

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.



POST 2894

Meetings

2nd Thursday of month – 7:00 pm
Lighthouse Pointe
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SSG JONATHAN KILIAN DOZIER POST 2894



Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

NEWSLETTER – Vol. II, Issue 1, February-March 2013

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I would first like to wish each and every member and their family a Happy New Year. I hope that your year is filled with good health and prosperity. This is the third newsletter that Comrade Mulholland, our Junior Vice Commander has published and I hope that you find it informative. We also have a Facebook page and a webpage (www.vfwpost2894.org/SSG-Jonathan-Kilian-Dozier.html). It is our desire that you find it informative.

The post had Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy entries and in February we will present certificates, medals and checks to those winners. Parents, teachers, principals and School Board representatives will be invited to attend a reception in their honor. On March 6th the Post will have the District Commander

dedicate the new Post flag. We will have a reception to properly thank those who made contributions to funding the flag and present them with Certificates of Appreciation. In April the Post will support the 2nd annual Bataan Death March walk on the Dismal Swamp Trail; Mr. John Leroy Mimms, a survivor of the Death March, will again travel to Chesapeake to be present. I recently met with Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan and this community event has his support. The USS Bataan is also behind the effort and his providing support. Come out and join

the community on April 27th at the Dismal Swamp trail..

In March we will hold nominations for officers to be followed by election in April.

Your Post is active and actively looking for property for a permanent home to plant our flag, hang our charter, and continue to grow and serve veterans and their families. I will meet with Mr. Mike Barber in January to discuss this and look at available property. The Mayor and a number of members of City Council are supportive.

As in all organization membership is essential. If you have not been able to be active we would encourage you to come out and see how the Post has grown, if you know of a veteran who is not a member encourage them to join. Benefits earned by service to the nation were hard won and if we do not

continue the fight they could be in jeopardy. The VFW is a powerful force in DC. Veterans understand selfless service better than most. The VFW remembers the dead by serving the living. I would like to challenge each member of the Post, active and inactive, to bring in at least one new member before June 2013.

We are into our 18th year as a Post and we meet at The Lighthouse Pointe on Cedar Road on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and encourage other veterans to become members..

- Carl Dozier, Post Commander



IN MEMORY OF SSG JONATHAN KILLIAN DOZIER, US ARMY



January 9th was the fifth anniversary of the passing of our Post namesake, SSG Jonathan Killian Dozier, US Army. Jon was a member of the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, out of Vilseck, Germany. He and five other soldiers were killed and four wounded (1 of whom recently committed suicide) when an HBIED (house-borne improvised explosive device)

was detonated in a house they were searching in Sinsila, Diyala province, Iraq. Jon was the son of Carl Dozier and Martha Cabe and the father of Emma Grace Dozier. He attended Great Bridge Schools, Fork Union Military Academy, VCU and Middle Tennessee State University. Jon was decorated with the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, NCOPD Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachute Badge and Expert Rifle Badge.

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 17 MARCH

Of the 3,464 Congressional Medals of Honor awarded as of September 17, 2009, an estimated 2,018 have been awarded to Irish-American recipients, more than twice the number awarded to any other ethnic group. Of the foreign-born MOH recipients, more than half – 258 – were born on the Emerald Isle. A monument to these Irish-born MOH winners is located at Valley Forge's Medal of Honor Grove.

The Irish can also proudly note that of the 19 fighting men who won a second Medal of Honor, five of them were born in Ireland. They are Henry Hogan from County Clare; John Laverty from Tyrone; Dublin's John Cooper (who was born John Laver Mather); John King; and Patrick Mullen.

Three other double winners of the Medal were born in America of Irish families: the indomitable Marine, Daniel Daly; the Navy's John McCloy; and the fighting Marine from Chicago, John Joseph Kelly.

Other recipients include: John King, USN, from County Mayo, a double MOH recipient in 1901 & 1909; Pvt. John Joseph Kelly, Chicago, Ill., who received both the

Army & Navy Medal of Honor in WWI; Col. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, member of New York's Fighting 69th in WWI; Audie Murphy, famous movie actor, and; Fr. Timothy O'Callahan, who was not only the first Catholic Chaplain to receive the Medal of Honor, but the first of any faith to be so recognized.

Audie Murphy was turned down for enlistment by both the Marines and the Navy as he was only 5'5 and 112 pounds. The Army accepted him in June 1942, and he became WW II's most decorated hero.



Sgt Maj Dan Daly

Perhaps the most remarkable MOH recipient, however, was "super survivor", Michael Dougherty, from County Donegal. Dougherty, a private with the Union's 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, won the MOH for leading a group of comrades against a hidden Confederate detachment at Jefferson, Virginia, ultimately routing it. The official report noted that "Dougherty's action prevented the Confederates from

flanking the Union forces and saved 2,500 lives." Later, Dougherty and 126 members of his regiment were captured and spent 23 months in various Southern prisons, finally arriving in Georgia at the notorious Andersonville death-camp.

Of the 127 from his regiment, Dougherty was the only one to survive the ordeal, "a mere skelton," barely able to walk. But upon his release he was able to board the steamship "Sultana," crowded with more than 2,000 passengers, six times its designated capacity. The crammed steamship was slowly moving up the Mississippi River toward St. Louis, when, on the fourth night out, the boilers exploded, cracking the ship in two and tossing Dougherty and the other passengers into the Mississippi. Only 900 survived, including Dougherty, who somehow found the strength to swim to a small island, where he was rescued the next morning.

The 21-year-old Union veteran finally reached his hometown of Bristol, Pennsylvania after an absence of four years.

Thanks to:

- John J. Concannon, Wild Geese Today Heritage Editor (<http://www.thewildgeese.com/pages/mdohhome.html>), and



- Irish Central website (irishcentral.com/roots/The-Irish-dominant-Medal-of-Honor-recipients-95099859.html)

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER



All members are reminded that Post 2894 Annual Dues are **\$30.50.**

Annual dues can be paid via mail (see 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. The member 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 to be 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.

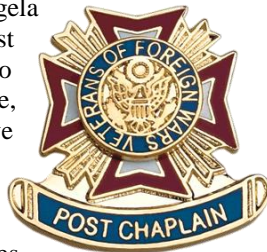
Age	One-Time Payment	Installment Payment
18-30	\$ 425	\$ 38.64
31-40	\$ 410	\$ 37.27
41-50	\$ 375	\$ 34.09
51-60	\$ 335	\$ 30.45
61-70	\$ 290	\$ 26.36
71-80	\$ 225	\$ 20.45
81 & over	\$ 170	\$ 15.45

<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.

POST CHAPLAIN

Post 2894 is blessed to have Angela "Angi" Taylor serving as our Post Chaplain. She is always looking to share God with anyone and everyone, and counts it a privilege to serve others.



The Post Chaplain is often called upon to perform other duties and activities or offer prayers at times when it is least expected. Just like the Boy Scout motto, the chaplain needs to always be prepared. The greatest and most significant heritage of our country has been its spiritual heritage. George Washington, in his farewell speech to the nation in 1796 said:

"It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Holy Bible. Of all the dispositions and habit that lead

to political prosperity, out religion and morality are the indispensable supporters. Reason and experience forbid us to expect that our national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

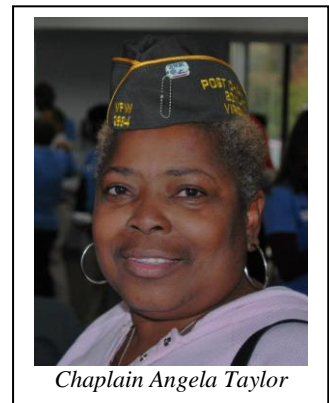
The present day Chaplain's roots and origin date from the medieval church. In the fourth century, a pagan Roman soldier called Martin of Tours was returning from a battlefield with his men in the middle of a severe winter storm. At the gate to the city of Amiens they met a shivering beggar. Martin took off his cloak, cut it in half, and gave half to the beggar. That night Martin had a vision of Christ wearing the half he had given the beggar and, as a result, announced himself a Christian. He was eventually released from the Army by the Roman Emperor and was baptized. In AD 371, the people of Tours were so impressed with his holy life that they made him their bishop.

Martin of Tours later became the patron saint of France and his half of the cloak was consider a holy relic. The cloak, called 'cappa' in Latin, was carried into battle by the Frankish kings. The cloak had caretaker priests who were called 'capellami', or in French 'chapelains' or 'chaplains', which means "keepers of the cloak". The Council of Ratisbon in AD 742, first officially authorized the use of the Chaplains in the army, but prohibited the "servants of God" from bearing arms or fighting.

In the centuries that followed, "Chaplains" were found wherever men went to war. In early Colonial America that tradition continued. The legal origin of the Chaplaincy as a part of the American military service dates from July 29, 1775, when the Continental Congress led by General George Washington made the Chaplain an officer of the Continental Army.

A VFW Chaplain is not appointed, but is an elected officer with a responsibility to all veterans, including those from other posts, districts, or departments. The Chaplain does not serve when it is convenient but is on call 24/7. Death, illness, family difficulties and other matters seldom take place at a "convenient" time. Rather, it is the Chaplain who must change his or her schedule to provide time to serve when the need arises. In other words, the Chaplain's door is always open!

Angi is also quite busy with the spiritual well-being of others outside the Post. Every Monday night she volunteers to lead Bible Studies at Cloverleaf Apartments for men and women seeking God. Every Christmas, she helps organize a Christmas dinner for those who have no family to go to and shares the love of God with them.



Chaplain Angela Taylor

Angi also serves as an Associate Minister at her church, St. Paul United Methodist Church (UMC) on Providence Road in Chesapeake. In her church, she has helped organize 60 community volunteers who every year

set up a Christmas Store which distributes food and gifts to families and children who would otherwise go without that which many of us take for granted.

[Background information obtained from VFW booklet, "Office of the Chaplain Duties and Functions", June 18-21, 2008.]

VETERAN'S VOICE ON THE HILL

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) monitors all legislation affecting veterans, alerts VFW membership to key legislation under consideration and actively lobbies Congress and the administration on veterans issues. With VFW's own priority goals in mind, combined with the support of 2 million members of VFW and its auxiliaries, our voice on "the Hill" cannot be ignored! Read about the issues on-line at <http://thevfw.blogspot.com>.



MEMBERSHIP

Please give a hearty welcome to our newest Comrades of Post 2894:

- Jack Karnes, a US Navy vet who served on the USS Iowa during WWII;
- Craig Devenshire, who recently retired from the US Army; and
- Clyde Dixon, who recently retired from the US Navy after 32 years and transfers in from Post 10810 in Stuttgart, Germany.

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

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

MONTERO VETERANS' HEALTH FAIR

Just a reminder that the schedule for the Montero free Health Fair for Veterans for the year 2013 is out:

- April 27
- July 13
- Oct 12



The clinics will be held between 9 am and 1 pm at the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center Lifestyle Building on Battlefield Boulevard next to Chesapeake General Hospital.

Please see the flier at the back of this newsletter for additional information – and feel free to share this with other veterans!

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 committees just recently established. Contact one of the members of the committees you're interested in and let them know you'd like to help:

- Budget Committee: Jason Killough, Gary Shaffer, Matt Schweers
- Awards Committee: Chris Mulholland, Dave Clay, Travis Maslowski
- Membership Committee: Gary Shaffer, Mike Morris, Carl Dozier

We are also in the process of organizing a "Facilities Committee" which will continue the research into acquiring a proper meeting hall and/or property for the Post to conduct its business. If anyone has any ideas about this issue, please contact the Post Commander ASAP!

BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH



The second annual Bataan Memorial Death March will be held on Saturday, April 27 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 come out and help out in any way they can. We will also be receiving assistance from crew members of the USS Bataan (LHD-5) as we host this commemorative event. Further details will be published in the next two months.

PLEASE ATTEND OUR NEXT 2 MEETINGS, 13 FEB, 6 MAR!!!

On February 13th, we will be honoring the winners of our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs. Four of our local school children will receive certificates, medals and cash rewards. The presentations will be followed by refreshments. Please come



and honor these future leaders of America.

Please note that our regularly scheduled meeting for March has been changed from the 13th to the 6th. At the **March 6th** meeting we will be dedicating our new Post Flag and nominating the officers for the next year. This will be an “open” meeting, meaning that guests are invited. Please bring your family and friends as we dedicate our new flag. A depiction of what the flag will resemble is provided below.



The Cross of Malta, the emblem of the VFW, is 1,000 years old. It symbolized the fighting men who were united in a solemn pledge of comradeship to fight for freedom and to aid the sick and the needy.

Those ancient obligations are still symbolized by the Cross of Malta today for the more than two million former servicemen and women who constitute the VFW. The Cross is the symbol of their battles in time of war and of their campaign to defend the God-given rights of man in time of peace. The Cross is a symbol for the compassion and sympathy of our comrades for the needy.

**FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN
FAMILIES IN NEED, THE NATIONAL
HOME HELPLINE IS JUST A TOLL-
FREE CALL AWAY**

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

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

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

1-800-313-4200

help@vfnationalhome.org

VIRGINIA VETERAN’S ID

On behalf of the Department of Veteran Services (DVS), the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now issues veteran ID cards for proof of veteran status for those who served but did not retire. This ID allows vets to receive discounts from retailers and restaurants. Vets may apply online, by mail, by fax, or in person at a DMV

customer service center. You can read more about this at www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/citizen/id/vet_id.asp.

FEBRUARY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1800 USS 'Constellation' takes French 'Vengeance' in a five-hour night battle
- 1862 Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of Republic" is published
- 1865 Sherman begins marching through South Carolina
- 1968 Saigon: Nguyen Ngoc Loan summarily executes a Viet Cong murderer
- 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends Mexican-American War
- 1901 U.S. Army Nurse Corps established
- 1945 Escape attempt at Mauthausen concentration camp
- 1989 Soviet troops leave Afghanistan, ending nine years of war
- 1783 Spain recognizes US independence
- 1779 John Paul Jones takes command of 'Bonhomme Richard'
- 1941 USO (United Service Organization) is formed
- 1944 US 7th Infantry Division completes capture of Kwajalein
- 1945 Yalta Conference begins: FDR, Churchill, & Stalin
- 1959 Keel laid for USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65), first nuclear aircraft carrier
- 1918 Stephen W Thompson becomes first US pilot to down an enemy airplane
- 1778 France recognizes US, signs treaty of aid in Paris
- 1832 US ship destroys Sumatran village in retaliation for piracy
- 1899 Spanish-American War officially ends
- 1945 Battle for Manila begins
- 1945 Over 4,000 American POWs are freed from prison camps on Luzon.
- 1800 Frigate USS 'Essex' becomes first U.S. warship to cross Equator
- 1945 General Douglas MacArthur returns to Manila
- 1865 Martin Delany becomes first black major in US Army:
- 1918 "The Stars and Stripes" begins publication in France
- 1918 U.S. Army Chaplains' School formed at Fort Monroe -- <http://www.strategypage.com/cic/docs/cic67b.asp#two>
- 1943 Japanese complete evacuation of Guadalcanal, as US columns make contact at Cape Esperance, ending an epic campaign
- 1676 Battle of Lancaster: Massachusetts militia attack & defeat Wampanoag Indians
- 1763 Treaty of Paris ends French & Indian/Seven Years' War
- 1807 Congress establishes US Coast Survey
- 1962 USSR swaps U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for spy Rudolph Abel
- 1948 First black Regular Army Nurse is commissioned: 1st Lt Nancy Leftenant; retires 1965 as major, USAF
- 1955 Pres Eisenhower sends US advisors to South Vietnam
- 1861 1st Medal of Honor action: Asst Surg Bernard Erwin, Apache Pass, Az (awarded 1894)
- 1945 Allies begin fire-bombing of Dresden, c. 50,000 die
- 1778 American ship Ranger carried recently adopted Stars and Stripes to foreign port for first time as it arrived in France
- 1912 US sub 'E-1' (SS-24) commissioned, first American diesel boat
- 1945 US troops reach Bataan peninsula outside Manila
- 1856 USS 'Supply' loads 21 camels at Smyrna, Turkey, for US Army
- 1898 Havana Harbor: Second class battleship USS 'Maine'

- blows up from undetermined causes, 258 die.
- 1919 American Legion is formed in Paris
- 1944 Italy: Allies commence bombing & shelling Monte Cassino
- 16** 1804 Stephen Decatur retakes and burns USS 'Philadelphia', which had been captured by the Dey of Tripoli
- 1945 US airborne forces land on Corregidor (fighting lasts until March 3)
- 1959 Fidel Castro becomes premier of Cuba
- 17** 1621 Plymouth Colony elects Miles Standish "Captain" of militia
- 1864 CSS 'H.L. Hunley' sinks USS 'Housatonic', and herself: 1st submarine victory, albeit Pyrrhic
- 1915 Edward Stone, 1st US combatant to die in WW I, is mortally wounded
- 1943 "Joltin' Joe" DiMaggio joins Army
- 1944 US forces land on Eniwetok Atoll, which is secured on Feb 22
- 1945 US Navy "frogmen" clearing beaches at Iwo Jima take heavy losses
- 1947 Voice of America begins broadcasting to USSR
- 18** 1846 US Navy adopts "port" in place of traditional "larboard"
- 1865 Sherman captures Charleston, SC
- 1941 CINCUS Husband Kimmel writes, "I feel that an attack . . . on Pearl Harbor is a possibility."
- 19** 1942 FDR orders internment of Japanese-Americans on West Coast
- 1943 Battle of Kasserine Pass: Rommel's panzers hit US troops hard
- 1943 US Naval forces under MacArthur are designated Seventh Fleet
- 1945 US Marines land on Iwo Jima
- 20** 1942 E. H. "Butch" O'Hare downs 5 Japanese aircraft, helping USS 'Lexington' (CV-2) beat off an air attack c. 300 miles ENE of Rabaul
- 1962 John Glenn becomes first American in orbit
- 21** 1903 Cornerstone laid for Army War College (now NDU)
- 22** 1821 Spain sells East Florida to United States
- 1909 Great White Fleet returns to Hampton Roads after its world cruise
- 1915 Germany begins "restricted" submarine warfare
- 1935 Airplanes are prohibited from flying over the White House
- 1942 FDR orders MacArthur to leave Philippines for Australia
- 1943 'Iowa' (BB-61) commissioned in Brooklyn
- 1944 US Eighth Air Force erroneously bombs Enschede, Arnhem, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, c. 800 die
- 1974 First woman naval aviator: Lt. j.g., Barbara Ann Allen
- 23** 1778 Baron von Steuben joins Continental Army at Valley Forge
- 1795 USN Supply Corps founded as Office of Purveyor of Supplies
- 1836 Santa Anna lays siege to the Alamo, which is stormed, March 6
- 1903 US leases Guantanamo Bay from Cuba for \$4,000 a year; Castro has refused to cash the checks since 1959
- 1942 Japanese submarine 'I-17' shells Elwood, California.
- 1945 Iwo Jima: 28th Marines raise the flag on Mount Suribachi
- 1945 Operation Grenade: Gen Simpson's Ninth Army attacks the Ruhr
- 1945 Liberation of captives in Japanese internment camp at Los Baños, Philippines
- 1946 YamashitaTomoyuki, 60, Japanese general, "Tiger of Malaya", hanged by Allies
- 1979 Frank Peterson Jr. becomes first black Marine Corps general
- 24** 1779 George Rogers Clark captures Vincennes from British
- 1917 Britain gives "Zimmermann Note" to US, revealing German efforts to get Mexico to invade southwest
- 1945 Manila liberated, after heavy fighting and serious civilian casualties
- 1968 US and Vietnamese troops complete liberation of Hue City
- 1991 Ground Phase of Operation Desert Storm begins, resulting in liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi occupation within 100 hours
- 25** 1836 Samuel Colt patents a practical revolver
- 1945 First B-29 fire bomb raid on Tokyo, burns 10,000 acres
- 26** 1775 Battle of Salem, Mass.: British expedition to seize colonists' arms is turned back peacefully, "Leslie's Retreat"
- 1848 Marx & Engels publish "The Communist Manifesto"
- 1863 Lincoln signs National Currency Act, establishing greenbacks
- 1940 US Air Defense Command established at Mitchell Field, LI, NY
- 1942 USN aviator Don Mason signals, "Sighted sub, sank same"
- 1944 First woman USN captain, Sue Dauser, Navy Nurse Corps
- 1949 USAF plane begins first nonstop around-the-world flight
- 1993 Islamist terrorists bomb World Trade Center, 7 die
- 2001 Taliban destroy Great Buddhas of Bamiyan, in Afghanistan
- 27** 1704 Indian raid on Deerfield, Ma; 40 die, 100 captured
- 1991 Operation Desert Storm: ground operations end, Iraqis ousted from Kuwait
- 28** 1893 USS 'Indiana' (BB-1) launched, first American first class battleship
- 29** 1692 Salem witch trials begin
- 1704 Deerfield Massacre: French & Indian raid on Massachusetts town leaves c. 100 dead
- 1864 President Lincoln signs U.S. Grant's commission as first substantive lieutenant general in army since Washington

MARCH MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 1781 Continental Congress adopts "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union."
- 1954 Bikini: US detonates 15 megaton hydrogen bomb
- 1954 Puerto Rican nationalists open fire in Congress, 5 wounded
- 1961 Peace Corps is established
- 2008 USS 'New York' (LPD-21), incorporating steel from World Trade Center, is christened at New Orleans
- 2 1776 Americans begin shelling British troops in Boston
- 1807 Congress bans importation of slaves effective Jan 1, 1808
- 1836 Texas declares independence from Mexico
- 1859 Paddle steamer USS 'Saginaw' commissioned, first American warship built on West Coast, at Mare Island
- 1867 US Navy Civil Engineering Corps founded
- 1938 15th Infantry leaves China after 26 years in garrison at Tientsin & Peking.
- 1945 Philippines: Japanese resistance on Corregidor ends.
- 3 1776 US squadron under Commo Esek Hopkins attacks Nassau, Bahamas: First American overseas expedition
- 1813 Office of Surgeon General of United States Army is established
- 1815 Second Barbary War: US declares war on Algiers for piratical acts, three years after Algerians declared war on US
- 1863 Congress passes "Enrollment Act," initiating federal

- conscription
- 1871 U.S. Navy Medical Corps established
 - 1899 George Dewey is promoted to Admiral of the Navy
 - 1915 Congress authorizes a Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)
 - 1915 Congress creates Naval Reserve
 - 1931 Congress adopts "The Star Spangled Banner" as national anthem
- 4 1789 U.S. Constitution goes into effect
 - 1814 Battle of Longwood: Americans defeat British, near Wardsville, Ontario.
 - 1861 CSA adopts "Stars & Bars" as a national flag
 - 1877 Five-times wounded veteran Rutherford B Hayes inaugurated as president
 - 1881 Former Maj Gen James A Garfield inaugurated as president
 - 1889 Bvt Brig Gen. Benjamin Harrison inaugurated as 21st president
 - 1897 Bvt Maj William McKinley inaugurated as 23rd president
 - 1943 Battle of Bismarck Sea ends: Japanese lost 12 ships, thousands of men.
- 5 1770 The Boston Massacre
 - 1821 Veteran James Monroe is inaugurated as 5th president
 - 1945 US VII Corps captures Cologne (Köln)
 - 1960 Elvis is honorably discharged from US Army
- 6 1822 USS 'Enterprise' captures four pirate ships in Gulf of Mexico
 - 1831 Edgar Allen Poe is expelled from West Point
 - 1836 Santa Anna's Mexicans storm the Alamo, after a 13 day siege
 - 1944 USAF begins daylight bombing of Berlin
- 7 1774 British close port of Boston to all commerce
 - 1876 Alexander Graham Bell is granted a patent for telephone
 - 1942 First black cadets graduate from USAAF flying school at Tuskegee
 - 1945 9th Arm Div captures Ludendorff Bridge over Rhine at Remagen
- 8 1945 1st African-American Navy Nurse commissioned: Ens. Phyllis Daley
 - 1945 Luzon: Sixth Army offensive against Japanese Shimbu Line.
 - 1950 First woman medical officer assigned to a US naval vessel: B R Walters
 - 1950 USSR announces they have developed the atomic bomb
 - 1958 'Wisconsin' (BB-64) decommissioned; for first time in 62 years, USN has no battleships in commission
 - 1965 Vietnam: First US combat troops arrive (3,500 Marines)
- 9 1798 Dr George Balfour is appointed first surgeon in USN
 - 1847 Winfield Scott lands an army at Veracruz, Mexico, and begins a siege.
 - 1862 Battle of Hampton Roads II: USS 'Monitor' fights CSS 'Virginia' to a draw, preserving blockade
 - 1945 US B-29s bomb Tokyo, est. 80,000-120,000 die -- highest toll in a single air raid, exceeding even the atomic bombs
- 10 1942 NY's 27th Inf Div sails for Hawaii - first division to ship out in WW II.
- 11 1779 US Army Corps of Engineers established
 - 1942 Bataan: MacArthur leaves for Mindanao on a PT-Boat
 - 1943 American Volunteer Group ("Flying Tigers") renamed Fourteenth Air Force
- 12 1942 Burma: Joseph Stilwell assumes combined U.S./Chinese command.
 - 1947 US announces "Truman Doctrine," to fight communism
- 13 1942 Julia Flikke, of Nurse Corps, becomes first woman colonel in US Army
- 15 1493 Columbus returns to Spain from his first voyage
 - 1781 Battle of Guilford Court House: British barely defeat Colonists and retire from from Carolinas into Virginia, specifically Yorktown
 - 1916 Pershing begins 10-month pursuit of Pancho Villa in Mexico
 - 1944 Abbey of Monte Cassino destroyed by Allied bombing
- 16 1882 US Senate ratifies treaty establishing International Red Cross
 - 1945 Iwo Jima: organized Japanese resistance ends, mopping up continues.
 - 1968 My Lai Massacre, perhaps 450 die
 - 1985 Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson taken hostage in Beirut
- 17 1762 First St Partick's Day parade in New York City
 - 1776 British forces evacuate Boston; George Washington orders an extra gill of whiskey to every Irish soldier in army
 - 1966 US mini-sub locates a missing H-bomb in Mediterranean off Palomares, Spain
- 18 1776 George Washington's army occupies Boston
 - 1952 Communist offensive in Korea begins
 - 1951 Herman Wouk's novel "The Caine Mutiny" is published
 - 1989 Maiden flight of Boeing V-22 Osprey VTOL aircraft
 - 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003-2011)
- 20 1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is published
 - 1896 Marines land in Nicaragua to protect US citizens
 - 1922 First US carrier commissioned: 'Langley' (CV-1)
 - 1939 Naval Research Lab proposes development of nuclear power
 - 1942 Gen MacArthur vows "I shall return"
- 21 1866 Congress authorizes national soldiers' homes
 - 1942 Jimmy Stewart enlists in USAAF
 - 1946 Strategic Air Command is formed
 - 1951 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg convicted of espionage
- 22 1622 First Indian War: Powhatan attacks Jamestown, Va, 347 die
 - 1794 Congress prohibits export of slaves from United States.
 - 1917 3rd Lt. Elmer F. Stone becomes USCG Aviator No. 1
 - 1945 Patton's Third Army cross Rhine
- 23 1775 Virginian Patrick Henry famously states ". . . give me liberty or give me death!"
 - 1806 Lewis & Clark reach Pacific Coast
 - 1882 USN establishes Office of Naval Intelligence
 - 1903 Wright Brothers receive a patent for their airplane
 - 1957 US army sells its last homing pigeons
 - 1965 Gemini 3 launched, first US 2-man space flight (Grissom & Young)
 - 2003 USMC Task Force Tarawa captures An Nasiriyah after a hot fight.
- 24 1898 Battleships 'Keasrage' (BB 5) & 'Kentucky' (BB 6) are launched at Newport News -- <http://www.strategypage.com/cic/docs/cic302b.asp#one>
 - 1919 New York's 27th Division returns from Great War, marching up Fifth Avenue
 - 1920 First Coast Guard air station established, Morehead City, NC
 - 1944 The Great Escape: 76 Allied officers flee Stalag Luft 3
 - 1945 Operation Varsity: Allied airborne crossing of Rhine
 - 1945 Gen. George S. Patton pisses in Rhine from a pontoon

- bridge near Oppenheim, Germany
- 1986 US & Libya air-sea clash in Gulf of Sidra
- 25 1655 Battle at Annapolis, Md: between Puritans & Royalists
- 1813 USS 'Essex' takes 'Neryeda', first USN victory in Pacific
- 1905 Most battle flags captured during Civil War are returned to the South
- 1915 First USN submarine disaster: USS 'F-4' sinks off Hawaii, 21 die
- 1945 US First Army breaks out of Remagen bridgehead
- 26 1943 First woman awarded Air Medal: Army Nurse Elsie Ott
- 1945 Okinawa: Kamikaze attack on US fleet
- 1951 USAF flag approved
- 27 1794 Congress approves construction of 6 frigates, including USS 'Constitution'
- 1814 Battle of Horseshoe Bend: Andrew Jackson defeats the Creeks
- 1945 Wiesbaden falls to US XX Corps
- 29 1973 Last US troops leave Vietnam, 9 years after Tonkin Gulf Resolution
- 31 1854 Commodore Perry forces Japan to open its ports to foreign trade
- 1917 US gains possession of Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million
- 1968 LBJ announces he will not seek re-election

FROM THE EDITOR

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

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

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

We also have a QReader symbol for our website, www.vfw2894.org (see below).

Semper fidelis,

- Chris Mulholland, Jr. Vice Cdr

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POST 2894 CALENDAR

February 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Mardi Gras	13 1900 – VFW meeting – Awards' Ceremony	14 Valentines' Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 1900 – VFW meeting – Flag Dedication Nomination of Officers	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings	11	12	13 VFW meeting rescheduled to 6 March	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 EASTER						

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Health Fair for Veterans

Join us for our quarterly Health Fair on Saturday, January 12, 2013 from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Location:

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center
Lifestyle Building
800 N. Battlefield Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Please save the dates and spread the word for our upcoming Health Fairs:

- April 27, 2013
- July 13, 2013
- Oct 12, 2013



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- Mental Health
- Veterans Claims Rep
- Hearing
- Prosthesis/Orthosis
- EyeSight
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- Social Work
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(Or you can bring it with you to the monthly meeting):

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