

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 Tuesday of month – 7:00 pm
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Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

"Honoring the Fallen by Helping the Living"

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REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

APRIL 9TH MARKS 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF FALL OF BATAAN

VFW POST 2894 PREPARES FOR 12TH ANNUAL BATAAN DEATH MARCH MEMORIAL WALK



Keep your calendar clear for the twelfth annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on Saturday, April 8th at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail in Deep Creek just off Route 17. Since Post 2894 is hosting this event, we would like to see all the members participate in some form, with by walking the route, assisting with the operations or through the "virtual" participation to be found on the BDM webpage. We will also be receiving assistance from the Marines of Northwest Security Group, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and more as we host this commemorative event. Guest

speaker will be Captain Paul Burkhart, Commanding Officer of the USS Bataan, LHD-5. We will close with a memorial ceremony dedicated to the survivors and families of Bataan/ Corregidor as well as all the veterans of World War II and the Korean War. The event is free and open to all. The flyer for this event can be found at the end of this newsletter along with additional details from the press release.

PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY – EVERYONE!

We are also looking for sponsors. If everyone in the post asks atone business for their support, we can really make this a successful event. *(continued right column, p.7)*

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and cheer!

Happy 27th! On Sunday March 26, 2023, nineteen Post and Auxiliary members gathered to celebrate our 27th anniversary at Big Woody's Bar and Grill. A good time was had by all. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate our 28th

Birthday in our new home!

On the Home Front: We are three steps from having access to our future home.

1. Chesapeake Mayor Rick West, Clerk of the Council, Sandra Madison, and the Deputy City Attorney, Susan Rowling, have signed the lease resolution. Now we wait for the City Manager, Christopher Price, to sign. Once he does, the Deputy City Attorney will mail us an original, fully executed lease!
2. That will free me to sign our insurance proposal, which goes into effect immediately.
3. Then a date and time will be set up for us to meet Timothy Winslow, the Municipal Facilities Administrator and Public Works Department Manager of the City for him to give us the keys/code to access our future home!

Chris Horne, from Wavy News 10 will be there to film this event and will do follow up visits to chronicle our progress! Yes, we are planning a **GRAND OPENING!** Stay up to date by following us on Facebook (Like and Share) or on our website: FB

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064837686638>

Website - <https://www.vfw2894.org/vfw-post-2894>

Bataan Death March Memorial Walk/Run - The BDM is our biggest fund raiser of the year and will kick off on 8 April. Our thanks to John Peterson for taking the helm after Ted Roberts had to tend to personal business, his daughter's wedding. It's not too late to participate and/or leave a donation! Thank you

Check our Facebook page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bataan-Death-March-Memorial-Walk-536454583227810>

Post Elections! Post elections will be held at our next meeting on 11 April 2023. This will be my last year in office! I want to thank all my comrades for putting their faith and confidence in me as Post Commander! It was my privilege to serve the Post in this capacity, although I'm looking forward to turning the reins over to the next Post Commander. He/she will have my full cooperation in all matters.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Celebration 29 March 2023 at Mission BBQ Chesapeake VA! Thank You for Your Service and "WELCOME HOME"!

The Post will be present to Commemorate the event by pinning all Vietnam Veterans from 1100 – 1900 hours, or until we run out of pins. Mission BBQ will be serving a FREE sandwich to all Nam Vets.

Membership! To achieve our 8th consecutive All-State and All-American awards, we need at least ten new members by mid-May! So, we need your help. A one-year membership is only \$35. Life membership is also available and highly recommended!

You are now able to join the Post at all levels via our website: <https://www.vfw2894.org/join-the-vfw>

Also please don't forget to visit our own Post Website operated by Comrade John Peterson <https://www.vfw2894.org/vfw-post-2894>

- Jose Vazquez, Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings from the Auxiliary. Spring is upon us and we are another step closer to a real home for our Post and Auxiliary! We are now looking forward to the Bataan Death March, our award-winning Buddy Poppy project and conferences! April 8, 2022 will be the Bataan Death March. **Registration is now open.** This will be a perfect recruiting event so keep ears open for interested parties who want to help Vets. We look forward to helping the Post at the Dismal Swamp. Keep in mind to invite anyone you meet to be a member of the Post or Auxiliary.

We are accepting nominations now for officers in the Auxiliary so if you'd like to hold a position or want to nominate someone, please forward that information to myself at act113@icloud.com. We are looking for the positions of Vice President and Secretary to be filled. Election of Officers will be held at the April meeting. Please consider holding an office in the Auxiliary. Everyone has a voice in the Auxiliary and it takes everyone to make an Auxiliary successful.

Dates to Remember:

District 2 Meeting – May 13 @ Post 4809 in Norfolk. Lunch will be at noon and the cost is \$10, the meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. with installation of officers to follow.

Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention dates: June 1-4, 2023. Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water St, Portsmouth

National Convention, July 22-27, 2023, Phoenix Arizona

Thank You for Everything you do for the Veterans. Happy Easter to all.

Anne Thompson, President

BASIC SCOOP ON SPACE AVAILABLE (SPACE A) MILITARY TRANSPORTATION

One of the perks of being a military veteran is the privilege of using military aircraft and associated contracted commercial transport for personal travel. The Air Mobility Command (AMC) provides seating for military personnel and qualified veterans on military and civilian aircraft on an as available basis, i.e., "Space A". Space on military transports depends on operational requirements to meet the movement of personnel and equipment to various locations throughout the world. Once primary passengers and/or logistics requirements are loaded on aircraft, there is often additional room that is configured for people who have requested transport to the locations offered on the flight schedules. These locations vary widely depending on the airfield and operational support requirements, creating a challenge for precise trip planning, but if one is flexible and patient, both romantic and exotic locations can be reached at a minimal cost.

To be eligible for Space Available transportation, you must be one of the following:

- A service member on active duty;
- The dependent of an active duty service member;
- Member of the National Guard/Reserve component/Ready Reserve;
- Retired military members and their dependents;
- Surviving Spouses (i.e., Widows/Widowers) of Service members who died while on active duty and spouses of deceased retired veterans;
- Authorized veterans with a permanent service-connected disability.

The AMC website (<https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/>) provides additional details on specific eligibility requirements.

There are six travel categories for people applying to fly Space A, with the first five applying to active duty and/or their dependents, and the last category applying to everyone else. Category VI (Cat VI) is reserved for retired, dependents, reservists, ROTC members, NUPOC, CEC, veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rated as total, and surviving spouses of service members who died in active duty, inactive duty training, or annual training status A. The categories designate the flight priority status, with Category I being the highest.

VFW Post 2894 is fortunate to have a Naval Air Facility (NAF) in Norfolk that offers Space A flights. As a Patriot Express (PE) hub (i.e., designated hub for contracted commercial flights to Europe), the facility publishes a monthly schedule of flights to Europe, as well as a 72-hour operational schedule for other flights that may have available space for passengers. The Norfolk NAF has regularly scheduled flights to Naples and Sigonella, Italy, and often to other regions of Europe as well.

Another primary PE hub is Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport, with regular transportation to Ramstein, Germany, where other hops can be made to U.S. facilities located in various European nations.

Additional information can be found at the following websites:

- General AMC Information:
<https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/>

- Norfolk NAF website:
<https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/Terminals/CONUS-Terminals/NS-Norfolk-Passenger-Terminal/>
- BWI Space A website:
<https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/Terminals/CONUS-Terminals/Baltimore-Washington-International-Airport-Passenger-Terminal/>
- [Flying Space-A on the Patriot Express: 11 Things to Know - Poppin' Smoke \(https://www.poppin smoke.com\)](https://www.poppin smoke.com)

OTHER POST NEWS

• **VFW Post 2894 Celebrates 27th Anniversary of Post Founding.** On Sunday, 26 March, several Post and Auxiliary members gathered at Big Woody's Bar and Grill to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the Chesapeake VFW Post. An enjoyable mid-afternoon snack was had by all who attended as we raise a glass in salute to all those who have been a part of bringing the organization to this point and continuing to make headway in the future!

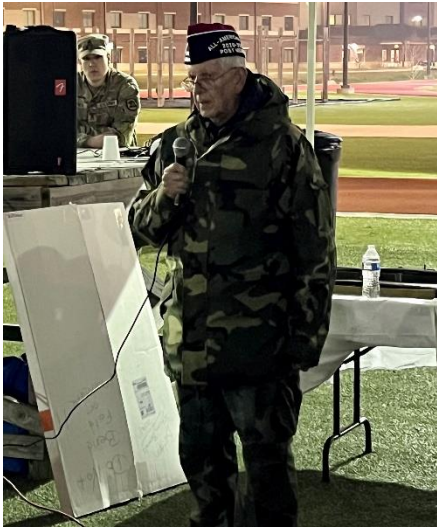


Post Commander Jose Vazquez and past Post Commander Carl Dozier flank the Post birthday cake

• **Post Pistol Raffle to be held in July.** The VFW Post 2894 will be holding a raffle for a Sig Sauer P365X-Macro with Holosun red-dot sight on the 4th of July. The Post will only be selling 500 tickets for \$10 each, so get yours now if you are interested in this state-of-the-art, high-quality pistol. Our thanks to Freedom Shooting Center for their generous donation!



• **Post Member is Guest Speaker at Fort Eustis 2023 Bataan Memorial 14.2 Mile Ruck March.** On Saturday, 25 March, VFW Post 2894 members traveled to Fort Eustis, Virginia, to support the Bataan Memorial 14.2 Mile Ruck March hosted by Fox Company, 1-122 Aviation Regiment, 128th Aviation Brigade. Guest speaker was Post member Jim Ireland who



Comrade Jim Ireland delivers some Bataan Death March history at the Fort Eustis Ruck March Event

provided interesting details of the historic death march that took place in the Philippines in April, 1942. Also in attendance were Post members Jose Vazquez and Bob Gregory, along with over 150 other participants and spectators at this year's event. A hearty thanks to these two comrades for volunteering their time to support this event!



Comrades John Peterson and Bob Gregory fill wheelbarrows with mulch.

• **Post Assists Host Church with Playground Landscaping.** Members of VFW Post 2894 gathered together on a brisk Saturday morning, 11 March, to spread mulch around the playground area at Apostles Lutheran Church, to show the Post's appreciation for allowing the membership to conduct our monthly meetings in their building. A gracious thank you to the church for their hospitality and the Post is happy to assist with the required landscaping around the property.



VFW Post 2894 members (front) Dan Eaker, John Peterson, Jim Ireland, (back) Brad Waters and Bob Gregory provide labor for the Apostles Lutheran Church mulch project.



Comrade Brad Waters delivers mulch to required areas.

• **Post Moving Forward with Fire Station #7 Lease.** On March 1, 2023, the Post leadership met with Chesapeake City representatives to sign the lease authorizing the use of Fire Station #7, located at 3329 South Battlefield Boulevard, for use by both the VFW Post 2894 membership and its associated Auxiliary.



Chesapeake City Council unanimously approves lease for Fire Station #7.

The Chesapeake City Council formally approved the lease at the Council meeting on Tuesday, March 21, with many VFW Post 2894 members in attendance to witness an event that has been years in the making. Several comrades adjourned to Tap It Local at Grassfield to

celebrate the occasion.



Chesapeake signage at site of future VFW Post 2894 home.

A ceremony to mark this commemorative event in the continuing saga of developing a permanent location for VFW Post 2894 is planned for late April, so stay tuned to ensure your availability for the “Grand Opening” of the VFW Post 2894 Chesapeake “Home”!

• **Buddy Poppy Fund Drive Set for Weekend of 20-21 May.**

The VFW Post 2894 Spring 2023 Buddy Poppy Fundraiser is scheduled for the weekend prior to Memorial Day, 20-21 May. This is one of the Post’s major fundraisers, so please make plans to be available and help out with this worthwhile effort by working a two-, four-hour or even full day shift (about eight hours). Plan is to man the primary entrances of the Walmart Centers at Grassfield and Edinburg both days from 0900 until 1600. Contact Mike Kust for further details and to get your name on a time slot of your choice.

• **Mutts With a Mission Update – the Kust Family Gets a New Puppy!**

Mutts With a Mission is a nonprofit organization that provides Service Dogs to Veterans, First Responders, Law



Boot Camp trainee Ash (on right) with new MWM member Bronco.

Enforcement Officers, and Federal Agents with documented line-of-service/duty related disabilities. Their goal is for our country and community heroes to regain their freedom and independence.

Donna and Mike Kust are currently on their sixteenth puppy: Mutts With A Mission new trainee

Bronco, a solid, black Labrador who is just three months old.

In July of 2021, Donna and Mike welcomed a nine week old, yellow female, Labrador puppy, named Ash, into their home. As puppy raisers for Mutts With A Mission, they are responsible for providing a safe and loving home, teaching house-manners, basic training, and lots and lots of socialization in all sorts of different environments that the pup may encounter in its adult life. Over the course of twenty months they also teach the pups some skills that they may need to help their partner with everyday tasks such as opening and closing doors, turning lights on /off, picking up dropped items, medication reminders - just to name a few. As of February 15th, Ash has returned to the MWAM Training Center and is in her "Boot Camp" phase of training. During the last two weeks of boot camp she will be matched up with her partner and they will train together preparation for graduation on April 7, 2023.

Donna and Mike Kust have been puppy raisers since 2002. They Have raised twelve pups for Guiding Eyes for the Blind (Service Dogs for Blind and Visually Impaired Individuals) and two pups for BluePath Service Dogs (Service Dogs for children with Autism). Hats off to Donna and Mike – keep up the great work!

For more information on the Mutts with a Mission Program, go to their website: www.muttswithamission.org.



• **VFW Post 2894 Honors Veterans on Vietnam War Veterans Day.**

Vietnam War Veterans Day was officially Wednesday, 29 March. A celebration for area Vietnam War veterans’ was graciously hosted by Mission Barbeque in Chesapeake and several Post members gathered there during the day to honor our local Vietnam War Veterans. Additionally,



VFW Post 2894 Commander Jose Vazquez (on right) pins a Vietnam War Veteran.

pinning ceremonies were conducted and each veteran was treated to a barbeque sandwich, compliments of the hosting venue. A tremendous “Thank you” for their service to our country during a very tumultuous

period. Their personal sacrifice is duly recognized by a grateful nation, even if it may be a bit overdue.

Thanks to all the Post and Auxiliary members who assisted with the pinning ceremonies. For those Vietnam Vets receiving pins, it will truly be a memorable occasion for them!

WOMEN AT WAR

American Works for British Special Operations Executive Behind Enemy Lines



Virginia Hall Goillot, ca. 1930s

"When James Bond was still in diapers, Virginia Hall was behind enemy lines, playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse with Hitler's henchmen. Did this shero have second thoughts after a terrible accident left her needing a wooden leg? Please...Virginia Hall

was the baddest broad in any room she walked into. When the State Department proved to be a sexist boy's club that wouldn't allow her in, she gave the finger to society's expectations of women and became a spy for the British. This boss lady helped arm and train the French Resistance and organized sabotage missions. There was just one problem: the Butcher of Lyon, a notorious Gestapo commander, was after her. But, hey, Virginia's classmates didn't call her "the Fighting Blade" for nothing."⁺

Virginia Hall Goillot (April 6, 1906 – July 8, 1982), code named *Marie* and *Diane*, was an American who worked with the United Kingdom's clandestine Special Operations Executive (SOE) and the American Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in France during World War II. The objective of SOE and OSS was to conduct espionage, sabotage and reconnaissance in occupied Europe against the Axis powers, especially Nazi Germany.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 6, 1906, Hall studied French, Italian, and German at Roland Park Country School, then Radcliffe College of Harvard University and Barnard College of Columbia University. She also studied French and Economics at George Washington University. She completed her studies by travelling throughout Europe, finally landing an appointment as a Consular Service clerk at the American Embassy in Warsaw, Poland in 1931.

In 1933, she tripped and accidentally shot herself in the right foot while hunting birds. Her leg was amputated below the knee and replaced with a wooden appendage which she named "Cuthbert". After losing her leg, she worked again as a consular clerk in Venice and in Tallinn, Estonia.

After the defeat of France in June 1940, she made her way to Spain where, by chance, she met a British intelligence officer named George Bellows. Bellows helped her find employment in England by providing contact information of a "friend". The friend was Nicolas Bodington, who worked for the newly-created Special Operations Executive (SOE), which Hall joined in April 1941. After completing SOE training, Hall became the second female agent to be sent to France by SOE. Hall's cover was as a reporter for the New York Post which gave her license to interview people, gather information and file stories filled with details useful to military planners.

Hall was a pioneering agent for the SOE. Over the next 15 months, she "became an expert at support operations –

organizing resistance movements; supplying agents with money, weapons, and supplies; helping downed airmen to escape; offering safe houses and medical assistance to wounded agents and pilots."



Virginia Hall meeting with French Maquis operatives

She fled France in November 1942 to avoid capture by the Germans. She returned to France in March 1944 as a wireless operator for the American OSS. Working in territory still occupied by the German army and mostly without the assistance of other OSS agents, she supplied arms, training, and direction to French resistance groups, called Maquisards (Maquis).

The Germans gave her the nickname *Artemis*, and the Gestapo reportedly considered her "the most dangerous of all Allied spies." Hall used her prosthesis "Cuthbert" in various guises and also became known as "The Limping Lady" by the Germans and as "Marie of Lyon" by many of the SOE agents she assisted. The French nicknamed her "la dame qui boite" and the Germans put "the limping lady" on their most wanted list.

Hall took on the task of helping British airmen, shot down or crashed over Europe, escape and return to England. Downed airmen were told to go to the American Consulate and say they were a "friend of Olivier." "Olivier" was Hall and she, with the help of other friends, hid, fed, and helped dozens of airmen escape France to neutral Spain and hence back to England.

After the Allied invasion of North Africa in November, 1942, and the German occupation of Vichy France, Hall was forced to flee by train from Lyon to Perpignan, where a guide took her over a 7,500 foot pass in the Pyrenees to Spain, covering up to 50 miles over two days in considerable discomfort. After arriving in Spain, she was able to return to London in July 1943.

On her return to London, SOE leaders declined to send Hall back to France because she was compromised, so Hall was hired by the OSS Special Operations Branch, and returned to France in March, 1944. OSS provided her with a forged French identification card and codename of "Diane". The objective of the OSS teams was to arm and train the resistance groups, called Maquis, so they could support the Allied invasion of Normandy, which would take place on June 6, 1944, with sabotage and guerrilla activities. From March to July 1944, Hall roamed around France south of Paris, posing sometimes as an elderly milkmaid (and on one occasion selling cheese she had made to a group of German soldiers). She found and organized drop zones, established several safe houses, and made and renewed contacts. After the arrival of Allied forces on the beaches of western France, Hall was tasked with helping the Maquis in southern France harass the Germans in support of the Allied invasion of

the southern sectors, scheduled to take place in August, 1944. The three battalions of Maquisards in her area undertook a number of successful sabotage operations against the German forces preparing to defend against the Allied offensive.

With the collapse of the Nazis, Hall returned to Paris in April 1945, and took employment with the Special Activities Division of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Hall married Paul Gaston Goillot, a French OSS agent she worked with in World War II, in 1957 and retired in 1966. She and her husband lived on a farm in Barnesville, in Montgomery County, where, she raised poodles, tended her garden and occasionally made French cheese.



General Donovan presents Virginia Hall with Distinguished Service Cross, 1945

Gen. William J. Donovan, director of the OSS, awarded Virginia Hall the Distinguished Service Cross "for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy." The DSC is second only to the Medal of Honor among American awards for valor. Hall was the only civilian woman to receive the DSC in World War II. "Through her courage and physical endurance, even though she had previously lost a leg in an accident, Miss Hall, with two American officers, succeeded in organizing, arming and training three FFI [free French forces] battalions. In addition to training resistance fighters, Hall mapped drop zones for materiel and agents, providing crucial communications between London and resistance forces and established safe houses and caches for arms and supplies."

She was 76 when she died in 1982. She is buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery in Pikesville, Maryland.

For more information on this American heroine, please visit the website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_Hall

*excerpt from [Code Name Badass](#) by Heather Demetrios

CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE



Like many Christian Holidays, Easter (also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday) is aligned with Pagan beliefs and celebrations. Sunrise services are tied to solar celebrations and the Spring Equinox. Easter is also tied with the Jewish Passover. The last supper was essentially a Passover feast.

Many of the commercial aspects of Easter are tied to Pagan or other beliefs. The Easter Bunny is a leftover from the pagan festival of Fostre (the English word Easter is derived from her), a great northern goddess whose symbol was a rabbit. The exchange of eggs is an ancient custom, celebrated by many cultures. Hot cross buns are very ancient too. In the Old Testament we see the Israelites baking sweet buns for an idol,

and religious leaders trying to put a stop to it. The early church clergy also tried to put a stop to sacred cakes being baked at Easter. In the end, in the face of defiant cake-baking pagan women, they gave up and blessed the cake instead.

The four Gospels all relate the death and resurrection from different perspectives. This makes sense as the resurrection is central to the Christian Faith. The Gospels vary somewhat in the details, but the importance is the lesson and not the slightly varying narratives. Arguably, Easter is more important than Christmas. Ultimately, we come to the Easter Season to celebrate the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Happy Easter

(Bataan Death March Memorial Walk - continued from Page 1)

We have four levels of sponsorship:

- **Legion of Merit Sponsor - \$1000** (or \$1000 of In-kind)
Donation: Large name or company logo on our tee shirts and banner as well as special recognition in media and in the closing ceremony.
- **Distinguished Service Sponsor - \$500** (or \$500 of In-kind)
Donation: Name or company logo on our tee shirt and banners
- **Meritorious Service Sponsor - \$250** (or \$250 of In-kind)
Donation: Name or company logo on our tee shirt
- **Honorable Mention Sponsor** – Donation of any kind or amount: Our sincere Thanks

You can find more information on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Chesapeake-Bataan-Death-March/464188050284397

+ SAFETY CORNER + APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING MONTH

Were you aware that about 8-10% of all auto accidents involve distracted driving, and upwards of 9% of resulting fatalities? Some examples of distractions while driving



are eating, drinking, talking with passengers, talking on your cell phone, texting, programing your GPS, tuning your radio, or even just day dreaming. Doing actions such as these:

- Increase your chance of an accident by 400%. Driving at highway speeds, you travel the length of a football field in 5 seconds. Even at just 35 mph, you will cover about 50 feet (5 car lengths).
- Involvement in a distracted driving incident can increase your insurance rates by up to 40%.

- Older drivers (55-75 years of age) have a tendency to remove their attention from the road for up to 8 seconds at a time.

What can you do?

- Pledge to drive cell phone free.
- Pull off the road to make or answer phone calls.
- Program your GPS before you start your trip.
- Don't channel surf on your radio while driving.
- Reduce conversational interaction with your passengers.

✚ SAFETY CORNER ✚
MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH



Our lives in these times are deeply involved with the use of electrical energy. Whether working, relaxing, cooking, or even just lighting up the night, electricity is everywhere.

Although an accidental shock from a regular outlet may not be fatal, it can be harmful depending on the age of the victim, the health of the victim, or the length of the shock.



To reduce the chance of accidental injury or death:

- Always check electric cords for fraying or cracking every time you handle one. Replace any damaged cords. Sparks from damaged cords can cause fires.
- Don't run extension cords under carpets or rugs; heat buildup can cause a fire.
- Don't overload an outlet. Heat buildup can cause shorts and/or fires.
- Don't nail or tack extension cords or appliance cords to walls.
- Remember that extension cords are for temporary use; not as a replacement for hard wiring.
- Don't use electrical appliances or tools near pools, bathtubs or water, or while standing on wet ground.
- Use common sense, safe practices, and appropriate caution with electricity, and stay healthy and alive.

POST COMMITTEES - YOU CAN HELP!

If you are looking to get involved and help the Post improve its work for and with veterans, think about joining one of the recently established committees. Contact one of the members of the committees you are interested in and let them know you would like to help:

- **Bataan Death March (8 Apr 2023) Committee:** John Peterson, Ann Jones, Becky & Brad Waters, Anne Thompson, Matt & Diane Hostetlar, and Bob Gregory
- **Budget Committee:** Chuck Wolff, José Vazquez, Bob Gregory, Mark Rios, Brad Waters, Mike Kust and Carl Dozier
- **Awards Committee:** Mark Rios, Bob Gregory, Mike Kust, Dan Eaker, Jose Vazquez
- **Membership Committee:** José Vazquez, Bob Gregory and Dan Eaker
- **Post Home Committee:** Kimball Thompson, Jim Ireland, Susan Vitale, Gary Dunbar and Anne Thompson
- **Visiting Committee:** Chaplain Kimball Thompson
- **Health Committee:** Surgeon Dave Weber
- **Scholarship Committee:** Carl Dozier and Kimball Thompson

QUARTERMASTER DESK



Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$30 IF you go through our Post - if you go through National make sure you indicate Post 2894!

Annual dues can be paid via mail (see our new address on front of newsletter) or to the Quartermaster at one of our meetings.

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 \$35 payment and then paying the remainder over an 11-month installment plan. 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 from the schedule using 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 will be issued upon completion of this agreement.

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.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP – AND CONSIDER A LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Every year, we have members who forget to renew their annual memberships. They then become ineligible to hold office in the Post and have to scramble to renew their status.

If you are approaching the end of your annual membership, please renew ASAP! And consider upgrading to a Life Membership. As a Life Member you will:

- Avoid annual dues and renewals.
- Maintain your membership in any Post you choose, worldwide!
- Never pay an increase in dues — Guaranteed!
- Receive a 10% discount on exclusive VFW Store merchandise for the first year.

You can become a VFW Life Member by making a one-time payment as describe in the Quartermaster’s Desk below. You can also pay for your Life Membership through an installment plan, with an initial \$45 payment, with the Life Membership amount billed over an 11-month period as shown in the table below.

*Ref: <https://www.intelligent.com/>

VETERAN WEBSITE FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

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Due to an increased shortage of qualified trade workers, there is a high demand for apprentice-level and skilled labor positions. Learning a trade or doing an apprenticeship is an excellent option for veterans.

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Semper fidelis, *Dan Eaker*

APRIL MILITARY HISTORY

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| <p>1 1863 US adopts conscription for Civil War
 1893 USN establishes rate of Chief Petty Officer
 1945 Okinawa: 60K U.S. soldiers & Marines land on Easter Sunday
 1945 US First & Ninth Armies meet to form Ruhr pocket
 1954 US Air Force Academy established
 1954 US Army forms first helicopter battalion, Fort Bragg, NC
 1991 Warsaw Pact officially dissolves</p> <p>2 1827 Construction of 1st U.S. Naval Hospital begins, Portsmouth, Va
 1865 Battles of Petersburg/Ft Gregg/Sutherland's Station, Va: Robert E. Lee forced to evacuate Richmond
 1917 Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany
 1982 Argentina invades Falkland Is, initiating 72-day losing war with Britain</p> <p>3 1865 Union forces occupy Richmond & Petersburg, to tune of "Dixie"
 1948 Harry Truman signs Marshall Plan</p> <p>4 1776 First USN victory at sea: USS 'Columbus' captures HM Tender 'Hawke'
 1862 Yorktown: First serious fighting of Peninsular Campaign
 1865 Lincoln sits in Jeff Davis' chair, in Confederate White House
 1942 Bataan: Fil-American forces fall back after Japanese break through
 1943 4th Marine Div activated at San Diego
 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) formed</p> <p>5 1951 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg, atomic spies, sentenced to death
 1986 Berlin: 2 US servicemen & Turkish woman die in terrorist bombing
 1991 Iraq: US begins relief air drops to Kurds in north</p> <p>6 Army Day and National Tartan Day
 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Day 1: Confederate success
 1866 Union vets form Grand Army of Republic
 1917 US declares war on Germany, entering WWI
 1945 Okinawa: Massive kamikaze attack on US fleet sinks 6 ships
 1991 Operation Provide Comfort initiated to defend Kurdish refugees fleeing their homes in Northern Iraq after the Gulf War ended.</p> <p>7 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Day 2: Grant defeats Confederates
 1942 USN agrees to accept black Americans for general service
 1943 Japanese inflict heavy losses on Allied shipping around Guadalcanal
 1945 First Navy Nurses land on Iwo Jima: Lt, jg, Ann Purvis & Ens Jane Kendeigh
 1980 President Jimmy Carter breaks relations with Iran over hostage crisis
 2017 U.S. conducts missile strike on Shayrat Airbase, Syria, in response to chemical attack on the town of Khan Shaykhun</p> <p>8 Feast of St Walther Gautier of Pontoise, Patron Saint of POWs
 1865 Lee's retreat cut off near Appomattox Court House
 1956 Parris Is, SC: 6 Marine recruits drown during unauthorized night exercise
 2015 VFW Post 2894 Auxiliary founded</p> <p>9 1865 Appomattox: Robert E Lee & Army of Northern Virginia surrender
 1898 Lt Andrew Rowan leaves for Cuba with "a message for Garcia"
 1942 Bataan: 75,000 U.S. & Filipino troops surrender to Japanese</p> <p>10 1918 Near Toul, in eastern France, 104th Infantry begins 4 day determined defense against German assault, to become 1st American regiment awarded Croix de Guerre
 1945 Allies liberate Buchenwald concentration camp
 1963 USS 'Thresher' (SSN-593) sinks east of Cape Cod, 124 die</p> | <p>11 1863 Battle of Suffolk, VA
 1898 Pres McKinley asks for Declaration of War against Spain
 1899 Treaty of Paris: Spain cedes Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam to US
 1900 USN accepts first submarine, USS 'Holland', originally designed for Fenians
 1942 American merchant mariners are authorized to receive DSM
 1951 Harry Truman fires Gen Douglas McArthur
 1991 Persian Gulf War Armistice Signed</p> <p>12 1861 Confederates shell Fort Sumter, initiating Civil War
 1911 First US naval aviator: Lt Theodore Ellyson
 1916 Battle of Hacienda Santa Cruz de la Villegas: Maj. Charles Young, senior black officer in US Army, leads squadron of 10th Cav ("Buffalo Soldiers") to rescue white 13th Cav, besieged by Mexicans
 1924 Off Balboa, Panama, 19-year old hooker Madeline Blair found aboard USS 'Arizona' (BB-39), plying her trade since ship left New York 1 month earlier
 1942 Bataan: Japanese massacre 400 Filipino officers
 1966 First B-52 raids on North Vietnam
 1981 First US space shuttle launch (Columbia)
 1993 Bosnia: USS 'Theodore Roosevelt' (CVN-71) & NATO initiate no-fly zone</p> <p>14 1818 US Army Medical Corps formed
 1865 Abraham Lincoln mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, on Good Friday
 1898 USS 'Solace' commissioned, first hospital ship in USN since 1865, and only purpose-built hospital ship in history of fleet
 1912 RMS 'Titanic' strikes iceberg, 11:40 pm
 1945 Tokyo fire bomb raids: B-29s damage Imperial Palace
 1986 U.S. warplanes bomb Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi in retaliation for Berlin discotheque bombing
 2018 U.S. and allies launch missile strikes on targets in Damascus, Syria, in response to Douma chemical attack</p> <p>15 1861 Ft Sumter surrenders
 1861 Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers
 1865 Stars and Stripes are again hoisted over Ft Sumter
 1947 Former Army 2nd Lt Jackie Robinson begins playing for Brooklyn Dodgers, integrating modern Major League baseball
 1952 First test flight of prototype B-52
 1986 US bombs terrorist bases in Libya, following Berlin disco bombing</p> <p>16 1916 French Army forms Escadrille Americaine
 1945 US troops enter Nuremberg
 1945 USS 'Laffey' (DD-724) survives 6 kamikaze hits, off Okinawa
 1946 US launches captured V-2 rocket, White Sands, NM
 1947 Congress grants Navy Nurses full commissioned status</p> <p>17 1846 Battle of Cerro Gordo: Winfield Scott defeats Mexican Army
 1861 Virginia is 8th state to secede from Union
 1864 Grant suspends POW exchanges over Confederate refusal to treat black troops as soldiers
 1961 Bay of Pigs: 1,400 Cuban exiles land to overthrow Castro</p> <p>18 1644 Thousands of Pamunky and allied Indians raid Virginia Colony, killing 500 settlers, initiating 32-months' long Second Tidewater War, in which colonists triumph
 1775 Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, & William Dawes make "midnight ride"
 1934 US Army stops issuing sabers to cavalry
 1942 Doolittle Raid: 16 B-25Bs off CV Hornet strike Tokyo
 1942 WWII edition of "Stars & Stripes" begins publication in England</p> <p>19 1775 Battles of Lexington & Concord -- "The Shot Heard 'Round the World"</p> |
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- 1783 Congress orders hostilities with Britain at end, 8 years after "The Shot Heard 'Round the World."
- 1909 Canonization of Joan of Arc, Patron of Soldiers, & Women in Military Service
- 1919 Leslie Irvin of US makes 1st free fall parachute jump
- 1941 US Marines begin construction of airfield on Wake Island
- 1989 USS 'Iowa' (BB-61) gun turret explosion, 47 die
- 20** 1789 George Washington sworn in as 1st President, Federal Hall, NY
- 1861 Union forces burn & abandon Gosport (Norfolk, Va) Navy Yard.
- 21** 1836 Battle of San Jacinto: Texas secures independence from Mexico
- 1898 US declares war on Spain
- 1914 US Marines and sailors occupy Vera Cruz, Mexico
- 1918 Baron von Richtofen, known as the "Red Baron" is shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme
- 1995 1st Lt Sarah Deal becomes first U.S. Marine Corps pilot
- 22** 1944 New Guinea: U.S. Army troops land near Hollandia
- 23** Feast of St. George, Patron of Soldiers
- 1861 Robert E Lee named major general and commander of Virginia state forces
- 1945 Allies in Italy reach Po River
- 24** 1863 War Department issues GO No 100, The Law of Land Warfare, first US ROE.
- 1943 US 7th Inf Div. trained for desert warfare, sails from San Francisco to Alaska
- 1944 1st Boeing B-29 arrives in China over Himalayas -- "the Hump"
- 1980 "Desert One": US operation to save 52 hostages in Iran fails, 8 die
- 25** 1862 Farragut occupies New Orleans, La
- 1875 Combat on Pecos: Lt. John Bullis and Black Seminole Indian Scouts SGT John Ward, Trumpeter Isaac Payne, & PVT Pompey Factor rout 25-30 Lipan Indian raiders, for which Scouts are awarded Medal of Honor
- 1914 First USN air combat mission: Lt. Patrick Bellinger conducts a reconnaissance over Veracruz, receiving some damage from machine gun fire.
- 1945 Last Boeing B-17 attack against Nazi Germany
- 1945 US & Soviet forces meet at Torgau on Elbe River
- 1960 USS Triton completes first submerged circumnavigation of globe
- 26** 1607 English colonists land at Cape Henry, VA
- 1805 William Eaton and Lt Presley O'Bannon attack Derna, Libya and phrase, "to the shores of Tripoli" enters national lexicon.
- 27** 1773 British Parliament passes Tea Act, leading to Boston Tea Party
- 1778 John Paul Jones begins 2-day raid on Whitehaven, U.K.
- 1813 Toronto captured by Americans under Gen Zebulon Pike
- 1861 Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson assumes command at Harper's Ferry
- 1945 US 5th Army liberates Genoa
- 28** 1945 US 5th Army reaches Italian-Swiss border
- 1956 French leave Vietnam
- 1965 US Marines land in Dominican Republic, stay until Oct '66
- 1967 Mohammad Ali refuses induction into army
- 1971 Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr., promoted to Rear Admiral; first black admiral in US Navy
- 29** 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville begins
- 1945 US liberates Nazi concentration camp in Dachau
- 1970 US & South Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia
- 1975 Last US personnel pull out of Vietnam
- 30** 1492 Ferdinand & Isabella agree to bankroll Columbus
- 1798 US establishes Department of the Navy
- 1900 US annexes Hawaii

- 1908 1st Co., Signal Corps, 71st Reg, NYNG, formed to conduct aeronautical operations; now 106th Rescue Wing, oldest Air Guard unit.
- 1945 American & Soviet forces link up at Torgau in Germany
- 1975 Vietnam War Ends
- 1980 Terrorists seize Iranian Embassy in London

MAY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1862 David Farragut captures New Orleans
- 1898 Battle of Manila Bay: Adm Dewey orders, "You may fire when ready."
- 1931 Empire State Building opens
- 1960 Francis Gary Powers' U-2 spy plane shot down over Sverdlovsk
- 1982 British bomb Argentinean positions at Port Stanley; Falkland Islands War begins
- 2** 1863 Stonewall Jackson wounded by own men at Chancellorsville, dies May 10th
- 1945 Berlin formally surrenders to Red Army
- 1945 German forces in Italy surrender
- 2011 U.S. Special Operations Forces kill Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan
- 3** 1846 Mexican army invades Texas
- 1861 Lincoln orders expansion of Army by 23K & Navy by 18K
- 1943 US 1st Armored Div captures Mateur, Tunisia
- 1946 Military Tribunal in Tokyo begins war crimes trials
- 4** 1946 US Marines recapture Alcatraz from rioting prisoners
- 1970 Ohio National Guard kills 4 students at Kent State
- 1942 Battle of Coral Sea begins
- 5** 1814 British attack Ft Ontario, Oswego, NY
- 1862 Cinco de Mayo: Mexican forces defeat French at Puebla
- 1862 Peninsular Campaign: Battle of Williamsburg, VA
- 1864 Battle of Wilderness: Germanna Ford/Wilderness Tavern
- 1908 Great White Fleet reaches San Francisco
- 1942 Philippines: Japanese troops land on Corregidor
- 1945 Oregon: Japanese balloon bomb kills pregnant woman and 5 children
- 1965 First large US ground units arrive in South Vietnam
- 6** 1937 Hindenburg disaster, Lakehurst, NJ, 36 die
- 1941 Bob Hope stages his first USO show, March Field, California
- 1945 Axis Sally makes her last broadcast
- 1962 USS 'Ethan Allen' (SSBN-608) fires first nuclear warhead from submerged sub
- 7** 1915 British passenger ship Lusitania torpedoed by German submarine
- 1942 Battle of Coral Sea begins
- 1954 Dien Bien Phu: Vietminh overrun French after 55-day siege
- 1989 Panama: Manuel Noriega seizes power after losing election
- 8** 1886 Confederate veteran John S. Pemberton invents Coca Cola
- 1911 Birth of Naval Aviation: USN orders first airplane, Curtiss A-1
- 1942 Battle of Coral Sea, Day 2: USS 'Lexington' (CV-2) sunk
- 1945 V-E Day; Germany signs unconditional surrender
- 1952 US conducts first H-Bomb test, Eniwetok Atoll
- 9** 1831 Alexis de Tocqueville arrives at Newport, RI, for 10 month tour
- 1926 Lt Cdr Richard Byrd & CMM Floyd Bennett fly over North Pole
- 10** 1676 Bacon's Rebellion begins in Virginia

- 1775 Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allan, & Green Mountain Boys capture Ticonderoga
- 1862 Confederates torch & evacuate Norfolk/Pensacola Navy Yards
- 1940 Battle of France begins (WWII)
- 1960 USS 'Triton' (SSN-586) completes first submerged circumnavigation
- 1968 Vietnam War: Paris peace talks begin; Battle of Hamburger Hill
- 11** 1862 CSS 'Virginia/Merrimac' scuttled in James River
- 1938 First USCG award of DFC, LT C. B. Olsen, for rescue at sea
- 1978 Margaret Brewer becomes U.S. Marine Corps' first female general officer
- 12** 1607 Foundation of Jamestown, Virginia
- 1789 NYC Revolutionary War veterans form Society of St Tammany
- 1943 Trident Conference: Roosevelt and Churchill plan strategy
- 197 US merchant ship 'Mayaguez' seized by Cambodian force
- 13** 1908 Navy Nurse Corps is established
- 1943 USN Bureau of Navigation becomes Bureau of Naval Personnel
- 14** 1653 Massachusetts Council declares that 1/8th of each militia company be available to march on 1 day's warning.
- 1801 Tripoli declares war on US, initiating First Tripoli War
- 1804 Lewis & Clark Expedition sets out from St Louis
- 1836 Mexican President Santa Anna, prisoner of Texans, signs Treaty of Velasco, conceding Texan independence.
- 1845 USS 'Constitution' lands Marines at Danang, Indochina
- 1856 USS 'Supply' delivers 50 Turkish camels to US Army at Indianola, Texas
- 1942 US Army forms Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)
- 1945 US offensive on Okinawa, Sugar Loaf Hill captured
- 1975 US raids free Cambodian-held ship 'Mayaguez' with heavy losses
- 15** 1862 Ben Butler issues famous "Woman Order," and proves every woman in New Orleans is a lady
- 1939 Dupont introduces nylon; within year Japanese sales of silk to US fall 30 percent
- 1940 First successful test flight of American helicopter, Vought-Sikorsky US-300
- 17** 1987 USS 'Stark' (FFG-31) hit by Iraqi missiles, 37 sailors die
- 18** 1775 1st USS 'Enterprise' enters service, prize taken by Benedict Arnold on Lake Champlain
- 1861 Battle of Sewall's Point, VA
- 1917 Congress passes Selective Service Act
- 1984 Jerome G Cooper becomes first African-American general officer in U.S. Marine Corps
- 19** 1951 UN begins counter offensive in Korea
- 1958 NORAD formed
- 1967 US bombs Hanoi
- 20** Armed Forces Day
- 1912 Battlecruiser SMS 'Moltke' reaches Hampton Roads, on only visit to US by German capital ship
- 1930 President Hoover reviews US Fleet off Virginia Capes
- 21** 1861 Richmond, Va, designated Capital of Confederacy
- 1881 Clara Barton founds American Red Cross
- 1917 Leo Pinckney first American drafted during WW I
- 1944 West Loch, Pearl Harbor: ammo-laden LST blows up, 6 LSTs lost, 200 killed, "2nd Pearl Harbor"
- 1968 USS 'Scorpion' (SSN-589) sinks off Azores, 99 die
- 22** National Maritime Day
- 1959 Benjamin O Davis Jr. (USMA '36) becomes first African-American Army general
- 1985 US sailor Michael L Walker arrested for spying for USSR
- 23** 1775 Virginian Patrick Henry says "Give me Liberty or give me death!"
- 1862 Valley Campaign: Stonewall Jackson takes Front Royal, Virginia
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- 24** 1764 James Otis coins phrase "No taxation without representation!"
- 1861 Benjamin Butler declares fugitive slaves Frank Baker, Shepard Mallory, & James Townsend "contraband of war"
- 25** 1787 Constitutional Convention opens in Philadelphia
- 1961 JFK pledges US will put man on moon by 1970
- 26** 1940 Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of Dunkirk, France, begins
- 1945 US fire bomb raid on Tokyo
- 27** 1607 Battle of Jamestown: English settlers repulse attack by 200 Indians
- 28** 1830 Congress authorizes Indian removal from Eastern states
- 1980 First 55 women graduate from U.S. Naval Academy
- 29** 1945 Okinawa: 1st Marine Division Captures Shuri Castle
- 30** 1868 First "Decoration Day" [now "Memorial Day"], designated by GAR CINC Maj Gen John Logan
- 1943 Aleutian Islands off coast of Alaska retaken by U.S. 7th Infantry Division
- 1958 Unknown soldiers of WWII & Korean War entombed in Arlington National Cemetery
- 1962 USS 'Arizona' Memorial dedicated in Pearl Harbor
- 31** 1900 Boxer Rebellion: Multi-national relief forces reach Peking



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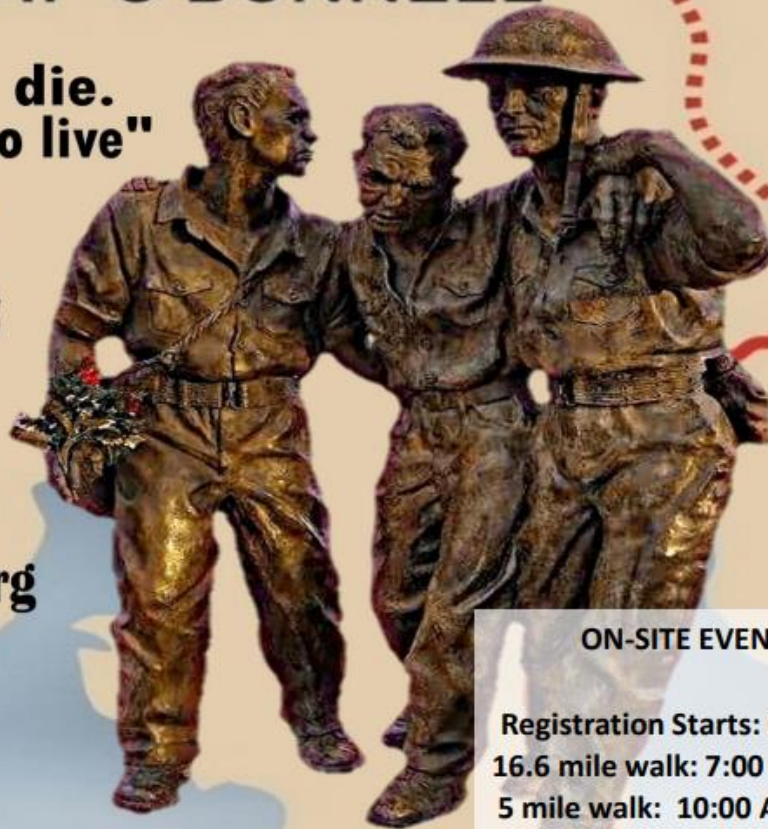
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Registration Starts: 6:00 AM
16.6 mile walk: 7:00 AM start
5 mile walk: 10:00 AM start
1 mile walk: 11:00 AM start
Closing Ceremony: 12:00 PM
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The Veterans of Foreign Wars, SSG Jonathan Kilian Dozier Memorial Post 2894, are sponsoring their 12th Annual Chesapeake Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on Saturday, April 8th, 2023. The walk takes place at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail in Chesapeake, Virginia and consists of three different distances, 16.6 miles, 5 miles, and 1 mile.

This year, the Keynote Speaker at the closing ceremony, 1200, 8 April, will be the Commanding Officer of the USS Bataan (LHD5), Captain Paul Burkhart.

The purpose of this annual walk is to honor and remember those who endured one of the most harrowing events in US and Filipino history. The goal is to ensure that the sacrifices of the greatest generation are not forgotten. The event will close with a memorial ceremony dedicated to the survivors and families of Bataan/Corregidor as well as all the veterans of World War II and the Korean War. The 2018 walk was recognized as a National Service Project Award by the National VFW – one of only three worldwide.

The proceeds from the Chesapeake Bataan Death March Memorial Walk are used to support VFW Post 2894's ongoing mission to "Honor the Fallen by Serving the Living". The Post has provided assistance to numerous veterans, widows, and their children in the Chesapeake and Hampton Roads area to include wheel chair ramps, homes handicap access, sourcing home repairs and assistance in accessing medical needs.

Registrations for the Bataan Memorial Walk can be made at www.VFW2894.org. **The event is free and open to all.**

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<u>APRIL</u>	
2	Palm Sunday
6	Army Day / US enters WWI
6	Post Staff Meeting, Big Woody's BBQ
7	Good Friday
8	12th Annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk
8	VFW District 2 Meeting (after BDM)
9	Easter Sunday
11	Post Meeting / Election / Quarterly Audit,
15	Tidewater Rumble Powersoccer Tournament, ODU
18	Income Tax Day
30	End of Vietnam War (1975)
TBD	Post Home Dedication Ceremony

<u>MAY</u>	
1	National Loyalty Day
4	Post Staff Meeting, Venue TBD
5	Cinco de Mayo
8	VE Day (1945)
9	Post Awards Ceremony (1900)
12	Military Spouses Day
13	VFW District 2 Meeting, Post 9808, Norfolk
14	Mother's Day
15	Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)
15	Peace Officers' Memorial Day / Armed Forces Day
20-21	Buddy Poppy Drive
29	Memorial Day Ceremony, City Hall, 1100 Gold Star Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony, City Park



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