93,737 volunteer hours, drove 497,031 miles, and served 5,857 veterans which – combined with donations, grants, scholarships, and contributions (cash and in-kind) translates into \$3,323,443 worth of labor, mileage, and assistance!

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2021

Remembrance Ceremony - 17 September



Friday

11:30 AM

In front of City Hall

Hosted by

VFW SSG Dozier Post 2894

POW-MIA display 10-17 September in Main Library





HARBOR PARK
14 August, 7:05 pm*
vs Memphis Redbirds
(Cardinals)
Followed by fireworks!



VFW Post 2894 **"Night Out" with** **Norfolk Tides**

Tickets \$25 (normally \$33.25) – includes**
Patio seating & BBQ – adult beverages extra.

Contact cdrpost2894@vfwva.org for
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** Meet on Party Patio at 1800 for a short Post meeting*

*** Post paying difference*



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CUSTOM-BUILT AR-15



Drawing on 11 November 2021

Need not be present to win

Must be 21 years of age and legally eligible to purchase a firearm.

This 5.56 mm AR-15 was custom built by BARE KNUCKLE DEFENSE. It includes an adjustable stock, Picatinny rail along the top of the barrel and upper receiver (as well as the sides and bottom near the front sight), and two 30-round magazines.

The AR-15 has proven itself as an all-around and versatile firearm. The modular platform makes it easy to configure your gun your way. It has proven itself reliable, rugged, and accurate, making it a go-to choice. From target-shooting, to varmint extermination, and home defense, this is the most popular firearm in America today!

Contact a VFW Post 2894 member to purchase your ticket(s) today!!!

POST 2894 CALENDAR

<u>AUGUST</u>	
1	US Air Force Day
4	US Coast Guard birthday (1790)
7	Purple Heart Day/Start of Vietnam War (1964)
12	Post Meeting, 1900
14	District 2 School of Instruction, 0900 & Meeting, 1300 – Post 392 VB
14	Post Night with Tidewater Tides, 1800 VJ Day (1945)/Nat'l Navajo Code Talkers Day
19	National Aviation Day
23	National Airborne Day

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
6	Labor Day
8	Post Meeting, 1900
10	First Day of Oktoberfest
10-17	POW/MIA Display, Central Library
11	Patriot Day Ceremony, City Park, 0830
12	Grandparents Day
14	Nat'l VFW Auxiliary Birthday (1914)
17	Citizenship and Constitution Day POW/MIA Ceremony, City Hall, 1130
18	US Air Force birthday (1947) Mayor's Breakfast to Honor Veterans, Convention Center, 080
19-25	Gold Star Families Remembrance Week
22	First day of fall
26	Gold Star Mother's Day
29	VFW Birthday (1899)
30	SSG Jon Dozier's birthday (1977)

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