

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

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Quartermaster..... Matt Schweers
Chaplain..... Angela Taylor
Surgeon..... Geoff Briggs
Staff Judge Advocate..... Matt Hamel
Services Officer..... Mike Morris

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SSG JONATHAN KILIAN DOZIER POST 2894



Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank you Comrade Dozier for providing superior guidance, leadership, and direction for Post 2894 for the last several years. I strive to attain the standard you set for community involvement and care for Chesapeake's veterans.

A native of Delphos, Ohio, I enlisted in the Navy in 1988 as a Data Processing Technician (DP). My Navy experience included operating an IBM mainframe, serving onboard an aircraft carrier, and Course Curriculum Model Manager (C2M2) and instructor for an advanced eight-week Navy Joint Maritime Command Information System (JMCIS) administrator course. Following completion of DP 'A' School in 1988, I was assigned to the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) in support of the Joint

Data Systems Support Center (JDSSC) in the Pentagon where I advanced to Data Processing Technician 3rd Class and earned the Joint Service Achievement Medal. During this tour I spent time in Bahrain in support of Operation Desert Storm. I returned to the Persian Gulf during my next assignment as operations supervisor onboard USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER. During my time onboard IKE, I advanced to Data Processing Technician 2nd Class and earned my Surface Warfare Qualification and the Navy Achievement Medal. My

last assignment was as the C2M2 and instructor at Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center (NMITC) where I advanced to Data Processing Technician 1st Class, qualified as a Master Training Specialist, and earned my second Navy Achievement Medal. After ten years in the Navy, I have worked the last 15 years as a defense contractor in support of USN, USMC, and Military Sealift Command (MSC) units worldwide. I currently manage the

Integrated Shipboard Network System (ISNS) and Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System (CENTRIXS) Department for SRA, International.

As I take the reins of our organization, I look to continue our growth and connection to the city. I have a strong desire to establish a personal relationship with active duty service members, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Virginia

Wounded Warrior Program, Virginia Patriot Guard Riders, community leaders, and local businesses. Through these relationships I hope to cultivate further the exceptional ties established between Comrade Dozier and the citizens of Chesapeake.

I share a unique bond with every person in this organization. From those who have carried a rifle or driven a tank to those who have maintained computer networks or maintained fighters and bombers every one of us in this organization have served this great nation



in combat zones. I challenge the men and women within the post to rise to the task of once again showing Chesapeake,

Virginia, and America the pride and professionalism of war time veterans.
Respectfully,

- Gary Shaffer, Post Commander

A NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING COMMANDER

Comrades, at the end of the June meeting I will complete 4 years as Post Commander. I must say that I stumbled along for a while, and when Quartermaster (Past Post Commander) Leonard Kilian passed I was at a loss. With the help of Jason Killough who took on the task as Quartermaster and Dave Clay assuming the position of Adjutant I gained traction and we moved the Post forward. Our reports flow to District in a seamless manner giving us creditability.

During my tenure the Post maintained a steady membership but we failed to grow in numbers and I wish the new Commander more success in this area. Our financial position is much stronger than when I became Commander and we have made significant contribution to such worthy charities as: Wounded Warriors, USO, Samaritan House, Snowball Express, Toys for Tots, Chesapeake Sheriff's Children Today, Leaders Tomorrow and Elderly Victims Assistance Program, to name a few.

We have had a Teacher of the Year and a Patriot Pen win District awards. Those programs have grown stronger during the past two years. This year, under the able direction of our Junior Vice Commander Chris Mulholland, we had our first ever Scout of the Year and I'm sure that program will continue to grow.

Our communications with members and the public has increased through the use of our Facebook page, our Web site that Senior Vice Commander (our new Commander) Gary Shaffer developed and the newsletter that our Junior (Senior

elect) Vice Commander Chris Mulholland has published.

The Post has recognized Community leaders like Sheriff John Newhart (Life Member of our Post), awards to Chesapeake Air Force JrROTC cadets and Grassfield AFJrROTC Kitty Hawk Society for their assistance with our Buddy Poppy drives.

During the past two years the Post has supported Comrade Matt Schweers (Quartermaster elect) as he has planned and executed the Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on the Dismal Swamp Trail. This will become a major program for the Post and serve as a fund raiser for our Charities.

Finally the Post has a flag. It was a community effort with donations from Post members and businesses in Chesapeake.

We are probably closer to having a Post home than at any time in our history. We are currently in discussion with the City Manager's office about an empty facility in the vicinity of Military Highway and Canal Drive. While not the perfect location it does have potential and will give us a home to have our meeting and events.

I have made it a point of leadership to give new members positions of responsibility. We are stronger now than I can remember over the past number of years. We have several new, young members, who are not afraid to take on

the challenge of leadership and I believe the Post is in good hands in the future.

All offices are filled with qualified and dedicated comrades.

Membership is still the key to our progress. Though we have maintained membership at around 65 for the past four years we need to grow. Currently we have about 15 active members who work Buddy Poppies and other events.

We need many more than that in order to become a stronger organization to better serve veterans. My challenge to each of you is to bring in at least one new member in to the Post. If you have not been able to attend and be an active member of the Post, consider becoming more active in your VFW.

It has been my honor and pleasure to be Post Commander and I thank all who have made that possible. I would be remiss if I did not thank my wife, Jean for her help and assistance. She knows that the 2d Wednesday of the month is VFW, she has help me with the printing the agenda, she has been out to awards programs to help serve cake and punch, she has been setting up for our annual cookout, and she knows that my Memorial Day and Veteran's Day weekends would be spent doing Buddy Poppies and not with family.

- Carl Dozier



POST ELECTIONS FOR 2013-14

Post 2894 held elections on 15 May for the officers of the year 2013-2014.

The new Post Commander is Gary Shaffer who served last year as the post's Senior Vice Commander. Gary is originally from Ohio and enlisted in the US Navy in 1988. During his 10 years in uniform as a Data Processor (DP), Gary earned numerous personal awards as well as his Surface Warfare Qualification. During Desert Storm, he was stationed in Bahrain

and supported the operation to oust Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. Since leaving the Navy, he has been highly sought after for his managerial expertise and proficiency in developing instructional materials, curricula, and systems. He is currently working for SRA in leading the evolution to modernize the information systems onboard 72 of the Military Sealift Command (MSC) ships.

Gary is married to Dr. Tracey Shaffer who has her own optometry practice in Virginia Beach.

Gary takes over from Carl Dozier who served as Post 2894's Commander for the past 4 years. One of Carl's many notable achievements during his tenure was having the Chesapeake Expressway bridge over Northwest River designated as a "Gold Star Memorial Bridge". Carl also serves as the Chair of the Chesapeake Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs and he



The two Commanders – incoming Gary Shaffer and outgoing Carl Dozier

was responsible for the Post acquiring its first VFW Flag. Most of last year's officers either remained in their posts or moved up one rung in the levels of responsibility. But there were some new faces added to the Post leadership as well – these included John Guill as the new Junior Vice Commander, Matt Schweers as Quartermaster, and Gary Dunbar as Service Officer. Matt Hamel reassumed the position of Judge Advocate after taking a year "hiatus".

The overall results of the election were:

- Commander – Gary Shaffer
- Sr Vice Cdr – Chris Mulholland
- Jr Vice Cdr – John Guill
- Quartermaster – Matt Schweers
- Adjutant – Dave Clay
- Judge Advocate – Matt Hamel
- Chaplain – Angela Taylor
- Service Officer – Gary Dunbar
- Surgeon – Geoff Briggs
- 1 Year Trustee – Ray Brogan
- 2 Yr Trustee – Jason Killough
- 3 Yr Trustee – Carl Dozier

Directly after the elections, the new officers took the oath of office administered by Mike Morris, a former Post 2894 Commander.

POST FLAG DEDICATION CEREMONY

At the 10 April Post meeting, the new post flag was dedicated in a ceremony led by our State Department Commander, Margo Sheridan. Post Commander Dozier recognized and presented plaques to those who helped with the

purchase of the flag, Brenda and Robert Ike, and Barbara Huslander. Mrs. Ike is the Chair of the Virginia Chapter of Honor and Remember and Mr. Ike is a member of Chesapeake's City Council. They two Blue Star parents with two children currently serving, one



Commander Dozier with Barbara Huslander

currently deployed in Afghanistan with our Special Forces. The ceremony was followed with a reception to thank those who helped us acquire our new flag and to honor the Scouts of the Year awardees.



Commander Dozier with Robert and Brenda Ike

SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Annually, the VFW recognizes a Boy Scout Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Venture Silver Award recipient and Sea Scout Quartermaster who rose above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank with a scholarships of \$5000 for first place, \$3000 for 2nd, and \$1000 for 3rd.



Post 2894 solicited nominations from Scouting units throughout Chesapeake and wound up with three outstanding future leaders of America. We wish that all of you could have read their amazing resumés.



The selection committee had a difficult time determining the best of the best but nominated the



Our new Post flag!

following to the Department of Virginia:

- 1st – Taylor Bobrow, Eagle Scout, BSA Tp 800, \$100
- 2nd – William Wheaton, Eagle Scout, BSA Tp 824, \$50
- 3rd – Karen Osgood, Gold Award, GSA Tp 209, \$25

Two of the Scouts were honored at the Post meeting on 10 April. Will and Taylor, and Taylor's parents, were able to attend the ceremony but Karen was not due to her continuing commitment to service by working at her church that night.



Will Wheaton (lt) and Taylor Bobrow (rt) with Commander Dozier

BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH, 27 APRIL 2013

The second annual Bataan Memorial Death March was held on 27 April 2013 at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail in Deep Creek. VFW Post 2894 hosted the event but the impetus for this

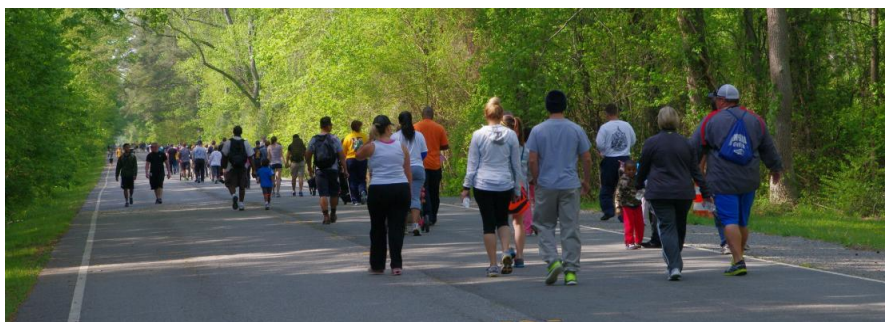


CMSgt Benini (far left), MSG Mims (2nd from left) and Mayor Krasnoff (far right)

iconic event really comes from the singlehanded efforts of Comrade Matt Schweers. On the night before this walk, Matt celebrated his retirement from the US Army Special Forces as a Sergeant Major after 29 years of honorable service but he was at the park early the next morning to organize and coordinate the memorial walk.

The event was especially honored with the presence of two survivors of the original death march, CMSgt Alcide Benini, USA/USAF (ret) and MSG John L. Mims, USA (ret).

On a beautiful spring morning, more than 500 participants – including 140 from Langley AFB alone – walked one of three



And they're off!

distances for the Memorial March: 16.6 miles, 5 miles, and 1 mile. Upon their completion, each participant received a personal certificate signed by Carl Dozier, Commander of VFW Post 2894. After the walk, remarks were made by Commander Carl Dozier, MSG Mims, CMSgt Benini, and Matt Schweers.

The purpose of this annual event is to remember all those who endured one of the most horrendous events in US and Filipino history. The walk is also a time to honor not only the survivors and those who died in Bataan but all of our World War II veterans and families, and to educate today's generation on the sacrifices of "the greatest generation".

After the surrender of fortress of Bataan on April 9, 1942, the Japanese force-marched 72,000 captured American and Filipino soldiers 65 miles to a POW camp named Camp



And the sighs of relief after the march was over and the LPCs (leather personnel carriers) came off!

O'Donnell. The prisoners were separated into groups of approximately a hundred, assigned Japanese guards, and sent marching. It took each group about five days to make the journey. The march would have been long and arduous for anyone, but the already starving prisoners endured cruel and brutal treatment throughout their long journey resulting in up to 11,000 deaths.

The participants of this year's Memorial March included the family and friends of Bataan and Corregidor survivors who traveled from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida and other parts of the country to walk in remembrance of the 71st anniversary of Bataan. Distinguished guests included Delegate John Cosgrove, Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, and City Council members Debbie Ritter and Robert Ike, Jr. Also present was a member of the "Filipino Scouts" reenactment group.

Volunteers and sponsors included the City of Chesapeake, Chesapeake Sheriff's Department, Chesapeake Fire Department, VFW Post 2894, crewmembers of the USS Bataan (LHD-5), Honor And Remember, WALMART, Sam's Club, and Patriot Guard.

Please plan on participating in next year's Memorial March.

Many photos from this year's march can be found on Facebook at "Chesapeake Bataan Death March"

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Chesapeake-Bataan-Death-March/464188050284397?fref=ts

GOLD STAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Honor and Remember of Virginia organized a run to honor On 14 May 2013, the Chesapeake City Council unanimously agreed to name the Chesapeake Expressway/Route 168 Bridge over the Northwest River as "The Gold Star Memorial Bridge". The motion for this vote was initially suggested by our very own Carl Dozier and made to the City Council by Council Member Debbie Ritter.

According to the motion, "The timing of this action is to coincide with the May 27th Memorial Day observance – an occasion honoring and remembering the service and sacrifice of fallen military members and their families. Gold Star families of Chesapeake



Looking at the southern end of the soon-to-be-named Gold Star Memorial Bridge



Example of potential marker for the bridge

have been invited to attend the annual event hosted by the Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs, which is chaired by Carl Dozier."

The Gold Star Lapel Button was established by an Act of Congress (Public Law 80-306) August 1, 1947, in order to provide an appropriate identification for widows, widowers, parents, and next of kin of members of the US Armed Forces who lost their lives in combat.

Since WWI, service flags have been flown in the windows of military families. These flags are a message to the community. They are bordered in red around a field of white. In the field, a star represents each family member in the Service: Blue for someone currently serving; Silver for someone in that family who has been wounded in combat; and Gold for a family member who has given the ultimate sacrifice.

A future ceremony will be held to dedicate a sign at each end of the bridge so that everyone traveling to or from the Outer Banks can recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of Chesapeake's fallen service members and their families.

FIRST ANNUAL "VIRGINIA RUN FOR THE FALLEN"

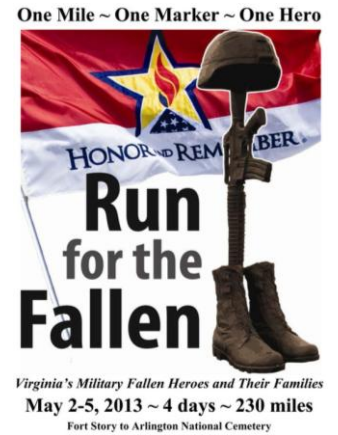
Honor and Remember of Virginia organized a run to honor the Fallen Warriors from Virginia. The run began May 2nd at Fort Story in Virginia Beach and finished 230 miles later on May 5th at Arlington National Cemetery. More than a dozen runners carried the Honor and Remember flag to honor 230 of Virginia's military men and women who died in action. At every mile marker along the route, a flag was planted to pay tribute to a fallen service member's memory. Carl Dozier represented his son and our Post's namesake, SSG Jonathan Dozier, near the intersection of Shore Drive and Great Neck Road in Virginia Beach.

Matt Schweers ran one leg of the run carrying the Honor and Remember flag in honor of Jonathan and the entire Dozier family.



Carl was also interviewed by WTKR and you can watch it at wtkr.com/2013/05/02/first-annual-virginia-run-for-the-fallen.

The Virginia Run for the Fallen website is www.varunforthefallen.org.



MEMBERSHIP

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>.

QUARTERMASTER DESK



Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$30.50.

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.

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!

MONTERO VETERANS' HEALTH FAIR

Here is the schedule for the upcoming free Montero Health Fair for Veterans:

- July 13
- Oct 12



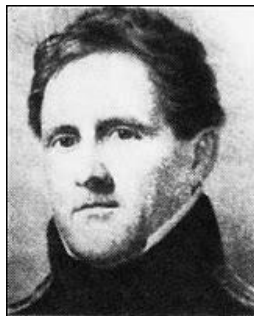
The clinics are held between 9 am and 1 pm at the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center Lifestyle Building on Battlefield Boulevard next to Chesapeake General Hospital.

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

BATTLE OF CHIPPAWA 5 JUL 1814

July 5th is the 199th anniversary of an important battle that most people have never heard of, the **Battle of Chippawa**. It was part of America's Niagara Campaign during the War of 1812, aimed at seizing control of Upper Canada (southern Ontario) which, Americans widely believed, Canada's British masters had been using as a base for promoting and facilitating Indian attacks on American settlers moving into the Northwest Territory. That campaign proved to be the longest and bloodiest military operation of the War of 1812, and was decisive in determining the future political shape of North America.

The battle pitted about 3500 United States regular troops, militia, and Indians led by Brigadier General Winfield Scott – future hero of the Mexican-American War and commander-in-chief of all Union forces at the outbreak of the American Civil War – against approximately 2100 British regulars, Canadian militia, and Indians led by Major General



General Scott

Phineas Riall. The engagement took place in open fields near the Canadian village of Chippawa, across the Niagara River from Grand Island, New York, and a short distance from Niagara Falls.

For several months prior to the battle General Scott had been drilling his green troops relentlessly in a camp at Flint Hill near Buffalo, which the British had burned to the ground just four months earlier. Scott recognized that without hard training and discipline his men would be in no position to face the British army, then the world's best. In a significant departure from frontier military practice at the time, he fought against army bureaucracy to ensure that the men were properly fed, clothed, and equipped, and enforced rigorous health and sanitary measures in the camp, which kept sickness to a minimum. His standards were thwarted only by the government's failure to supply the troops with proper blue uniforms; only the short gray



jackets typical of untrained militia could be provided.

On July 3rd, the Americans crossed the Niagara and quickly captured the British-held Fort Erie opposite Buffalo. The following day, after firing a salute to America's 38th birthday, they moved north along the west side of the river and, late in the afternoon, encountered advance elements of Riall's force along Chippawa Creek. Following a brief exchange of artillery fire, Scott withdrew a few miles to a camp along Street's Creek to the south. The next morning the British force advanced south and collided with Scott's brigade, which was just starting north. The clash opened with the American artillery battery all but wiping out Riall's guns along the portage road along the river. Meanwhile, Scott formed his line into a "U" shape as the British line advanced, which allowed the American flanking units to catch Riall's advancing troops in a deadly crossfire. Because of their grey uniforms, Riall had thought that the American line was composed of militia troops apt to fall back in disarray after the opening volleys, but as Scott's men held steady under British artillery fire, Riall realized his mistake and supposedly exclaimed, "**Those are regulars, by God!**" After the two lines had punished each other with continuous volley fire for almost a half hour, at a distance of less than 100 yards, Riall ordered his men to withdraw back north. Only effective covering fire by British artillery kept the Americans from pursuing Riall's force all the way back to Chippawa.

The British/Canadian/Indian force suffered an approximate casualty total of 106 killed, 325 wounded, and 90 taken prisoner – one-quarter of their entire strength. The

American casualties were 60 killed, 249 wounded and 19 missing, or slightly less than ten percent.

The two forces would meet again 19 days later and a few miles further north in the even more bloody Battle of Lundy's Lane, at the site of present-day Niagara Falls, Ontario. There too, the British/Canadian brigade would suffer a tactical defeat, although by this time American forces were so tired and depleted that they had to retreat back across the Niagara, without affecting the hoped-for conquest of Upper Canada.

Nevertheless, as noted by historian Donald E. Graves (the foremost authority on the Niagara Campaign), the Battle of Chippawa was the "first time during [the War of 1812] that American infantry had met and defeated British infantry in open battle." [*Where Right and Glory Lead! The Battle of Lundy's Lane, 1814* (2d ed. 2003, p. 92)]. The American victory, made possible by General Scott's careful preparation of the troops at Flint Hill and his skillful leadership on the battlefield, showed clearly that the new nation's army had become a professional military force able to hold its own against the world's finest.

Graves and many other historians have suggested that Chippawa, rather than Valley Forge, might be considered the birthplace of the modern American army. Indeed, tradition has it that gray uniforms were later adopted for cadets at West Point – and are still worn today – in recognition of what Scott's brigade achieved at Chippawa.



resting place for scores of men who fell that day, on both sides. An impressive monument (fittingly, for both forces) commemorates their valor.

Thanks to:

<http://histruthis.blogspot.com/2010/07/regulars-by-god-battle-of-chippawa.html>

NEW POST ADDRESS

Post 2894 has a new postal address:
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PO Box 15842
Chesapeake, VA 23328

**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.

~SAFETY CORNER ~ SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Sun Safety

- The sun is strongest between 10am-2pm. Limit the amount of time spent outside during these hours.
- Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15, 30 minutes before going outside—reapply every 2 hours and after swimming or sweating.

- Two or more sunburns before the age of 18 **doubles** one's risk of later developing **melanoma**.

Heat Safety

- Recognize the signs of heatstroke and exhaustion—fatigue, confusion, extreme thirst, cramping and dizziness or nausea.
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated and limit intense physical activity on really hot and humid days.
- Focus on replacing lost salt and minerals with water and sports beverages and avoid alcoholic drinks.
- Pace yourself outdoors—if exertion suddenly leaves you short of breath and with an elevated pulse, stop all activity.
- Monitor those at high risk—infants and young children, those 65 years or older, people who are overweight, and those who may already be physically ill.
- DO NOT leave children in the car!

Pool and Water Safety

- Anywhere there is water, there is a danger of drowning—never swim alone!
- Drowning usually occurs very quickly and silently.
- An adult must always watch children closely—this means no reading, talking on the phone, or texting!
- An adult should be within an arm's reach away from infants, toddlers, and weaker swimmers.
- When on a boat and in open water, all individuals should wear a life jacket, particularly children.



- The area around the pool can be slippery—never run, always walk.
- Enter shallow water feet first—it is never ok to dive into water less than 9 feet deep.

Barbecue and Fire Safety

- Keep grills at least 10 feet from other objects, including the house and bushes.
- Keep children away from the grill and never leave it unattended.
- Never use the grill inside a home or garage.
- Store propane tanks in the garage, not in the house!
- Most fires are started by children when they are left alone or unsupervised.
- Fireworks that cause the most injuries are firecrackers, sparklers, and bottle rockets.
- Never allow children to play with fireworks, even sparklers, as these can reach 2000 degrees!

Playground and Park Safety

- Falls are the leading cause of injury among children, with the most serious being from great heights and over hard surfaces.
- The most common cause of playground-related death is strangulation from clothing, strings, or ropes—never attach ropes, pet leashes, or clotheslines to equipment.

JUNE MILITARY HISTORY

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| <p>1 1774 British close Port of Boston in punishment for "Tea Party"</p> <p>1862 Battle of Seven Pines: Confederate Gen. Joe Johnston is wounded, and relinquishes command to Robert E. Lee</p> <p>1864 Battle of Cold Harbor, Day 1</p> <p>1866 Fenians attack Fort Erie, Ontario, from US soil</p> <p>1871 US Sailors & Marines land in Korea, to protect U.S. citizens</p> <p>1877 US troops authorized to pursue bandits & Indians into Mexico</p> <p>1914 SecNav Josephus Daniels' G.O. 99 bars alcohol in the fleet</p> <p>1939 Director of Naval Research Laboratory, proposes research in atomic energy for use in submarines</p> <p>1944 Allied forces begin covering much of Britain with smoke screens, as troops crowd assembly areas for D-Day</p> <p>2 Feast of St. Elmo, Patron of Sailors</p> <p>1774 Parliament passes Quartering Act, billeting troops in private homes</p> <p>1784 Congress disbands last elements of Continental Army, save for 100 troops guarding supplies at West Point and Ft. Pitt</p> <p>1865 Confederate Trans-Mississippi Department surrenders to Union</p> <p>1914 Glenn Curtiss flies his 'Langley Aerodrome'</p> <p>3 1784 Congress creates US Army, forming 1st American Regt (now 3rd Infantry) on cadre of 100 troops left over from Continental Army</p> <p>1916 Congress establishes ROTC</p> <p>1959 First US Air Force Academy graduation</p> <p>1965 First American "space walk", Maj. Edward White, Gemini 4</p> <p>4 1789 Constitution of the United States goes into effect</p> <p>1918 US & French halt Germans at Chateau-Thierry</p> <p>1942 Battle of Midway: Japanese lose four CVs, USS Yorktown badly damaged</p> <p>1944 Allied forces liberate Rome</p> <p>5 1917 US begins draft registration: 10 million eventually sign up</p> <p>1944 First B-29 raid over Tokyo; one lost to engine failure</p> <p>1947 SecState George C Marshall outlines the "Marshall Plan"</p> <p>1967 Six Day War begins between Israel & its Arab neighbors</p> | <p>6 1898 Marines land at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba</p> <p>1898 Action at Santiago, Cuba: US ships exchange fire with Spanish batteries</p> <p>1918 US Marines secure Belleau Wood</p> <p>1944 D-Day -- http://www.strategypage.com/cic/docs/cic174b.asp#three</p> <p>1944 Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., earns Medal of Honor on Utah Beach</p> <p>1945 Okinawa: Marines capture Naha airfield</p> <p>7 1775 The "United Colonies" change their name to the "United States"</p> <p>1912 US Army Air Service tests airplane-mounted machine gun</p> <p>1917 Liverpool: first American troops reach Europe</p> <p>1942 Aleutians Campaign: Japanese troops land on Attu.</p> <p>1942 Midway Campaign: the 'Yorktown' (CV-5) sunk</p> <p>8 1965 US troops ordered to fight offensively in Vietnam</p> <p>1967 Israeli air and naval forces attack USS 'Liberty' (AGTR-5), 34 Americans die</p> <p>9 1863 Battle of Brandy Station; largest cavalry fight of the Civil War</p> <p>1944 Normandy: U.S. VII & V Corps link up to form continuous beachhead</p> <p>1945 Luzon: Sixth Army manages to isolate Japanese forces.</p> <p>1945 Premier Kantaro Suzuki declares Japan will never surrender</p> <p>1959 The first ballistic missile sub is launched, USS 'George Washington' (SSBN-598)</p> <p>10 1776 Congress appoints a committee to write a Declaration of Independence</p> <p>1801 Tripoli declares war on the US, for refusing to pay protection, initiating the First Barbary War (1801-1805)</p> <p>12 1987 Ronald Reagan says, "Mr. Gorbachov, tear down this wall."</p> <p>1999 NATO peacekeeping forces begin operating in Kosovo, Yugoslavia</p> <p>13 1900 Boxer Rebellion begins in China</p> <p>1912 First successful parachute jump from an airplane, Capt Albert Berry, Jefferson, Ms</p> <p>14 1775 US Army is formed from New England forces before Boston</p> <p>1777 Congress replaces "Grand Union Flag" with "Stars & Stripes"</p> <p>1777 John Paul Jones takes command of USS 'Ranger'</p> <p>1942 The bazooka goes into production at Bridgeport, Ct</p> <p>1949 State of Vietnam is formed within 'French Union' under Emperor Bao Dai</p> <p>1982 Falklands: Argentines surrender to Britain; 74-day war ends</p> <p>1985 Lebanese Shiite gunmen hijack TWA 847 after takeoff from Athens</p> <p>15 1776 Americans burn and abandon Montreal</p> <p>1864 Battle of Petersburg: Grant's first assault</p> <p>1864 Robert E Lee's home, Arlington, becomes military cemetery</p> <p>1877 Henry O Flipper becomes first black cadet to graduate from West Point</p> <p>1944 US Marines land on Saipan</p> <p>1955 First nationwide civil defense drill - "Duck and Cover!"</p> <p>1991 Mt Pinatubo in Philippines erupts, closes Clark Air Force Base</p> <p>16 1858 Lincoln says "A house divided against itself cannot stand"</p> <p>1864 Siege of Petersburg & Richmond begins</p> <p>17 1745 American colonials capture Louisburg, Cape Breton I, from French</p> <p>1775 Battle of Bunker Hill</p> <p>1777 19 year old Marquis de La Fayette (Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier) & several other French volunteers for American Revolution land at Charleston</p> <p>1898 Navy Hospital Corps ("Corpsmen") is established</p> <p>1916 Pershing leads Punitive Expedition into Mexico in unsuccessful attempt to kill Pancho Villa</p> <p>1945 Final Japanese defensive line on Okinawa breached</p> |
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- 1965 Vietnam: First B-52 raid, 50 km north of Saigon
- 18** 1778 British evacuate Philadelphia
- 1812 US declares war against Britain
- 1878 Congress creates US Life Saving Service
- 19** 1778 Washington's troops leave Valley Forge
- 1878 Congress passes Posse Comitatus Act, to prevent military from enforcing civil rights laws
- 1944 "Marianas Turkey Shoot" - Battle of Philippine Sea: in 2 days Japanese lose 3 CVs, 426 a/c, US c. 70 a/c.
- 1967 Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction into Army
- 20** 1675 Wampanoag Indians raid Swansea, Mass., initiating "King Philip's War" (1675-1676)
- 1782 Congress adopts Great Seal of the United States
- 1813 War of 1812: U.S. gunboats engage three British ships at Hampton Roads, Va
- 1867 US buys Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million
- 1941 U.S. Army Air Corps is reorganized as Army Air Forces
- 1947 Cold War: Congress charters CIA
- 1963 Cold War: Washington-Moscow "hot line" established
- 21** 1948 Berlin Airlift begins
- 22** 1938 Joe "the Brown Bomber" Louis KO's Max "Hitler's Heavyweight" Schmeling at 2:04 into their rematch, in Yankee Stadium
- 1942 US introduces "V-Mail" for military personnel
- 1944 FDR signs "Servicemen's Readjustment Act", betterknown as "the GI Bill of Rights" -- <http://www.strategypage.com/cic/docs/cic310b.asp#two>
- 1945 Okinawa secured: 110,000 Japanese troops, 100,000 civilians, 17,520 US troops died
- 23** 1938 Congress establishes U.S. Maritime Service
- 25** 1864 Petersburg: Union troops begin tunnel under Confederate lines
- 1876 Battle of Little Big Horn: Crazy Horse does in Custer
- 1918 4th Marine Brigade secured Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, France
- 1942 Eisenhower takes command of US forces in Europe
- 1950 North Korea invades South Korea. claiming "self-defense"
- 1996 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: Islamists bomb Khobar Towers, 19 Americans die, c. 500 Saudis & Americans injured
- 26** 1917 First American combat troops arrive in France
- 1924 Marines leave Dominican Republic after 8 years of occupation
- 1963 Berlin: Kennedy's "Ich bin ein Berliner" is wildly applauded
- 27** 1927 USMC adopts "Sgt Jiggs," an English bulldog, as its mascot
- 1950 US sends 35 military advisers to South Vietnam
- 28** 1948 Berlin Airlift begins
- 1965 President Johnson orders US ground forces to Vietnam
- 29** 1863 Lee orders his forces to concentrate near Gettysburg
- 1945 Operation Olympic: Truman sets invasion of Japan for Nov 1st
- 1903 US leases Guantanamo Bay from Cuba for \$2,000 a year
- 1926 Congress authorizes Distinguished Flying Cross
- 1942 JCS authorize "Operation Watchtower," seizure of Guadalcanal
- 1957 'Seawolf' (SSN 575) completed, first sub with liquid metal cooled reactor
- 3** 1754 Col. George Washington (22) surrenders Ft. Mifflin to French
- 1775 George Washington assumes command of Patriot forces investing Boston
- 1863 Battle Gettysburg, Day 3: "Pickett's Charge" is shattered
- 1950 First US-North Korean clash: TF Smith is overrun
- 1988 USS 'Vincennes' (CG-49) accidentally shoots down Iranian airliner, 290 die
- 4** 1776 Independence Day: Two days after voting for independence, Continental Congress adopts "Declaration of Independence"
- 1777 John Paul Jones hoists Stars and Stripes on Ranger, Portsmouth, NH
- 1801 1st Presidential Review of Marine Band and Marines, at White House.
- 1802 US Military Academy opens at West Point
- 1818 Congress rules that flag shall have 13 stripes, and 1 star for each state
- 1832 Samuel Francis Smith's "America" is sung in public for first time
- 1863 Vicksburg surrenders to U.S. Grant
- 1942 First American bombing mission over Nazi-occupied Europe
- 1942 Te American Volunteer Group ("Flying Tigers") becomes 14th AF
- 1950 Carriers USS 'Valley Forge' (CV-45) & HMS 'Triumph' make first UN air strikes of Korean War
- 5** 1814 Battle of Chippewa: "Those are regulars, by God!"
- 1814 US Sloop-of-War 'Peacock' captures four British ships
- 1861 Skirmish at Newport News: US retakes Gosport Naval Base
- 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, Day 5: Lee retreats
- 6** 1777 Burgoyne's British & Hessians capture Fort Ticonderoga
- 1785 Congress introduces the dollar
- 1911 First naval air station established, Annapolis, MD.
- 1976 Women are admitted to US Naval Academy for first time
- 7** 1846 Commo John D. Sloat takes Monterey, claims California for US
- 1920 USN aircraft tests "radio compass", Norfolk, Va
- 1941 Iceland: US Marines relieve British forces so they can fight elsewhere
- 1944 Saipan: Japanese troops make final "banzai" charge
- 1944 US B-29s from China attack Japan.
- 1966 Marines initiate "Operation Hasting" - to clear NVA from DMZ
- 8** 1853 Commodore Perry sails frigate Susquehanna into Tokyo Bay
- 1865 C.E. Barnes receives US patent for machine gun
- 1945 TF38 arrives off Japan with 20 carriers; to stay until end of war
- 1950 Douglas MacArthur named CinC UN forces in Korea
- 9** 1755 Braddock's Defeat: Battle of the Monongahela - Daniel Boone is a wagon driver
- 1776 Declaration of Independence read to Washington's troops in NY, whereupon citizens pull down George III's statue to make musket balls
- 1918 Congress establishes Distinguished Service Cross
- 1944 US secures Saipan: 3,200 US, 27,000 Japanese KIA, & many civilian suicides
- 10** 1821 US takes possession of Florida from Spain
- 1943 Operation Husky: US & Commonwealth forces invade Sicily
- 1953 American troops abandon Pork Chop Hill, Korea
- 11** 1786 US pays Morocco \$10,000 to "protect" merchant ships from piracy
- 1798 Congress reactivates USMC, disbanded in 1784

JULY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, Day 1: Lee wins, but Union troops fall back on strong position
- 1864 Battle of Petersburg (to July 31)
- 1867 Dominion of Canada is formed
- 1870 James W Smith becomes first black man to enter West Point
- 1918 Marines secure Belleau Wood
- 1950 First US ground troops arrive in Korea
- 2** 1776 Continental Congress declares Thirteen Colonies independent
- 1777 Vermont abolishes slavery, first "state" to do so
- 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, Day 2: A draw

- 1812 US invades Canada near Detroit
- 1919 US Navy Pay Corps becomes Supply Corps
- 1943 USN surface ships break German-Italian tank attack at Gela, Sicily
- 1955 USAF Academy opens with 300 cadets at Lowry AFB, Colo.
- 12** 1942 U-Boat lands four German saboteurs on Long Island, who are soon captured
- 14** 1813 Lt John M. Gamble, becomes only US Marine to command a ship, prize 'Greenwich'
- 1825 Lafayette reviews 2nd Bn, 11th NY Arty (7th NY), which adopts name "The National Guard"
- 1900 "China Relief Expedition" captures Tientsin from Boxers
- 1959 First nuclear powered cruiser commissioned, USS 'Long Beach' (CGN 9)
- 1972 Vietnam: Jane Fonda makes first of 10 broadcasts on Radio Hanoi.
- 15** 1958 Marines land in Lebanon, to support government
- 16** 1861 Bull Run Campaign: Gen McDowell advances from Washington toward Fairfax Courthouse
- 17** 1927 USMC pilots conduct first combat dive bombing, Ocotol, Nicaragua.
- 18** 1863 54th Mass. leads gallant attempt to storm Fort Wagner, near Charleston
- 1914 US Army Air Service is formed within Signal Corps
- 1944 US troops capture St. Lo, Normandy
- 19** 1812 1st Battle of Sackett's Harbor: Americans beat off British attack across Lake Erie
- 1886 'Atlanta' commissioned, first USN steel cruiser
- 1897 Lt Robert E. Peary departs on year-long Arctic Expedition
- 20** 1881 Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrenders to federal troops
- 1942 Congress creates Legion of Merit
- 1942 First WAACs begin basic training
- 1944 Marines land on Guam.
- 1948 US reinstates draft, for Cold War
- 21** 1823 Lt David G. Farragut leads raid to destroy pirate base in Cuba
- 1861 First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas: Confederate Victory
- 1930 Veterans' Administration established
- 1969 Neil Armstrong's "small step" on moon - 2:56:15 AM GMT
- 22** 1802 US Frigate 'Constellation' defeats 9 corsair gunboats off Tripoli
- 1905 Remains of John Paul Jones removed from Paris for transportation to Annapolis
- 1943 Patton captures Palermo
- 1987 USN begins escorting re-flagged Kuwaiti tankers in Persian Gulf
- 23** 1944 US forces land on Japanese-held Tinian from nearby Saipan
- 24** 1948 Soviets initiate blockade of Berlin
- 1969 Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction in US Army
- 25** 1866 David G. Farragut is appointed first Admiral in US Navy
- 1866 U.S. Grant is named first full general in US Army
- 1947 US Army, Navy, & Air Force are subordinated to new Dept of

Defense

- 26** 1948 Truman initiates integration of Armed Forces
- 27** 1909 Orville Wright demonstrates plane for Army, flying 72 minutes
- 1953 North Korea & UN sign armistice
- 1954 Armistice divides Vietnam in two
- 1995 Korean War Veterans Memorial dedicated in Washington
- 28** 1898 Skirmish at Ponce, Puerto Rico, which shortly surrenders to US
- 28** 1914 Austria-Hungary attacks Serbia, igniting WW I
- 1931 Congress makes "The Star-Spangled Banner" national anthem
- 1932 Douglas MacArthur routs Bonus Army against orders
- 1945 Kamikaze sink their last ship, USS 'Callaghan' (DD-792), off Okinawa.
- 1945 Army B-25 crashes into 79th floor of Empire State Bldg, 14 die
- 29** 1949 Berlin Airlift ends, as Soviets end blockade
- 1967 Fire aboard USS 'Forrestal' (CV-59), Gulf of Tonkin, 134 die
- 30** 1864 Petersburg Campaign: Battle of the Crater
- 1909 US Army accepts delivery of first military airplane
- 1942 WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) created
- 1945 USS 'Indianapolis' (CA-35) torpedoed & sunk; nearly 900 die over next 4 days
- 1966 US airplanes bomb demilitarized zone in Vietnam
- 31** 1777 Marquis de Lafayette becomes major-general in Continental Army
- 1813 British attack Plattsburgh, NY
- 1925 Last Allied occupation forces leave the Rhineland

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6	1944, D-Day
12	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
14	1775, Birthday of the US Army
14	Flag Day
16	Father's Day
21	1 st day of Summer
25	1950, Start of Korean War

<u>JULY</u>	
4	Independence Day
10	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
13	Montero Health Fair
27	1953, End of Korean War
28	Parents' Day



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